

# Clayton Bay Chronicle

Winter 2020 \$2.50



Bird hides at Clayton Bay see page 8

Below: Di, Glenda and Janice at work in the community garden. See page 14



Right: Automated External Defibrillator (AED) See Page 7. Below: Clayton Bay bin collection 2020



**ZONE A COLLECTION CALENDAR**

JULY 2020							AUGUST 2020						
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# President's corner

Greetings and welcome to the 2020 winter edition of the Chronicle. Apart from articles spotlighting the CBNEG, Community Garden etc. there are additional reports on the new lighting in the Community Hall, update on our newly introduced "Yellow Bin Dinner Nights" at the hall just to mention a few. The CBCA Committee has organised the re painting of the chalk board, thanks to Mike Daw, the ongoing participation in the Foreshore Management Program and the CBNEG has been successful in the re vegetation planting along Alexandrina Drive. Happy reading to all.



Letho Kostoglou

## Diary Dates 2020

Keep these dates free:

### **JULY**

**31st:** Yellow Bin Friday Dinner

### **AUGUST**

**8th:** CBCA AGM at the hall

**9th:** CBBC AGM at the boat club

**14th & 28th:** Yellow Bin Friday Dinner

### **SEPTEMBER**

**5th** CBNEG AGM

**11th & 25th:** Yellow Bin Friday Dinner

### **OCTOBER**

**3rd:** Trash'n'Treasure for Blaze Aid

**3rd-5th & 10th-11th:** Art Exhibition  
"Art, our Environment and Healing"

**9th & 23rd:** Yellow Bin Friday Dinner

**NOVEMBER 14th:** 35th Hall

Anniversary Dance

Visit the Clayton Bay Community Association Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening.





# Clayton Bay Earthworks

General earthworks, driveways, site laser leveling, trenching, block slashing, postholes to 600mm diameter, hydraulic rock breaker, tree and stump removal

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Some good autumn and winter rain has made a big difference to our communities. It's nice to see lots of green grasses, healthy crops and stock around. As the devastation of the recent fire season will always remain in our thoughts, it is also a reminder to not become complacent and take opportunity of the cooler months to prepare properties for the summer period. A well prepared property and a Bush Fire Survival Plan will help prepare you for the up coming Bush Fire Season.

If burning off, on and around your property, then remember not to leave a fire unattended. Alexandrina Council have information about clearing and preparing your property as well as regulations regarding burning off. Refer to the Alexandrina Council website for details.

Covid 19 has affected everyone, including the CFS. But you can be assured that Clayton CFS has and continues to respond to incidents during this ongoing pandemic. Our response to any incident will not be compromised. Additional care has been taken regarding the use of PPE, such as, masks, gloves etc and the brigade has a station cleaning regime in place. The brigade fortnightly training and meetings were suspended but will now resume as normal with appropriate social distancing and venue capacity taken into account.

The generous community donations our CFS brigade receive, enabled members of

the brigade to undertake an Advance Resuscitation course last July. The fire truck now carries an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and oxygen. As well as a yearly formal revalidation course, the brigade has also held 2 First Aid and Advanced Resuscitation practice sessions to ensure our skills are maintained. Several members from Milang CFS also joined us at the Clayton Bay Community Hall late June for one of these sessions. It was nice to hold a winter training session where heaters were available!

In addition to fire fighting you may not be aware that all CFS brigades are often called to assist SAAS to support them at medical incidents. Often it is to assist in lifting and extricating a patient but our role has also included assisting SAAS provide first aid and life support.

At the brigades recent AGM, two new members were elected onto the Leadership Group. Brigade Captain, Jeremiah Doecke is supported by Mick Falzon, Neil Fuller, Chris Williams, Andrew Bibb, Steve Franz, Tracy Falzon and Lynne Dickson.

The brigade also acknowledged the departure of several members, mostly due to moving out of the area. We are always keen to see new members join our great team. So, if you have been thinking about joining the CFS, then now is a great time. Give me a call and I can let you know what is required and how to join and hopefully you will be ready to go by the beginning of the next fire season.

