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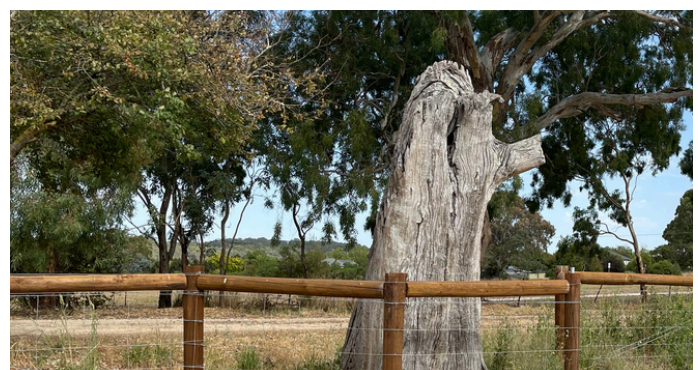
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KEEPING LITTLEHAMPTON STRONG



A vibrant community like Littlehampton has many moving parts and a lot of work occurs behind the scenes. Critical to this is the work of volunteers who provide insight and service to our town as they quietly go about their work to keep Littlehampton a harmonious and attractive place to live. These days we talk about being time poor, particularly those of us who work full-time or work out of town. But as little as one hour a week or month can make a great deal of difference. There are many options for volunteering in Littlehampton. They all provide vital services for the ongoing maintenance and protection of our town and being an active community member comes with its own rewards.

Find the full story on page 8-10



What is this? Read on to find out more!



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EDITOR'S NOTE

As the hot, dry weather moves into the cooler months many people are making plans for spending more time indoors. I find winter is much quieter socially and a great time to sort through my wardrobe, linen press, pantry and any overflowing cupboards. Decluttering is great for clearing the mind too. As they say, 'a change is as good as a holiday'.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the help of Rebekha Sharkie's office who have printed this edition of our newsletter and have made a commitment to do so in the future after our long-term printer closed its doors. Thank you Rebekha for your contribution to our community and our newsletter.

LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LCA)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello Littlehampton residents,

It is always lovely to come home from a day in the big smoke, leaving all the hustle and bustle behind, then being caught in a traffic jam (or a carpark). Not Adelaide but Mount Barker.

Work has started on the second bridge on Adelaide Road over the freeway. Be prepared for more Adelaide Road carparks heading in and out of Mount Barker until it is finished. Congratulations to the Littlehampton Community Association secretary, Lyndall Schliebs for receiving the Mount Barker Citizen of the Year 2026 Award. Very much deserved.

In February we held our Chairman's Dinner in Miels Park. This annual event is getting bigger and better each year with more members enjoying the festivities of the day. The monthly Chat & Play is leaping into being bigger and better each month. What do you do at Chat & Play? Chat, play and eat. Come with friends or make some new friends. Play a game or two and enjoy the company whilst making new friends. April 25th is ANZAC Day. We will be starting at 5.20am with a short story on the Kokoda Track followed by our dawn service.

The Littlehampton Community Association runs on volunteers. Become a member and be part of your community and help make Littlehampton an even better place to live.

Glenn Liebelt

Chairman

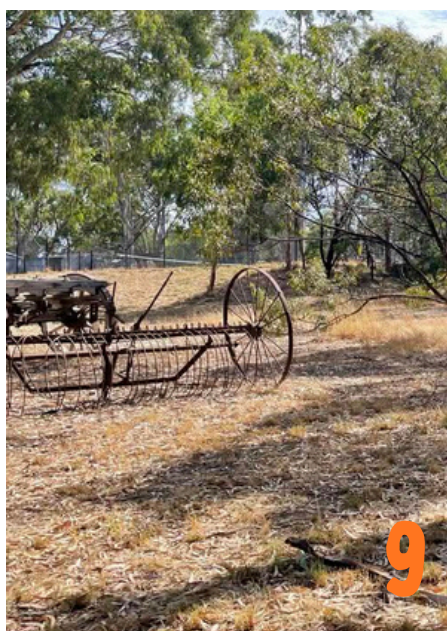
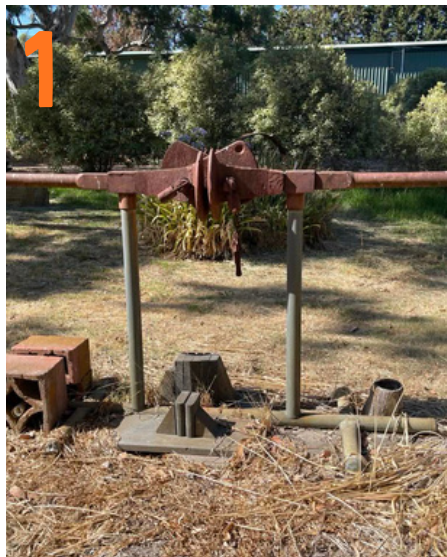
Littlehampton Community Association



RELIQS OF THE PAST

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

Answers are on **page 17**.



COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Littlehampton community newsletter!

It's always a pleasure to connect with you, and as I'm writing this, we're less than three weeks away from the State election – which makes this a timely opportunity to share what Council has been advocating for on behalf of our community.

You may have seen that Council is undertaking a sustained and targeted advocacy approach, guided by our Advocacy Plan. Simply put, we continue to go in to bat for our community! Importantly, this Advocacy Plan has been shaped directly by community input. We are working hard to ensure long-overdue infrastructure projects are prioritised and that our district receives fair funding support – particularly when compared with newer growth corridors across the State. This advocacy remains ongoing..... before, during and after elections.

For a little context, following the State-mandated rezoning of Mount Barker in 2010 (which saw more than 1,300 hectares of farmland rezoned for residential use), we are now one of South Australia's fastest growing regions, and carry a significant share of the State's housing agenda. Our Advocacy Plan focuses on ensuring infrastructure, services, and employment opportunities keep pace with that growth.

We are currently only at 30% development in the growth area, leaving 70% still to come – understandably a concern for many residents. I encourage you to read Council's Advocacy Plan, as one of our six key priorities is pushing for State policy changes to support sustainable development, including proactive planning for essential social and civil infrastructure. Many would agree this forward planning was lacking in the 2010 rezoning of our beautiful district!

You can find Council's Advocacy Plan on our website here: [Advocacy-Plan-2025-2029.pdf](#)

LOCAL MATTERS

- **Miels Park courts upgrade** – you may have noticed the fantastic facelift at the mixed-use courts at Miels Park. Upgraded as part of the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan, the works included renewal of the playing surface and fresh line marking – great news for our Littlehampton netballers and the wider community!
- **Anembo Park playground update** – just down the road at Anembo Park, some playground items – the flying fox, seesaw and balance beam – have recently been removed for safety reasons, following a playground audit. This is my youngster's favourite playground, so I completely understand there may be some disappointed families.

It is a necessary action though, as safety must come first. I assure you that Council is looking in to why this equipment hasn't endured as expected. In the meantime, Council crews are inspecting the remaining playground equipment weekly, and working to reinstate the equipment as quickly as possible.

- **Outdoor classroom at Coppins Bush** – I'm pleased to share that we will soon see a natural setting outdoor classroom at Coppins Bush, following a budget submission I put forward last year.

Coppins Bush is a registered Bush for Life care site and a beautiful 3.4-hectare area of remnant vegetation, also actively cared for by Littlehampton Primary School students. I hear that classes held at this bush site promote sustainability, community, and environmental learning – from creative writing and poetry to habitat care, local history and STEM classes. There's even talk of Bush Kindy in the future!

With strong support from the school, and aligned with actions in the Littlehampton Township Plan, I proposed a low-cost/low-impact installation of seating logs to enhance children's learning and connection to nature. I understand that once the location is confirmed, the logs are expected to be installed in the coming months. I can't wait to see our students continuing to learn in such a special natural setting!

- **Childs Road to Anembo Park shared-use trail** – finally, an update on the proposed shared-use trail connecting Childs Road to Anembo Park. Council recently submitted two grant applications for this important project but has unfortunately been unsuccessful in securing co-funding.

This trail remains a clear priority for the Littlehampton community (and Anembo Park users), particularly from a safety and accessibility perspective. Planning and design are well advanced, and it features highly in Council's draft trails plan.

The trail is in a tricky spot however, and with preliminary cost estimates for this project between \$2.2 – \$2.4 million, the project requires at least 50% external grant funding to proceed. As it is a priority, this project will be put forward for grant funding at every available opportunity.

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



Kind regards,

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WHAT IS IT?

This is a local legend called the Scary Man Tree. It is located on Fulford Terrace by the Parkland estate on the Nairne side of The Glebe. Many years ago as the young lads roamed the paddocks in the area, the tree in the distance appeared as an old man with his arms raised and mouth open. The local children were often frightened, particularly in gloomy light, hence the title it was given.

The proprietors of Parkland have thoughtfully fenced around the old tree to preserve its history. I think the Scary Old Man should have an explanatory plaque and a sculptured hat to add to its character. What do you think?



KEEPING LITTLEHAMPTON STRONG

Volunteers provide communities like ours with services that governments and councils don't supply. There are numerous ways that you can support the infrastructure of Littlehampton and its citizens that don't require a great deal of time and are suited to your age, schedule, abilities and level of fitness. It is just a matter of finding the right fit for you and your lifestyle.



LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

The Littlehampton Community Association was founded in 1974 and has been instrumental in the development of parks and green spaces and the improvement and maintenance of the township facilities. It holds annual Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services and provides a barbecue stand at various local events. The committee is made up of people of all ages and they would love to welcome new members. Meetings are held at the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the month.



LITTLEHAMPTON PEACE MEMORIAL HALL INC.

The Peace Hall works for our township by providing a space for community events and hiring its facilities for private ones. It also houses a collection of items relating to Littlehampton's history. The committee sees to the maintenance of this historic building, bookings for regular groups and any other activities. It also organises events of its own with history and fundraising activities. They meet on the last Monday of each month at 7 pm in the hall. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact the president James Eakins on 0439 057 970..

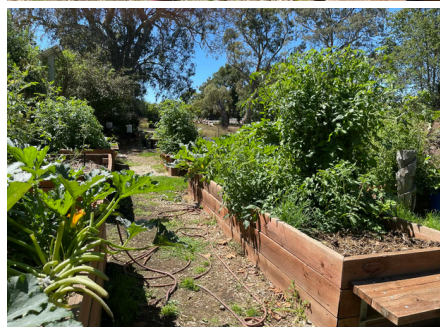
LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE

As residents of the Adelaide Hills, we are all very aware of fires and how they can impact our lives. The Littlehampton CFS makes the difference between us being in danger and keeping us safe. And there are many different volunteer roles in the organisation.

The most obvious volunteer role is to become a firefighter with the brigade. Meetings and training are at 7:30 every Monday night at the station, but there are some criteria to joining the operational unit. You must be over 16 years of age, live within 7 km of the station, be available to respond to incident callouts and be physically fit. These requirements will not suit everyone, particularly if you work outside of Littlehampton. But there are also non-operational roles within the CFS that do not require such a large commitment of time. They include radio operations, administration, operational support and fundraising. If you would like to be an active member of this vital service you can contact brigade captain Mark Thomasson AFSM on 0435 854 550.



GUMTREE COMMUNITY GARDEN



The Gum Tree Community Garden is a project established by the Christadelphians to grow and provide fruit and vegetables to the whole of the Littlehampton community. It is open all day, every day, and provides a space to connect with nature and to enjoy some quiet reflection with seating areas located amongst the thriving plantings. There is a lot of effort that goes into sustaining a healthy garden and volunteers are always welcome. Regular garden working bees are held every week on Friday from 10 to 11 am and Sunday 4 to 5 pm. There are jobs for everyone that include weeding, planting, pruning, mulching and watering to name just a few. A 'to-do' board at the entrance of the garden lists chores to be done if you cannot attend the regular sessions.

A communal space like this is for everyone to enjoy. Taking your family to a garden working bee is a wonderful way for children to learn about nature and becoming a good community member.

SERVICE CLUBS

Service clubs such as Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis have a long history of commitment to community. Our local club is the Rotary Club of Blakiston Nairne . They have served the Littlehampton and Nairne areas since 2005 and engage in projects such as mental health initiatives; sponsoring youth through the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, and supports the Men’s Health Project in the region. The club is also responsible for the Saint James School and Heritage Garden by the Glebe. Volunteers are always enthusiastically welcomed to help with the garden maintenance and Rotary fundraising events. Meetings and dinner are held every Wednesday at 6:30 at Auchendarroch in Mount Barker. You can contact the president, John Rowley, on 0497 855 908 if you are interested in becoming a member or assisting them with the garden or fundraising.



These associations are just a few examples of how you can become an active member of your community by volunteering a little of your time. There are many other opportunities out there such as church, school and sports clubs committees. Other community based local organisations that require regular volunteers are Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Library, charity shops, Hills Community Drivers and many more.

Involvement in volunteer organisations not only supports our townspeople but also brings a range of personal benefits, such as developing social connections and friendships, learning new skills, personal satisfaction and a sense of community pride and well-being. And you don't have to do it alone. Approach friends, family members or neighbours to join you. Everyone has the capacity to become a volunteer regardless of age, socio-economic status, gender, fitness or ethnicity. A little of your time can go a long way to improving the lives of all the people of our town.

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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH UPDATE



Fr Daniel's Easter Message

Easter: A Story of Renewal

Easter isn't just about a single event in history—it's about hope, transformation, and new beginnings. Even if we don't approach it as a religious story, the themes of Easter speak to something universal: that life can change in unexpected and meaningful ways.

The early followers of Jesus told stories of resurrection not simply as a miracle, but as a way to say that love, justice, and compassion are stronger than fear, death, or oppression. These stories remind us that even in the darkest times, renewal is possible.

