LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER



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WHY LITTLE HAMPTON?



At the turn of the century, the population of Littlehampton hovered between 600 and 850 people. Today it is heading towards 3,500! The demographic of the community has changed drastically as well. In the early 1900s, the people who lived in Littlehampton worked in the many industries that existed in the town. There was a sawmill, brickworks, baconry, jam and sauce factory, brewery and the commercial collection of legume seeds. Also, there were the long established farming families in the immediate surrounds that employed further townsfolk.

Today, the long time Littlehampton residents are far out numbered by the people who have relocated here from other localities. The greatest proportions of residents here are now young, commuting couples and families and retirees. So what makes Littlehampton so attractive to newcomers?

Find the full story on page 6.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

As the new editor of the Littlehampton Community Association Newsletter I would like to hear from you. What would you like to see in your community? Are there achievable projects that would improve our town?

Get involved by emailing me at: editorlcanewsletter@gmail.com and the next edition could include a Letters to the Editor item. I am looking forward to your contributions - Terrell

My sincerest thanks to Sarah Butcher who has acted as co-editor on this newsletter. She has freely given me her time, energy and knowledge while compiling this edition and I could not have produced this without her generous assistance. Many thanks, Sarah!

LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LCA) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello residents (including our newest residents) of Littlehampton!

The growth of a town is important. Sadly, it's at the cost of much needed farmland. People have to live somewhere!

Littlehampton is sometimes over shadowed by its big brother, Mount Barker (did you know that if the Freeway wasn't placed in the location of where it is now, Littlehampton would have been swallowed up by Mount Barker?). Also, the name "Littlehampton" was named by Benjamin Grey after his home town back in the UK. Originally it was split "Little Hampton." But in the 1880s it was modernised and made into one word, "Littlehampton".

Why the history? It's just to give you a snippet of background about our town.

The Littlehampton Community Association helps preserve that and a lot more interesting facts about this town of ours. The LCA also helps in the progress of the town, like the upgrading of parks, walkways, playground equipment and so much more. We do fundraise for these ventures like BBQs around the district.

We also have a "Chat & Play" day on the first Wednesday of each month from 12 midday, where the locals attend for some soup and yummy food and games. Join us for a lovely afternoon out.

Be part of your town and community!

Glenn Liebelt

Chairman

Littlehampton Community Association

LCA Inc





COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Littlehampton Newsletter! As the year races by, it's hard to believe we're already halfway through 2025. They say time flies — and it certainly feels that way more and more each year!

I was pleased to catch up with many residents at the recent Littlehampton ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast, where over 500 people, of all ages, came together. Every year it is lovely to see more people attending to honour and remember those who have fallen and those that have served our nation.

I'm often asked for updates on my activities in Council, and this is a perfect opportunity to share. I love my role as your Councillor and take great pride and honour in working for you to the best of my abilities. Meeting with residents, local community groups, and sporting groups are opportunities that I embrace to connect and engage. Life is busy with a young family and external work commitments, but this role is very special and I'm working hard for you.

Each year, Councillors have opportunity to submit budget proposals that are considered for contribution to the Annual Business Plan and Budget. As with the past two years, for many of my annual budget submissions I have worked with both residents and community groups with hopes to achieve positive outcomes, so I thought this year I would share my submissions below with you:

- Park identification and welcome signage for Miels Park & Willow Park, Littlehampton
- Installation of a natural setting "Outdoor Classroom" at Coppins Bush, Littlehampton
- Shade Policy for MBDC, prioritising playgrounds
- Continued resourcing of Council's Fire Mitigation Officers positions
- Investigate the merit of an animal impound facility to potentially be owned/part owned by Council
- Consideration of a Modular, transportable pump track system to be shared on rotation through the district's townships
- Consideration of a Greening Verge Incentive/Rebate Program
- Consideration for increasing the Community Event Support Program annual funding allocation
- Trail network connect Nairne township to Mount Barker and Littlehampton
- Investigate Forestree's 'MyCanopy' App to allow for individual property's tree canopy percentage to be included on rates notices
- Brukunga township entrance improvements
- Implementation of Nairne Stage 3 Recreation courts and Cultural Garden
- New boundary fencing Nairne Recreation Oval Complex
- Drinking fountain for Linear Trail, Homemaker Centre
- Woodside Rd Dog Park, Nairne off-street car park construction request
- Nairne Recreation grounds drainage project

If you'd like further information or to provide feedback on any of the above, please let me know.

Also by way of update, in February's Special Council meeting, I prepared a motion regarding the Mt Barker Community Library, requesting that the Mayor (on behalf of Council) write to TAFE SA, the Premier and all relevant Ministers to seek formal discussions to identify and explore opportunities for partnership/development of the current Dumas Street library site to facilitate the expanded library service.

This was in direct response to formal survey feedback, where our community told us that the current library location meets their needs (94% of respondents) and that they are satisfied with the library location (93% of respondents). What a resounding survey response! And one that I felt absolutely needed to be acknowledged with action.

