

LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY



Many years ago there was a sponsored, statewide competition called Tidy Towns. Because of its geographic size, Littlehampton would have been classified as a tiny town. And it would have beaten any other town in this category hands down.

As residents, we know that we live in a picturesque and much loved part of the state. The neat facades and attention to the street appeal of their homes is a credit to all community members. The multiple neatly manicured green spaces, carefully managed bush areas, lack of litter and the eclectic yet complimentary mix of the old and the modern meld together to create a delightful town to live, rest and play in.

But it is the people who turn a township into a community and Littlehampton's residents are as special and unique as the town's facade and provide the heart, soul and energy that makes Littlehampton so liveable.

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What is this? Read on to find out more!



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EDITOR'S NOTE

There is an old adage that says "Good fences make good neighbours." I disagree. I believe the saying should state "Good manners make good neighbours". A smile, a wave, a quick inquiry about someone's day or sharing the bounty of your garden are all small gestures, but they make a positive difference to how people feel. And a helping hand during times of need goes a long way to pleasant interactions that may turn neighbours into friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the help of Rebekha Sharkie's office for printing this edition of our newsletter and have made a generous commitment to do so in the future. I would also like to thank my co-editor Sarah Butcher for her much appreciated assistance in putting this newsletter together.

LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LCA)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi Littlehampton Residents!

The SteamRanger Railfest day was a fantastically busy (albeit wet) fundraising day. The crews operating the BBQ for the day are commended for their actions.

Chat & Play is still going great with around 25 people there for the afternoon. We even had a lady talk about getting prepared for an emergency and handing out FREE emergency dry bags to fill up with important paperwork, tablets and phone numbers. This was well received, and then it was lunch and games time. This is a very enjoyable afternoon. Try it and find out for yourself.

Also, watch Willow Park! The new structure over the picnic table, will be going up in time for the better weather.

You can be part of shaping this wonderful town of ours. Give us a call and you'll never know. Your idea might make a difference.

The LCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 25th of August at 7pm in the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall. There will be a guest speaker with the meeting and supper to follow. Everyone is welcome.

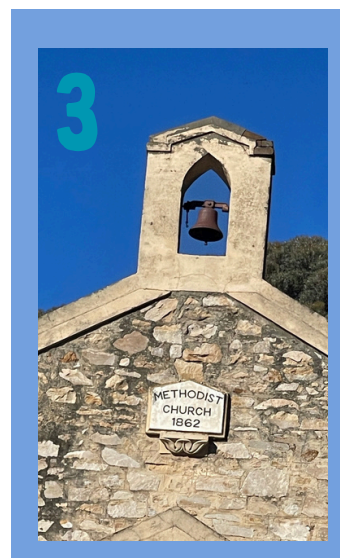
Glenn Liebelt
Chairman
Littlehampton Community Association



RELICS OF THE PAST

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

Answers are on **page 15**.



COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A warm welcome to the Winter edition of the Littlehampton Community Newsletter.

As I write this, it's another foggy, chilly day in the Hills – we've certainly had plenty of them lately! There's lots happening, so I'll jump straight into some local updates before providing a brief overview of Council's draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget, along with an update on the recent postponement of local government elections. Happy reading!

LOCAL MATTERS

- **ANZAC Day Dawn Service** – it was wonderful to catch up with so many of you at the Littlehampton Community Association's ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast.

This special event continues to grow each year, bringing our community together to remember those who served and sacrificed. It was especially heartening to see so many young faces in the crowd. Watching children attend the Dawn Service, honour our service men and women, and learn the importance of remembrance gives me great confidence that this tradition will continue for generations to come.

- **Anembo Park playground update** – in the March newsletter, I advised that the flying fox, seesaw and balance beam had been removed following a playground safety audit. Council has continued weekly inspections of the remaining equipment to ensure the playground remains safe for local families.

I'm pleased to let you know that the draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget include funding to renew elements of the playground, with works expected to begin as soon as possible. As the mum of a youngster who loves this playground, I'm looking forward to seeing it restored too! Council is also investigating why the removed equipment deteriorated earlier than expected.