Think of Easter as a symbol of new creation. It's a time to notice the ways life can start again—relationships healed, communities strengthened, and personal growth sparked. It challenges us to look for ways we can contribute to a world marked by generosity, understanding, and care for one another.

For us today, Easter is both a reflection and an invitation. It encourages us to trust in the possibility of positive change, to act with kindness and courage, and to cultivate hope where it might feel scarce. The "empty tomb" is, in essence, a metaphor: even what seems lost or broken can give rise to something new.

So this Easter, we celebrate the chance for renewal in our own lives and in our communities. It is a reminder that change is possible, that hope endures, and that each of us can play a part in shaping a more compassionate, vibrant world.

EASTER SERVICES AT ST JAMES BLAKISTON AND ACROSS THE PARISH

Good Friday - St James Church @ 3pm

Easter Day Holy Communion - St. James Church @ 8:30am

Easter Day Holy Communion - Christ the King Mt Barker @ 10am

Regular services are held at Blakiston on the 1st Sunday of each month and the 4th Sunday of each month, while Mt Barker has a regular service at 10am weekly.

You are most welcome to join for any or all services, we welcome new members.

Also this May there will be NO open days for History month either for the church or the school but if there is anyone interested in their family history or that of the church and area I would be happy to help. Please contact on phone 0409 955 627

SHADY GROVE UNITARIAN CHURCH

Shady Grove Road, Littlehampton



Shady Grove Unitarian Church News

Our small community had a great turnout of more than twenty at our Christmas Eve service at Shady Grove Rev Jo Lane led the Service with carols and readings. After the service, we all admired the newly renovated 'garden seat' which had been lovingly restored by members Jill and Murray Dunn. This was all followed by our customary shared meal in the hostel

Our February first Sunday of the month Vespers service was trialled as a summer time 6 pm service led by Rev Jo Lane and followed with a 'potluck' shared meal, one of the most gourmet meals we have enjoyed together!

A small group of five joined together for a February working bee in the hostel, enabling us to have a big clean up, as well as to enjoy a lunch time together on the same day as the bush care group who were having one of their outdoor weeding sessions Our next Shady Grove combined service with Norwood members will be on June 5th at 11.30am

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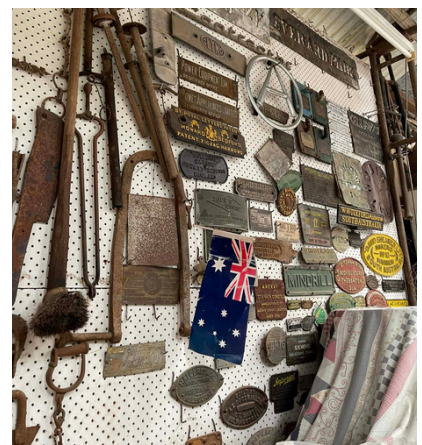
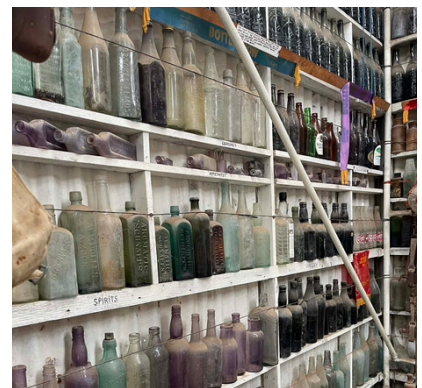
LITTLEHAMPTON HISTORY KEEPER - TREVOR KELLY

Local man, Trevor Kelly, is an enthusiastic collector of historic memorabilia. One of the sheds on his property is a veritable museum of eclectic groupings of tools, bottles, signage, hardware and much more. Trevor loves anything mechanical and other sheds hold vintage farm equipment including tractors, trucks and machinery. Some have been lovingly restored and others are being stored in their used condition. One valuable machine is a fully restored 1870 root pulper.

Trevor's most prized possession is his 1946 4L1-16 Fargo with an all steel Richards cab and tray top which he lovingly restored, completing the task 12 years ago with the help of his son. As a member of the Historical Commercial Vehicle Association, Trevor has participated in many rallies (generally three per year), and won many awards for his restoration work and maintenance on the Fargo. Last year he took the vehicle to Port Lincoln and Clare but needed a friend to drive it for him as arthritis and sciatica have limited his ability to operate the clutch. He also regularly displays it at the Mount Barker Power of the Past exhibition.

The Fargo brand is a forerunner of Chrysler. This particular vehicle is especially rare because of its truck cab and tray top. It also came with a rich history. The original owner was Norm Bain, an apiarist from Cockatoo Valley. Trevor found the signage when he rubbed back the paint on the driver's door. The vehicle was well-known in the district as it was considered very chic and unique. It changed hands several times until it was eventually donated to Mt Barker High School in 1990 for students to dismantle and tinker with. When the school came to dispose of it in 1995, the groundsman Allan Smith recognised its inherent rarity and took it off their hands. It was Allan who offered it to Trevor 10 years later and, even though it was in many pieces, he immediately snapped it up and the adventure began. It was a labour of love and at times became expensive, so he worked on it for nine years when the money became available.

