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Above: Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall at the end of World War II, left, and in recent times, right. Discover more about the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall on page 7.

COVID-SAFE ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE PLANNED FOR LITTLEHAMPTON

In previous years, the Littlehampton ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast has drawn over 400 people to Miels Park in the early hours of 25th April to pay respect to the fallen.

Last year, due to strict COVID-19 regulations, Littlehampton residents experienced their first ever virtual ANZAC Day Service, with the full service being streamed online.

With some COVID-19 restrictions now still in place, the Littlehampton Community Association is working towards bringing the Service back to Miels Park as a COVID-safe event for residents to attend.

This year will see residents required to check in upon arrival, either through the COVIDSafe App or manually.

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Above right: Residents were treated to a stunning sunrise at last year's virtual Littlehampton ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

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- **A local friendship of nearly 8 decades celebrated** • **Local Artist in profile: LIANA VARGAS** •

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

Hello and happy Autumn to you all!

The Littlehampton Community Association has been busy over the past few months—check out p.5 and p.6 to see what they have been up to.

One of my favourite stories in this edition will have to be the tale of Beauvale, Blakiston's hotel. I was completely unaware that Blakiston ever had a hotel, so make sure you head to p.16 & 17 for the full story!

With the weather cooling down, many of you are thinking about preparing for wood fires. Turn to p.23 for some guidelines and tips to keeping your fires roaring all winter.

If you have a story to tell, or have an event to promote in Littlehampton, make sure you get in touch with us at newsletter@littlehampton.com.au

Best wishes,

Amanda

**LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

By Glenn Liebelt

Welcome to the New Year! Now we have dusted ourselves off from 2020, we trust that 2021 will be a more reasonable year.

Despite the restrictions in place, the Littlehampton Community Association committee has been working hard in the background with projects benefiting our town.

All going well by the end of the year we should have our own brochure about Littlehampton featuring the many historic buildings and locations.

Our next event is our ANZAC Day service and will be held on Sunday 25th April at dawn in Miels Park. If you have never been to a Dawn Service I recommend that you do so. We will be under COVID-19 regulations and they do change all the time so our ANZAC Day committee is working hard to create a safe event for everyone involved. More details can be found on p.5. We will also be keeping you up to date on our Facebook page, so keep an eye out for these updates.

On the topic of Facebook, if you have not already, make sure you are following the LCA at @LittlehamptonCommunityAssociation on Facebook. It's a great resource to keep our community up to date and engaged with news, events and general interest topics within Littlehampton.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the LCA, we would love to have you on board! Check out the membership information on p.31.

See you at the next Littlehampton Community Association event!



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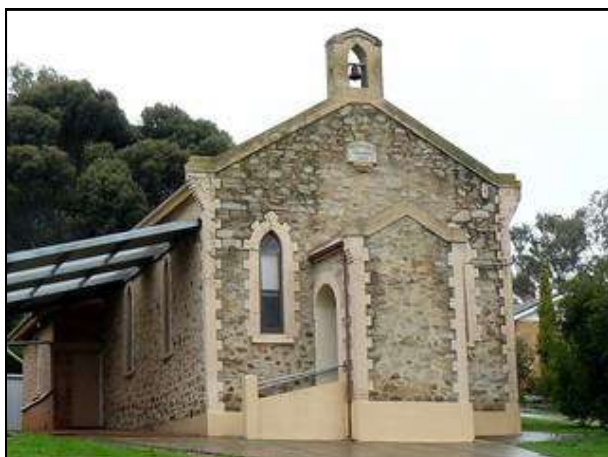


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A CELEBRATION OF THE DECADES AT THE CLOSING OF THE UNITING CHURCH



By Cheryl Day

A celebration of the decades, a history of 150+ years with a concluding service and afternoon tea held at the church on Sunday 31st January 2021.

If you spoke to people on the day, the replies were with mixed feelings. A church with such a history for the town of Littlehampton and the impact on her people over many generations was now to be the end of an era. People gathered who were past and present members, family and friends and Uniting Church officials. It was a day for celebration as over the years God's impact on people's lives, memories of people's involvement, with past opportunities for men and women, young people's gatherings and even a meeting place for a future wife as one past member shared with Cheryl on the day. Also, sadness closed in as the doors were being closed.

Congregation treasurer & member Lesby Burford opened the service. Mr Bronte Wilson, the Moderator of the Uniting Church Synod of SA gave the closing message from the book of Ecclesiastes – a familiar passage, about times and seasons. Helen Pearce and Ian Mundy provided the music for all to join in singing some favourite old hymns and choruses. Wendy Perkins, representing the Presbytery of Southern SA, shared remarks about the past, present and future. Rev Andrew Klynsmith was the Bible reader. Melinda Green and Leanne Keough presented two beautiful musical items. Cheryl Day gave two historical reflections of two eras: 1862-1900s and 1960-2000s with the title 'What was it like?' The

introduction began with, "I wonder what it would have been like? If only the walls could speak of the events through the decades that have occurred in this building (Littlehampton Uniting Church), the people who walked through the door and their faith in God; of how God has moved by His Spirit in this place and how the community throughout the decades has been impacted by the people of Littlehampton Methodist/Uniting Church."

At the conclusion of the service all gathered outside at the front of the building and the doors were closed as a symbol of the closing of the congregation. Despite Covid restrictions, there was plenty of opportunity for reminiscing and chatting amongst each other over a cuppa and the provided afternoon tea. It certainly was a pleasant Sunday afternoon gathering for all who attended.

The church currently remains as the property of the Uniting Church and a decision has not yet been made as to the future of the building.



THE LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND THE PEACE MEMORIAL HALL PRESENTS SALA AT LITTLEHAMPTON

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SALA South Australian Living Artists Festival

The Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall, along with the Littlehampton Community Association, is searching for visual artists to express interest in a SALA festival event in Littlehampton on

Saturday 28th August from 10am-6pm at the Peace Memorial Hall. Contact Glenn Liebelt on events@littlehampton.com.au

LITTLEHAMPTON INCLUDED IN KEORIDE ON DEMAND TRANSPORT SERVICE

From 18th January, the popular on demand transport service, Keoride, expanded its trail service to include Nairne and Littlehampton.

Keoride allows residents to book a bus when and where they need it; allowing for travel within the operating services areas which may not be otherwise accessible by alternate public transport options.

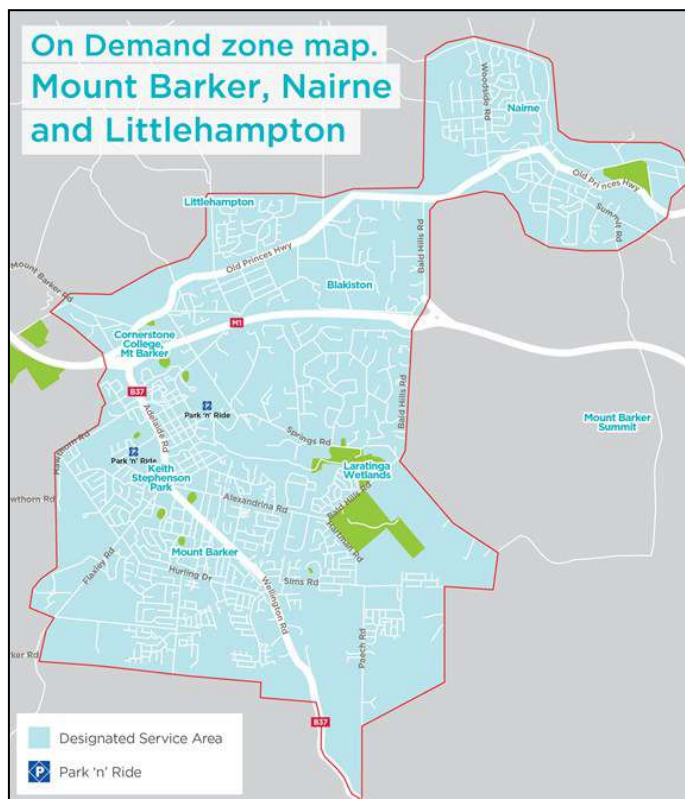
The service operates from 6am to 9pm weekdays and 9am to 7pm on weekends.