- **The Glebe fencing renewal** – you may have noticed that Council has installed new rural-style boundary fencing around our town's beautiful open space, The Glebe, including along the western boundary fence line adjoining the Parkland estate.

Being a regular Glebe user myself, I'm also pleased to share that the front gates on Old Princes Highway are scheduled to be replaced in the coming weeks.

ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN (ABP) AND BUDGET 2026/27

Council's Annual Business Plan (ABP) outlines the services, projects and priorities for the coming financial year and explains how Council's budget will be invested to deliver them. Community consultation has now concluded, with the final budget due for Council consideration in July.

The draft budget proposes a 4.9% general rate increase for existing ratepayers, in line with the Adelaide Consumer Price Index (CPI) for March 2026. Please note that individual rate increases may vary depending on changes in property valuations, which are outside of the Council's control.

The upcoming 2026/27 budget has been developed with a strong focus on balancing cost-of-living pressures while maintaining existing services and delivering on Council's commitments, whilst also ensuring sufficient budget capacity to respond to anticipated escalating costs during the financial year.

Like many organisations, Council continues to face rising costs associated with inflation, construction, fuel, interest rates and ongoing global uncertainty, all of which place pressure on delivering infrastructure projects.

Despite these challenges, significant long-term projects remain on track, including the Summit Project (land acquisition), Stage 1A of the City Centre Project (Town Square), and numerous road and footpath upgrades across the district.

The proposed budget includes approximately \$15 million for infrastructure capital works across our existing townships, alongside circa \$40 million allocated for same within the Mount Barker growth area. The majority of these projects are for roads, footpaths and pedestrian connectivity, reflecting priorities consistently identified by our community through the annual Markyt Community Scorecard. If interested, the adopted budget will be available on Council's website.

COUNCIL ELECTION DELAY

You may have heard that the State Government has passed legislation postponing the November 2026 local government elections until April 2027.

The decision followed an unprecedented request from the Electoral Commission for additional time to prepare for the election. While the delay may be disappointing for many voters – and has certainly required sitting Councillors and prospective candidates to rethink their plans – it also means future local government elections will no longer coincide with State election years.

Did you know that, historically, only around 30% of eligible voters participate in local government elections? Local councils make decisions that shape our roads, parks, sporting facilities, public buildings, community services and the places we call home. Your elected representatives also play a vital role in advocating for the infrastructure, services and investment that our rapidly growing district so desperately needs.

That's why your vote really does matter in choosing strong, effective and active local representation. When the elections are held in April 2027, I encourage every eligible voter to have their say and help shape the future of our district.

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If you'd like to keep up to date with my advocacy, community work and activities across North Ward and the district, I'd love you to follow my Facebook page: Jessica Szilassy – Mount Barker District Council, North Ward.

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



Kind regards,

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In its early years, when Littlehampton had fewer people, things such as firefighting, flood control and sandbagging, searching for lost children and even rounding up escaped livestock, were managed by the community coming together and serving as a well-oiled team. Communication was received and passed on by word-of-mouth, yet it was an efficient method that brought everyone together for a quick response to local emergencies.

Today we have methods of mass communication at everyone's disposal, but somehow this improved level of technology has caused higher levels of isolation and less community interaction. Therefore, a few weeks ago, it was gratifying for me to witness the response of many residents who came to the assistance of an older gentleman who had fallen onto the Princes Highway after a medical episode. People pulled over their cars and came from their homes to render assistance and give comfort while waiting for emergency services. They also comforted each other as this was obviously a very distressing situation to have witnessed.



However, it did cause me to realise that it doesn't take an incident such as this to know that caring community members reside throughout our town. From the residents who keep an eye on their elderly neighbours, to those who mow the lawn or bring in the bins for their street member who is unwell, to all of us who slow down on the road when we see children (and ducks) in the vicinity, Littlehampton's residents demonstrate their sense of community on a daily basis. Even shopping locally and

using local services to bring revenue and employment to our town is an active community service. It is reassuring to see that everyone understands that they all have a role to play in maintaining our town's ambience.

