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175 years Littlehampton!



In May 2024, the town of Littlehampton celebrated 175 years since its foundation in 1849, with a weekend of history and discovery.

Many locals and visitors enjoyed a History Bus Tour of Littlehampton, conducted by local guide Glenn Liebelt, as well as an opportunity to peruse History Displays in the Peace Memorial Hall.

Littlehampton Community Association Inc. Secretary and Event Organizer, Lyndall Schliebs said, "We had a great turnout for the weekend. It was a huge success and we have received very positive feedback."

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Are we still complaining?

I know everyone is complaining about the extra cold winter we are having, but I am complaining about the heat I am experiencing in Darwin as this newsletter goes to print. We never seem to be happy with the weather. I constantly have to remind myself that we have one of the best places in the world to live, right here in Littlehampton. Yes it gets a tad cold over winter, but think of all the positives we have to enjoy. As you read through this Newsletter, be aware of the amazing work the volunteers and politicians and community groups do to make this such an enjoyable place to live.

Marty

Chairman's Report

Our ANZAC Day service was another wonderful event with just over 400 people in attendance: all there to remember the fallen, family and friends who served in the Australian armed forces. The weather that morning could not have been better. It started with a short film about the HMAS Sydney and with the formal service being conducted during the magnificent sunrise. Gunfire breakfast was then held in the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall; this was well attended.

The Chat and Play days have restarted with numbers increasing. The more the merrier!

May was History Month and the LCA ran with a wonderful display in the Hall as well as a bus tour around Littlehampton to see the 'behind the town' big stories of Littlehampton. The displays in the Hall had a constant parade of ex-locals, old time locals and new locals while the bus tour around the town had the same. Even some of the expats learned some new/old stories. This bus tour was repeated for some of the Littlehampton Primary School children.

In May we also had a major fundraiser at the Mount Barker SteamRanger Railfest where we, the LCA, cooked all day on our new BBQ trailer. We were busy all day.

The money that we raise from these events goes back into community projects such as, the Littlehampton ANZAC Day services, Remembrance Day services, and other community events. But we need your help! Be involved in your community! Join the LCA and have your say on what we can do to improve our lovely little town.

Glenn Liebelt, Chairman LCA

SE Freeway Upgrades

The **Heysen Tunnels Refit and Safety Upgrade** involves:

- Upgrading the tunnel lighting system to a new LED configuration
- Installing a new automated fire suppression system
- Upgrading the tunnel ventilation system
- Repairing the tunnel lining and installing monitoring equipment
- Upgrading the Intelligent Transport System (ITS) equipment including thermal incident detection systems, new and replacement CCTV, electronic variable speed and messaging signage and over height vehicle detection
- Upgrading the traffic management system to restrict access to the tunnels in the event of an emergency incident
- Upgrading the emergency communication systems, including public address, radio rebroadcast, in-tunnel signage and help phones to improve safety and network reliability.

MP's UPDATE

I'm delighted to see funding restored in the Federal Budget for the Mount Barker Freeway Interchange and the Verdun Freeway Interchange upgrades.

This is a welcome change of heart from the Commonwealth and ensures the important projects are able to proceed.

A big thank you to Federal Member Rebekha Sharkie for her advocacy – together, we have been relentlessly hammering away to ensure this funding was reinstated after it was cut by the Federal Government.

It is also pleasing to note that complementary funding has been secured for these projects in the State Budget.

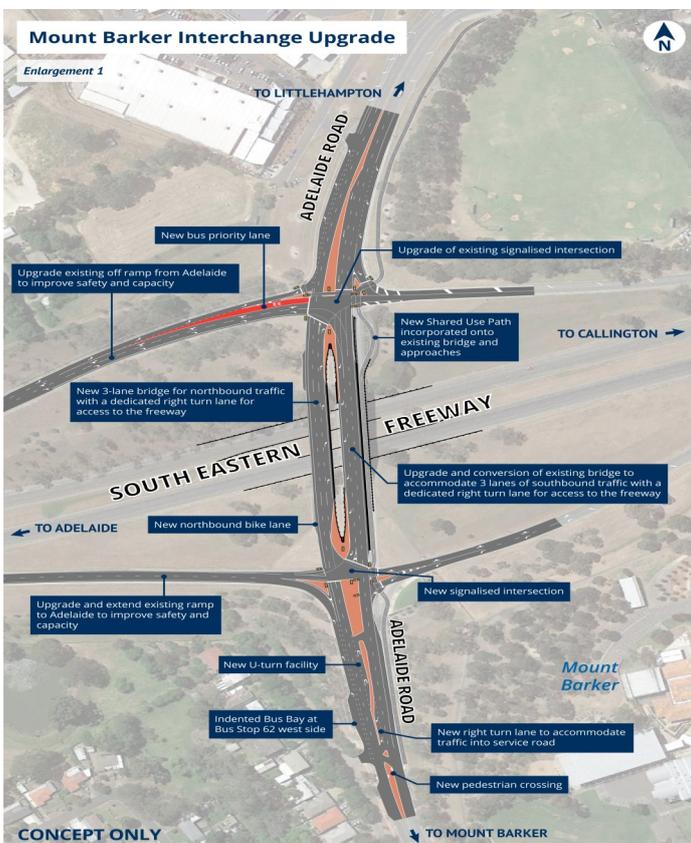
The State Treasurer has handed down this year's State Budget.

