

Clayton Bay Chronicle

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Southern Bell Frog Project



Above: Volunteers plant into the new garden beds. Below left: The Community Garden’s resident echidna inspecting the digging tools in the shed. Below right: New garden beds set to go. Why not drop in sometime! See page 15



President's corner

There are so many different kinds of families. Some of us have small families, maybe close, maybe distant. Some of us are single with perhaps few family connections. Some live in big families with lots of action, busyness and maybe little space. The feeling of family can also be found in friendships or being part of a tribe.



Before I came to live in Clayton Bay my close friendship group was a 'tribe', a group of friends with whom I had a place, women who I could be myself with and relationships of support, giving and taking.

The community here at Clayton Bay for many can be a little like an extended family. For newcomers it can take a while to find a 'place', to develop meaningful connections and to build the rich network that is community at its best.

This year of COVID-19 has reduced the ability to get together, though fortunately here in SA the situation is generally positive.

On 14th November we have a celebration of community at a Movie night with pizzas and soup, the 2021 calendar will be launched and there will be a Twilight Market.

Hope to see you there!

Ruth Ambrose

Keep these dates free:

NOVEMBER 14th: Movie night, 2021 Calendar Launch, Twilight Market, from 5pm, pizza from 6pm, movie begins at sundown.

DECEMBER 19th: Christmas Party at the Shelter Shed
All Welcome!

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





The weather is changing and we are finally seeing some sunny days, flowering trees and plants, and the crops and vines are changing colour. We have also had some winter and spring rains this year and therefore a timely reminder to not only plan, but put into action the clearing and removal of long grasses, deadwood and other combustible matter around your property.

The 2020 Fire Ban Season for Murraylands will commence in November. The actual start date may not be published until just before the season starts which will not allow much time to prepare and act. So, get busy now around your property and don't leave it too late. If you are planning to burn off green waste, don't forget to check the Alexandrina Council website for rules and restrictions that may apply. Also be aware of the wind strength and direction forecast. If it is going to be windy, then maybe consider rescheduling your burn off to another day. Make sure the area around and above your burn location is clear of burnable matter to at least 4 metres. Never leave a fire unattended, make sure you have water nearby and ensure you extinguish it completely.

So, help make this summer safe for

our communities and get busy now around your property.

Don't forget your Bushfire Survival Plan

The CFS recently held a Bushfire Ready workshop. If you missed it, or want information on how to develop a survival plan, the CFS has a guide on how to create one on their website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Nine simple steps to surviving a bushfire: -

- Do your 5-minute bushfire plan.
- Talk about your plan to family, neighbours & friends.
- Have flexibility in your plan.
- Clear around your property.
- Have an emergency kit ready.
- Know when to leave and where to go.
- Listen to the weather and know your total fire bans.
- Subscribe to the CFS warning email.
- Check radio, website, social media and news updates.

Become a CFS Volunteer

Give Lynne Dickson a call
on 0447 767 980 and
have a chat.

Last Resort Refuge

Have you have noticed the signs on Clayton Bay foreshore indicating Last Resort Refuge? In the event of a bushfire, it means that this location has been identified as a place where survival chances are increased. This location provides only limited protection during bushfire. A Last Resort Refuge is not designed to replace a personal Bushfire Survival Plan.

Know the Daily fire danger

ratings: -

Low to Moderate – Be ready to act.

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Extreme - Total Fire Ban – Be ready to act quickly.

Catastrophic – Total Fire Ban – Act now – activate your Bush Fire Action Plan.

What have we been up to?

Clayton Brigade recently received some new equipment to assist in the extrication of patients. A Sked stretcher and Ferno Spinal board allow us to better help SA Ambulance. These items were kindly provided to us by CFS Strath Group.

In August, a number of crew attended an Advanced Resuscitation course, a

requirement to enable us to carry and administer oxygen in a first aid situation.

Local incidents attended have involved a structure fire at Old Clayton, Grass/reed fire at a Clayton property and vehicle fire at Milang.

In early September, Clayton had one crew member represent our brigade at a large almond shell and husk fire in the Riverland that had been burning in multiple large mounds.