The motion also requested consideration of additional funding to bring library operations, staffing, and collection resources for our much-loved library up to accepted National Standards over a two-year budgeting period. I'm pleased that my motion was passed by Council. I can now share that Council has received a positive response from TAFE SA, with TAFE expressing an openness to conversation/ negotiation. Our diligent Council staff have been meeting with TAFE SA representatives and whilst discussions are in their early stages, I understand they are consistent with the Council resolution of February. So this is promising news – the community was heard, and we'll see where these discussions take us.

On to further Council updates that may be of interest below:

ADVOCACY PLAN

Earlier this year, Council endorsed a comprehensive Advocacy Plan. This plan includes advocacy for state infrastructure and services to be proportionate to district growth, with a copy of this plan provided to all relevant State and Federal Ministers (and shadow ministers) to keep them updated on our district's priorities and needs. With Council advocating for over 80 projects with a combined value exceeding \$7 billion, this Advocacy Plan is on Council's website and is well worth a read if you get a chance: Advocacy-Plan-2025-2029.pdf

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Hopefully you've seen that the long-awaiting Junction Road footpath is very close to completion!
- For those Hall and netball court users, I can confirm that the Miels Park carpark lights are now operational and will make such a difference over the darker winter period in assisting you safely through the carpark space.
- I understand that both the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall Roof and Dressing Room (lean to) projects are currently with Council's procurement team, having been through the concept and design phase previously. It will be so exciting to see these Hall projects begin when possible, so watch this space.
- Road resurfacing projects have also recently occurred in Blakiston, including Compson Road, Blakiston Road, Mace Road and Joseph Road.

Please remember that if you ever have any service requests or queries, just let Council's helpful staff know. Council can be contacted by phone on: 8391 7200, email: council@mountbarker.sa.gov.au, or via either the My Local Services App https://www.localcouncils.sa.gov.au/my-local-services-app or Snap Send Solve. If Council staff know about it, then they can respond and assist you!

Read more on page 5.

Draft ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

Council's 2025/26 draft Annual Business Plan and Budget is being finalised and will be released for community consultation in June. When the consultation period opens, I would encourage everyone to have a read of the Annual Business Plan to understand the 2025/26 budget including total funding received and total expenditure.

SUMMIT AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE

The Summit Aquatic and Leisure Centre (SALC) Stage I build is now over 70% complete. Having recently toured the facility, I'm happy to share that I was extremely impressed and excited for our community, with the facility on track to open in August 2025. For those interested, please have a look at the project page and frequently asked questions here: Summit Aquatic & Leisure Centre | Mount Barker District Council

ADDITIONAL WATERING MEASURES

Finally, a number of residents have reached out to me regarding the health of street trees and public spaces in this terrible dry spell we are having. Please be reassured that additional measures are being undertaken by hard working Council staff to maintain trees and several revegetation sites around the district. Council has a new watering truck, and watering programs and projects have been implemented to maintain our beautiful existing tree assets – infact, with additional 'one off waterings' conducted, this has seen some 5,428 tree waterings occur. If you are concerned about any specific Council trees or vegetation, please reach out to Council staff or lodge a service request.

As always, the above views are my own and not those of Council. If you have any queries, concerns or comments I am only a phone call or email away, 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, North Ward Councillor – Tel. 0493 524 584



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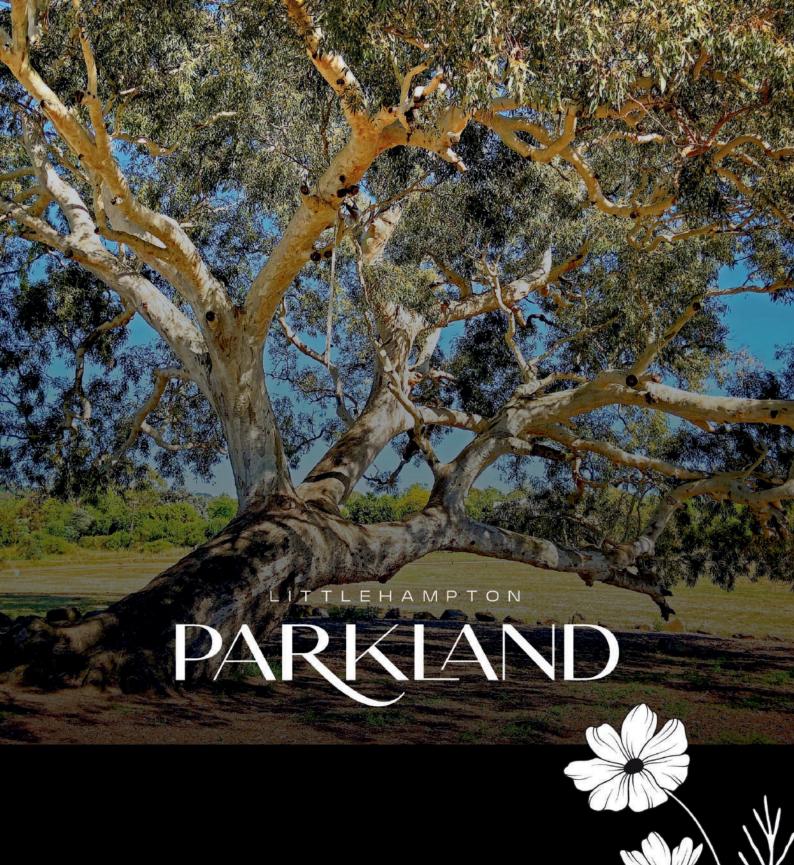
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RELICS OF THE PAST

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

Answers are on page 16.