We have fought to maintain a record level of investment in the Hills, including –

- \$62.7M for a new Preschool and Primary School at Mount Barker;
- \$15.9M to refurbish Oakbank School and a further \$4M for Mount Barker High School;
- \$150M for the Mount Barker and Verdun Freeway Interchanges (State and Commonwealth Funding);
- \$200M for the Freeway Managed Motorway project (bringing total Freeway spending in this State Budget and the Federal Budget to a third of a billion dollars).



DAN CREGAN MP Member for Kavel [For more details of the State Budget go to p.8](#)



I, along with the Adelaide Hills Community, was relieved by the announcement that Federal funding for the Mount Barker and Verdun Freeway Interchange upgrades have been restored.

This announcement provided peace of mind to members of our rapidly growing community for whom safe, efficient travel between the Hills and City is essential to daily life.

Working alongside my State Government colleague Dan Cregan MP, I have advocated consistently for this funding.

I was honoured to recently coordinate a delegation in Canberra, where my team, alongside Dan Cregan and the Mayors of Mt Barker and Adelaide Hills Councils, spoke directly to the Federal Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to convey the needs of our constituents and the importance of these upgrades to our community.

I look forward to meeting with Minister Koutsantonis and working collaboratively with the State Government who will oversee the operational side of this project.

REBEKHA SHARKIE MP Federal member for Mayo

For more information and film clip on the Mt Barker & Hahndorf freeway projects, go to:

<https://www.felix.net/project-news/additional-funding-to-get-more-works-underway-on-south-eastern-freeway>

175 years Anniversary

Busloads of passengers were transported around the town, visiting significant historical locations and hearing stories about the formation of Littlehampton in the late 1840s.



Passengers of the History Tour explore St James Anglican Church

The first stop was the St James Anglican Church and School, where visitors were able to explore the church and grounds whilst hearing from informative church member, Ronda Jaensch.

Next, passengers were transported past Littlehampton's founder, Benjamin Gray's home- stead and the Old Ice- Cream Factory, on Blakiston Road.



A stop was made at The Liebelt Farm on Junction Road, where passengers visited this historic farming property and were able to learn about a



local family's story about 7 generations of farming in Littlehampton.

A short visit to the Entrance Statement at Willow Park highlighted the Littlehampton Community Association's impact in the town, which was followed by an important mention of the Littlehampton Brickworks and its influence on the town in the early days.

Coming back through the main street, the house with a round chimney was pointed out, and the famous Great Eastern Steeplechase was talked about.



After the tour, visitors were able to explore the History Displays in the hall. These consisted of many storyboards of pioneer families, clubs, organisations, and businesses with a rich history in the town.

Highlights in the hall included a display of old uniforms worn by the Littlehampton Netball Club, an original brickmaking machine kindly



loaned for the weekend by the Littlehampton Brickworks and extensive farming artifacts and photos from the Reddy Family.



The Littlehampton Primary School students did a wonderful job, with each student focusing on a particular historic building in the town to create bright and colourful informative posters.

Other families who made excellent displays for the weekend included, the Miels, Nitschke, Cleggett, Masters, Boomer,

Boots, Wundenberg (with a beautiful display of old household ornaments), Bolto (with Dean displaying a very old guernsey from the Littlehampton Football Club), Kenner, Davis and Liebelt families.

Local clubs, businesses, and organisations also got onboard to show off their history, including the Adelaide Hills Spinners and Weavers, Peace Memorial Hall, and the Littlehampton Community Association's board of all their projects and events in the town, including the old Littlehampton Markets, Chat & Play, Carols in the Glebe, and the Littlehampton Entrance Statement.

LCA Chairman Glenn Liebelt said, "The weekend was a success! It was wonderful to see so many locals and visitors to our town, come out and celebrate our history."

The Littlehampton Community Association would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who were involved for the weekend for their time and efforts in making a successful event for our town!



The LCA often hosts events, such as the 175 celebrations, in our town. If you have an idea or would like to be a part of our next event, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us!



History boards were on display in the Hall for the week-



Feedback from visitors at the 175th Littlehampton Celebrations

"I found the tour to be highly informative, with an amazing tour host and very knowledgeable volunteers on the history of Littlehampton."

"It was interesting especially to find out small details like how the historic town was named, the local swimming pool, history of the farming families particularly the Liebelt 7th generation history."

"It's a beautiful town with a rich history. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers involved in this. It made for a very interesting day."

"Very interesting and well presented."

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Students Enjoy a Day of Littlehampton History

In May, students from Littlehampton Primary School joined local tour guide, Glenn, on a Littlehampton History Bus Tour.