Training is ramping up in preparation for the upcoming fire season so you should be seeing more of us around on Tuesday evenings. If you see us, come and say “Hello”.

Clayton and Milang Brigades are joining together on some training sessions and its been fantastic to get to know and work more closely with our neighbours.

Become a CFS Volunteer

Like all volunteer organisations, Clayton CFS is dependent on local community members to give some of their time to help make our community a safer place to live in. Volunteering is very rewarding and you get enjoy the support from the rest of your community for your efforts.

If you would like to know more about what is involved or would like to come and see what we do,

then give Lynne Dickson a call on 0447 767 980 and have a chat.

Lynne Dickson

Birds in Our Area

Ducks

At the AGM of the CBNEG in September John Gitsham gave us a very interesting presentation on Ducks of Australia. John is a very experienced birder, President of Birds SA and an environmental ranger in the Coorong National Park.

Eleven of the twenty Australian species of ducks are found in South Australia. Since John's talk I have been watching out for ducks in our area. I have only spotted a handful of Grey Teal and Pacific Black Duck.



Keep your eyes open and you may also see Hardheads, Australian Shelduck

above, (often seen in paddocks on the Clayton – Milang Road) and Australian Shovellers. Pink-eared Ducks, Musk Ducks and Blue-billed Ducks have made rare appearances over the years. Chestnut Teal, Australian Wood Duck and the rare Freckled Duck can be seen within reasonably close proximity of Clayton at Tolderol Game Reserve and Laratinga Wetlands, Mt Barker.

Bird Baths

Bird baths are a good idea all year round but even more so now that we are approaching summer. They are a place where birds drink, bathe and socialise.

Positioning your bird bath is important. For the safety of the birds they need to be close to bushes and trees so that the smaller birds can escape into the refuge of thick shrubs and the larger birds have perches close by to preen themselves. Dappled shade will keep the water cool, and bird baths on pedestals will deter most predators. I also have some on the ground that are used by reptiles and echidnas as well as the birds.

It is important to keep your bird bath clean. A dirty bath can spread disease and birds can be susceptible to infection where several species use a communal bathing station. I give all of my bird baths a good clean with a hard bristled brush every time I refill them with clean water. This is important throughout the year regardless of the weather.

Once set up appropriately you will have many hours of enjoyment watching the birds at the bird bath when they visit your garden.

Mozzie

If you are interested in bird watching the Birds SA website has some interesting information.

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

Around the Bay



The recent Blaze Aid Trash'n'Treasure day was a huge success. Many thanks to Leonie for organising a great event. While a lot of items were sold there were a number of items that remained and needed to be moved on. So it was decided to dispose of these items in conjunction with other objects in the Community sheds that we no longer use. Extra special thanks to Chris Williams and Sandy Mulcahy who packed and loaded all these items for transportation to the Strathalbyn recycling shed.

Letho

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the recent Trash'n'Treasure. \$1,617.45 was sent to Blaze Aid to help the South Australian section to continue their valuable work.

The draw of the quilt raffle, kindly organized by Barb Day-Brinkley, with tickets sold at the 2020 Australia Day Breakfast, had been held up due to Covid but was finally drawn at the Trash'n'Treasure. Can you believe it?! I was the winner! (Normally I would have suggested a redraw, but

not this time). \$1,100 was donated to the Clayton Bay CFS as a thank you for their efforts during the 2020 bushfires.

Leonie

It is with gratitude that we say thank you to Leonie for doing an outstanding job of being the Chronicle Editor for the past 7 years. Leonie has decided to step down from this position so we now have a vacancy that we would be delighted to fill.

If you are interested in supporting the community in this way, we would love to hear from you. It can be a shared position also. Phone Ruth on 0431 094 635 if you are interested. The format of the Chronicle could be changed to fit the skills of the new editor.

Ruth Ambrose

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2020/21 Opening Weekend

The long weekend saw the opening of the 2020/21 sailing season with the traditional sail past

The wind was blowing its usual Opening Day gale but a few brave souls braved the tempest for the Sailpast. Later, a substantial number of members turned out for the barbecue and the ‘sailing’ of the Tom Bentley Trophy Race.