But like all townships, sometimes certain things can become a problem. So who do you contact for assistance? It goes without saying that the police need to be contacted when there is any criminal threat to people or property. But when the town's infrastructure is in question— such as dangerous foot paths, damaged roads, water run-off issues, trees obscuring safe passage or threatening homes, high fuel loads in summer, stray or feral animals and so forth— it is Mount Barker Council that needs to be contacted. A phone call, an email or even an appointment to meet personally will be met with full consideration.

The response may not be immediate or may even require further contact, but your actions will help many residents. Our local council is very dedicated and sincere in maintaining safety and care for all.

For issues that you consider more serious and not within the council jurisdiction, our federal MP Rebekha Sharkey and state MP Matt Schultz are your next port of call. They will always respond to inquiries and problems as

soon as they can, and if the need is there will work with state and federal government to bring about resolutions to residents' concerns.



If you have an idea that would have a positive impact on the lives of Littlehampton's townsfolk, you can contact the Littlehampton Community Association to present your plan and discuss it with the committee members. The association welcomes all community input, and this is your town – you can always have a say in regard to improving living conditions and infrastructure in Littlehampton for everyone who lives here.



Living in a rural area we often find that we share our neighbourhood with a range of native wildlife. Leaving fallen tree limbs in place, planting native species in our gardens and providing water in summer, allows us to happily coexist with them all. Unfortunately, the downside of this is that we can come across injured or sick native animals. If this occurs there are things you can do quickly. Do not feed or give water to the animal. If the animal is small and safe to handle you can wrap it in a towel, put it inside a secure container and take it to the nearest veterinary clinic.

However, a distressed animal is unpredictable. Therefore, the safest option may be to call Fauna Rescue of S. A. Inc. on 08 82890896, RSPCA Wildlife Rescue on 1300 477722 or Koala Rescue on 0412 028 082. Do not attempt to approach the animal but wait with it until help arrives.

Emergency and local information is always printed on the back of this newsletter. We have also included services such as Crisis Care and Lifeline if problems become overwhelming.

Thank you to everyone in our community whose every day, small acts of kindness and consideration, make Littlehampton such a special place to live and keeps the smiles on everyone's faces.



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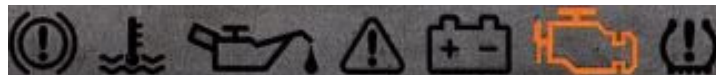
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Shady Grove Unitarian Church News

The Shady Grove Bushcare group continue their good work on the land surrounding our buildings and cemetery area, while our cemetery committee also work hard to keep the cemetery in order. Our disabled access facility (established through a generous donation from member Milton Smith's estate) has been a boon for those needing extra help. The young people and their families continue to enjoy school holiday times in the Hostel, and look forward to the Winter break with warm combustion heater fires, and games and activities inside and out to keep them busy.

Rev Jo Lane has led several of our Services this year at Shady Grove

- always with great food for thought and messages relevant to our everyday lives
- and likewise our member Jenny Dyster

Our Norwood friends have also combined with us for several morning Services led by our Minister Kris Hanna; all gatherings including shared meals together.

Our Vespers Services continue on the First Sunday of the month: mostly at 4 p.m. In Winter and 5 pm in Summer with 11.30 a.m combined Services on three mornings a year.

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Regards, Pat Simpson



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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH UPDATE



As I write this today I am very happy to say that after some time our very old and very straggly pine trees have now been removed from the graveyard. It was a real pleasure to turn into the driveway and see those tired pines removed. Then came the true thrill of once again looking from the steps of the church across the beautiful green countryside to the summit of Mt Barker.

What a wonderful choice our forefathers made when they selected the site for our church.

There is an interesting fact regarding St James and other historical churches that although there is reference to the laying of Foundation Stones there are no actual stones.

Francis Davison's diary of 2/10/1846 states The foundation stone of St James will be laid tomorrow.

Hid diary of 3/10/1846 states "Hot weather. At 3pm Bessie, {his wife Elizabeth} laid the foundation stone when each of their children put a small coin from 1/- to 4d piece all of the reign of her present majesty."