Keoride advises, "Payment for services can be made using your metroCARD or credit card via the app, however passengers wishing to transfer to Adelaide Metro services must pay for their On Demand trip using their metroCARD to take advantage of the 2 hour free transfer feature."

To book a trip with Keoride, residents can call 1300 642 604, downloading the Keoride App or through the Keoride website www.sa.keoride.com.au

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LCA MEMBERS CHAIRMAN’S DINNER IN THE PARK TO CELEBRATE 2020 IN LITTLEHAMPTON

On Tuesday 16th February the Littlehampton Community Association committee hosted the Chairman’s Dinner for all LCA members in the community.

Members and their families enjoyed a relaxed evening in Miels Park and were treated to a BBQ dinner. It was a great opportunity for a ‘catch up’ for many members of the community.

Chairman, Glenn Liebelt, thanked everyone for their time, support and efforts during 2020.

“Although COVID has limited the amount of events we have been a part of during the year, I am very thankful and proud of our

committee and members for their patience and understanding,” said Glenn.

Highlights for the LCA during 2020 included the completion of the highly anticipated Entrance Statement, Littlehampton first ever livestreamed ANZAC Day service, and fundraising activities such as a Strawberry & Ice Cream stand at the Mount Barker Christmas event in December.

If anyone is interested in joining the Littlehampton Community Association, please get in touch with the LCA Secretary Lyndall Schliebs on lschliebs1@bigpond.com.



LITTLEHAMPTON ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE



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A pre-service presentation of the Boar War will begin at 5:30am. Following this, the Service will commence at 6am.

The Gunfire Breakfast will look a little different this year. A free sausage sizzle in Miels Park will be served after the Service has concluded, and can be enjoyed in the Park.

Residents are kindly asked to use the designated entry/exit points in Miels Park and to follow the directions of the onsite COVID Marshals.

The full Service will also be live streamed, and will be available to view through the Littlehampton Community Association’s Facebook page.

Updates and changes to the Littlehampton ANZAC Day Dawn Service can also be found through the LCA Facebook page.

For more information, please contact events@littlehampton.com.au or 0412 324 022.

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STRAWBERRIES & ICE CREAM KEPT CROWDS COOL AT MT BARKER DISTRICT COUNCIL'S RUDOLPH'S CHRISTMAS REVOLUTION

The Littlehampton Community Association's Strawberries & Ice Cream stand, right, at Rudolph's Christmas Revolution in December was a hit with the Christmas crowds. LCA volunteers had a great day serving and soaking up the festive atmosphere.

Watch out for the LCA BBQ or Strawberries & Ice Cream stand at the next community event, and come say hi!



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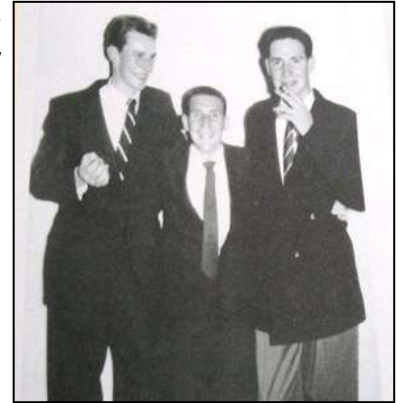
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A FRIENDSHIP THAT TIME CAN'T TARNISH

Story and photos supplied by Alan Reddy



Alan Reddy, Trevor Raison and Dean Bolto were school buddies at Littlehampton Primary School in the 1940s and have kept in touch for almost 80 years.

They remember growing up in Littlehampton, including building sleds, made out of wooden barrel staves, to slide down the Brewery Hill (the hill on the right of the railway line as it winds down to Littlehampton). Building "soap boxes" (billy carts) out of wood with axles and wheels from old prams. Racing down Darnley Street was another highlight of their childhood.

On hot days they would swim and fish in the creek.

In the 50s they played tennis and football together. At the age of 16 they obtained their driver's licences by a written test and later bought cars – Alan had a VW, Trevor a Hillman and Dean an MG.

On one camping trip to Renmark when they set up their tent in a swampy area on the banks of the Murray River, they awoke in the morning to find themselves surrounded by water – the Murray was in flood.

They went to the pictures at Littlehampton (held every Thursday night) and Lobethal. Saturday night they went to dances at Hahndorf, Echunga and Littlehampton.

They married and moved to various areas of SA and interstate but have caught up at times over the years, especially for significant birthdays.

Above centre: Camping together at Renmark.

Above right: Alan's 21st in September 1958.



Above: The boys' handmade billy carts racing down Darnley Street.

Left: Alan's VW, Trevor's Hillman and Dean's MG.



Above: Celebrating significant birthdays together; from left, Trevor's 80th (2020), Alan's 80th (2017) and Dean's 80th (2021).

THE LITTLEHAMPTON PEACE MEMORIAL HALL THEN & NOW

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The Littlehampton Peace Memorial Institute was officially opened on 22nd November 1919.

The suggestion of the building of the institute was made so that suitable premises could be found to say farewell to and welcome back soldiers during the Great War (WWI).

The first Hall committee was formed on 15th April 1920 with J.

Legg as President. A ladies committee was also formed and was instrumental in raising funds and providing entertainment. The first President of the ladies committee was Mrs. Mitchell.

Head to page 25 to discover how the Hall is used today.

Information sourced from 'A History of Littlehampton Hall 1919-1999,' J. Mullins



LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

As we put the traditional summer months behind us, it would be remiss of me not to remind you all that the Fire Danger Season runs through until April 30th, 2021. As we all know we can still have potentially bad fire weather through March, April and even into May as we cast our minds back to the Cherryville fire some years back.

The Littlehampton Brigade has been welcoming new recruits into the ranks over the past few months and we have been once again focusing on training and preparing our new members for their Basic Fire Fighting courses which will allow them to attend incidents under the direction and mentorship of our more experienced crews. Our team was also quite involved in the recent Cherry Gardens fire and attended not only as a first response but also over the course of that following week as part of the Heysen Group strike team. Our members were also deployed to the Lucindale fire as part of a strike team to the South East earlier on.

Although the Fire Danger Season has been a relatively quiet one for the Brigade, I would like to again reinforce the message that we must not be complacent as a community when it comes to threat of fire.