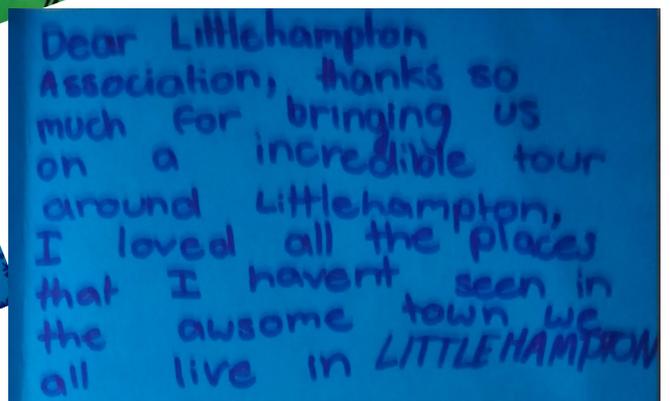
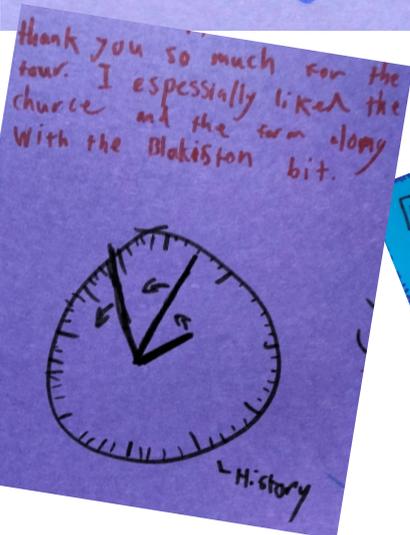
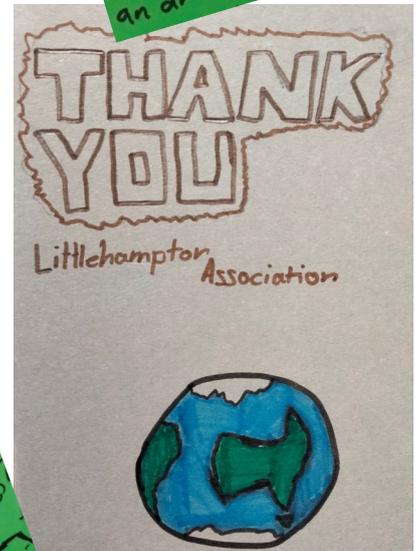
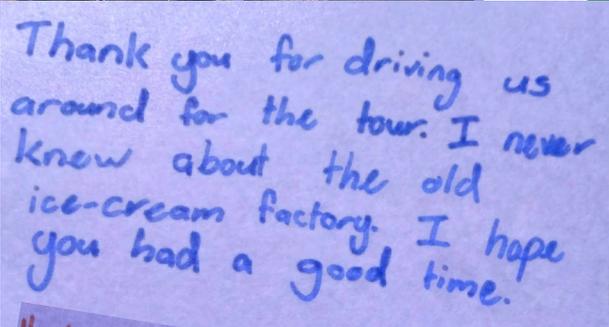
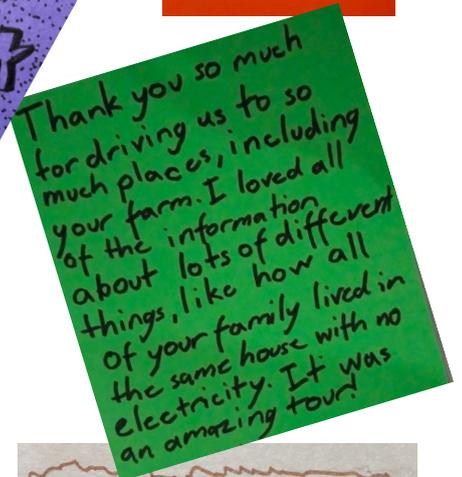
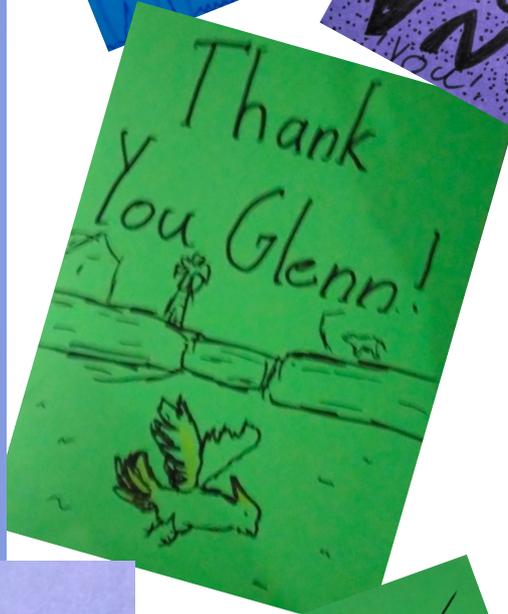
The students enjoyed a day of learning about the history in their own backyards!

Check out these wonderful 'thank you' cards that the Littlehampton Community Association received from the students.



HISTORY TOUR

Thank you Littlehampton Community Association



What's on in Littlehampton

Date	Event	Time	Where	Note
5 Aug Weekly	Accomplished Dance	Mondays 6-8.30pm	Peace Memorial Hall	Zumba & Ballroom Every Monday
6 Aug Weekly	Yoga Classes	Tuesdays 9.30-10.30	Peace Memorial Hall	Every Tuesday During school terms
1 Aug Fortnightly	Spinners & Weavers	Thursdays 9 – 3pm	Peace Memorial Hall	1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Thursday
1 Aug Weekly	Coffee with locals	Thursdays 10-11.30am	Artisan Oak Café	Every Thursday
4 Aug Weekly	Mt Barker Christadelphians	Sun 6pm Wed 7.30	Peace Memorial Hall	Every Sunday
7 Aug Monthly	Chat & Play	1st Wed 12-4pm	Peace Memorial Hall	\$5 Cost 1st Wed of Month
4 Sept Monthly	Chat & Play	1st Wed 12-4pm	Peace Memorial Hall	\$5 Cost 1st Wed of Month
2 Oct Monthly	Chat & Play	1st Wed 12-4pm	Peace Memorial Hall	\$5 Cost 1st Wed of Month
27 Aug Tuesday	LCA Annual General Meeting	7pm	Peace Memorial Hall	Guest Speaker, supper, All Welcome

State Budget Report Con't

Work is continuing on the following Hills projects:

An upgrade at the Balhannah Intersection, (Onkaparinga Valley Road, Junction Road and Nairne Road, Balhannah).