Lynne Dickson  
0447767980

# Birds in Our Area

## Pardalotes

In my last article , April 2020, I wrote about my excitement of sighting a Striated Pardalote in the large gum tree in my yard. A few weeks later I kept hearing a different birdcall that was a loud, high, three syllable chime. Eventually I spotted a pair of tiny birds with the same 'jiz' of the Striated Pardalotes.



*Spotted Pardalote*

*Photo taken by Leoni Fennell*

The useful bird app I have on my phone also listed that Spotted Pardalotes are here. I was very envious when my neighbour told me one had landed on her deck close to where she was sitting. With some determined effort I finally saw a Spotted Pardalote flitting very quickly through the foliage of a gum tree next door and, luckily, again a few days later.

They are beautiful little birds with a pale-spotted crown, white spots on their black wings and a vivid flame coloured rump. It is the first time I have heard and seen them in this area. I could hear them regularly through May and June.

**Australasian Swamphen** (formerly known as Purple Swamphen)

This is the largest species of waterfowl. It is a "large, smart looking blue and black water hen with huge 'prehistoric' red bill and frontal-shield reaching above eye."

They have long pink legs with enormous toes and frequently flick their tails to reveal white under-tail coverts fluffed in display. (A great description from 'The Australian Bird Guide.)

Swamphens spend the warmer months close to the water but in winter they venture further afield. They often come into the garden and help with weeding the sour sobs. They sever the sour sob at the base, hold it with one foot to be able to eat the fleshy stem. The discarded leafy sour sob tops are a tell tale sign that they have been around.

One day I was very surprised to see one fly up into the large gum tree to join another one already perched there.

It is always fascinating to observe different bird behaviour. Enjoy!

Mozzie



Well over half of all the birds that occur in Australia can be found in South Australia, reflecting the diverse range of habitats here. If you are interested in bird watching the Birds SA website has some interesting information.

Visit <https://birdssa.asn.au/>

# *Around the Bay*



## **Environmental Vandalism**

Sad to see the willful destruction of the casuarinas on the water front at the Clayton/Rankine Street reserve (Old Clayton). This has been a favourite nature play space for numerous children over the years variously known as the “enchanted forest” and “fairy kingdom”. Karyn Bradford has been contacted and photos have been sent to Council. (If you have photos of any suspect happenings in our town the Council can take action.)

## **Invasion of the Cabbage Aphids**

Some of these nasty little devils attacked the community garden’s cauliflowers, with the occasional few on the broccoli. An invader from Europe, these aphids have spread world-wide and can do a lot of damage to brassicas. They’re grey-green with a waxy coating, and we’ve found that regular inspection of the veggies is needed. Many aphid-eaters avoid them, and these aphids are prolific breeders. The garden volunteers have managed to keep them under control by spraying them with an organic dishwashing liquid and water spray (you can also use a mint tea instead of water, and pure soap instead of dishwashing liquid). The soap penetrates the aphids’ protective waxy coating, and

they die. Don’t forget to spray on the undersides of leaves.

## **We have been rocked!**

Have you found a painted rock in Clayton Bay yet? SA Rocks is a nature play based free activity that anyone can join in with. A giant game of hide and seek, for kids and adults alike! We love it because it’s free to play, great for all ages. Decorate a rock, add coat of sealant and you’re good to go.

## **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**

This is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of the ventricular fibrillation and pulse less ventricular tachycardia, and is able to treat them through defibrillation - the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia - allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

The Clayton Bay Boat Club has a AED, that is accessible by anyone in an emergency. You don’t have to know how to use it, the device will tell you what to do. It is located under the verandah area of the boat club. But don’t forget to phone 000 in a medical emergency. (The CFS also has a defibrillator on its truck.)

# Bird Hides

Bird watchers at Clayton Bay now have more ways to enjoy seeing or photographing local birdlife with the installation of two new bird hides adjacent to walking trails and overlooking the “Duck’s Hospital”, Dunn’s lagoon.

The project to design and install the bird hides was undertaken by Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association (GWLAP) in consultation with the Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group, Ngarrindjeri traditional owners and Alexandrina Council with funding from the Australian Government under the Murray–Darling Basin Economic Development Program.