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

We are still looking for community minded people to join our ranks. If you or someone you know has 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)

As always, I would like to close off by reinforcing and recapping on some key safety messages:

- It is still not too late to do a 5-minute bushfire action plan so head to the CFS website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au for more information.
- As we head out of the daylight savings period, this is always a good reminder to check and replace the batteries on smoke alarms. A properly installed and working smoke alarm **saves lives**. Also, a great opportunity to do some preventative maintenance like clean out combustion heater flues, check electric blankets for signs of wear and damage, and check that all your electrical appliances, especially heaters, are in good working order.

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

Stay safe

Frank Regan

Brigade Captain

Littlehampton Country Fire Service

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LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE

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GUM TREE COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Corner of Old Princes Highway and Gum Tree Drive, Littlehampton



Since our last report in the Littlehampton Newsletter the emphasis at the Garden has been on getting the two latest garden beds going, building up great compost and beautifying the area with more gardens dedicated to flowers and attractive shrubs.

The weather has been all over the place - hot spikes followed by lengthy times of cool weather. The vegetables, fruit and other plants have been a little fooled by this changeable climate and some of them haven't produced as they have in past seasons. The strawberries struggled to produce like last year but at least the sweet corn seemed to thrive! The pumpkins and zucchini have produced well. We invite people to drop in and pick what they need.

The new raised garden beds have had a dripper system connected to the existing piping. Although this is connected to a timing system we are delighted when visitors hand water the gardens or connect the hose to the sprinklers in the strawberry patch.

The compost bays have been loving the hot days and then the occasional burst of rain. 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 very dry.

The newer garden areas have been planted out with salvias and wormwoods with the pretty pink evening primrose bursting with blooms around the edge. These areas feature three two metre high magnolias

and two dwarf peach trees donated by friends of the Garden.

The fruit trees closer to Old Princes Highway are now into their second season and are growing well. They include peaches, nectarines, plums, apples and a fig. We think that birds scored most of the fruit this season so we will need some assistance to net these trees in the future. If anyone in the community has more knowledge regarding fruit tree maintenance then please contact us.

A community member recently donated a laser cut metal sign. It has been located in one of these newer gardens and according to many who have visited the Garden, it really enhances the area. It is a quote from the Bible – Isaiah 61:11 “For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations.” It is a reminder in these troubling times that God can provide comfort for people who want to learn more about Him.

Remember that although the ‘official’ working bees are held on Fridays 10-11am or Sundays 4-5pm volunteers who want to weed, mow or plant are welcome anytime!

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





LITTLEHAMPTON'S CANINE CORNER

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By Kerri & Matt, Buddy's Bites

Woof! Woof! to all our local fur baby families from the Buddy's Bites Team - Kerri, Matt, Courtney & Oakey.

One of the most common questions we get at Buddy's is what are the benefits of feeding raw?

The goal of most raw diets is to feed your dogs and cats what mother nature intended your fur babies to eat. We often model our pet's diet after their closest wild relatives, the wolves which is a really good idea.



Owners who feed their dogs and cats a raw diet often claim that they see a lot of good changes in their pet. This can range from a glossier coat and more energy, to less smelly poos! But a lot of the apparent benefits of raw diets can be easily achieved by making sure you are feeding your fur baby a balanced, age-appropriate diet.

At Buddy's Bites we believe that a back to basics more primal diet is best for dogs and cats to allow every opportunity to live a long and healthy life. We struggled to find anything that met our high standards when Oakey became part of the family.

At Buddy's we have real ingredients made fresh and preservative free. We're stocking 8 raw proteins for both cats and dogs to enjoy. Try our inhouse BARF (Bones and Raw Food) made fresh on Wednesdays. Perhaps salmon is more to your fur babies' liking, minced fresh instore on Thursdays. We have included a raw feeding chart to assist as a guide to raw feeding.

At Buddy's we understand that raw feeding is not for everyone. Try our cooked loaf: 20% veg & 80% protein. It comes in 4 different flavours.





Buddy's Bites is now proudly partnering with Home Springs Eternal Dog Rescue, Rehoming & Retirement supporting causes close to our hearts.

Hope Springs Eternal is a small breed dog rescue situated in the Adelaide Hills, they help pooches find new homes. Run by husband & wife team, Chris and Ray Moore, with the assistance from a small group of dedicated Foster Carers with very big hearts.

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Oakey will catch all his four-legged friends at The Glebe Park or instore soon.

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SHADY GROVE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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Our December services were conducted in 'almost back to normal' circumstances allowing us to use the church building again.

In January, 15 members gathered at the Crafers Inn for a lovely meal to celebrate more than 40 years of service given by our member Anne Johnson to Shady Grove Unitarian Church. A framed certificate was presented to Anne.

Because of our AGM being moved to February, Shady Grove closed to enable members to attend the service and meeting in Norwood. On Sunday 7th March, at 11.30am the Norwood congregation joined us at Shady Grove for a combined service.

On Sunday April 4th (Easter Sunday) there is to be a "Bush Picnic Day" at Shady Grove ending with a service at 4pm for those who can stay. People can enjoy the bush, help weed if desired, and bring their own individual picnic.

On Sunday May 2nd at 11.30am there will be a combined Shady Grove/Norwood service at Shady Grove.

As we are all aware, life has been different and changing due to COVID, so plans could change any time. The weather can also control our activities quite significantly from time to time.

Contact person for Shady Grove is: Jill Dunn Ph: 8536 0025



ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

235 Old Princes Highway, Blakiston

As I write this article we as a church family are preparing for the season of Lent.

Tuesday Feb 16th is Shrove Tuesday and there were pancakes at Christ the King Mt. Barker.

In earlier days this was a feast day before the start of Lent during which fasting was common.

Lent is the 40 days leading up to the great sacrifice of Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which was Feb 17th and continues to Good Friday. It culminates in the service of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. This commemorates the meal when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and foretold of his coming death.

While driving to St. James I was thinking of this article and I noted that Littlehampton was proclaimed a town in 1849: listed on the new town entrance. Then I realised that St. James Anglican church has been operating since 1847; it was there 2 years before the township and even earlier the faithful people worshipped at Francis Davison's home.

The Colonial Chaplain, Charles Beaumont Howard, and his successor James Farrell used the dining room or barn of Frances Davison for church services with usually about 50 people present before the church was built.

The first incumbent was Rev. James Pollitt who was formerly a missionary in the West Indies. He came from England having been sent by the auspices of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and brought with him a letter of introduction from the former Governor, George Gawler. Davison called on Governor Robe who promised a grant of land for church purposes. On 3rd June 1846 the land was inspected and on June 29th Davison, Pollitt and Benjamin Gray (the builder) measured the land given by George Morphett and Samuel Stock.

On Sept 7th in the same year the trustees were appointed. The trustees were responsible for 245 pounds for the church, 160 pounds for the parsonage, and 30 pounds for the well sinker. The rectory is currently leased out after repainting work has recently taken place.

Davison, in his diary, details the laying of the foundation stone on 3rd October 1846 by his wife and each child placing a coin under the stone. Despite much searching we are unable to find just which stone was that foundation stone, I realise it was too early in the state's history for such a stone to be made in the outlying areas.

The first service in the completed church was held on April 28th 1847, just six months after the laying of the foundation stone. This is an amazing feat as I try to think about the scaffolding and the work of the interior all done in 6 months with no occupational health and safety. Today I think it would take that amount of time to pass through Council.

The Parish of Blakiston in 1848 included Mt. Barker, Macclesfield, Nairne, Littlehampton, Echunga and the surrounding area. Most of these towns later built their own places of worship.