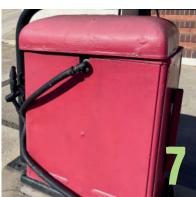




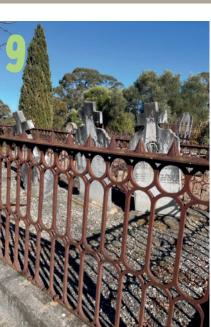


















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WHAT IS IT?



This is a little library. It is the initiative of a couple who reside on Smeaton Crescent to share the joy of books and reading with the community. As you walk by, you can look to see if any of the reading material appeals to you and "borrow" from it. Exchanges/contributions to the little library from community members are always welcome. Local author, Leonie Kelsall, who lives nearby, has even donated two of her books, "The Wattle Seed Inn", and "The Farm at Peppertree Crossing" to the library.

Judging by the changing book titles, it is a popular stopping point for many people. It would be wonderful if more households established "little libraries" of their own across the town so more readers can have one near them. After all – sharing is caring, and it makes good communities, great communities!





GUM TREE COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT

New seedlings have been planted in April and May for our winter crop and we have tried to protect them from the birds and wildlife, by covering them with old pots and clear plastic bottles that are open at the top, so they can still be watered!

In winter, we will be pruning the fruit trees, so they will be ready for bearing fruit in the warmer months.



We still appreciate people dropping off animal manures and lawn clippings which can be placed nearby to the compost heaps.

The Christadelphian community are 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





WHY LITTLEHAMPTON?

My husband and I relocated to Littlehampton from Murray Bridge 30 years ago with our children who were six, eight and ten years old at the time. My husband's work role had been transferred to Adelaide and after three years of a grinding commute, enough was enough.



We were country people and the suburbs of Adelaide held no appeal for us, so we began the search for a location - preferably much smaller and quieter than Murray Bridge - where we could raise our children in a safe, peaceful environment with play spaces, quiet streets and a small school close by. After searching for four months, we were travelling from a house inspection in Nairne to another in Hahndorf when we drove through Littlehampton. We were instantly charmed and the following weekend we bought a block to build our new family home.

There have been many changes since we arrived, and the town that ticked all our boxes 30-years ago has grown. We now have a supermarket, medical clinic, pharmacy, restaurants, cafes and even a gym. But the essence of this town and community hasn't changed. Our children grew and left home to study, work and marry. But they have all returned to the hills to raise their own families. Need I say more! Littlehampton is our forever home.

Continue reading to explore the stories of three other couples who chose to call Littlehampton home.

- The Editor

JENNA & MATT

Matt and Jenna are a professional couple in their mid-thirties. Matt was transferred by his national company from Sydney to manage their Adelaide branch with wife Jenna, a physiotherapist. They moved to Adelaide in 2019 and rented a house in Allenby Gardens. Then came Covid. They had long wanted to enter the property market and realised that they could have in Littlehampton what they could only dream about in Sydney - a spacious family home in a rural location without a prohibitive commute. Because of the pandemic they did all their research online and in August of 2020, they finally bought a house here sight unseen.

They have not regretted their unusual way of purchasing their home. Matt finds the drive to Adelaide an easy one and also works from home 2 days a week, while Jenna works in Mitcham for the time being. They are expecting their first child in November.

They love the lush greenery around them, the quiet streets, the lack of traffic, and the closeness of all the services they need in the district. They look forward to their kookaburra wake-up call most mornings. Their established garden attracts all kinds of birdlife and they enjoy entertaining in their large outdoor area. As they see it, they have the best of both worlds – a country lifestyle and city connections without daily traffic jams, dense housing around them and the continuous noise. It took a while to get used to having to pick up their mail, but now they enjoy the walk and picking up good coffee at the same time.

They have found the community to be a friendly one and are looking forward to raising their son in a warm and safe environment. Because they have plenty of space for guests, they have regular visits from family and friends who all agree that Matt & Jenna have found their "slice of heaven".

GAIL & NOEL



Gail and Noel are a retired couple who moved to Littlehampton in 2022. Noel's mother, Shirley, joined them the following year. They relocated from Munno Para West where they had lived for twenty-six years. Their children and grandchildren had moved away from their area, with some living in the hills region, and they no longer needed such a large home on a 1 ¼ acre block. They were not enjoying the issues that suburbia brings with it including traffic, noise and large amounts of people. The increasing amount of local crime was also beginning to concern them.