Elizabeth Davison's diary states "In the name of the ever blessed Trinity, The Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost. I Elizabeth Davison of Blakiston lay the first stone of St James church, which shall be dedicated forever to the Honour of His Holy name and service this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six Amen"

Despite this after much searching there is no stone as we today would expect.

Further research also showed that there is no original stone at St. Peter's Cathedral. Of course in such early days of the colony the hadn't availability of such things.

However, the timeline of this is interesting as I found from St. Peter's records that the stone was laid on 29/6/1869 (St. Peter's Day). After losing a courtcase to place the cathedral in Victoria Square, the first Bishop Augustus Short bought the North Adealide site. St Peter's was completed in stages. The first service was held there on 29/6/1877 and the twin spires were finished in 1902.

Our church was open for worship 30 years before the cathedral so this is an indication of the historic nature of St. James, Blakiston

GRAHAM CRACK: HISTORY KEEPER



Graham Crack has had a life long love of all things train and railway related. He is an enthusiastic collector of railway memorabilia from all over the state and is a wealth of knowledge about trains and their history in South Australia. His collection is vast and comprehensive and resides in a huge purpose built shed at his property on the outskirts of Littlehampton. He has also lovingly restored many of these historical items, and they are displayed carefully in what can only be described as a museum of railway artefacts.

Graham was born in 1943. His father was employed by the railways. While he worked as a ganger and relieving foreman on the Mount Pleasant to Victor Harbour line in 1948, Graham's family lived just a few feet from the train line. His love of train watching began in those early years. He clearly remembers that in those days a rail trip from Adelaide to Mount Barker took an hour and 15 minutes.

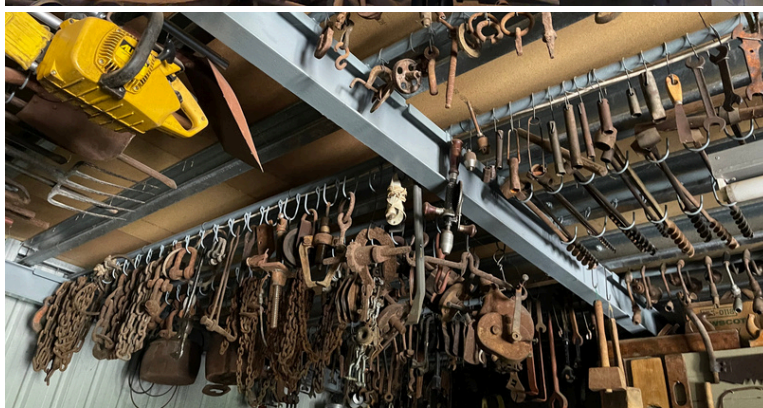
Graham attended Mount Barker High School. When he left he went to work as a general farm hand, and for Ron Nitschke.

Some of his work included removing scotch thistles by hand from the paddocks and starting potato beds on the very land where he eventually built his own property. Over the years he also worked at the Mount Barker tannery, in apple orchards in Lenswood, drove trucks and did maintenance work. Today he lives with the Melbourne to Adelaide train line not far from his front door.

So what does a railway enthusiast do when he builds a shed for his extensive collection? Well, Graham built a train platform at one end and a fully functional station master's office and ticket office at the other end. It includes the ticket machine (with the original tickets), timetables, uniforms, and telephone box outside.

Beside the office is a staircase and balcony to hold even more of his collection. Graham handcrafted this himself and it has been put together without any nails or bolts; just perfectly cut timber carefully set to create this wonder of construction.

Graham is a remarkable man with a genuine passion for preserving the past. It's not just railway history that keeps him busy, but all local history. He is an active member of the Mount Barker chapter of The National Trust of S.A. and is a wealth of knowledge for the members of that group. And as can be seen in the photographs, he is a skilled builder, craftsman and restorer. Thank you Graham for keeping history alive for us and future generations.