The church has changed little over the years as the simple yet lovely design has served its faithful parishioners for over 170 years. A highlight is to drive up to the church when the door is open so the viewer can absorb the beauty of the stained glass window.

"The church on the hill" as it is often referred to, looks across to the summit of Mount Barker and the lovely surrounding countryside. I trust it will continue to be a haven for those who worship our Lord at 8.30am on the second and fourth Sundays each month.



We've had the Christmas break, closed out the "unprecedented" global events of 2020 and moved into 2021.

Do we feel any better? I think I do. I think that we are exceedingly fortunate to be living in a State where we have avoided (just) some of the worst effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We should collectively pat ourselves on the back (no sharing) for behaving in ways which have given us the best COVID normal lifestyle we could hope for.

To Council matters:

Local company, Clover Greenspace from Nairne, has won the job of final design and project management for the Littlehampton greening works at Miels Park and The Glebe. Both projects have either just been tendered or are in the process. Works are to be completed by the end of the year.

In December Council adopted the Long Term Financial Plan which is Council's 10 year financial roadmap. I would encourage anyone with an interest in Council's long term vision for financial stability and the 'how to' to get a copy and have a good read. It's good to point out that annual budgets are not bound by the LTFP, however if they depart from it substantially, or if circumstances change substantially it will have to be reviewed and renewed.

In January the sports land in Mount Barker which was known as the Regional Sports Hub was officially named "Summit Sport and Recreation Park". This was clearly the most popular name after the community was polled during the "Game On" consultation period.

The Periodical Elector Representation Review Options Paper (a bland name for a really important concept) was out for a 6 week public consultation period from 12 February until 31 March 2021. This document is most important as it will influence Council as to how the Council electoral map will look. Currently there are 3 wards, North with four councillors, Central, also with four councillors and South with two. Due to the growth of certain areas, the ratio of electors to members has skewed by more than 10%, sparking the review. The options paper explains how the system works and what triggers reviews. It explores several Ward structure / elected member number options and even includes a "No Ward" structure where all councillors would be elected as part of the one Ward. I think everyone interested in local government and its electoral processes should read this paper carefully and make whatever suggestions you think appropriate.

Here's hoping this year continues to improve, that we continue to support local, and that we all continue to look after ourselves and each other.

If you see something that needs Council attention – the MyLocal app is excellent, or feel free to contact me (text 0409 740 313 or email swestwood@mountbarker.sa.gov.au) or any of the other North Ward Councillors; David Leach, Narelle Hardingham, or Harry Seager.

Cr. Simon Westwood

(The views expressed here are mine and aren't necessarily the views of Mount Barker District Council)



What's On In Littlehampton...

- 25th April 2021**
Littlehampton ANZAC Day Service
Miels Park
Contact: 0412 324 022
- 2nd May 2021**
Combined Shady Grove/Norwood church service
Shady Grove Church
Contact: 8536 0025
- 28th August 2021**
SALA Art Festival
Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall
Contact: events@littlehampton.com.au
- Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall Committee Meetings**
Every fourth Monday of the month
Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall
Contact: 0427 271 591
- Every Friday 10-11am & Sunday 4-5pm**
Gum Tree Garden working bees
Cnr Main St & Gum Tree Dr
Contact: 0417 043 894
- Littlehampton Community Association Committee Meetings**
Every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm
Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall (Meeting Room)
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Local Artist in Profile:

LIANA VARGAS



Tucked away on Cleggett Road in Littlehampton is a lady full of creative talents, a gift for teaching and a studio full of intriguing artwork.

Liana Vargas, owner of Liana Vargas Art Tuition, began her creative journey at a young age but surprisingly not as a painter. Although growing up in Adelaide, Liana soon moved to Sydney to pursue her dream of being a flamenco dancer. This led her to work overseas as a performer for 10 years.

“Dancing and travelling; it was a good way to travel.”

In her early 30s she returned to Australia and several years later, a career change was on the cards.

“I have always been a drawer, always interested in anything artistic.”

However, to stop dancing after close to 30 years to pursue painting was a big choice to make. It took Liana a few years to make the decision to commit full time to painting.

“Dancing was how I had identified myself for so long. It was a big decision.”

In her late 40s Liana began studying at the Adelaide Central School of Art and graduated in 2012.

She has been giving workshops, classes and exhibiting ever since, with her goal to keep moving forward, and then sharing her knowledge with others.

Liana was drawn to Littlehampton for its space, the open pastures and big skies.

“There is room here I can spread my wings and breathe more easily.”

Liana teaches classes from her Cleggett Road studio, as well as at the Atelier Crafers and Duthy Street Art in the City.

Her after school art classes are popular with children in the community, with most of her students coming from Littlehampton Primary School. With classes capped at 5 students, there is room for them to become familiar with each other and feel relaxed, resulting in a more personal mentoring experience.

Her latest exhibition, ‘Shut me up, Shut me down,’

was part of the 2020 SALA Exhibition and highlighted the horrific effects of child abuse and domestic violence.

“It was about shedding a light on that subject... showing women and children who are suffering the consequences of this and to make sure that they are seen and that they are heard. Hopefully this exhibition would also help in that respect.”

In April 2019, Liana launched a new experience for her adult students travelling with a small group of her students on an Art Adventure to Japan. She organised workshops for them with a Large Brush Calligraphy Writer, visited a number of galleries where they immersed themselves in the artistic culture from the past as well as in a more contemporary fashion.

This tour was followed by a trip to Italy in September 2019, including stops at Rome, Florence and Tuscany. The group learned from skilled portrait painters, and enjoyed painting every day in a castle with a spot or two of wine tasting and enjoying the farm-to-table produce.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 halted Liana’s overseas Art Adventures, but it provided the opportunity to discover her own backyard.

Last year saw a glamping experience in the Clare Valley, featuring outdoor painting lessons.

Liana is also set to take off on a road trip to the Limestone Coast. Highlights of the trip will be visiting the caves and painting in the Mount Gambier sinkhole.

“It’s always about seeing, being inspired and then creating.”

For more information about Liana Vargas Art Tuition classes, art tours, and painting head to <https://www.lianavargas.com.au/>

Images: *Bend Till You Break*, above, and *Gone Girl*, right. Painted by Liana Vargas.



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The Glebe Land Report

By Geoff Cleggett & David Leach

The Glebe and Miels Park are both about to have a substantial amount of money spent on them by Mount Barker District Council after receiving a 1:1 grant from the SA Government People for Places and Open Spaces grant fund.

The grant matches \$400,000 raised when Council sold 2A Fulford Tce – with some other funding lines this means around \$500,000 will be spent at Miels Park and \$500,000 at the Glebe.

Council consultation has taken place on what the community wants at both sites.

The Glebe will have a car park built centrally near a new vehicular entrance to Old Princes Highway (OPH), a double unisex all accessible toilet block, shaded BBQ and seating, nature play area near the dam, significant tree plantings, a perimeter track, SA Water filtered drinking station for four legged and two legged users near the existing water meter, gates to OPH, irrigated grass area adjacent to play zone near the old climbing gum tree, harrowing and seeding the open spaces to level off the many small undulations and a whole lot more.

Plans are being drawn up now, and contracts are being negotiated: so expect to see something hitting the ground within a few weeks! Completion is expected by the end of this year. To see the detailed plans please contact Council and they will direct you to their Glebe website page.