It was time for a downsize and a move to be closer to some of their family. For Gail, the appeal of Littlehampton had a lot to do with the ten happy years she spent here as a child and teenager. Some people may remember the Searcy family. The lush greenness of the town was in stark contrast to Munno Para's dry, dusty environment and she looked forward to dabbling in a garden that gave her multiple options for plantings.

Noel and Gail loved to spend a day driving through the hills as a pleasant outing when they lived in the northern suburbs, and now enjoy the drives to visit their children and grandchildren. They fully appreciate the lack of commercialisation of Littlehampton - no fast food or large stores and the fact that parking is not a problem here. The quiet streets give them the sense of tranquillity they were looking for and they both agree that the cooler weather here suits them much better.

Although they were looking for a newer home, they were pleasantly surprised to find that house prices here were very reasonable. Consequently, they bought a thirty-year-old home and were able to make improvements on it, both inside and out, to suit their needs. They love their neighbourhood and the friendliness of the people around them and look forward to many years here in their tree-change home.

Kristyn & Andrew

Andrew and Kristyn, relocated to Littlehampton from Melbourne in December 2022 after their wedding. For Andrew, it was a return to South Australia. Kristyn was raised in rural Victoria where she lived until marrying Andrew. They are in their early thirties and have one child who was born here.

When work relocated the pair to Adelaide, they both agreed that suburbia was not for them and they went looking for a home in the Adelaide Hills. They found a family home that was within their budget in Littlehampton that suited all their needs. The township too was a good fit for them. It was close enough to the city for Andrew to commute and close enough to Mt Barker to provide all the services they required, which they both find very convenient. They enjoy the feel of a small country town and don't envisage moving anywhere else as all their needs are taken care of here. Kristyn is particularly pleased with the similarities between her home town in Victoria and Littlehampton – even the weather! Andrew and Kristyn appreciate the choices they have in open areas, parks and playgrounds and the fact that everything is within easy walking distance on quiet roads and paths. Kristyn regularly strolls with her baby to the shops, post office and cafes. The community atmosphere of Littlehampton has supported their belief that living here was the right choice to raise a family and stay in touch with what nature has to offer.





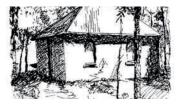


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Shady Grove Unitarian Church News

Our year has been a varied one at Shady Grove, with the hot, fire-threatening early days, giving way to the present cold, sitting by the combustion heater during days, and evenings. Our bush carers are constant; doggedly dealing with weeds which threaten the native habitat.

Our Sunday club young people, with leaders and some parents, recently enjoyed their autumn camp in April at Shady Grove. Highlights included a campfire featuring 'Hugo's cheese toasties', a nature walk, a night walk, damper making, nature mosaics, and board games, including the world premier of the epic board game adventure "Shady Grove Road". The food was reportedly greatly enjoyed as always. The children carried out a service project under supervision as well; of sanding and varnishing some of the external hostel doors. The group summed up their love of Shady Grove as "this special place where time seems to stand still."

Services are still held monthly on the first Sunday: the Combined services at 11.30am led by Minister Kris Hanna being in March, July and November. Our winter services at 4 p.m. are held by the fire in the hostel (Summer 5 p.m.) All services are followed by a shared pot-luck meal. All are welcome to join in with our activities

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LITTLEHAMPTON TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

What a busy summer season it has been at the Littlehampton Tennis Club with our 10 junior and 8 senior teams all having great seasons and our courts a hive of activity most Saturday mornings.

Congratulations to our Junior Div 4 Girls, Junior div 4 Boys and Senior Div 5 teams as premiers for the 2024/25 season, as well as our senior Div 1 and 6 teams on being runners up. Well done to all our junior and senior players and thankyou to all the family and friends who have supported them during the season.



The club was again proud to use its fantastic facilities to host the Hills Tennis Association HTA Junior Grand Finals, which created a great vibrant atmosphere for all of the junior teams to battle out their grand finals in front of cheering crowds. Look out for the registrations opening for upcoming 2025/26 summer junior and senior seasons on our Facebook site in September.

The lights at the Littlehampton Tennis Club courts continue to be very busy illuminating our 12 courts during the extremely popular Tuesday and Wednesday midweek evening competitions which welcome tennis players from the hills community and surrounding areas, including Strathalbyn and Murray Bridge. These competitions offer social and competition tennis for all skill levels and are a terrific way to get back into tennis if you have not played for a while. Look out for season registrations on our Facebook site with seasons aligned to school terms, but be quick as spots fill fast. For further information reach out to Glen and Emma at night@littlehamptontennisclub.com.au

Littlehampton Tennis Club won a very close 4th Annual Interclub Tournament with Murray Bridge Lawn Tennis Club. After 2 full days of tennis and 60 matches it all came down to the result of the final doubles match, with the Annual Interclub for the first time including the top juniors from both clubs. The club is looking forward to again hosting Tennis SA Hotshots Day later in the year to encourage more children to the game of tennis, which looks to be extended to 2 days this year to cater for the increased number of schools and students from the hills taking part.