The hides, identified as a strategic addition to visitor infrastructure in the Clayton Bay Master Plan, have been artistically designed and manufactured by the

skilful people at Meadows Cheese Factory—Bec and Jerome. Made from weathered steel, the hides feature artistically designed cut-outs at various heights to suit bird watchers of all sizes. Advice on the design was provided by John Gitsham of Birds SA and the hides feature natural timber ledges to provide support for the use of binoculars or cameras through larger gaps in the screens.

Ross Oke, General Manager for GWLAP said it was great to see the hides installed and he hoped that they would enhance bird watchers’ experience while encouraging more people to take up the pastime and also adding interest and another feature to the reserves due to the artistic design and materials used.

CBNEG will be planting the area around the hides in the near future.

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*Matt Patrick*  
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Everyone at the Boat Club hopes y'all are keeping fit and well. It has been a bit up and down lately, depending on what state we live in. That said, Clayton Bay life is moving along at its steady pace.

Also, the Boat Club has not exactly been in hibernation, over the past few weeks we have seen the Sand Bar and Kitchen floors tiled and the main Clubroom vinyl replaced.

As restrictions have eased the Club has been able to open up the toilets and accommodate more people under the Veranda.

After the working bee on Saturday, 11 Jul 20, we are pleased to be able to announce that the Club will be generally open to the Members, their family and friends. Please note that some restrictions and conditions remain in place and signage is in place where required.

Sailing continues and the Queen's Birthday long weekend saw a number of CBBC boats venture to Narrung – some on Saturday and some on Sunday for respective over-night cruises. A good, if not chilly, time was had by all and we gained a new CBBC member as well.

As we previously noted it's important

for us all to keep connected as a community and engaged, as much as possible, in activities that invigorate us and keep us physically and mentally healthy in uncertain times. CBBC's Whale Cup and CBCA's Yellow Bin Night dinners are just two happenings that keep it ticking over and connected.

Coming events:

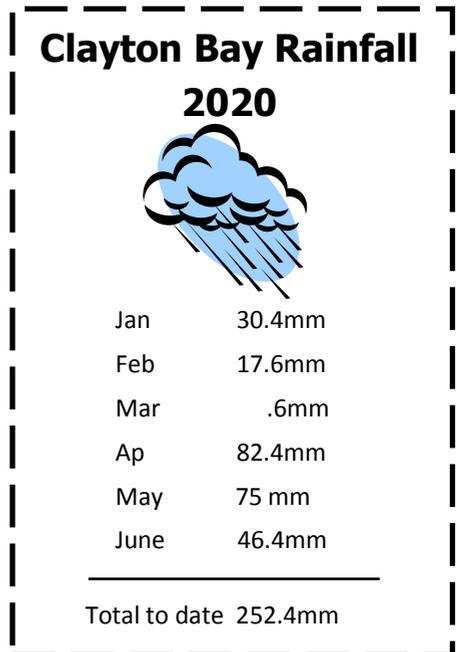
CBBC Barbecue – Sunday, 2 Aug 20 – 12:00

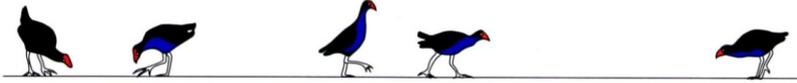
CBBC AGM - Sunday, 9 Aug 20 – 10:30

Stay safe, active and informed.

Ric Kies

Secretary CBBC





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### WINE FUNDRAISER

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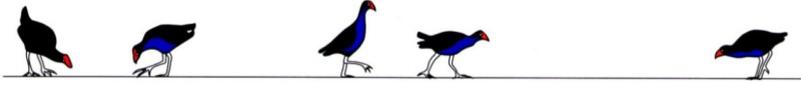


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# Clayton Bay Community Association at work for our community



The CBCA Committee was instrumental in organising the replacement of the overhead lighting throughout the hall complex. This update included the replacement of the stage, hall lights and lights in the meeting room, converting them from the old fluorescent lights to new LED lights that distribute a warmer even light that is more energy efficient and kinder to the environment.