Council have installed reticulated, solenoid activated watering to the line of flowering horse chestnut trees, they are doing well with the more reliable watering. Some of the young gums along the Old Princes Hwy did not survive the frosty winter just past – we are providing frost protection to the remaining, particularly frost prone, lemon scented gums.

The Glebe is a shared zone for people with children,

people without children and those who bring their dogs for much valued off leash exercise.

Most dog owners do the right thing as far as picking up their dog faeces, for the 1% who choose not to you are giving the rest of us responsible dog owners a bad reputation.

There are no excuses, if you take your dog there, take a bag and put the poop in the bins.

On the subject of being a responsible dog owner you are obliged, by law, to have your dog on a leash or if off leash under effective control. To date there have been a couple of incidents of dogs attacking other dogs and dogs making a nuisance with humans. It is not those dogs that are at fault, it is their owners.

Council compliance officers have been asked to monitor this problem; they will take action, irresponsible owners will be issued expiation notices.

The Glebe is a special place for people from Littlehampton and beyond to enjoy. The large open spaces will be preserved, built structures will be kept to a minimum. Users have said they want this eight hectare park to have the same feel as the Adelaide parklands.

Open spaces make for healthy bodies and healthy minds, it brings people together and the sociability of the community has increased incredibly in the past two years as a result of friendships made on the Glebe.

We are lucky to have this space within the town boundary. It will only get better and more usable as sensible development takes place.

If you have any feedback on the Glebe please send it to council@mountbarker.sa.gov.au



REMARKABLE HISTORY OF BLAKISTON'S 'BEAUVALE' UNCOVERED

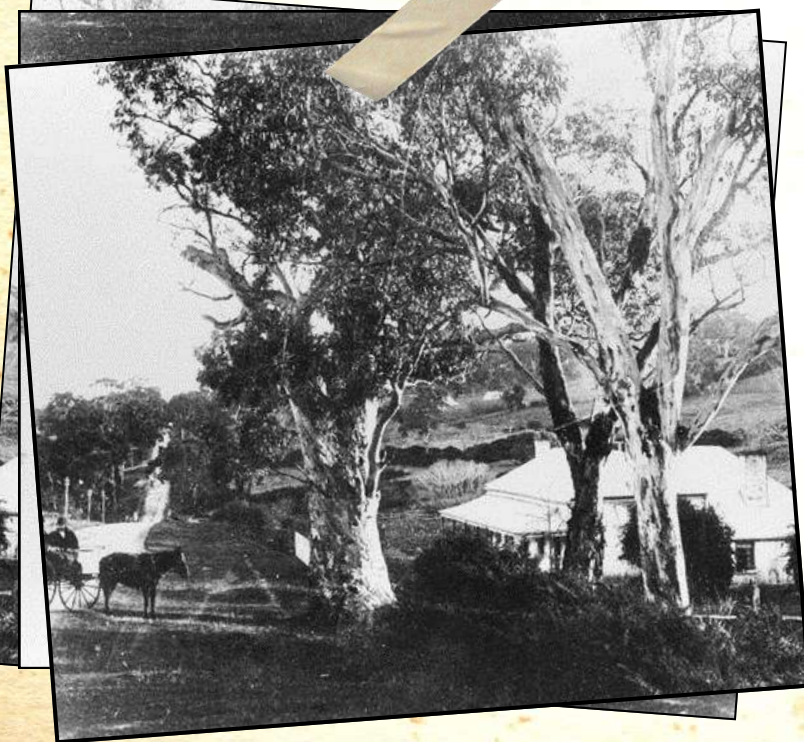
Written by June Donovan



Thomas and Lucy Donoghue and their young son, also named Thomas, arrived at Holdfast Bay, South Australia, on board the 1175-ton square-rigged ship the *Java* on 8 February 1840. They were from Somers Town in what is now part of the Greater London area.

Despite the harrowing voyage and the depressed and virtually bankrupt state of affairs in the new colony, the family set out almost immediately to live in the Mount Barker district where Thomas initially leased and cultivated the land. In c.1842 Thomas and Lucy's second son, John, was born.

By 1844 the family was noted in the South Australian Almanac as being at Blakiston where Thomas soon became actively involved in local affairs especially those associated with the Mount Barker Agricultural Association. Along with James O'Laughlan, he represented the Nairne district in advising on road repairs and construction of bridges in the area. Later, in November 1853, he was elected to the Mount Barker Agricultural Show committee, and much later in 1866 became a judge of the dairy produce and poultry at the annual Mount Barker Show.



The Donoghue family became more deeply involved in the district when, in 1852, Thomas took over the lease and licence of the 'Blakiston Arms', a small inn that a Charles Kingston had run from June 1847. The inn was a focal point in Blakiston where in 1851 there were about 25 houses in the area, a tailor, a blacksmith, 'one or two stores', a Wesleyan Chapel and St James Church. Thomas immediately renamed the inn the 'Dublin Castle'—perhaps because of Irish connections—and retained the licence almost continuously until at least March 1870. Over time, too, Thomas acquired the land on which the 'Dublin Castle' stood and other land at Blakiston.

Above: 'Beauvale', formerly the 'Dublin Castle Inn'—as it was in c. 1880. [State Library of South Australia, photographic collection, B.58992]

Indeed, the annual Blakiston races were held on land adjoining the hotel and many attendees would later adjourn to have a meal and extend the day's festivities at the hotel. This also occurred when competitive Ploughing Matches conducted under the auspices of various societies or Farmers' Societies, such as the Mount Barker Agricultural Association, were held at Blakiston. After a hard day ploughing by teams of horses and their handlers, a dinner was usually held and, as Thomas was often appointed a judge at these Matches, he also entertained the gathering with his singing. It was at these gatherings that prizes were distributed.

Thomas was also responsible for establishing the first Blakiston Market in April 1854 where approximately 200 people were reported to have attended. His aim was to sell cattle, draught horses, horses, sheep and grain. The market ran on the first Wednesday of each month and was still operating in May 1855. However, his actions stirred those in Mount Barker to canvass the idea of establishing such a market in their own town and it appears that the Blakiston Market ceased after a short period.

Around this time, 1855, Thomas built a new hotel, the aim being to accommodate travellers and provide tradesmen and local residents with services that reflected the growing area. Whether the new build included part of the old 'Dublin Castle' is unknown but the new hotel was opened with a dinner on 13 December 1855. The opening of the new road to Nairne in May 1859 no doubt helped the small business with passing trade.

BLAKISTON PLOUGHING MATCH.
The Annual Ploughing Match was held on Mr Donoghue's Section, situate near the Dublin Castle roots and stumps in a very indifferent state for doing justice to the skill of the competitors; the Judges, consequently, got through their labours with comparative ease. We could have wished to have seen more competition, but probably the dryness of the season prevented many from presenting themselves. We subjoin the entries:—

Owners. Ploughman.
No. 8. J. Waddell, Sen., J. Waddell, Jun. Bullocks.
No. 10. Jno. Dunn & Son Alfred Champion Horses.
No. 11. — Hay, Sen. — Richd. Hay, Jun. Bullocks.
noxs.