You will find John Young coaching juniors and seniors of all skill levels and ages at the Littlehampton Tennis Club almost every day of the week. If you're interested, please contact John on 0402 194 422 for more information.

Once again, a huge thankyou and acknowledgment of our sponsors for 2025 whose support continues to enable our club to offer tennis to the community and provide some of the best tennis facilities in Adelaide.

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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.

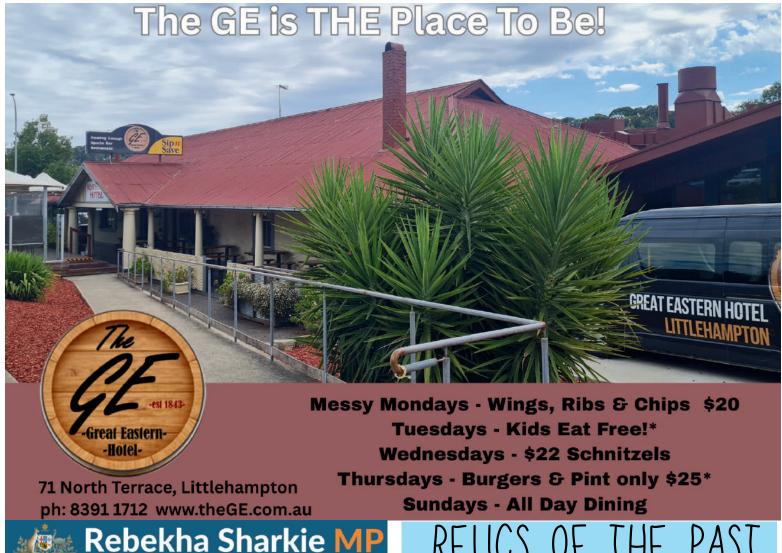
Remember, to keep up to date with what is happening at the club through our Facebook page or our website https://play.tennis.com.au/LittlehamptonTennisClub. Looking for a club for you or for your children to play and learn tennis? We are always looking for new members. Please contact Littlehampton Tennis Club via Facebook.

Finally, 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.



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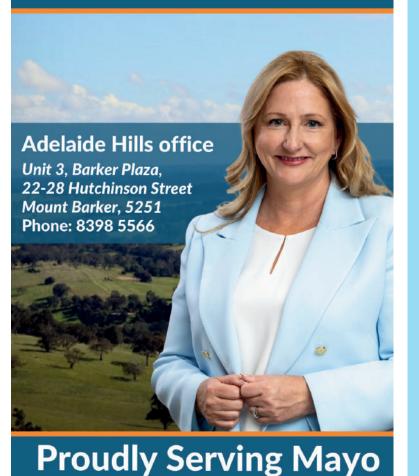
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RELICS OF THE PAST

ANSWERS

- Obsolete railway signal & message boxes, Princes Hwy
- 2. Advertising mural on Childs Rd
- **3.** Farm equipment, Princes Hwy
- **4.** St James School, Princes Hwy
- Foundation Stone on Littlehampton Peace Hall
- **6.** St James Church Bell Tower
- **7.** Fuel Pump (in front of Pizzafino)
- **8.** Fallen Power Pole, Princes Hwy
- 9. Cleggett Family Plot, Blakiston Cemetery
- **10.** Old horse-drawn cart, Nitschke Rd



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Federal Member for Mayo

ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH UPDATE



As usual, May is History Month, and once again we have joined with the Blakiston/Nairne Rotary Club in opening the church and school on two Sunday afternoons. This year has focused on building the history of both the Church of St. James and the surrounding area by obtaining a detailed article written by George Morphett about our founder, Captain Francis Davison, from the National Library in Canberra.

Captain Davison's diary entry for September 7th, 1846, records that the trustees for the church would be himself, Lt. Dashwood RN, Allan McFarlane, Henry Seymour, and Mr. Chambers. These men were responsible for the entire building of the Rectory, the church, and the sinking of a well for water.

Captain Davison's mother died when he was only four years old, and at an early age, he entered the Navy. He served at the siege of St. Sebastian and was awarded 6 shillings and 8 pence for the capture of the French ship Suzanne—he was just 12 years old at the time. He later gained some knowledge of mercantile law, after which he was given command of the ship Ceylon, travelling the world. One of these voyages brought him to New South Wales, where he met John and Joseph Hawdon. The Hawdon brothers had come to NSW in the 1830s and had property at Howlong on the Murray.