With the wind gusting to 30 knots, an on water event was clearly not possible so Plan B was instigated - a land-bound

course from the Club out to the sheltered near the town jetty and return. Two laps to be walked with the start and finish ‘down by the Club’ as suggested in the traditional poem! Members walked solo, in pairs and threes and Brian O’Flaherty pushed the lawnmower around the course. A couple of younger, fitter members even hauled a kayak around! A lot of fun was had the eventual winner was Darren Stanbridge.

Rob Jones

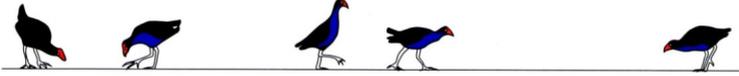
Clayton Bay Rainfall



Jan	30.4mm
Feb	17.6mm
Mar	.6mm
Ap	82.4mm
May	75 mm
June	46.4mm
July	26.6mm
Aug	40.0mm
Sept	49.0mm

Total to date 368.0mm

(Sept 2019 total 29.6mm)



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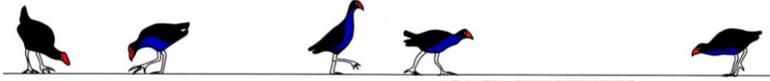


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NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Angie Daw

Mick and I had lived in Adelaide for a number of years and when we both got close to retirement I said, I

think we need a “sea change” so, we started looking around for places to move to.

We knew we both wanted to be near the water so we looked at properties in Goolwa but we weren’t able to find anything that suited us. Then Mick went on to “Realestate.com”, and found the place we now live in at Clayton Bay which neither of us had ever heard of or been to.

Once we moved here, we slowly began to become part of the community. I began to volunteer for community events organised by the CBCA and Mick became a member of the Community garden and CBNEG. He then became a member of the CBCA Committee and I thought after volunteering for a while, I may as well join the committee, and so I did.

That lead me to thinking about how I could contribute to involving the community in regular events like the “Yellow Bin Dinners” which was a creation of mine and is now a regular event.

Life at Clayton Bay is so relaxed and full of people from varied walks of life. It’s amazing to see the amount of talent and specialised skills Clayton Bay has to offer.



Mary Culhane-Brown

After living in Darwin for over 40 years my partner and I decided it was about time for a move.

We were considering staying in the tropics; moving to Bali or Northern Queensland or returning to South Australia where I was born. Looking at real estate we came across Clayton Bay by accident. It was the best choice we made, we love the area are closer to family and friends and are slowly acclimating to the weather.

Being offered the opportunity to become a Committee Member I saw this as a chance to become more involved in the community and to meet other residents of Clayton Bay.

I am an accredited Social Worker with 20 years’ experience and am interested in offering my skills and experience on the committee. I am currently employed as a counsellor for a public company

I enjoy playing guitar, singing and regular walks with my dog around the scenic places of Clayton Bay.

Membership Lucky Draw

Next draw \$75.00
at the Film Night,
Sat 14th Nov 2020

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Secretary Marg Mundy
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Weeds of the season

Both gazania and *Acacia saligna* are looking bright and thriving in Clayton Bay right now, but both are spreading and doing damage to the environment. The good news is there are many choices of plants that look as good and bright, but do not spread at the alarming rate these do. The spread of these weeds is quick, but the control takes along time. Get onto your *Acacia saligna* and *Gazania* weeds. Alternative replacement plant species can be found in the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges ***Coastal gardens planting guide*** or contact the nursery.

Acacia saligna

The common name for *Acacia saligna* is Golden Wreath Wattle.

This woody weed is seeding and growing rapidly in Clayton Bay. They flower in Spring, will sucker if mown, and can be difficult to control.