No. 1. Rich. Perkins, Sen. Rich. Perkins, Jun. Bull.
Judges—Messrs John Frame, Mount Barker; J. T. Bee, Byethorn Farm, Nairne; Thomas Lambert, Mount Barker; and John Pollett, Mount Barker.
After the land had been adjudged, the company adjourned to the Dublin Castle, and partook of dinner, Benjamin Gray, brewer, in the chair. It was every thing that could have been desired. After the chair-man had given the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, he distributed the prizes as follows:—
No. 16. A. Champion..... 1st prize, 45 5s.
No. 8. John Waddell, Jun. 2nd do., 44 4s.
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No. 1. Richard Perkins... 1st prize, £3 3s.
The extra prize of one guinea was handed to A. Champion, for being champion in verity.
The company then devoted the evening to mirth and festivity.

However, all this gaiety hid a more personal tragedy that was occurring within the family. For many years Lucy battled cancer and on 23 July 1859 died; she was buried in the nearby St James Church cemetery. Three years later, on 25 June 1862, Thomas re-married: to Charlotte Harvey Tucker at St Paul's Church, Adelaide.

Thomas continued to run the hotel adding a wholesale wine and spirit arm to the business enabling him to sell at reduced prices, and branched out into seeking tenders for making 50,000 bricks from material on his land to be used to construct a brick and stone barn. As a newspaper report noted many years later, it seems that Thomas thought there might be a boom in building in Blakiston and his foray into the brickmaking business was a decision that ultimately came to haunt him financially from around the mid-1860s. While able to stave off some of the financial difficulties by selling some land and re-negotiating mortgages, issues mounted and, after a long and difficult time, in 1873 Thomas' land holdings and assets—that included the 'Dublin Castle' noted as being of nine rooms with a large cellar, a large brick barn and a six-stalled stable, all farming machinery and stock, and household furniture—were sold to pay off his creditors. Although no comfort to Thomas, many others found themselves in such a situation at this time.

DEATHS.
LEWIS.—On the 20th January, at near Wirrycarras, of consumption, Owen Henry Bayles, son of Frederick and Annie Lewis, and beloved grandson of Thomas and Jane Reynolds. Deeply regretted by all who knew him.
VAILLEY.—On the 21st January, at Halifax street, of paralysis, aged 52 years, the beloved wife of Thomas Vailley, aged 52 years.
PUTTMANN.—On the 23rd January, at Richmond, Melbourne, of Richmond, and the late H. Puttmann, of St. James's beloved sister of C. Puttmann, aged 21 years.
TROTTS.—On the 25th January, at Trotsa, of this city, aged 21 years.
GOWER.—On the 19th January, at Parsonage, Blakiston, Francis Lewis Gower, infant son of the Rev. J. W. Gower.
SHEPHERD.—On the 19th January, at Belvidere, near Hamilton, of meningitis, Charles Henry, 7 years Shephard, farmer, third son of the late George Shephard, of Norwood, aged 64 years.
DONOGHUE.—On the 20th January, Mr Thomas Donoghue, late of Blakiston, farmer, aged 72 years. A colonist of 31 years.

Thomas barely survived the sale: he died at Mount Barker Springs on 20 January 1875. Charlotte died at Semaphore on 28 June 1890. Eldest son Thomas married Caroline Cleggett on 1 December 1862 and eventually the family moved to the mid-north of the state. John married Elizabeth Cleggett on 20 December 1870 and remained in the district until sometime in the late 1890s when the family moved to Murdoch Hill where three generations of the family carried on farming.

Donoghue Road that runs alongside the old farm at Murdoch Hill was named after the family.

No additional licences were issued for the 'Dublin Castle Hotel' after its sale in 1873 and the building was converted into a private residence. Later, in 1889, an Amos William Howard set himself up as a florist and nurseryman on the property which was now known locally as 'Beauvale'. Interestingly, Howard discovered subterranean clover in c.1889 on property in the area owned by the Warland family, and then later found the clover growing on his own property [ie the old 'Dublin Castle' property] and on surrounding farms. Unknown in England or Australia as a fodder plant, the seed was named *Trifolium Subterraneum* by Mr W. Champion Hackett and was first catalogued by Messrs E & W Hackett, seedsman of Adelaide.

The hotel no longer survives.

June Donovan is the great-great-granddaughter of Thomas and Lucy Donoghue.





Spotlight on...



NATIONAL TRUST
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Mount Barker Branch

By Margaret Brook

The National Trust of South Australia was established as an independent community advocate for the protection and preservation of our built, natural and cultural heritage.

For 65 years we have been a public voice for the protection of our heritage through legislation, government policy and public and private investment.

Mount Barker Branch was established in 1969 and we meet on the first Tuesday of each month with varied activities including excursions and guest speakers.

We have a close association with Hahndorf Branch, and we are involved with state-wide issues.

As part of the Protect our Heritage Alliance, our Branch campaigned in 2020 for better protection of our state's heritage buildings, our trees and our green spaces under the Draft Planning and Design Code.

More recently, the proposed demolition of the gate house at Waite Institute has become a focus.

On a local note, we are working to protect the land in the area of the swimming pool and caravan park, which was given by bequest by John Dunn and Dr Leonard Bickle in the late 1800s, to the citizens of Mount Barker for recreational purposes.

As Mount Barker rapidly develops it is important that this green space be preserved.

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3. Where is Littlehampton's Bushfire Last Resort Refuge?
4. Within which Littlehampton shop is the Adelaide Hills Florist located?
5. What year was Littlehampton founded?
6. What are the postcodes of Littlehampton, Mount Barker and Nairne?
7. Klose's Supermarkets have recently opened a new supermarket in which neighbouring town?
8. What is the name of the road that runs along the western side of the Littlehampton Marketplace?
9. Which State Electorate area is Littlehampton located in?
10. Can you name all four Sports Day teams at Littlehampton Primary School?

Answers on page 31

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School Report:



Welcome back to a new school year. It seems like most people had a fairly relaxing Christmas and New Year. With International travel off the agenda, many families and staff members holidayed locally, which is wonderful support for our local businesses.

The New Year has seen some relaxation of our COVID-19 restrictions, such as volunteers being able to come back in to school and school assemblies, intrastate camps, SAPSASA competitions and choir now resuming. If we continue to strictly follow government health advice and physical distancing these events will still be able to occur.

This year we have 55 preschool and 51 reception children commence at Littlehampton Primary School. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and joy of learning these little ones bring. I know their teachers are enjoying getting to know them, but I also know how tired both students and their teachers are (at the beginning of every year we forget how small our pre-schooler and reception children are!).



School Open Night

On Wednesday 10th February we held our new formatted School Open Night. This year we invited our families to bring blankets, chairs and a picnic tea to have on the oval while staff were introduced to everyone. Students were then encouraged to take families on a tour of the classrooms to meet the teachers and other learning spaces. We had a display also set up with information available about Kitchen/Garden Program, OSHC, Learning Assistance Program, Parents and Friends and Pastoral Care Worker.

Hola a todos y bienvenidos 2021

Thanks to Dora the Explorer some new Reception students already came to their first lesson in the new Spanish room equipped with a "Hola" and counting numbers: uno, dos, tres.

It is exciting having a dedicated language room this year, and the intention is to make it an immersive engaging space for all students. Our Spanish Room needs many items such as soft toy llamas or alpacas, rugs, wall hangings, flags or even posters related to either Spain, Mexico and Central/ South America. These could be on loan to school for any period of time that would suit. Muchas gracias.