Captain Davison subsequently married their sister, Elizabeth, on 29th June 1835 at Stainthorpe in County Durham. Influenced by the Hawdon brothers, he brought his family to Australia on board the Cleveland, arriving in Port Adelaide on 24th December 1839. Mrs. Davison found the heat and dust of Adelaide quite difficult, but on arriving at Blakiston the following March, she was very happy with her new surroundings.

Elizabeth Davison settled happily into the tasks of a pioneer's wife. Her husband was known for his hospitality, and she welcomed and fed many visitors to their home. Her diary is filled with uncomplaining notes of household chores that we today would find challenging. She churned butter, receiving three shillings per pound in Adelaide, made candles, and tended the garden—which was quite notable. She also checked for straying stock and even made a carpet for their sitting room.

On 26th June 1840, Captain Davison was appointed a magistrate and served the area from Birdwood, Gumeracha, and Mt Barker through to settlements as far as Port Elliott. We at St. James value the legacy left to us by these and many others who, through Christian example, helped make this part of South Australia a peaceful and successful area for future generations. We give thanks for their foresight.

Today, we still worship in this church on two Sundays each month—the first and fourth Sundays at 8:30 am. Our priest is Fr. Daniel Irvine. We also have a Fellowship Group that meets on the third Thursday of each month. Please join us.

LITTLEHAMPTON BEAUTY SPOTS

Meandering the streets of Littlehampton is a very pleasant experience for dog walkers, friends and families. Every turn reveals lovely gardens and streetscapes. Autumn colour in Littlehampton rivals any town in the hills. So whether you are an avid green thumb who can appreciate the achievements of others, an aspiring gardener looking for ideas or you are stepping out for a bit of exercise, stop and smell the roses when you pass some of our community's beauty spots.





























LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE UPDATE



As we now head into the winter months, this is a great opportunity to take stock and start planning for the next Fire Danger Season. With the extended period of low rainfall, it is critically important that we start our preparation well ahead of the warmer spring months. This could include preparing or reviewing a 5 minute Bushfire Survival Plan. You can head straight to the CFS website at

https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/beforea-fire-be-prepared/make-a-plan/bushfiresurvival-plan.jsp to prepare your plan.



It's important that we all continue to do our bit year round to 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 maintain your property during 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/

This time of year, we often see an increase in structure fire incidents. Some of these fires are often the result of poorly maintained flues on combustion heaters. If you haven't already done so, now is also a great time to call on the services of a professional chimney sweep to give your combustion heater some TLC. Some additional actions you can take to protect your home from the risk of fire would be to check and replace the batteries on your smoke detectors, check your electrical heating appliances including electric blankets for any signs of wear or damage.

The rise in the use of lithium batteries in power tools to electric vehicles is also presenting an increasing risk to communities everywhere. Please check your batteries, charging stations, portable battery appliances and cables for any signs of wear and damage. Do not leave batteries on charge for extended periods of time and whatever you do, always use the correct charger for the appliance as per the manufacturer's instructions. Lithium battery fires burn more intensely and produce extremely toxic gasses. These fires present significant challenges to responding firefighters and are more difficult to suppress. For more information on Lithium-ion battery safety please check out CFS the website at https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/lithiumion-batteries/The Littlehampton Brigade has been kept busy over the Fire Danger Season not only responding to emergencies in our own area, but our neighbouring communities. In addition, we have sent our volunteers to large campaign fires including Wilmington in the Southern Flinders Ranges, and the incidents in the Lucindale area in the South East.

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Littlehampton Brigade is continuously recruiting for Brigade Firefighters and Operational Support members (non-operational support roles). If you are interested in serving your local community, we would love to hear from you. Simply send me an email, or call in on a regular Monday training night to have a chat.

Last but not least as always, a big shout out to our wonderful local community who continue to support us through our donation boxes placed at selected businesses throughout the area. We would like to acknowledge all the businesses which have raised funds to donate to our Brigade. Your contributions are very much appreciated and go towards additional safety equipment and station improvements. Some of these items included additional tools and a tool kit to carry out those repairs around the Station, and additional masks for breathing apparatus for operators to train with for spares. Thank you again from all of us here at the Littlehampton Brigade.

"Vale Adrian Muldoon"

The Littlehampton brigade was saddened by the recent sudden passing of one of our most dedicated and much loved members, Adrian Muldoon. Adrian was a stalwart of the Brigade, and local community. He will be dearly missed by all. Adrian served his community, which he loved, for over 30 years. I would like to express our deepest condolences to his family, and extend my thanks to all of you in the Littlehampton Community who turned out on masse to farewell Adrian on the 14th of March.

Frank Regan
Brigade Captain
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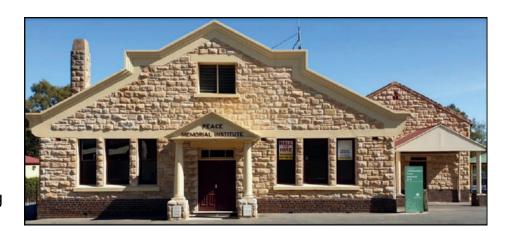
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BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- The Hall is just about to receive a new roof and a new lean-to at the rear of the building to replace the existing old structure, all thanks to Mount Barker District Council (MBDC). These works are to commence in July.
- Recent refurbishment of wooden floors of the Supper Room, Main Hall and Stage with assistance from MBDC grant
- New custom built memorabilia cabinet installed by Pfitzner Furniture
- 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

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 Jonathan Liebelt on 0424 723 589 or president@littlehamptonhall.org.au.