The Fargo has been restored to its original condition with minute attention to detail. No wonder it is a showstopper and a multi award winner. Thank you Trevor for keeping history alive in Littlehampton. Trevor would dearly love to hear from anyone who attended or worked at Mt Barker High School from 1990 to 1995 to learn more about the Fargo and who may have worked on it. His number is 8391 2685 if you have any information to share with him.





GUM TREE COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT



The Gum Tree Community Garden was established in 2017 by a group of young people from the Christadelphian Church who owned the property on the corner of Gum Tree Drive and the Old Princess Highway, Littlehampton. Their vision was to productively utilise the unused space on the high ground surrounding the depression adjacent to the stormwater outflow pipe that runs under Gum Tree Drive.

From the very beginning those involved sought voluntary assistance from the Christadelphian

community, local residents and businesses connected to the local area. All involved gave freely of their time and expertise, as well as personal and business resources. This cooperative spirit has been an ongoing feature ever since the first garden beds were established. Local businesses donated the materials to build the garden beds and neighbours ran extension cords to permit the workers to use their power tools. In a short time, the first raised beds were put together and watered by a solar powered, timed irrigation system donated by a local company.

Since that time the Garden has further developed largely due to the drive of its dedicated volunteers. More raised garden beds have been established (there are now ten) with the surrounding areas also being utilised. The Garden is now a place of beautiful roses, salvias, buddleias, nepetas, lavenders and other plants framing the beds that provide seasonal fruit and vegetables. All of the seasonal goodies and flowering plants have been and continue to be donated by local residents. The garden beds are not the only focus of our local community. Over the years a netted area of fruit trees has been established on the Old Princes Highway side of the Garden. Everything is open to the public and is free for the taking. In fact, it has been evident that the local community has embraced a spirit of giving. A shed, material for raised garden beds, grass clippings, mulch, straw, manure, excess fruit, tables with bench seats, trees, plants and seedlings have all been freely given in the past. It is wonderful to be a part of such a generous community. The only downside is when people leave household goods that should be taken to the recycling centre at Windmill Hill. Perhaps they think that others may use the rubbish, but our wonderful volunteers must dispose of it.

The Christadelphian community who established the Garden have been delighted with the joy that it has brought the local community and look forward to maintaining its important role and even further enhancing what it has to offer.

**On behalf of the volunteers,
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8. Blakiston Road
9. Mace Road
10. St James Drive



LITTLEHAMPTON TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

The Hills Tennis Association 2025 / 26 summer season heads into the finals in March with the Littlehampton Tennis club having another very successful season with 10 of our 13 junior and 3 of our 8 Senior teams reaching the finals with 2 seniors teams missing the finals by only 1 point. Our lights continue to illuminate our courts every Tuesday and Wednesday nights for our popular mid-week competitions see over 70 junior and senior players from the hills and surrounding communities a week enjoying the great social tennis scene at the Littlehampton Tennis Club.

These competitions offer social and competition tennis for all skill levels and is a terrific way to get back into tennis if you have not played for a while. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for season registrations, which follow school term schedules. Hurry, as places are quickly taken. For further information, reach out to Glen and Emma at night@littlehamptontennisclub.com.au.

The club has also kicked off Monday night open court sessions starting at 6pm which are proving to be very popular where for just \$5 everyone from the community is welcome to come out without the need to book joining others for a game of doubles and singles. Hope to see you there! All this activity and the support from the Hills community have seen the Littlehampton Tennis Club membership grow to 145 creating an active and vibrant club offering tennis to all ages and capabilities. John Young our club coach continues to play an active role in the club supporting our junior season training program, representing the club in competitions and providing coaching juniors and seniors of all skill levels and ages at the Littlehampton Tennis Club almost every day of the week. Please contact John on 0402 194 422 for more information.

It is also important to acknowledge the tireless work done the Clubs committee in keeping the club facilities and competitions running all year round! Thank you to all our ongoing and new 2026 sponsors whose support continues to enable our club to offer tennis to the community.

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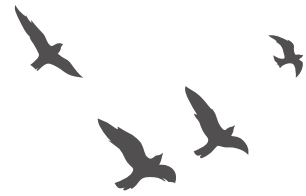
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Looking to have a social hit of tennis, our courts are available for booking by the public when not used for competitions and training through the Book a Court Systems by heading to our website <https://play.tennis.com.au/LittlehamptonTennisClub> and going to Booking.