Littlehampton Primary School Report:

Children's University: After a successful first year at Littlehampton Primary School, Children's University is back! This year students in Year 4 and 5 have the opportunity to be involved in an exciting program: 'Children's University Australasia' (CUA). In partnership with The University of Adelaide, they aim to raise aspirations and develop a love of learning by issuing students enrolled in CUA with a 'Passport to Learning' which records their individual learning journey. This is a voluntary program.

The Children's University concept offers superior educational experiences for children aged between 7 and 14 years outside of school and recognises their achievements through the award of formal certificates and graduations. After 30 hours of learning, the children are rewarded for their participation with certificates at a graduation ceremony to be held at the University of Adelaide. The model leverages local educational and learning activity providers (including sports clubs, museums, galleries, and school clubs) and has a strong emphasis on experience as a significant learning tool, acknowledging the value of the range of different learning experiences and environments in which children engaged.



Book Donations: Littlehampton Primary has donated several boxes of preloved books and resources no longer required to South Pacific Aid Abroad who organised shipment of preloved books and equipment to schools in need in Samoa and Tonga. The donations have been appreciated by the both students and teachers. South Pacific Aid Abroad has been running for over 40 years and is run by a team of dedicated volunteers who believe "education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

Our breakfast program is continuing in 2021. It will run on Thursday mornings from 8.25am – 8.45am in the kitchen. Weet-Bix and toast with jam or vegemite is available for students. Joey Traeger our Pastoral Care Worker helps run this program. Students learn to make their own breakfast as well as wash and dry their dishes. KickStart for Kids is a South Australian not-for-profit organisation that provides a breakfast and lunch program for children in South Australia. They rely solely on donations from community members.



Room 1's brand new Reception students have now completed a whole week at a school.....and what a lot they have achieved in such a short time! The children were so brave starting school and we had no tears at all on the first day (from the children at least - I cannot vouch for the parents!). The first day was exhausting with lots of new things to get used to.....name badges, desks, bag lockers, bells, having to ask to go to the toilet, lining up, meeting new children and remembering the teacher's name. We were hungry all the time and had demolished most of the food in our lunchboxes by recess! By the third day of school, most of us were shattered and needed an early pick up - one even fell asleep in the reading corner for the afternoon! One child left at home time telling Mrs McLean, "I am going home for a big sleep!", while another complained that they hadn't learnt to read yet.

Since then our stamina has increased and we are now unpacking our bags and coming into the classroom independently in the mornings. We have met our big Year 6 buddies from Mrs K's class, which was both scary and exciting, but we are already asking to see them again! In addition, we have loved visiting Mrs O'Connor in the library, meeting Mr A in the Spanish room, singing with Mr Newton in the music room and going to the gym for Sport with Mrs Murphy.



The Premier's Reading Challenge has started for the year. Many teachers incorporate it into their reading programs or as home reading requirements. Students who participate and complete their challenges receive their award from the Premier in November. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books, enjoy reading and improve literacy levels. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

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

Coppin's Bush

This Littlehampton site is an extremely valuable patch of SA blue gum grassy woodland.

Coppin's Bush is home to diverse native plants and animals. SA blue gum (*Eucalyptus leucoxylon* ssp *leucoxylon*) grows here beside at least 116 other important native species, including many unique lilies and other wildflowers. This diverse woodland provides vital habitat for birds, reptiles and insects.

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

The effects of land clearing in South Australia are severe. In some parts of our fragmented environment only 5% of the original vegetation remains. The consequences of extensive clearing have a dramatic impact on wildlife; 26 plant, 23 mammal and two bird species are now extinct in South Australia alone.

How can you help?

- 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.
- Be mindful of the impact human actions have on nature – reduce, reuse and recycle.



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Light it up!


With the colder months approaching, many Littlehampton residents are preparing for a winter enjoying a cosy wood fire.


Check out our guide below to help get your fire roaring.


Types of Firewood:

 **River Red Gum:** A very popular fire wood choice. As it follows the Murray/Darling River system, you will find River Red Gum in particular in South Australia, Northern Victoria, outback New South Wales and Western Queensland. As a firewood, it is ideal for combustion wood heaters due to its low flame output. However, you may find it not to be quite as effective on an open fire.


 **Sugar Gum:** A hardwood which is quite dense and heavy to handle, making it perfect for furniture making and building projects. It is very popular as polished floors, doors and cabinetry, however its denseness is not ideal as firewood.


 **Ironbark:** Although mostly found in New South Wales, Southern Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania, this wood is excellent as combustion type firewood.


 **White Gum (Wandoo):** A common eucalyptus wood variety which burns slower and hotter than other variants. A good option when mixed with jarrah.


 **Jarrah:** The most common and highly sought-after eucalyptus hardwood with minimal smoke and ash, perfect for a wood fire.


Handy Hints:

 Don't leave your fire wood buying until it starts getting cold! Supply and demand around late Autumn can cause unavailability or higher prices.

 If storing your firewood over summer, ensure that it is covered and stacked to reduce the bushfire risk.

 Pinecones are a great fire starter. They typically drop from December – April, so use the warmer months to stock up.

 Ensure you have a clean fireplace and chimney. This increases efficiency of your fire, and is safer.

 Only burn dry, cured wood.

 Check your smoke alarms regularly!



Roadside Firewood Collection:

Majority of council areas throughout South Australia, including the Mount Barker District Council do not permit roadside firewood collecting. Perpetrators can face penalties of up to \$1000.

For more information about MBDC's restrictions on roadside firewood collection, please contact Council on (08) 8391 7200.

Local Firewood Suppliers:

- Adelaide Hills Garden Supplies, Hahndorf
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Rotary Club of Blakiston Report

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By John Rowley

Since our last edition the garden has slowed up at St James School.

Summer is always a hard time for the garden however the rains have helped the growth of the lavender bushes and the roses, especially the pink varieties.

The school received a grant from the Heritage Rose Society to place an arbor in the front steps of the rose circle. This will have a trailing rose over the arbor which will be a perfect place for brides on their wedding day.

The Club has met with the Council and engaged the Club in a discussion on what they proposed to do with the grounds of the School and the Glebe. With consultation from the residents plans are in hand to upgrade the whole Glebe for recreation purposes. The Rotary Club of Blakiston has been informed that the council will be proceeding with the upgrade of the Glebe starting in August.

We had proposed having the fair at the end of August and the bonfire in October. These two events will now be put on hold as it will take 4 months to complete the exercise

Our Club will be opening the School during winter for viewing. And in conjunction with St. James Church in History Week will have the School opened and tea and scones will be served on the opening day of History week.

As President of the Rotary Club I would like to thank the Council and Councilor David Leach for the help they have given to the project. And a special thanks to Chloe Head for her help.

On the 20th of February the Club hosted a barbecue for the Cherry Gardens bushfire appeal at Auchendarroch in

conjunction with the Hotel. All funds will be donated to the bushfire appeal.

January saw the Club doing a barbecue at Bunnings. It was a day of 38 degrees and the takings were down as expected. It was a different time especially the distancing of those doing the cooking and standing in the marquee on mats. Bunnings were very strict with the set up and regular inspections; seeing we were adhering to the COVID rules.