Recently, the CBCA Committee decided that a fortnightly get together in the hall where all members of the community could come along and socialise would be a great idea... and so, the Friday night Yellow bin dinner idea was conceived. So far. Two dinners have been held in the Community Hall and it has been great to see members of the Community embrace this idea and actively participate.

If you'd like to come along, the dinners begin at 6pm in the Community Hall. All you have to do is bring either nibbles or dinner, your own plates, glasses, cutlery and drinks. In July, the next Friday night dinner will be held on 31 and in August on the 14 and 28. We hope the community will embrace this idea and participate continuing to bring the community together.

## **CBCA 2020 AGM**

**When:**

**Saturday, 8th August 2020**

**Where:**

**Clayton Bay Community Hall**

**Time:**

**10.00 am for 10.30 am start**

## **Membership Lucky Draw**

Next draw \$50.00.

At the AGM,

Sat 8th August 2020

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## PLANTING ALEXANDRINA DRIVE

CBNEG has a contract from Alexandrina Council for planting and maintaining the site alongside the relatively new Alexandrina Drive Walkway. Our group was able to supply local provenance plants appropriate for the site, with rushes, groundcovers and low shrubs to below fence height at maturity. Once established these should help to control any weeds along the site. In the meantime, CBNEG will maintain the site for 12 months which will include weed control, additional plantings to the corner of Clayton Street, and removal of guards.

Alexandrina Council organised Altus Traffic Management for the planting day, and staff Mark & Matt got into the spirit of the day and helped distribute guards to the planters whilst adjusting signage and

vehicle movements to keep the planters safe. All the planters had Hi-Viz vests, worked like the troopers they are, and got into it.

Meanwhile Helen & Robyn had Tuesday morning tea ready for us at 10.30 at the nursery where a feast was waiting. Mark & Matt joined us, and as usual the conversation was flowing.

Back to the site where some continued until early afternoon until the job was done. It was a great effort by the group many of whom were sore the following day.



### CBNEG AGM

September 5th 2020

10am for 10.30am start

Clayton Bay Community Hall

*Guest speaker John Gitsham,*

*President of Birds SA*

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## NEWBEE AT THE CLAYTON BAY NURSERY

I have lived at Clayton Bay for the past 16 years. For the first 5 years we were weekenders but moved here permanently 11 years ago. My work background has always been office based. I decided recently I wanted to do something completely different and learn new skills in my retirement. I recently started volunteering at the CBNEG and have been there for approx. 8 weeks. I have always loved the outdoors and getting back to nature, so I thought this was a good opportunity for both.

Carol and the team at the Nursery were very welcoming and it soon became apparent to me that it was a fun environment to be in. They work hard to get the plants planted and any other work done that needs to be done in and for the Community, but also have some fun. 😊

I love the work/fun balance. I couldn't believe the food at morning tea (I guess one must keep up one's strength). I

have made some new friendships and strengthened others which has been a bonus.

Being a novice at gardening and identifying types/names of plants (especially which plant/tree is which) they have been patient with my learning (it is hard to teach an old dog new tricks). One day I will surprise them all and speak in their language. (Don't get too excited though). One thing I have learnt how to do very well is to dig holes with my Hamilton Planter and get the correct size and depth. I know the girls following me with the plants are very appreciative of this skill. I love the way everyone supports each other.

I had a tour of the Community Garden on my first day and was very impressed with the way Glenda and Janene have brought it to life. Everything is thriving. Well done girls.

Thank you CBNEG for welcoming me into your team, your friendship and support.

Maggie Brand

### DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE CHRONICLE?

Humorous – Heartwarming – Unbelievable

Does someone or something you know deserve a bouquet or brick bat?

Email your articles to [chronicle@claytonbay.org.au](mailto:chronicle@claytonbay.org.au)

(All submissions published at the discretion of the Editor)



What a lovely lot of rain we've had. That's perhaps one of the best things about winter gardening – little or no watering! Unfortunately, weeds love winter too.

With grant funds received from Open Gardens SA and The Office for Ageing Well's "Grants for Seniors" (SA Health), we were able to buy sleepers and other assorted bits and pieces. At last, garden volunteers are putting replacement raised garden beds together.