A new Regional Aquatic Centre in Mount Barker (construction underway);

The new ambulance station in Mount Barker, noting that new stations at Birdwood and Strathalbyn are operational;

The new Mount Barker Hospital adjoining the new Mount Barker Emergency Department;

The resurfacing of Onkaparinga Valley Road including final bridge works (I'm really hoping these can be completed soon);

The next stage of the Amy Gillett Bikeway;

Over 500 new bus services promised by the State Government;

The opening of a new Head to Health service in Mount Barker for mental health support, complementing the new Headspace office for young people;

Additional autism support in schools (I have seen first hand my sister wrestling with the complexities that come from having children with autism).

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You are warmly invited to the Littlehampton
Community Association Inc's
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7pm Tuesday 27th August 2024

Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall

Guest Speaker & Community Supper following the Meeting

All Welcome

Guest Speaker will be announced closer to the date on the LCA's
Facebook and website (www.littlehampton.net)



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

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Community Involvement

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Community Grants

One of the most frequent enquiries at my office is in relation to funding to support the work of dedicated community groups and sporting clubs across Mayo.

My team and I are always happy to assist where we can in supporting these applications for funding. If you haven't already, please reach out to my team to ensure your email address is listed to receive our grants updates, alerting you to funding opportunities as they arise.

Once you have found a funding opportunity you intend to apply for my team can assist by preparing a letter of support to include with your submission. Please reach out to us with at least one week's notice so we can discuss your project to craft a letter which demonstrates the need for funding and its desired outcomes.

On the opposite page there are some grant opportunities which are currently open for applications. Along with these don't forget to reach out to your local Council who also offer regular grassroots grants that are valuable in getting smaller projects off the ground.

Office of Rebekha Sharkie MP
Federal Member for Mayo

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Community Grants Con't

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program

Offered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs

Funding for projects that promote appreciation and understanding Australian service personnel and increase access and information about Australia's wartime history

Community stream - grants up to \$10,000

Major grants stream - between \$10,000 and \$150,000

Applications close February 2025

Small Business Skills and Training Boost

Funding assists small businesses build a more capable workforce

Supports employee upskilling and the acquisition of digital skills

Enables an additional 20% tax deduction for training completed by employees through external RTOs

Opportunity open on an ongoing basis

Small Business Technology Investment Boost

Grant promotes uptake of digital technology usage by small businesses

Offers additional tax deductions on eligible expenditure

Opportunity open on an ongoing basis

American Express – Community Impact Mission

Grants to support individuals and communities across three priority areas

Equal futures (focusing on education and economics)

Small business (to build economic vitality)

Low-carbon communities (promoting sustainability and resilience)

Open on an ongoing basis, no funding limits set

Australian Communities Foundation Grants Program

Funding to support projects aligned with the Foundation's interests

Open on an ongoing basis, no minimum or maximum funding limits set

Capital Grants Program

Funding for non-government primary and secondary schools

Grants to enhance capital infrastructure

Applications close 30 September, unless agreed to by the Department in writing

Clubs SA/IGC – Sponsorship Assistance Program

Funding for disadvantaged sectors of the community

Supports projects established by not-for-profits, sporting or community clubs

Applications open monthly, max funding \$10,000

A range of grants are available on an ongoing basis through the following organisations, we encourage interested groups to visit their websites to learn more:

Community Broadcasting Foundation

Country Arts SA

Events South Australia – Major Events Fund

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

[See more grants on p.12](#)

Community Grants Con't from p.11

Matana Foundation for Young People Grants

These grants aid disadvantaged young people
Provide support to reach their full potential in academic and social pursuits
Program open on an ongoing basis, funding between \$1,000 and \$10,000

Sports Vouchers Program (SA)

Program aims to increase children's participation in sport, dance or swimming
Reduces cost barrier to families
Program open on an ongoing basis, one \$100 voucher per student per calendar year

Variety SA – Organisation Grants

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Local Identity—Jenni Burgess

Past Littlehampton resident and Littlehampton Community Association Committee Member

Many Littlehampton residents will remember a lovely lady by the name of Jenni Burgess. Jenni lived in Littlehampton from 2006 to 2016 and was a valued member of the Littlehampton Community Association for much of her time in Littlehampton. In 2016, Jenni moved to Aldinga Beach, where she still lives today, enjoying life by the beach.

We caught up with Jenni recently to get an insight about her time in Littlehampton.

Where in Littlehampton did you live?

I bought my first house on North Terrace, near the Uniting Church, because it was affordable and had a big garden.

Many locals will remember you from LCA BBQs and the Littlehampton Markets, but how did you first become involved with the LCA?

I went to an AGM to find out what the local community was all about and next thing I was part of the LCA Committee.

I didn't know anyone in Littlehampton when I moved there so this was a good way to meet people.



Jenni Burgess, 2024

What was your favourite part of being involved with the LCA?

The ANZAC Day breakfast, the monthly market, and BBQs at the Primary School Sports Days. Everything was well planned and organised, and people all worked together to make things happen.

How important was volunteering in Littlehampton to you, and how do you believe volunteering benefits the community?

Volunteering is very important to local communities, and volunteers get as much out of it as they put in. Saving the Glebe Land is a good example of what can be achieved by community action.

When I retired, I wrote articles for Hills Volunteering which were published in the Weekender Herald about volunteers and the wide variety of volunteering opportunities available in the Hills. There really is something for everyone, depending on your interests.