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1. Farm Machinery - Mace Road
2. Old Railway Station Sign - Cottage Lane
3. Methodist Church bell 1847 - Princes Highway
4. Original Leadlight Window - St James Church Blakiston
5. Farm Machinery - Mace Road
6. Remnant of Littlehampton to Mt Barker Junction Railway Line
7. Carved Graffiti from 1846 - St James Church Blakiston
8. Old Plough - Blakiston Road
9. Vintage Cart - Princes Highway
10. Old Shed - Totness Road



14 Mount Barker Road Totness SA



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE



At dawn, on Saturday, 25th of April, the Littlehampton Community Association held the annual Anzac Day service at the War Memorial in Miels Park. It was a particularly moving event and it had the highest ever attendance. It was gratifying to see so many people make the effort to rise early and brave the chilly weather to pay their respects to those men and women who have and continue to so bravely serve our country.

The event was hosted by Mark Thomason AFSM, Brigade Captain of the Littlehampton CFS. It was preceded by a short documentary film about the Kokoda Trail in New Guinea. This area is remembered for the particularly brutal fighting in terrible conditions by Australian troops in their efforts to hold back the enemy for seven months in 1942. Over 600 Australians were killed and more than 1000 were seriously injured. The campaign was a crucial point in stopping the Japanese advance towards Australia after repeated bombings of Darwin.



During the service the Littlehampton school choir sang the national anthem and Charlotte Ernst sang the traditional hymn of Anzac Day services "Abide With Me". Wreaths were laid by representatives for our state and federal parliamentarians and also Veteran Affairs, Glenn Liebelt from the LCA, the CFS, James Eakins, Littlehampton Primary School and Jessica Szilassy. Prayers were led by Pastor David Christian.

The whole occasion was held against the beautiful backdrop of the early morning sunrise that shone through most of the ceremony.

After the service the Littlehampton Community Association served a "Gunfire Breakfast" for 220 people in the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall, consisting of sausages, eggs, bacon, and toast, which everyone agreed was delicious and satisfying. Even though the service was a solemn occasion, there was much camaraderie and laughter at breakfast. Many people caught up with old friends that they only see on

occasions like this and many old memories were shared. If you haven't been to a dawn service in the past, it is an experience well worth the effort of an early rising. Our sincerest thanks and respects go to all our past and present service men and women.



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



Chat & Play



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

Where: Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall, Littlehampton

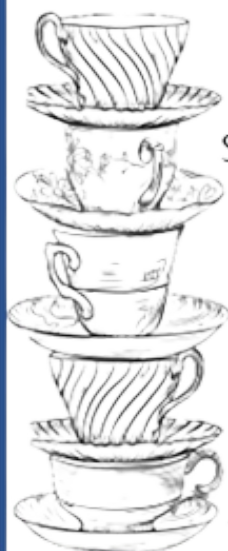
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PLEASURABLE PARKS FOR EVERYONE



We are fortunate to have many green spaces in Littlehampton that provide recreation places for everyone in the family, including the family pets. Walking their dogs is a pleasurable past time for many residents and provides fresh air and exercise for both the animals and their owners.

However, there has been an increasing number of complaints from non-dog and dog owners alike that some people are taking their

dogs off leash and allowing them to run loose in areas designated as safe play and walking areas for children. The Glebe is one area of particular concern.

The Glebe has well established boundaries to keep the recreation area and the dog walking track separated. It also has many signs stating that all pets must be on a leash at all times. This bylaw was set in place by Mount Barker Council to create safe places for children to move freely without the threat of danger from any



overexcited dogs knocking them down, chasing them or any other possible harm. It also protects responsible dog owners and their pets from any unexpected aggression from an untethered animal. The bylaw applies to most parks in Littlehampton.

The Mount Barker Council takes the protection of its citizens very seriously and is prepared to prosecute dog owners who ignore the rules and threaten the safety of others. The parks are monitored by council staff who are targeting serial offenders. If you have had any experiences or incidences with unleashed dogs in our parks, please email or ring the council with the details so all the people of Littlehampton can remain safe in our public green spaces.

WHAT IS IT?

This is the Lonely Park Bench. It sits in a tiny, sunny corner of green space on Benjamin Gray Drive. It would be a lovely place to read your newspaper or rest during a long walk on a fine day. Unfortunately, there is no way to access it and only the birds get to enjoy it.