We're looking forward to filling the new beds with good soil and planting some late winter/early spring crops. It's a big job to refurbish the garden, but we'll do our best to get it done as soon as we can—section by section.

Covid-19 put a spanner in the works over the last few months, but as many restrictions have now lifted, volunteers are making their way back to the garden. We did manage to get the available beds planted with winter crops, a few of which can be harvested now.

We currently have spinach, a small amount of salad lettuce leaves and rocket, broccoli and cauliflower ready to pick, with the lemon tree producing on-going crops of very nice lemons. The Cos lettuce is doing very well and getting heads, and root veggies developing.

One of the aims of our Community Gar-

den is to help support our community by providing fresh produce at low or no cost to whomever in Clayton Bay wants or needs it.

What would you, the community, like us to grow? While we can't grow every vegetable, we'd like to provide produce that you like to eat, as well as trying the odd experiment here and there. Suggestions are welcome; email [ozglenda4@outlook.com](mailto:ozglenda4@outlook.com).

The garden is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for anyone who wants some fresh produce; while a small donation is appreciated, it's not a requirement. Visits to have a look around are also welcome.

*Did you know?*

There are almost 60 community gardens in South Australia! Most are in Adelaide and its suburbs, but some country towns have them too - Roxby Downs, Mt Gambier, Port Lincoln and Wallaroo being a few examples. If you're travelling around South Australia, why not look up the Australian City Farms and Community Gardens Network website, see if there's a community garden where you're going, and stop by to have a look?

<https://communitygarden.org.au/>

As always, we appreciate the support of everyone in our community.

Glenda Dodd

# SA Rocks

## Drop-Find-Rehide

### How it works

It's pretty simple. Get some river rocks. Paint them — be as creative as you want — add your postcode, the words 'SA Rocks' and the Facebook symbol on the back. Then seal it. Then ask to join the [SA Rocks Facebook group](#), where you need to post a picture of your rocks along with where you'll drop them — suburb and postcode.

### Want to find a rock?

Jump on the [SA Rocks Facebook page](#) and search for your suburb name, or local park name, to see if anything has been hidden there recently. If you're lucky enough to find a rock make sure you share your find with the SA Rocks community by posting a picture of it along with where you found it, on their Facebook page Then you can either;

**Rehide it.** You can do this at the same location or move it elsewhere. Be sure to let us know you've found it and re-post the new location INCLUDING

SUBURB on this page when hidden.

**OR**

**Keep it,** and post a comment on advising its no longer there, and be sure to keep the wild rock population thriving by hiding your own painted rock somewhere else.

(The admins of the group ask people to be mindful of the environment, and avoid sticking man-made items on the rocks, which can fall off.

Avoid putting rocks in plastic bags or hiding them in grass, because they can become hazards for lawnmowers.)



### DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?

- The space between your eyebrows is called glabella.
- The way it smells after rain is called petrichor.
- Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
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**Milang & District Community Care** provides low level support in the home for those who need a small amount of assistance to remain independent. Services like domestic assistance, gutter cleaning, social support in the home, supported shopping are just a few of the Commonwealth Government funded activities that we provide.

Lakes Home Care provide higher levels of support in the home to ensure that as your needs increase you can remain supported within your community. Services that you may access could be personal care support like shower assistance, assistance with preparing meals, cleaning, laundry, modifications like grab rails, clinical care - physio and podiatry, to name a few.



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## **Milang Lakeside Butter Factory**

Become a mate, sponsor or patron of the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory as we raise funds for the restoration of this community icon. Volunteer on our work crew!

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MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.





## *Council Update*

Dog registrations are required to be renewed annually between 1 July and 31 August. The annual registration is valid to 30 June.

It is a requirement for every dog over the age of 3 months to be registered. The penalty for keeping an unregistered dog is a \$170.00 expiation fee.

### **Microchipping**

From 1 July 2018 it is a mandatory requirement for all dogs and cats to be microchipped by 12 weeks of age; this applies to new and existing pets – unless exempted by a vet.

Alexandrina Council has been supporting microchipping days held locally by ChipBlitz.