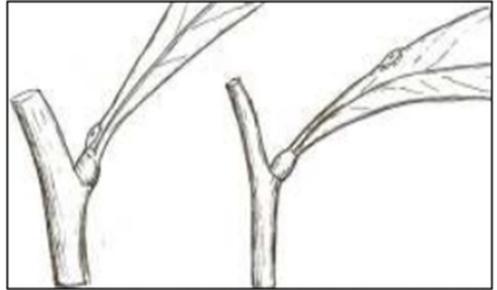


Diagram 1: Showing position of leaf gland at the base of the leaf of the weed Golden Wreath Wattle (left) and further up the leaf margin on local native species Golden Wattle and Limestone Wattle (right).

In nut shell – the plant must be cut and painted with herbicide (1:60 Garlon & Diesel mix).

For more information go to GWLAP information on recognition, removal & follow-up control.

The nursery can provide you with a herbicide mix bottle if required.

Get onto them NOW before they seed There are many other options available to replace them with.

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Gazanias

Gazanias are a low-growing perennial herb from South Africa. They have become a popular groundcover used in both commercial and home garden planting in Australia. This group of invasive plants has spread into coastal dunes, agricultural areas and along roadsides.



Gazania linearis
© Corey Jackson



Gazania rigens

Gazania is widely distributed in the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management

(NRM) region. (Now known as Landscape South Australia)

It particularly favours coastal environments. Gazania is a declared plant under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 (NRM Act). Its sale or transport is prohibited throughout the state.

Landholders and urban residents are encouraged to remove gazania from their properties and in some cases, authorities may require that it be controlled. In the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges region locations adjacent to native vegetation – particularly coastal areas – are prioritised for control.

For a more detailed information on the plant, impacts and control see fact sheet from Landscape SA.

(From 1 July 2020, NRM became Landscape South Australia.)



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Spring is here with its changeable weather, and I can't help thinking that at this time last year, it was blazing hot and there were devastating bushfires in so many parts of Australia. Let's hope that situation is not repeated this year.

With the warmer weather seedlings for summer crops are being planted out in our new beds. We're looking forward to the summer and autumn harvests, which will of course be available to anyone looking for garden-fresh, locally-grown veggies.

The huge pile of "veggie mix" soil is slowly getting smaller; what a job it's been to shovel it into wheelbarrows and deposit it into the beds. Our new Fiskar "ladies' tools" have proved very useful; they're lighter and a little smaller than the usual garden forks and spades, making the job much easier on our backs.

Our orchard is looking much better since the trees had a haircut, and fertilizing and more regular watering is being done. The apple trees' many blossoms are keeping the bees happy, too. Mulberries are just starting to ripen.

We continue to have occasional visits from local wildlife, including a blue-tongue lizard, a bearded dragon, an echidna and our resident friendly magpie. While moving soil from a couple of the old beds, he kept watch for any stray worms and grubs, his beak so full he didn't quite know what to do with them all. Which just goes to show there really is such a thing as a free lunch!

Michael is now busy installing a new irrigation system for the raised beds, which will save water, and our volunteers won't need to spend so much time watering this

Thanks to Steve Stewart for lending us his trenching tool.

We'll shortly source food-grade IBC's (those 1000 litre plastic tanks in metal cages) for wicking beds.

In November, we're expecting a visit from a representative of Open Gardens SA, the organisation that kindly provided us with a Grant. Despite the recent restrictions due to Covid-19, we will have much to show them.

For those of you unfamiliar with Open Gardens SA, it's a not-for-profit organisation that encourages and supports gardening in SA and raises funds via Open Days at SA gardens. Proceeds have raised many thousands of dollars for charities. The gardens are well worth visiting, as well as a good excuse to have a day out. See their website, <https://www.opengardensa.org.au/> for info on the organisation, a list of gardens to visit in November, and other events.

The Southern Bell Frog project has added some extra excitement to our gardening activities, too. With frogs now installed in their ponds, it's always tempting to sneak up on their enclosures and count the frogs sunbathing on the edges of the pools. This has also resulted in a little competitiveness amongst volunteers regarding who has seen the most frogs at one time!