It seems tantalisingly close but changes to the water drainage system cut residents off from reaching the bench shortly after it was installed. So it remains isolated and lonely for human companionship. Hence its sad nickname. Well, at least the wildlife have a place to call their own!



RADIO RACING CARS IN LITTLEHAMPTON

Are you looking for something different to do when the weather is warmer that is right in our town. How about visiting Littlehampton's radio racing car track. Nestled next to Anembo Park is the home of the Radio Racing Cars SA Inc (RRCSA). The club is where radio control vehicle enthusiasts race 1/10 electric 1/10 and 1/8 IC, 1/5 cars and 1/6 trucks on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. We've all driven past it every time we leave town but have you ever stopped in to see what it is all about?

Major radio racecar events are held here regularly as well. The next big event is the South Australian State Titles from the 11th to 13th of September. Many different age groups and classes of radio cars will be racing during that time.

The circuit has been operating since 1985 and has been extended and improved over the years. It is a 300 metre track with combinations of tight hair pin corners, off camber corners, S bends and unusual elevation changes. The facilities include a drivers rostrum, lap counting shed, pit shelters, a fully serviced canteen, toilets and a spectator viewing area with seating. There is parking on site and overflow parking at Anembo Park.

If your interest is peaked, you can pop in for a few minutes or a few hours. But be warned! I'm told it is highly addictive and quite a few spectators go home with plans to become racers themselves.

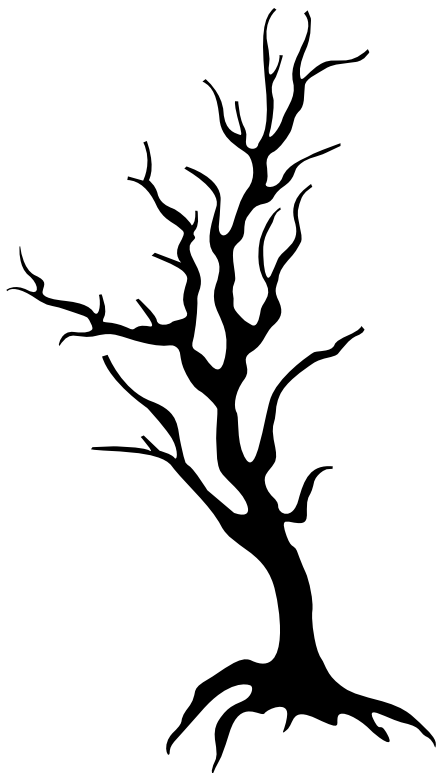


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HALLOWEEN IN BAKER STREET



Halloween is only a few months away and the residents of Baker Street are already preparing to trick up their street to provide all of Littlehampton's townsfolk with a spooky treat. The entertainment runs the length of the street from West Terrace to Gardiner Street. It is a spectacle for all Halloween enthusiasts of all ages. On the night the Littlehampton Community Association hosts a barbecue from 4 pm for anyone who needs some nourishment as they visit the exhibits. This is a community event, and even though the roads are not closed, it is a good idea to park your car off Baker Street as the foot traffic is heavy and there are many excited, costumed children crossing from one side of the road to the other to view the displays and collect their treats.

To fully appreciate the collaborative efforts that the Baker Street residents provide for us all, make sure you walk the entire, spooky length of the street.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!

≡ You're invited! ≡

FAMILY FUN DAY

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LITTLEHAMPTON TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

Recognition at Tennis SA Awards

The Littlehampton Tennis Club was honored and thrilled to be selected as one of two finalists in this year's Tennis SA awards for Most Outstanding Club Based Competition. This nomination was in recognition of our vibrant Tuesday and Wednesday night competitions, which consistently draw over 70 players each week to enjoy tennis and foster a spirit of fun and camaraderie.

Although the club finished as runner-up this time, we extend our congratulations to the winners, Playford International League. The acknowledgment from Tennis SA highlights the dedication, time, and commitment of our midweek competition coordinators: Emma Sanderson, Glen Mears, and Mal Maytom. Great work to all involved!

Summer Season Success

Since our last newsletter, the club has wrapped up a very successful summer tennis season for both junior and senior divisions.