Littlehampton celebrated 175 years since it was founded by Benjamin Gray. The town was named after Gray's village of Littlehampton in England. You travelled to Littlehampton (UK) in 2014, tell us about the village, and a highlight of the trip?

I went to the UK in 2014 to visit family, and my brother and I went to Littlehampton briefly, which was very different to our Littlehampton; it was a busy little seaside town.

Littlehampton has changed and developed significantly over the years. What was the biggest change you saw in the time you lived in the town?

New facilities such as the medical centre and pharmacy. Also, improvements in public transport with more bus services. I loved the plant nursery, but I wish the big fruit barn (Littlehampton Marketplace) had been there when I lived in Littlehampton!



Jenni helping at the Littlehampton Market BBQ, 2015

For those who have recently moved to Littlehampton, what are some things you would encourage them to do/experience in the town?

- Go for a walk on the Glebe Land and explore the old school
- Walk through the old railway tunnel to Mount Barker
- Visit Shady Grove Church and cemetery, a little oasis in a bushland setting
- If the Tour Down Under passes through the town, get out and support it because you will be close to the action.
- Visit local artists, there are some very talented people in Littlehampton!

Rotary Club of Blakiston & Nairne

This will be my first report this year having heart surgery over the Christmas period. Please readers have a heart check every year, it may save your life like it did mine.

It has been a very busy time over the last three months for the Club in fund raising and distributing money raised for the community. A very successful day was held at the Mount Barker showgrounds called Truck Fantastic where it was free entrance for the District and well received by the public. There over 2000 children climbed over machinery and sat behind the wheel of the big trucks. Money raised went to the RSL to help with ANZAC Day and defray some of their costs.



It was also used to help build our new Rotary Barbecue which is up to council standards as regulations have changed under the health and safety regulations.

Our barbecue trailer is for hire and our Club is happy to be at events in the Littlehampton and Nairne District to help raise funds for projects and show a Rotary presence on our side of the freeway.

So far we have had 2 barbecues at Bunnings this year and a special thanks go to Bunnings for allowing us to sell and distribute sausages to the customers.

Our Club is raising funds for a very special project: Breast Cancer. We are looking for sponsors to help Rotarian Shiralee Judge to restore a Kombi van called Annabelle, to travel from Littlehampton to the test match at the SGC in January. On the 29th of September a fundraiser for the cause will take place and the event will be a Scavenger Hunt Rally. So put this in your diary. There will be a barbecue lunch at the end. So get your old faithful car out and decorate it in pink in recognition of a special cause as there will be a prize for the best decorated car in the rally. Cost \$30 per car entrance fee. We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day, and also at a barbecue at Bunnings on the 24th of August.

The garden at St James received a lot of praise during History Week. A special thanks to Mayor Leach for popping in and seeing how it has been restored and protected for future generations.



History Week was a great success. We had 85 visitors from across all walks of life on both days and on the Wednesday 50 children came to look at the history of the School where Rotarians Michael and Jenny gave a very comprehensive description to the children of what happened in 1849. Our oldest visitor was a 98 year old who now lives in a retirement village in Kensington.



Also there were nostalgic visits by locals who had been to Sunday School when it was in full swing and compulsory to go with one's parent to Church in the 40s and 50s. We also appreciate the work and help Glenn Liebelt gave by giving up his time over History Month and for driving the bus on the three days to showcase Littlehampton and both St James Church and St James School.

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It's always a pleasure to write for the Littlehampton Community Newsletter, and since my last article I've been keeping busy attending meetings of, and working with, local community and sporting groups and engaging with residents in North Ward.

It was lovely to see some of you amongst the 400+ people in attendance at this year's Littlehampton ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast. Every year it really is heartening to see growing numbers of young people in attendance at the service, too.

Littlehampton recently commemorated its 175th year with a celebratory weekend held during History Month, that was made possible by the Littlehampton Community Association. The history displays on show were fascinating – it was great to see the many families, community groups, clubs and sporting groups participating, and sharing their detailed displays and treasured photos of Littlehampton as seen through the years.

COMMUNITY BIKE TRACK

Have you been to visit our beautiful Glebe open space recently? Or driven past and seen many a happy child mid-jump or racing around the track? The new Community Bike Track has been getting a wonderful workout from our local youth, and it brings the biggest smile to my face. I hope it does to yours, too!

This project was initially in the 2020 Littlehampton Greening design concept report (albeit as a somewhat smaller track on the Eastern boundary), and with a very high proportion of young people & children aged under 18 in Littlehampton & Blakiston, I saw a clear need for this fun, outdoor, recreational space so included it as one of my first budget submissions! And haven't Council staff and the track constructor (Ryan Lloyd, Lighthouse Youth Projects) done an incredible job! (The clean fill used for the track and jumps was even sourced from Council's Regional Aquatic & Leisure Centre site).



There's nothing better than seeing our youth active and engaged outdoors in the fresh air. I believe the plan is for Ryan to come back in the near future and show interested youth and community members how to maintain the bike track and jumps, so we can ensure many more years of fun ahead.

Draft ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN > RATES

As I write this article, community consultation on Council's draft Annual Business Plan (ABP) 24/25 has just ended, with decision making on general rates and annual service charges to occur in July.

At this stage the draft ABP for 2024/25 proposes a general rate increase of **5.3%** - this being 1% higher than the March 2024 Adelaide CPI rate of 4.3%.