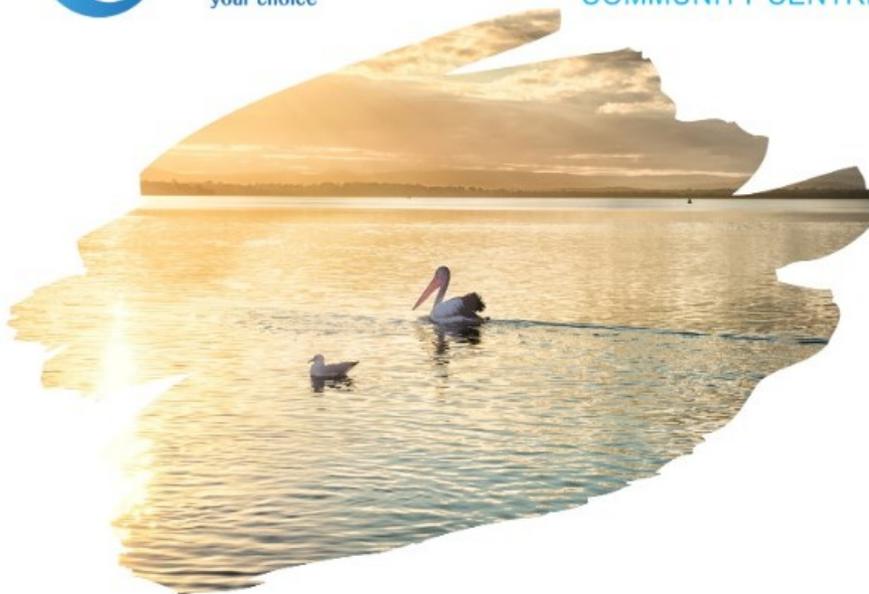
We welcome more volunteers on our garden group work days (Tuesdays or Thursdays). On Tuesdays, we join the Nursery volunteers for morning tea, so come along, get a little exercise and enjoy some socialising.

Glenda Dodd



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Glenthorne National Park

Approximately 18 people attended an enjoyable day trip to Glenthorne National Park at O'Halloran Hill (a CBNEG yearly Big Day Out).

After a welcome morning tea on arrival, the staff gave us an overview of the future plans for the 1500 hectares of land designated to National Park.

Proceeding through the gate at the site of the original Glenthorne farming property, we were greeted by 3 kangaroos, a sure sign they approve of, and are happy to live in, the area we were about to explore. History is fascinating to most of us, and we were guided around the farm area of the original owner, colonist Major Thomas O'Halloran.

This is valuable cultural land, the Kaurna People being the traditional owners pre 1838. From 1838 to 1910 it changed hands a few times, but remained farming property, until 1913 when it was acquired by the Commonwealth to become an Army Remount Depot. Thousands of horses were trained at Glenthorne to serve the Light Horse Regiments of WW1 and WW2. We walked around the two munitions buildings that still stand today. [Outstanding views from this point.] From 1947 this same site became a research property for CSIRO. In 1979 a physiology labora-

tory was added for the purposes of biochemical and physiological research. CSIRO vacated Glenthorne in 1997.

So, with such a remarkable history we were enthralled to see the remains of heritage stone buildings, farm sheds and pens, and also the maintenance work on these to preserve what's left of the ruins.

Along with the planting of many hundreds of native trees and the upkeep and improvement of natural wetland areas, revegetation is well underway. Due to the massive efforts of the Friends of Glenthorne Inc a beautiful natural habitat is being re-established for our native flora and fauna. What a beautiful Park is being created for the enjoyment and benefit of all the local, national and international community.

This was voted a most delightful and informative day by all, with appreciation expressed to Peter Smytherman and the two staff members who made it possible and so interesting.

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Art Exhibition

Postponed until the October long weekend because of the initial cancellation of SALA due to Covid restrictions, over a hundred people attended the official opening on Saturday 3rd October at 12 noon.

The event was opened by Leonie Henderson, Alexandrina Council, 'Citizen of the Year for 2020', and sometime artist.

Those who attended witnessed the heartfelt, emotive oration of a mighty poem by NZ poet, Nadine Hura. Orator, Rob Jones, breathed life and soul into the anthem which addresses how the Earth might take a breath and recover from some of the damage done by human activity, following Covid lockdowns which circled the globe like a Mexican wave.