As always, a big shout out to all our members and their families who continue to make the club a fun and successful place to play and enjoy tennis.

Remember, to keep up to date with what is happening at the club or have an inquiry please reach out via our FACEBOOK page or our website <https://play.tennis.com.au/LittlehamptonTennisClub>.

BIRD PARK



In the last newsletter I talked about the natural woodlands of both Coppins Bush and Turners Bush. Travelling around Littlehampton I was surprised to come across a little hidden gem called Bird Park. It is accessed from Hallett Road and is a smaller version of Coppins and Turners Bush. It has firm, flat walking paths and three seating areas for rest and reflection. Although it is quite dry at the moment, apparently it has abundant wildflowers in spring. If you are in that area, it is well worth a quiet stroll.



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If you are looking to encourage your child's imagination and creativity, or are seeking a unique gift for a special child, a visit to Head Heart and Hands is well with your while. Kelly Donald has created a shop filled to the rafters with books, art and craft supplies, games and imaginative toys carefully chosen to support calm focus, creativity, and a love of learning. It was inspired by the Waldorf theory of education where the head, heart and hands are all involved in imaginary and creative play that supports skills and development in childhood. The atmosphere is vibrant and full of charm, and many of the products are natural and eco-friendly. The store is currently stocking up for Easter and autumn.

Kelly also offers workshops for children and adults alike. If you would like to make a stunning Waldorf Doll keep an eye out for her next adult workshops . You can also book your children for craft workshops during the school holidays. Just call Kelly on 0411 450 654.



Head Heart and Hands was started by Luci Simmons in 2003. Luci is also a puppeteer who still runs Stargold Puppets and will be doing holiday workshops at the shop. Kelly took over the business last year and relocated the store and workshop to Littlehampton at unit 1/91 Old Princess Highway in front of Petra Ross Motors. It is an ideal location as it has a magical cottage-like appearance and plenty of off road parking. The opening hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10-4 p.m. and Thursday 11 -5 p.m. For more information you can go to the Facebook page or Email Kelly at headheartandhands2@gmail.com. Kelly is currently establishing an online shop for customers who are interested in her high-quality craft supplies and gifts all over Australia.

Your children will be delighted by all that Head Heart and Hands has to offer, from the tiniest little treasures to fit in hands and pockets, to the brightest, boldest books, toys and games. And adults will be just as enchanted.

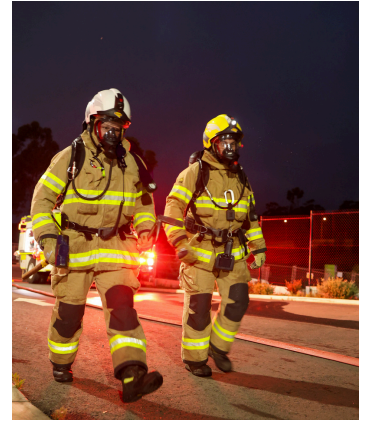


LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE UPDATE



While the number of local rural fires has been relatively low over the summer period, members of the Littlehampton Brigade have certainly not been idle. It has been a season marked by significant deployments and long hours.

Earlier in the season, crews were deployed interstate to assist in Victoria and to Kangaroo Island prior to Christmas, supporting communities facing challenging fire conditions. Closer to home, brigade members have responded to a range of serious incidents, including the structure fire at Langhorne Creek and scrub fires at Tooperang, Deep Creek, and Macclesfield.



The Deep Creek fires in particular required a tremendous commitment. More than half of our brigade members were involved in firefighting efforts during this fire, that threatened homes, farming properties, conservation parks and forestry land. Collectively members contributed over 200 hours on the fireground. An outstanding effort that reflects their dedication and resilience and support from their employers.

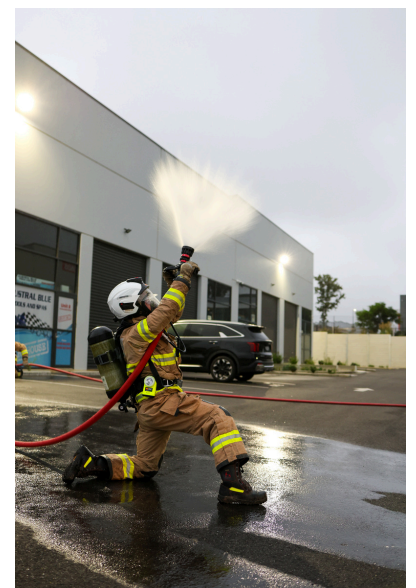
During the fires at Tooperang and Deep Creek, crews also witnessed the exceptional work of the private farm firefighting community. Their contribution was a powerful reminder that managing emergencies extends far beyond official emergency services. Large-scale incidents such as these highlight how support flows from many directions, including local businesses, private individuals, SA Police, the SA Metropolitan Fire Service, the State Emergency Service, St John, local councils, and the Salvation Army. These partnerships demonstrate the strength and unity of our broader community during times of crisis. In addition to major incidents, brigade members have also attended a range of local callouts, including building fire alarms, animal rescue, and oil spillages.