This is in line with Council's three year 'rate smoothing strategy', with year one being 2023/24. You may recall that last year CPI jumped to 7.9%, and to minimise the impact of that increase to ratepayers Council kept the rate rise to 5.6% (which was 2.3% below CPI). The final year of the smoothing strategy will be next year 2025/26, where general rates are planned to be 1.3% greater than the March 2025 Adelaide CPI rate.

In a nutshell, these two final years of the smoothing strategy will account for the rate rise that was below CPI last year. Please remember that ratepayers may have different changes in their general rates dependent on the change in valuation of their property, relative to the overall valuation changes across the district. Property valuations are determined by the Valuer-General.

If any ratepayer does need assistance, has questions regarding their rates notice, or wishes to enquire about a payment plan, please don't hesitate to contact Council staff who will do all they can to assist you.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Moving on to infrastructure, and a couple of Council projects to mention in Littlehampton are the new footpath construction on Andrewville Terrace, and the footpath design works progressing for a portion of Junction Road (Old Princes Hwy to Benjamin Gray Drive).

Planning and concept designs are progressing for two projects at the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall - one being the dressing room (also known as the 'lean to') at the back of the hall, and the other being re-roofing of the hall.

Also proposed as an infrastructure project for FY24/25 is lighting to the Miels Park carpark. With the Hall Committee and Littlehampton Community Association advocating for lighting from a safety perspective, I included this project in my recent budget submissions. I know many regular hall and netball court users will be relieved for some lighting in this area!

If you are interested in Council’s proposed infrastructure projects for 2024/25, they can be found here under the Infrastructure icon: [eMaps Online Mapping | Mount Barker District Council](#)

INTERSECTIONS – OLD PRINCES HWY/GARDNER ST & OLD PRINCES HWY/GUM TREE DRIVE

I’ve had a number of enquiries regarding the Parkland Estate and associated road works and upgrades to two intersections in close proximity. As a resident myself, I appreciate the interest and would love to take this opportunity to give some further information.

Old Princes Highway road works have commenced to upgrade the junctions of both Gum Tree Drive and Gardner Street, with the aim to improve the intersections to a standard suitable for anticipated traffic volumes. These upgrades are part of developer obligations associated with the Parkland development. Works are programmed to be completed in July 2024, however this is weather dependant.

As Old Princes Hwy is under the care and control of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), the relevant works and associated traffic management have been approved by DIT, with further information to be found here: [Traffic SA - Department for Infrastructure and Transport](#).

With regard to Gardner Street – due to rock being encountered along Old Princes Hwy, adjacent civil works along Gardner Street were initially delayed, however I understand that the Stage 1 works to install essential infrastructure (ie. sewer and stormwater) have since been moving at pace.

Works to Gardner Street (and as the works progress, to Fulford Tce also) will be staged, and further road closures are likely required to support the works for each stage. Detailed information is available on Council’s website for the staged works, found here:

[Notice of Works - Gardner Street Littlehampton | Mount Barker District Council](#)

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I think that’s it from me! I’m always happy to have a chat about any queries, concerns or comments that you may have, as are my fellow North Ward Councillors Simon Westwood and Harry Seager. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us, our contact details can be found at the back of this newsletter, or on Council’s website.

Kind regards,

Jessica Szilassy

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- The Old Library (Audio Visual Room) now has a camera to assist with hosting of online meetings
- Hand sanitising stations throughout the hall to assist groups keep COVID safe
- Excellent toilet facilities including accessible toilet and baby change table
- WIFI is available upon request

CURRENT REGULAR HIRERS

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.

Mt Barker Christadelphians — public Sunday activities generally commence at 6:00pm and Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. Contact James 0493 057 970 for ANY further information.

Hall Committee Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm in the Old Library

If you are interested in attending a meeting, joining the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall Association or becoming a member of our committee please contact our President Jonathan Liebelt on 0424 723 589 or president@littlehamptonhall.org.au.

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

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



LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

With the unseasonably warm and drier conditions of the remainder of autumn, the Littlehampton CFS has been kept busy supporting our community responding to escaped burn offs, rubbish and waste fires, and supporting our neighbouring communities attending structure fires.

With the arrival of the colder and wetter weather, we have focused our training on responding to structures fires, hazardous materials and vehicle related incidents. It is also a timely reminder to everyone to check our own properties to make sure we all have working smoke alarms. If you are using a combustion heater, it's a good idea to check that it is in good working condition and that the flu has been cleaned. If you are emptying ashes or coals from your heater, then it's also a good idea to empty them into a non-flammable bucket and leave them in a safe area well away from your dwelling or any flammable materials for at least a week until they are completely cold before emptying into a plastic rubbish or green waste bin.



As we head into spring, it's a great time to start looking around our properties and make a start on preparing them ahead of the Fire Danger Season. It's critical that we all continue to do our bit and keep our properties in good shape by managing the vegetation: in particular, fine surface fuels such as grasses and weeds. Here are some helpful tips on how you can prepare your property ahead of the Fire Danger Season

- Mowing, raking and weeding to remove fine fuels from around the house.
- Pruning the lower branches of shrubs/trees to separate the foliage from the ground surface underneath (at least 2m lift recommended)
- Reducing accumulated ground debris such as bark, dead twigs, leaves or needles from around the base of trees and shrubs
- Pruning of limbs that overhang buildings and sheds
- Clean gutters of built up debris and leaves
- Removing flammable items from beside dwellings and buildings (eg firewood, furniture, loose flammable items)
- Maintain fencing (it is recommended fencing is non-flammable eg steel)
- Clean debris from behind fixtures, such as gas bottles, air conditioning units etc.