Junior Highlights - Our junior participation numbers grew to 54 players, marking an increase from previous years. The club fielded 3 Green Ball teams, 6 Boys teams, and 4 Girls teams. Ten of these teams advanced to the finals, with three teams winning Premierships in; Boys Div 2, Boys Div 3 and Green Ball Div 1.

Congratulations to all our junior players for their excellent season. A huge thank you goes to our Junior Coordinator, Brenton Smith, for his leadership and support.

Senior Highlights - In the senior division, the club competed with eight teams, including two doubles teams across multiple divisions. Two teams narrowly missed qualifying for finals after the last round was canceled due to a washout. However, the seniors celebrated three Premiership victories in; Div 2 Traditional, Div 3 Traditional and Div 6 Traditional. Thank you to our Senior Tennis Coordinator, Mal Maytom, for his outstanding work and organization, ensuring the season ran smoothly and successfully.

Join the Littlehampton Tennis Club

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Season

Whether you are interested in playing tennis again this season, seeking a club for your children to participate in tennis, aiming to develop your tennis skills, considering returning after a break from the game, or searching for a club to join, Littlehampton Tennis Club welcomes both new and returning members for the upcoming season. Registrations will open in August 2026 for the summer junior and senior competitions. If you are interested in playing and being a part of our club, please reach out to the following contacts:

Junior Tennis – Brenton Smith, 0411 966 253

Senior Tennis – Mal Maytom, 0429 368 683

Book a Court for Social Tennis

If you are interested in playing a casual game of tennis, our courts are open for public bookings when they are not reserved for competitions or training sessions. You can easily reserve a court by using the Book a Court System, which is accessible through our website at <https://play.tennis.com.au/LittlehamptonTennisClub>. Simply navigate to the Booking section to secure your spot.

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Stay Connected with Club News

To stay informed about the latest events, updates, and announcements from the club be sure to follow our Facebook page. This is the best way to keep up with everything happening at the club.

Acknowledgment of Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated Committee of volunteers who continually work together to maintain and improve the club, helping it remain one of the premier tennis organizations and facilities in the Adelaide Hills.

Club Spirit and Community

Lastly, we want to recognize all our members and their families for making Littlehampton Tennis Club a welcoming, enjoyable, and successful place to play tennis.

THE MEN'S TABLE: STRENGTH TO CARE

A new group has been launched in Littlehampton that brings together local men in small, confidential groups of 8 to 12 to share a meal, conversation and build genuine friendships. It is called The Men's Table and it is a registered charity dedicated to promoting men's health and social connection.

The group meets monthly at the Great Eastern Hotel at 6:30 pm on the second Monday of each month. There are no ongoing fees to join. You simply pay for your meal each time. New members typically start by attending an 'Entree' which is an introductory dinner where you can meet other members, experience how The Men's Table operates and decide if this is an activity you would like to pursue. There is no obligation to join if you choose otherwise.

Research has demonstrated that social isolation is causing more men to experience mental health issues and disconnection from their peers. The Men's Table provides a practical, welcoming way to provide a respectful space to share life experiences, strengthen genuine connections between men and overcome the stigma that men don't talk.

If you are interested in a group such as this you can phone 1800 636782, check their website <https://themenstable.org/> or phone Ben, the Regional Host for South Australia on 0492974860.

LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE UPDATE



Winter Fire Safety Reminders

As winter settles in, it's an ideal time to review a few important safety reminders to help keep your household safe during the colder months.

With heaters and fireplaces in regular use, extra care should be taken around heating appliances. If you have an open fireplace, remove ashes regularly and ensure they are

completely cold before disposing of them. If your chimney has not been cleaned before winter, be aware that a build-up of soot can increase the risk of a chimney fire.



Many households also dry clothes indoors during winter. Always maintain a safe distance between heaters and clothing to reduce the risk of fire. If you use an electric blanket, never leave it switched on while sleeping or when you leave the house, and avoid placing heavy objects on the bed while the blanket is operating.