The sadness which came to the Club was the passing of Charter President Rot. Dev. Connelly. He was a very dedicated Rotarian who gave his all to the Club. He was born in W.A. at a young age he went mining among other pursuits. He went to Melbourne where he did his air conditioning engineering apprenticeship. He returned to Mt. Barker he started his electrical business in Gawler Street. His big break came when he did work for the Adelaide Electric Supply Company. later to become ETSA. He also established an airline company. In his lifetime; he was a remarkable man who will be missed by all who knew him and his dedication to Rotary.

We are alive on Facebook. Now Facebook followers in the district can follow and see what we are doing as Rotarians.

Visitors to our Club are always welcome, especially friends of Rotary to help at various projects.

President John

Rotary Club of Blakiston

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Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."



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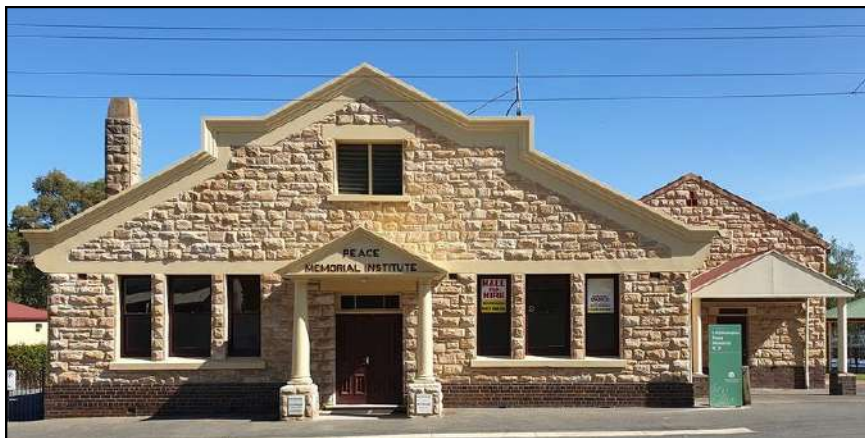
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- Audio Visual Room (Meeting Room 2) has had a full repaint.
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- Hand sanitiser stations have been installed at each entry door.
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Adelaide Hills Spinners & Weavers Guild – 1st , 3rd and 5th Thursdays of each month from 9.00am - 3.00pm. 3rd Tuesday night of each month 6pm - 8pm. Contact Pam on 0417 846 601.

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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Mt Barker Christadelphians — public Sunday activities generally commence at 6:00pm and Wednesday evening at 7:30pm . Contact James 0427 271 591 for further information re any activities.

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Hall Committee Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm in Meeting Room 2

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 0427 271 591 or president@littlehamptonhall.org.au

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Tennis Report

By Russ Botten

At the time of writing this article the summer tennis season is almost over. We had a very successful season and are hoping that all finals get played this year as last year's finals were not played due to COVID.

Our Senior teams have once again had a strong showing this season with 8 of our 10 teams currently in the top 4 of their respective divisions. Our Div 3 and Div 4 Men's teams in particular have had excellent seasons so far and are both currently on top of the table. It should also be noted that the 2 teams not in the top 4 are still able to make finals depending on their results in these last two rounds. Despite the restrictions and interruptions this season, our players have continued to be extremely competitive which is a positive sign from the club's perspective. The senior summer competition starts in early October each year. Teams need to be submitted by early to mid September. If anyone is interested in tennis for next season make a note of these dates and keep an eye on our website (www.littlehamptontennisclub.com.au).

The LTC Junior season got underway in October 2020; and despite the effects of COVID19 the junior players were just as enthusiastic to be back out on court again doing what they enjoy. In the 2020/21 summer season, the club fielded 5 boys teams, 3 girls teams, 2 Green Ball teams and 1 Orange Ball team in the Hills Tennis Association. Juniors play tennis matches on either Friday nights or Saturday mornings; and attend a fun- filled, energetic team training on Thursday nights with club coach Nick Hall. With the junior summer minor rounds almost over, we have 7 teams heading into finals with the Girls Division 1 side finishing Minor Premiers. Congratulations to all the teams who have made finals and we wish them all the best in March 2021 during the finals campaign.

Club coach Nick Hall offers coaching all year round at Anembo Sports Complex, Littlehampton from beginners to elite players in his 'Hot Shots', Group and Squad programs. Hot Shots is an introductory level to tennis aimed at 4-10 year olds involving modified tennis for Red Ball (4-6 years), Orange Ball (6-8 years) and Green Ball (8-10 years). If you are interested in coaching over the winter or summer seasons, please contact Nick Hall on 0430 366 433 or email: nick@nickhalltennis.com for further information on session times.

Our next junior summer competition gets underway in early October 2021, and junior player registrations are usually open early-mid September. The club usually holds an annual Junior Come and Try Day in August and a Junior Registration Day in September. New and existing players are all welcome at any level of experience. Follow our Website (www.littlehamptontennisclub.com.au) or Facebook page later in the year to find details on the Come and Try/ Registration Day dates and player registration information. For any new junior player enquiries, please feel free to contact the club's Junior Coordinator(s) by emailing: juniors@littlehamptontennisclub.com.au

Night Tennis is BIG at Littlehampton! We play four seasons a year with 12 teams participating, involving around 60 players each season. If you were a bystander on any given night out at night tennis, you would witness light hearted banter, copious amounts of laughter (sometimes hysterical!), grunts and curses, and of course lots of high quality tennis being played. Contact the club if you're interested in being part of the fun!

At this stage we are scheduled to hold our 7th Tennis Australia points tournament in November 2021. This year it will be a Bronze Australian Junior Points Tournament and will be held over two consecutive Sundays. We are hoping there won't be any restrictions on tennis tournaments this year as we missed out on holding last year's due to COVID. This is the first time we have held one over two Sundays and are expecting a lot of interest and good participation levels.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support this year. Their support is greatly appreciated and it has helped us to achieve our plans. Please support them whenever you can.

If you would like more information on playing tennis in Littlehampton please contact me or visit our website.

Russ Botten

President, Littlehampton Tennis Club

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Thai Chicken SOUP

By Heidi Mills



As our nights are drawing in and getting cooler, something to warm your cockles this Autumn. It's a meal in itself and "Souper" delicious!

Ingredients

	400ml coconut milk
1 tablespoon peanut oil	2 teaspoons Sambal Oelek
1 medium leek (350gms) finely sliced	1 tablespoon cornflour
1 clove garlic, crushed	1 tablespoon water, extra
1 teaspoon mild curry powder	1 teaspoon fish sauce
1 teaspoon ground cumin	1 small red capsicum (150gms) sliced
½ teaspoon ground coriander	4 spring onions, chopped finely
500gms chicken thigh fillets, sliced thinly	1 tablespoon lime juice
1 litre (4 cups) chicken stock	1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh coriander leaves
1 stem fresh lemon grass, halved	

Method

Heat oil in large saucepan, cook leek and garlic until leek is soft. Add curry powder, cumin and ground coriander, cook, stirring until fragrant. Add chicken, cook, stirring, until chicken is browned lightly. Stir in stock, lemon grass, milk and sambal. Bring to a boil, simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes. Stir in blended cornflour and extra water, and fish sauce, stir over heat until soup boils and thickens slightly. Just before serving, remove and discard lemon grass. Stir in capsicum, onion, juice and fresh coriander.



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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

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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(Your membership will help fund the Littlehampton Community Associations Projects)

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