Visit [www.chipblitz.com](http://www.chipblitz.com) to view and book an upcoming session in your area. Alternatively, book in with your local vet to get your beloved pet microchipped.

### **Desexing**

Every dog and cat born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed by 6 months of age unless exempted by a vet. Any existing animal not desexed

that changes ownership after this date must be sterilised within 28 days of the ownership transfer.

### **Cats**

Cats aren't currently required to be registered in Alexandrina Council. However Council highly encourages every cat owner to create a profile on DACO for your pet. This is the easiest way to reunite lost pets with their owners.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

A group of cats is called a clowder.

Cats make about 100 different sounds.

Dogs make only about 10.

Cats have 5 toes on their front paws and 4 toes on their back paws.

A cat has two vocal chords and almost never meows at another cat, mostly just humans. Cats typically will spit, purr, and hiss at other cats.

Cats prefer their water away from their food.



By now you would be aware of the changes to rubbish/green and recycling collection days in Clayton Bay.

Visit the FRWA—Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority website for details.



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# Interesting Times

Its been an interesting time since the germ paid us a most unwelcome visit.

I for one have found it to be more of a learning experience than an inconvenience. In fact, with the exception of not being able to travel in our van, we have not been unduly stressed by the whole affair. Sure, we had to make our own hand sanitizer and we ran close to being a loo roll free household but looking back it was a very minor matter.

I know many people who have shone over this time by completing those long-deferred household chores. Folks who have enjoyed reconnecting to their gardens and their vegie patches and planting fruit trees which all help towards being more self-sufficient. More importantly these activities help to reduce stress they offer a degree of exercise, of fresh air, of relieving the effects of cabin fever and, in our case, of connecting with our neighbours.

We have learnt how to use technology to connect with our family and probably have spoken more now than we would have prior to the bug.

Many families in Australia have been personally affected by the bug with illness and family loss and for that we are truly sorry.

For our little blue planet though, the effects have been dramatic and I think for the better. You may know that the Himalayan mountains have been photographed for the first time in 30 years,

that's a staggering 30 years..... because their usual blanket of smog is no longer covering them. If you live in Venice you are now able to see the bottom of the canals and even catch fish in them, imagine that.

In our little enclave at Clayton Bay we have been insulated to many of the problems felt in the cities and been able to continue with our lifestyle, for the most part. We do owe a debt of thanks to the Management and staff of Sails. Dave has kept the business open for the community where he could have saved himself money and time by closing up. So Cheers to all the staff at Sails and thank you. Some of us may struggle with the coffee at times but the tea is always great and the food is well worth it.

I look forward when we can meet up on the deck for a drink and a chat, in groups, with people, wow. And believe me this town has some of the nicest, interesting and most talented people around. We punch way above our weight.

Keep well and keep safe 'cause we are all in this together.

Michael Daw



# *Trash'n'Treasure*

*in conjunction with the Clayton Bay Art Exhibition*

**Saturday 3rd October, 2020**

*Clayton Bay Community Hall grounds*

*Alexandrina Drive*

**9am—2pm**

*(Set-up from 8am)*

*Breakfast, morning tea, refreshments and barby lunch available.*

*3 Metre site \$15.00 (+ \$5.00 for trestle hire if needed)*

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## Art Exhibition

2020 has certainly been a year unlike any I have seen before. Droughts, floods, bushfires, the massive Covid-19 lockdowns and border closures have impacted on every person in Australia, too many tragically. We have to find the strength and courage to manage ourselves and support each other now and into the medium future as we weather this perfect storm and come out the other side. Clayton Bay has proven to be a splendid place to maintain social isolation, which is no surprise to anyone. Art has the capacity to help us do this, as do many other events and activities that are mindful.

Whether you make art or merely enjoy it, it has a reviving effect on us all.

SALA, the South Australian Living Artists Exhibition, usually runs throughout August, but earlier this year, it was modified to become a digital event because of the lockdowns and safety strategies put in place for us all. The Clayton Bay Community Art Exhibition is a part of this event.