For those using clothes dryers, remember to clean the lint filter after every load. Lint build-up is a common cause of dryer fires, and dryers should never be left running when no one is home. Over recent months, the Littlehampton Brigade has responded to several building fires that resulted in significant property damage. Every household should also have a Home Fire Escape Plan. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do in the event of a fire and practises the plan regularly. More information is available from the South Australian Country Fire Service website.

The brigade has also attended numerous incidents involving trees falling across roadways, particularly during periods of wet and windy weather. Motorists are reminded to drive to the conditions, remain alert, and be aware of the potential for falling trees and branches.

Winter and the approaching spring months also provide an excellent opportunity to tidy up around your property in preparation for the upcoming fire danger season. If you are considering burning garden waste, be aware that burning may be prohibited within township areas. Always check with your local council before undertaking any backyard burning.

A few simple precautions can make a significant difference in protecting your home, your family, and your community this winter.



History Week has now passed, and during History Month our club opened St James School to the public at Blakiston. Over the past 10 years, the restoration of this once-derelict building has become well recognised throughout the district and beyond, and we are proud of what has been achieved.

On 5 May, members of the Mount Barker National Trust visited St James School, where Margaret gave a fascinating presentation on the heritage roses that have been planted throughout the school grounds. On 31 May, we held a successful working bee at the school. Volunteers pruned the roses and tidied the gardens, helping to keep the grounds looking their best. A special thank you to the Mount Barker District Council for its continued support and cooperation. We also greatly appreciate the volunteers from Littlehampton and the surrounding district who regularly lend a hand at our working bees. Over the coming weeks, we will be installing a QR code at St James School that will provide visitors with the history of the school. Donations towards this project are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

On 17 June, the Blakiston Nairne Rotary Club held its Changeover Dinner at Auchendarroch House. The theme, "Building Bridges," reflected the importance of communities working together and organisations supporting one another for the betterment of our district. Our club continues to support the Hut Community Centre, including providing our barbecue trailer for community events that benefit local youth. We also held a successful Bunnings sausage sizzle to raise funds for Rotary Health and to assist a local young woman with her education over the next 12 months. Our next Bunnings barbecue will be held in August, and we are always looking for volunteers to help. Funds raised will also support the ongoing preservation and promotion of the history of St James School and the surrounding area. Our club also participated in fundraising with a shared barbecue in conjunction with the Variety Bash. We are proud supporters of Variety and its work in improving the lives of children, people with disabilities, and families in need.

A very special thank you goes to the kind person who watered the gardens during the recent dry weather. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by everyone in the club. We are always pleased to support community events through our barbecues and to play an active role in the district.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful volunteer, Jenny Lyon, for the outstanding work she does in maintaining St James School and keeping the grounds and buildings in pristine condition. Her dedication is sincerely appreciated.

The Blakiston Nairne Rotary Club is always looking for new volunteers and Friends of Rotary who would like to contribute ideas, skills and enthusiasm. We welcome community involvement and encourage anyone interested in helping to shape our future projects to get in touch. Together, we can continue to preserve our local history, strengthen our community, and make a positive difference.

John Rowley OAM

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LITTLEHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE



Kitchen & Garden News



Another amazing, inquisitive, and productive term in the Garden! We have been focusing on observation, how this can help us slow down and take care of our garden and environment. Making our own pots from paper and recycled material, propagating from existing plants to fill our garden and planting out many seedlings for the winter ahead. We have even started seeds for spring/summer! The poly tunnel has begun a transformation to house our tropical plants, coffee, lemon myrtle and paw paw to start, we will continue to add and experiment in this space. It has been heartwarming to see the teamwork, the enthusiasm and love for our garden and especially the empty plates at the end of a kitchen class. One of the highlights was getting to witness a Monarch butterfly chrysalis open to reveal an endangered butterfly inside. Students were enthralled and engaged for the whole event.





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Yoga Classes → every Tuesday morning in school terms 9.30am–10.30am. Contact Sean on 8391 2747

Accomplished Dance → Zumba and Ballroom classes are held on Monday evenings from 6.00pm–8.30pm. Contact Donna on 0402 081 377.

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Mount Barker Hospital.....	8393 1777
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