For more information on property preparation head to the CFS website at:

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

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Littlehampton Brigade is now recruiting for Brigade Firefighters and Operational Support members (non-operational support roles). If you are interested in serving your local community, and have availability during the day, we would love to hear from you. Simply send me an email or call me direct to arrange a time, or call in on a Monday night to talk to us about the process to apply.

Brigade Captain

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Littlehampton Country Fire Service

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SHADY GROVE UNITARIAN CHURCH

Shady Grove Road, Littlehampton



The warm April service was a special one at Shady Grove, with a “Blessing of the Blanket” as part of the service, led by the Rev Jo Lane in our small church at Shady Grove.

Our member Judy Miles, had recently completed a beautiful large crocheted blanket/ rug, for her husband Eric Miles, (a descendant of the Monk(s) family who gave the original land for Shady Grove). Much love and many hours went into this rug: and in Judy’s words “So many squares of loss and sadness woven into it over the last few years”.

During the “Blessing of the Blanket” Judy also described how she valued the Shady Grove

community in this period, “Who like my blanket are a rainbow of individuality, but together we are one very beautiful creation of warmth.”

NB When Judy began this mammoth effort, after teaching herself to crochet, she vowed to crochet one square for every cup of coffee she drank, for as long as it should take. Result (in Judy’s words): “1,682 squares ... yikes, that sadly means 1,682 cups of coffee!!”

Cosy 'family times' were held at Shady Grove for the June and July services (1st Sunday of the month at 4pm), as we retreated into the hostel by the warm fire as the winter chill set in. The August service will also be held in the hostel, but at 11am.

We share a meal after every service, and all are welcome.

Contact: Office Ph: 0490 660 175 E: admin@unitariansa.org.au

As a place of worship and fellowship, the church fosters relationships that extend beyond religious boundaries, bridging many divides. Through community outreach and service, the church strengthens the fabric of society, embodying love, unity, and a collective commitment to bettering the world. History has shown that the church is far from a perfect model of Christ’s body here on earth but while it continues to struggle with forgiveness of past wrongs, it is not being with complacent in its promotion of social cohesion.

Littlehampton Country Fire Service Con’t

Now is also the time to prepare a Bushfire Survival Plan. Having a written, well-rehearsed and communicated Bushfire Plan is key to your survival during a bushfire. For information and help in writing your plan please go to the CFS website at <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/make-a-plan/bushfire-survival-plan.jsp>

Thanks again to our wonderful community who continue to support us through our donation boxes placed at selected businesses throughout the area. Your contributions are very much appreciated and go towards additional safety equipment and station improvements.

Frank Regan

St James Anglican Church

ST JAMES NEWS WINTER 2024

Since the last newsletter we have had quite a lot of activity at St. James.

Firstly we celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Jesus.

This was followed shortly after by the commissioning of our new young priest Fr Daniel Irvine. This happy event was also blessed by the birth of a daughter, Erin, to Daniel and Jass just the week before. This is a great thing for our congregation and we are all looking forward to having him and his family with us.



History Month in May also brought many people interested in this town's history to visit the church and hear the rich history of this area. Some of the visitors had been Sunday School students there years before and they were quite surprised at the interesting area and the dominant spirit of our early settlers to provide this place for worship.

It was also the 175th anniversary of the town of Littlehampton and we joined with the community as they provided bus tours which showed some of the historic places to people. The buses left people at the church and they then visited the restored school.

The church opened in 1847 and the school in 1848, so that in fact Blakiston settlement preceded Littlehampton by two years.

During the month we also had a very interesting visit from two great great grandsons of Captain Francis Davison who was the first settler in this area.

Then towards the end of the month we had several buses of Littlehampton school children visit the church. This was a real highlight as there was good interaction with the youngsters, their questions were excellent and their interest in ringing the bell was even greater!!!

There has been a change of times for worship at St. James owing to Fr. Daniel also providing services to the Murray area. St James has Fr. Daniel on the FIRST Sunday of each month and the other service has remained at the fourth Sunday, all services are at 8.30am.

Thursday July 25th is St James Day and on this day, our Patronal Festival, there was a service at 11am followed by lunch at the Great Eastern Hotel. This was part of our Fellowship program and all were welcome.

Over the last few weeks I have been able to glean some more history of the settling of this area from the National Archives in Canberra all of which leaves me in awe of the people who set out for long sea voyages to make an unknown country their home without ANY of the facilities we now take for granted. We owe them much for their foresight and faithfulness.

Ronda Jaensch 0409 955 627



Gum Tree Community Garden Aug Update

Corner of Old Princes Highway and Gum Tree Drive, Littlehampton



During the autumn months community members were able to finish harvesting the tomatoes, zucchinis, lettuce and pumpkin. Many of the garden beds were then cleared and planted out with the new crops of winter produce, which included peas, beans, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, kale, beetroot and bok choi. Although the birds stole a few of the seedlings most of the vegetables are now growing nicely.

Signs have been erected on site regarding a proposed Development Application. As previously mentioned the entire block running up the Old Princes Highway is owned by the Mount Barker Christadelphians. They established the Gum Tree Community Garden in 2017 to

provide a tranquil space full of productive and attractive vegetation. The Christadelphians remain committed to their vision that the Garden be a dedicated green space open for all to enjoy. Although they wish to build a place of worship and essential car park towards the eastern end of the site, they have plans to landscape the area between the hall and the Garden. So the project will only enhance the Garden's facilities and therefore its usefulness.