A grass and scrub fire that broke out in the middle of the night at Macclesfield served as an important reminder that emergencies can occur at any time. It reinforces the importance of having a well-considered Bushfire Action Plan that accounts for different times of day and extended periods of heightened risk. Further information on Action Plans can be found at <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepare>.

Although summer is drawing to a close and recent rainfall has brought some relief. The Fire Danger Season remains in force and restrictions apply until the end of April. Residents are encouraged to continue monitoring updates from their local council and the Country Fire Service websites to stay informed about current conditions and restrictions.

The Littlehampton Brigade extends its sincere thanks to its members, partner agencies, and the wider community for their ongoing support and commitment throughout the fire season.

Mark Thomason AFSM
Littlehampton Brigade Captain
Mark.thomason@sacfsvolunteer.org.au



ROTARY CLUB OF BLAKISTON NAIRNE UPDATE



It is with great sadness that the Rotary Club of Blakiston Nairne advises all residents of the sad passing of long serving member Shiralee Judge last month. Her services to our club have been invaluable and gratefully appreciated. Rotary was a huge part of Shiralee's life and she occupied the role of District Governor. Her dedication to helping others included raising \$20,000 for the McGrath Foundation in 2024, general fundraising and being actively involved in the Saint James School Project. Our sincerest condolences go to her family and friends. She will be sadly missed.

In spite of the dry weather the heritage roses in the St James Heritage Garden are looking beautiful. We have weeded and mulched the beds and are planning to paint the fence and install signage for visitors. When our new lease is signed, we will grass the area for people to enjoy picnics and admire the beauty of our stunning roses. A barbecue was held in Nairne for the Tour Down Under, and in spite of the extremely hot weather it was very successful. Needless to say the cold drinks sold exceptionally well. We are running a Bunnings barbecue in the near future to raise funds for the Variety Club through our support of car Pinocchio in the Variety Bash. Any help would be gratefully received.

In May the National Trust History Week agenda will include a visit to the Saint James School. It will be open to anyone who wishes to attend at 12 pm Sunday, May 5th. Rotary hopes to continue this once a month in the future, with dates to be announced.

We are always open to welcoming new members and volunteers. My number is 0497855908 for any inquiries.

President John Rowley OAM, Rotary Club of Blakiston, johnrowley1937@gmail.com

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The Hahndorf and Hahndorf-Littlehampton Junior Football Club welcomes all local residents to take an interest in our activities and endeavours to encourage participation in AFL and build a healthy and active community.

We look forward to a successful 2026, kicking off the year with our Season Launch in February. This was a fun day to welcome new players and families; and included a visit of the SANFL Stanley H. Lewis Trophy, won by Sturt and featured two Hahndorf Juniors, Ollie Grivell and Luke Edmonds.



The junior football program is at the heart of the club's ongoing success and we continue to invite new players and families to come and join. The club offers a full pathway for both boys and girls from U8 through to senior men and women. We are excited to field an U12 girls team for the first time in 2026. New players are always welcome throughout the season. Auskick will be running during Term 2 of school, held on Sunday mornings (for more info see: play.afl/Auskick).

We would love to see our local community come and support Hills Football. Upcoming fixtures are:

April 18. Hahndorf v Onkas (German Arms Oval, Hahndorf)

April 25. ANZAC DAY Clash, Hahndorf v Mount Barker (German Arms Oval, Hahndorf)

May 23, Hahndorf v Uraidla (German Arms Oval, Hahndorf).

We thank the families and businesses of Littlehampton for their ongoing support as players, volunteers, sponsors and members. To find out more visit www.hahndorffc.com.au or join us on Facebook and Instagram socials. General inquiries: info@hahndorffc.com.au





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EXCITING NEWS

The upgrade work to the Hall is now completed. Includes a new roof and gutters. New upper level and lower level storage rooms at the rear of the building. The Littlehampton Hall committee would like to thank the Mount Barker District Council for funding the project and improving the Hall for the community to use for many years to come.

OTHER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- Acoustic Curtains installed in Main Hall to improve the Acoustics for gatherings, services, music performances, speeches.
- Mobile AV equipment is now available. Can be used in any room in the building. Great for screen sharing, powerpoint displays, photo displays etc.
- Meeting Room has been refurbished to include repairs and full re paint. Great room for small meetings.
- Rear carpark, with plenty of carpark spaces, including a disability carpark.
- Excellent toilet facilities including accessible toilet and baby change table
- WIFI is available upon request

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.

HALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Hall Committee meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm in the Old Library. If you are interested in attending a meeting, joining the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall Association or becoming a member of our committee, please contact our President James Eakins 0493 057 970 or president@littlehamptonhall.org.au.

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

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



Chat & Play



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

Where: Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall, Littlehampton

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Soup and sour dough on arrival, and afternoon tea supplied *shive court*

Join your community in a fun afternoon of cards, board games, knit, or just a chat!

Everyone welcome

To register: Text or call Lyndall on 0407 133 100



MARCH APRIL WORKSHOPS

91a Old Princes Highway, Littlehampton

Sewing Circle

Bring your own craft at 10AM Wednesday for, hints, tips and help with items for the Waldorf Autumn Table, Kettle on!

Wednesdays

25th March, 1st April, 8th April

Making Wooden Easter Egg Puzzle

For 4 year olds and older

Saturday 28th March 9:30am - \$25

Making Wet Felted Hollow Eggs

For 10 year olds and older

(requires finishing at home in washing machine/dryer)

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April at 11am - \$25

Sew an Easter Chick Egg Warmer

for 5 year olds and older

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April at 10am - \$20

Saturday 4th at 9:15am - \$20

Autumn Felted Doll

for 7 year olds and older (Needle felting)

Saturday April 11th April at 10.30am - \$25 2hrs

Wet Felting - Make a Play Mat

for 10 year olds and older

Thursday 16th April 10am - \$35

Making an Autumn Fairy

For 5 years olds and older

Wednesday 22nd April 10:30am - \$20

Create an Autumn Garden

for 4 year olds and older

Saturday 18th April at 9:15am - \$20

Thursday 23rd at 10am - \$20

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

CHECK OUT LITTLEHAMPTON PEACE HALL'S 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're looking for new, enthusiastic members to help out at St James Schoolhouse and Heritage Garden for an hour at a time on the fourth Saturday of each month!

Interested? Get in touch today – Contact Michael Moran Mob on 0481 762 217
Come be part of something meaningful!

LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY - VOLUNTEER ROLE

Are you recently retired or new to the area and want the chance to become more involved in your community? Do you have administration skills and know your way around a computer? Are you interested in being part of a dynamic team of passionate volunteers who love the place we live in and work together for the benefit of our community? Are you able to commit to one evening meeting a month with occasional ad hoc tasks?

The Littlehampton Community Association is seeking a new secretary. You will receive training and assistance from the committee and your service will make a difference to the lives of Littlehampton's residents.

If you are interested please contact Lyndall Schliebs on 0407 133 100 or email lschliebs1@bigpond.com

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Photo Credit: Darren Clements Photography

Every year on Australia Day, the Mount Barker Council presents several awards. One of these is the prestigious Citizen of the Year Award. This year one of Littlehampton's hard-working citizens was the recipient.

Lyndall Schliebs was presented with the Citizen of the Year award in recognition of her many years of service to the Littlehampton and Hills community across the generations.

Her outstanding and ongoing volunteer service has included supporting local sporting associations including coaching and umpiring for the senior teams of the Littlehampton Netball Club and being an integral part of the establishment and

management of the Nighttime Tennis Association for the Littlehampton Tennis Club. She continues to volunteer with Mainly Music at Saint Marks Lutheran Church and has also acted as the secretary of the Littlehampton Community Association for the last seven years. Her most recent contribution was the founding of the Chat and Play group along with Susan Hamilton, that meets monthly at the Littlehampton Peace Hall. Lyndall saw the need to reduce social isolation for older residents and her vision has been a great success.

Lyndall is a valued member of the Littlehampton community. We extend our congratulations to her for the well earned title of Citizen of the Year and wish her every success in future endeavours.



EMERGENCY & LOCAL INFORMATION

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Police/Fire/Ambulance.....	000
Police Attendance.....	131 444
Mount Barker Police Station.....	8398 1700
Littlehampton CFS (24 hours).....	8391 2732
Fire Ban Information.....	1300 362 361
Mount Barker Hospital.....	8393 1777
Adelaide Hills Community Health Services.....	8393 1833
Crisis Care.....	131 611
Lifeline.....	131 114
AGL Emergency.....	131 366
SA Water Emergency (METRO).....	1300 883 121
SA Water Emergency (COUNTRY).....	1300 880 337

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Mayor David Leach.....	0429 515 969
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Mount Barker Community Library.....	8391 7312
Windmill Hill Transfer Station.....	8388 1099
Lost Dogs (Council).....	8391 7200
Lost Dogs (Pound).....	8388 7514
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