We elected to delay our exhibition until the October Long Weekend, in the hope that our state restrictions would permit the event to operate as in the past. We have dubbed this year's event, '**Art, our Environment and Healing**'. The beauty of Clayton Bay provides a perfect location for spending time away from the busyness of the city, encouraging safe distancing. The peace and tranquility clears the

mind for making art, visual, musical, lyrical and performance.

The exhibition will be held throughout the long weekend, October 3-5th and the following weekend, Saturday & Sunday 10-11th October, open 10am-4pm.

The event will be opened by the Alexandria Council, Citizen of the Year for 2020, none other than Clayton Bay's own Leonie Henderson, who has been a stalwart of our community for so many years. The details of performers for the exhibition will be advertised closer to the event.

The art to be admired and sold will be from a diverse range of media and styles, including, painting, sculpture, glass, mosaics, blacksmithing, creative and practical rope designs, wooden pieces, and furniture created by repurposing timbers initially used in other ways.

This year's People's Choice award will feature garden art, particularly totems. Please consider whether you would like to create and submit one yourself. The range of materials and constructions could be quite unique.

If you are reading this, haven't already heard about this event and would like to submit artworks, please contact Marg Mundy on 0412826596 to be included in this community initiative.

Put the dates in your diary and plan to visit us. In addition to viewing and enjoying the exhibition we offer good coffee, tea, sweet treats and light lunches.

The exhibition team,  
Marg Mundy, Pat Hawkins, Joyce Hopgood

# The Future's Looking Bright

The Southern bell frog (*Litoria raniformis*) is a large frog that likes to bask in the sunshine. This handsome creature, with its vivid emerald patterns was once common throughout south-eastern Australia but is now endangered throughout its range. In the lower Murray River (downstream of Morgan) only a few small populations now remain separated by large distances and display inconsistent breeding between years. For a species that only lives for five years this pattern will almost certainly lead to local extinction unless something is done. In an Australian first, the Clayton Bay Community have come together to launch a world-class breeding and reintroduction program to return this iconic species back into the landscape.

The project is the brainchild of Clayton Bay locals Peter and Mia Mirtschin. Declines first came to Peter's attention in discussions with Regina Durbridge and he believed this could be related to the declines in tiger snakes. Frogs are a popular prey item for many animals and Peter realised that their loss from the ecosystem would have effects throughout the food web. Peter and Mia have assembled a collection of allies in their conservation battle which includes the Tolderol Management group, Investigator College EcoCentre, the Floodplain and Wetland Team in the Natural Resource Management Group (now Landscapes SA) and the Nature Foundation of South Australia.

On a project of this scope, allies are critical but it is the people that make this project special. A team of ten local volunteers

have expertly managed the hatchery and breeding facilities through the first six months and the project is well on track to hit full production early next year. To date we have raised 32 fat and healthy adults from wild caught tadpoles which were collected from sites in the Riverland where populations are stable. These brood stock have just entered a winter hibernation. They will spend the next few months sleeping indoors and in spring we will wake them up and transfer them into the outdoor breeding facility. Breeding will take place in early summer and could produce up to 45,000 tadpoles! These tadpoles will be raised safely in the hatchery until they metamorphose into frogs. We will give them a few good meals and then reintroduce them back into the wild. In the wild only a few frogs out of every thousand would survive to adulthood but in the hatchery we have achieved almost 100% survival.

All this requires a dedicated team and we are always looking for new volunteers to join our ranks. Tasks include checking the breeding ponds for spawning masses, growing kale and lettuce to feed the tadpoles, feeding the tadpoles and changing their water, breeding live insects for the adult frogs, and driving our precious frogs out to our release sites and kissing each one goodbye.

We have all loved the journey so far, watching our tadpoles develop into large fat frogs and then watching those frogs chase down crickets and bask under the heat lamps and we know that the best is yet to come.

Rupert Mathwin  
Scientist and certified Bell Frog lover



Above & Left: Trees vandalized at Old Clayton. If you see anything unusual please report it and if possible take photos. See Page 7



Left & Below: SA Rocks—Clayton Bay has been rocked. See pages 7 & 15





Left & Above: Community Planting along Alexandrina Drive .

Below: The hard working and dedicated team of volunteers. See Page 12