The Christadelphian community is delighted to be able to continue to provide a lovely environment for local residents to enjoy and take home some fresh produce – all free of charge!

On behalf of the volunteers,
Stuart and Val Gilmore

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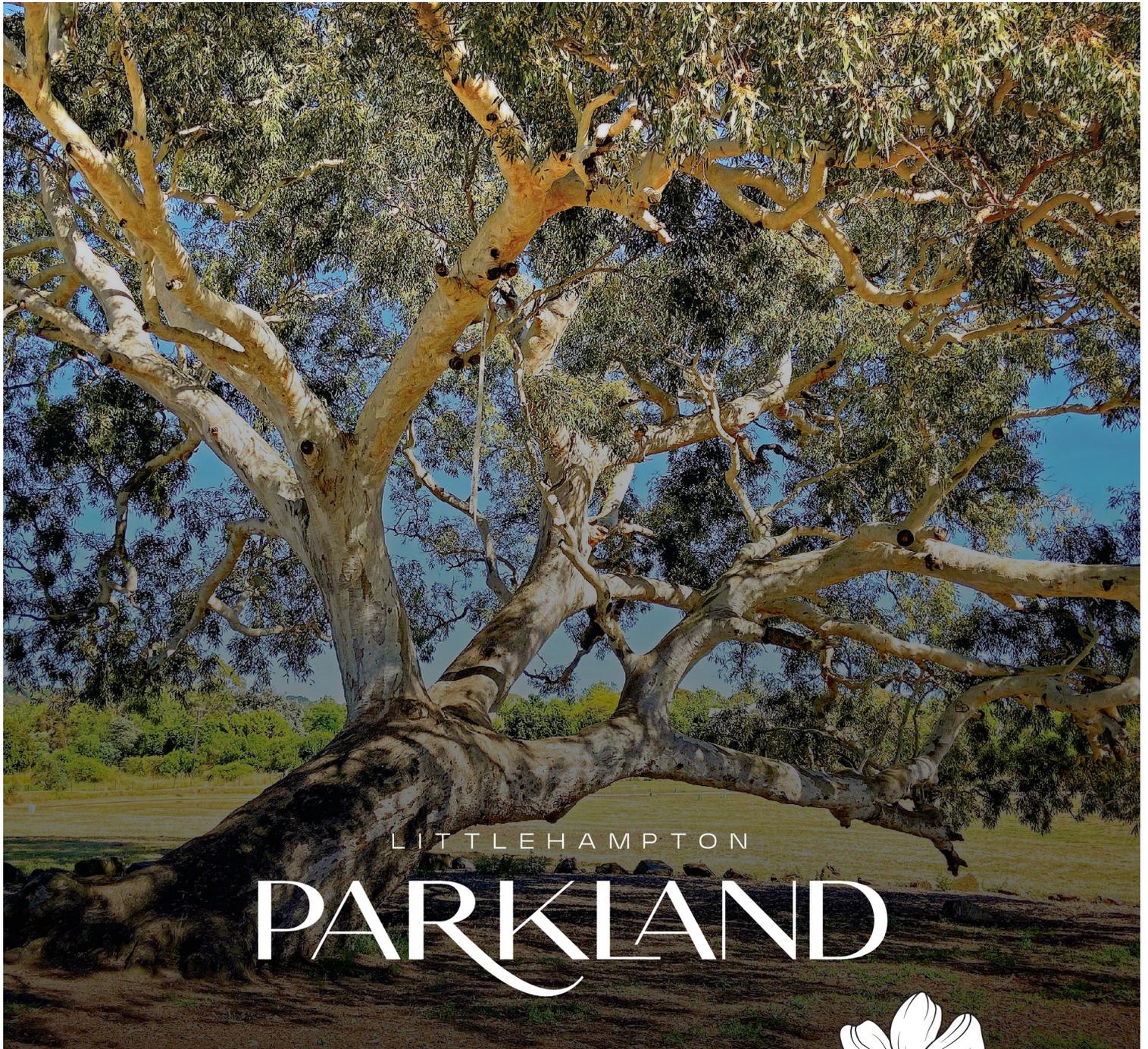
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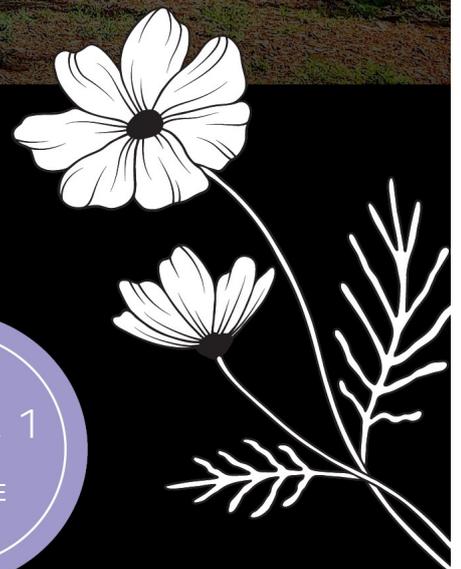
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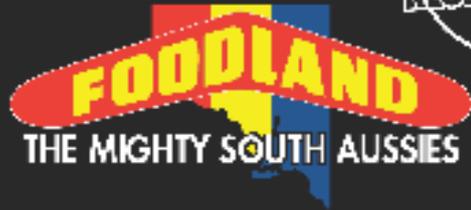
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