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

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.

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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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The 2024 season was a great success for our club.!

We were awarded the Hills Football League shield for "best club of the year award" for the 10th straight year in a row, and were voted the #1 Country Football Club in South Australia by the Advertiser. We brought home premierships in the A Grade, C Grade and U12s, and were runner-up in B Grade, U14 mixed and U14 girls. It was also great to celebrate our Open Women's team who made finals for the first time.

We are now well into the 2025 season and are pleased to be fielding 16 teams from U8 through to Seniors. New players are always welcome throughout the season. We would love to see our local community come and support Hills Football.

Upcoming events include:

- July 5 → Indigenous Round Clash, Hahndorf v Mount Barker (at German Arms Oval,* Hahndorf)
- July 26 → Hahndorf v Nairne (Premiership re-match at German Arms Oval, Hahndorf)
- August 9 → Hahndorf v Mount Lofty (German Arms Oval, Hahndorf)
- August 23 → Hahndorf v Onkas (Balhannah Oval)

We thank the families and businesses of Littlehampton for their ongoing support as players, volunteers, sponsors and members.

To find out more visit <u>www.hahndorffc.com.au</u> or join us on Facebook and Instagram socials. General inquiries: <u>info@hahndorffc.com.au</u>



LITTLEHAMPTON MARKETPLACE KITCHEN

A great place for breakfast, brunch, lunch or afternoon tea is the Marketplace Kitchen, situated right next door to the Littlehampton Marketplace. With the capacity to seat up to 65 people, it is the perfect stop for meeting friends and family for a meal or snack, or for grabbing a quick coffee after shopping next door. With attentive staff, excellent cooks and baristas and ample parking, it's hard to go past its tastiness and convenience when looking for a pleasant dining experience.

Manager and Cook Leigh Hughes took over in 2024 and has developed a menu that offers something for everyone. Gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan options are available and coffee and drinks can be made with a variety of dairy free choices. Children are catered for as well, with their own mini menu of child size breakfast and lunches and a selection of ice cream flavours.

The Marketplace Kitchen is open between 7 am and 5 pm (kitchen closes at 3 pm) Monday to Saturday and from 8:30 am until 4 pm on Sunday. They offer cooked all day breakfast and all-day lunch options with an extensive range of toastie and croissant fillings, plus ready-made rolls, wraps, pies and other pastry items. You can opt to dine in or take away. Orders can be phoned in if you are time poor. It is wise to book ahead if you have a large group so the cafe staff can organise seating and cater to your needs.

The atmosphere in the cafe is warm and friendly and it has a cozy corner eating area for an extra relaxing vibe. High chairs and stools are available for the 'Little Hamptons'.

The Marketplace Kitchen has a large range of beverages from hot to refreshingly cool. The list of fresh juices and smoothies is varied, and they also make delicious fruit crushes – try the Summer Blast and you won't be disappointed.

A daily specials board adds further variety to the menu items and includes a soup special in the colder months. Everyday specials include a bacon and egg roll with a mug of coffee for \$14, or two scones with jam cream and a cup of coffee for \$10.50. And if coffee isn't your thing there is a large range of traditional, herbal and fruit teas available.

If you haven't sampled the Marketplace Kitchen's ambience and great food and beverages, stop in with a friend and check it out. Don't forget to pick up a coffee card as I'm sure you will return regularly to sample all their treats.













SUPPORT LOCAL!

BETTA TRADING LITTLEHAMPTON

You have driven past this shopfront with the unique signage hundreds of times, but have you ever wondered what is inside or gone in to have a look? Probably not if you don't keep chooks or horses. But Betta Trading offers a lot more than just farm fodder.

Steve Challis opened his store in 1990 and runs it with son, Michael and wife, Cora. The shop is named after the betta fish more commonly known as a Siamese fighting fish. Steve has a keen interest in keeping fish and two sides of his store are devoted to aquariums of

cold water, tropical and, at certain times of the year, native fish. He also stocks everything a fish enthusiast requires to feed and house them, and keep their habitats in pristine condition. And yes! He sells betta fish.

The store is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Steve sells all types of fodder for sheep, cattle, horses, farm birds and alpacas. Cage and native birds are also catered for. As well, all your pet needs are covered here with food, toys, leads and grooming essentials. You will find everything you need for dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, turtles and even ferrets. He has a range of prices from affordable to top of the range depending on how pampered your fur babies are.

Steve has a wealth of knowledge about the care and feeding of all manner of animals and is very happy to share information and advice with you. And after you have made your purchases son, Michael, will deliver it to your car.