The crowd were also treated to a mixture of music genres in the set played by 'just' Max, the 13 yo virtuoso grandson of the justly proud Pat and Peter Smytherman. Max stepped in at the last minute due to illness of one of the a capella trio, 'Heaven Knows'.

20 local artists and crafters presented a splendid array of pieces which appealed to visitors of all ages. The exhibition was complimented by all who visited, many of whom were surprised

that so many artists were tucked away in our small town. Sales were equally strong, with a whisker under \$6000 dollars' worth of sales over the 5 days of the event.

Food donations supplemented the purchase of foods and drinks, and, together with donations and a raffle, a profit of \$757.25 was forwarded to the Clayton Bay Community Association. A portion of these funds will be used to purchase further items which allow the ready conversion of the Community Hall into a gallery space.

Many people assist in putting the show together, and clearing up afterwards, none more so than Madeleine Elkin, Pat Hawkins, Joyce Hopgood, Tania O'Flaherty and Marg Mundy. All of the artists were rostered to assist in either the kitchen or at the door. Thank you for that. A special thank you to all the community members, their friends and family who patronised the event this year and an extra special thankyou to those who now have artworks hanging or being utilised in their homes and gardens.

We are already thinking about the 2021 exhibition and look forward to building on the excellence we have come to be known for over the 4 year history of the exhibition. Stay tuned.

Marg Mundy

The Southern Bell Frog, *Litoria raniformis*, is a large frog that since the late 1970s has undergone major population declines and it is now listed as a vulnerable species.

Local community volunteers worked with scientists to care for the tadpoles and rear them into fully developed frogs.

On Tuesday 22 September a milestone was reached when 32 frogs were transferred to the two outside breeding ponds where they will live, safely away from predators while also being exposed to the natural elements. These individuals will serve as the basis for a new breeding colony.

These frogs will now live out their days in the enclosures, well fed by the volunteers and happily breeding away. Their disease-free offspring will be reared in the tadpole tanks and, once old enough, used to repopulate carefully managed wetlands throughout the Lower Lakes. We hope that the loud, growling call of the Southern Bell Frogs will once again be heard throughout the region.

In October Tracy McNamara and Caroline Newman from FAME (Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered species) came to Clayton Bay to meet with volunteers, Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group members, Community Association committee members, the Nature Glenelg Trust and scientists running the project. Contracted by the Nature Glenelg Trust, Rupert Mathwin from Flinders University gave a presentation of the status of the southern bell frog through its range, its impending taxonomic status and an analysis of floods of the Murray and Murrumbidgee river systems, of which the latter is thought to be critical to breeding of the species.

Tracy from FAME said that the project is well organised and is very impressed by the local community support and thanked volunteers, the Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group and the Clayton Bay Community Association. Like the volunteers, she is excited about the prospect of the southern bell frogs breeding this season. As everyone can appreciate, projects like our bell frog project require ongoing funds and anyone wanting to donate can do so on the FAME website <https://www.fame.org.au/projects/help-the>

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- All domestic plumbing repairs
 - Hot water - Repair/Replace
 - Gas Fitting - New/Existing
 - Rain water & pumps
- All marine & mobile homes



Above: Frog friendly enclosure. Can you spot the frogs sunning themselves?



Above: From left—Caroline, Community Engagement Officer FAME, Tracy McNamara, CEO—FAME—(Foundation for Australia’s Most Endangered species) - Rupert Mathwin, Freshwater Ecologist and PhD Candidate, Dr Nick Whiterod, Senior Aquatic Ecologist, Aquasave, Nature Glenelg Trust. Caroline and Tracy visit Clayton Bay and are shown the progress of the frog project since the release of the first frogs into their outdoor enclosure. See page 22.



Left: What have Chris and Sandy been up to? See page 11.

Below left: Boating Clayton Bay style. Due to the windy conditions on the opening weekend of the CBC sailing season, the Tom Bentley race took place a little differently. Page 9



Right: Pierre, serving drinks at the opening of the Art Exhibition

Below: Max on sax entertains at the Trash'n'Treasure.