The store is as unique as its shopfront and is filled to the rafters with all things animal. Steve's wife, Cora, is a keen gardener who enjoys propagating so, as a sideline, the store has an offering of interesting plants for sale as well. Customers come from many other rural districts, including Murray Bridge, to take advantage of Steve's products and prices. So drop in, have a browse and shop locally for your animal needs.







AMOS WILLIAM HOWARD

The A W. Howard medal is awarded biannually to a person who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of pastures in Australia. But few locals know that the award is named after Amos William Howard of Blakiston. There is also a monument commemorating his life and work near the junction of Princes Highway and Bald Hills Road that was erected in 1965.

Amos Howard was born in Watford, England in 1848 and arrived in South Australia with his wife, Eliza, in 1876. He established a nursery in Blackiston and held a local government council seat for 10 years. He and



his wife had 12 children. They named their property 'Beau Vale'. He died there In 1930 and his son, Cecil, took over the family business. He and other family members are interred in the Blakiston Saint James Anglican Church Cemetery.



Although subterranean clover had been discovered in several places in the hills around 1980, and had been found to be a useful plant for feeding livestock, it was Amos Howard who realised its full potential. He was the first producer of subterranean clover seed for sale. This particular clover fixes nitrogen in the soil and today is one of the most important sown pasture plants in Australia. It is drought tolerant and is now being raised in every state of our country. It covers almost 30,000,000 ha in Australia.

Howard discovered the clover at Blakiston in 1898 and quickly recognised its value as a soil and livestock improver. He began to produce seed in 1900, but it took three years of trial and error before he produced his first sample of clean seed. However, the hand threshing process was so laborious and time-consuming that he contracted a Mr F Dutch to build a small two man threshing machine. He made his first commercial sale of seed in 1907. As threshing machines improved he was steadily able to supply more seed. By 1916 a small commercial industry was



established in Littlehampton that expanded substantially over time. By 1930 the annual production of clover seed was responsible for about £50,000 (almost \$1 million today) coming into the Mt Barker district. This is why the clover symbol features on the Mount Barker's Council's logo.

Read more on next page.



As well as the AW Howard medal there is also the AW Howard Memorial Trust that was established in 1964. It awards research grants, scholarships and study awards that commemorate the pioneering work of Amos Howard into the adoption and use of subterranean clover as a pasture plant in Australia. Thanks to him subterranean clover has become one of the most important pasture plants in our country. It has transformed millions of acres of infertile soil into productive pasture land increased Australia's harvest and restoring land fertility in worn out wheat and pasture lands.

Amos Howard was an insightful and determined man who left behind a great legacy that is still honoured today.





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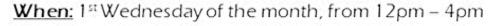
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SPOOKY STREET

Halloween has gained popularity in Australia over the last two decades and many families enjoy celebrating on October 31. The residents of Baker Street enthusiastically decorate their front yards for the occasion, and it has become a must see destination during the week before, and especially on the night of Halloween. It is perfect for a slow stroll from one end of the street to the other to get the full effect of the displays. Although you can drive along the road, motorists need to be aware that there are many excited, small children enjoying the spectacle, so please proceed carefully and slowly.

Happy Halloween!



ROTARY CLUB OF BLAKISTON NAIRNE UPDATE



On Saturday 14th of June the club had a Changeover Morning Tea. Thirty-three people attended the occasion and President John Rowley was inducted for the ninth time. Two new members were inducted into the Rotary club of Blakiston Nairne in July.

So far this year the club has run four Bunnings barbecues, with the last one raising funds for a truckload of hay for farmers affected by the current drought. Another one collected funds for the Variety Clubs Big Bash car Pinocchio. The money raised goes to disadvantaged children in the outback by supplying them with educational needs and play equipment.

The St James school was open during History Week on Sunday, May 2. Many visitors toured the school and its surrounds including a 93 year-old local. Unfortunately, the heritage garden has suffered because of the unprecedented dry weather we have experienced. The club members plan to lay irrigation pipes to water the garden and grass areas and keep it green over the summer months. The fence surrounding the school is also in need of restoration work and we are asking for volunteers to assist with painting in September.

Recently I attended the Summit Rotary Conference in Adelaide. It was an excellent and informative event. On the agenda were discussions about those who are living rough, poverty caused by cost of living rises, mental health and suicide and Rotary's position and ability to help those in need. Many students arrive at school without breakfast and lunch and more families are suffering financially. The Rotary club of Blakiston Nairne is looking for families to support with cost of living expenses and breakfast before school assistance. We are also discussing ways to help young people in our area who are struggling with their mental health as we are very concerned that the number is rising.

Our club needs new members who are dedicated to the improvement of their community and its people and involvement in our various projects, including the heritage garden. We also have a barbecue that we are happy for the community to use for their events. The club is committed to serving all people of our community.

Yours in Rotary,

President John Rowley OAM Rotary Club of Blakiston

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