

Clayton Bay Chronicle

Winter 2022 \$2.00

Viking Invasion?

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Above: Our new Southern Bell frogs are settling in. See page 26



Below: Channel marker barge. See page 7



Above & Right: Tree trimming at the hall and grounds. See page 13

Below: Planting at the retention basin. See page 15



President's corner

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Chronicle.

Winter is usually a more subdued time of the year, with shorter days and cooler temperatures tempting us to stay indoors a bit more.



But it's been a hive of activity in Clayton Bay recently, especially around the hall. Across the road in the new development, there's constant earthmoving and roadworks happening – we've even seen some curbing and guttering being installed (a bit unusual in Clayton Bay!). We're excited to see the veranda taking shape and the 'Short Back and Sides' collaboration between the CBCA and the CBNEG has resulted in a long overdue tidy up of the trees and shrubs surrounding the hall and adjacent nurse and garden.

We recently hosted a visit from the Alexandrina Community Wellness team who were keen to find out about our community's needs and how to plan for and attempt to provide for our needs. They visited during the postal agency opening hours on a Wednesday and saw how many people stayed on for a cuppa and muffin. They were impressed by the vibrancy of our community and the way we keep an eye out for each other.

And did you happen to see the naming ceremony of the Viking Longboat at the Boat Club at the end of May? Never a dull moment in Clayton Bay!!

Ginny Edgerley

CBCA Membership Renewal

DUE NOW (note the increase) —Family \$40 Single \$25

If you have new neighbours perhaps encourage them to join as well!

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Early winter rain has made a big difference to greening up the grasses and the crops are looking good. Take advantage of the cooler months to prepare your property for the summer period. If burning off, then remember not to leave a fire unattended. Alexandrina Council has information about clearing and preparing your property as well as regulations regarding burning off. Refer to the Alexandrina Council website for details. If you went to the recent Winter Solstice Bonfire, you would have seen Clayton fire truck and crew and also members of the brigades Operational Support team fundraising. Thank you for your donations and support. We very much appreciate the generosity of our community. It is community donations that allow Clayton brigade to fund much needed equipment, fund infrastructure improvements and provide training. For instance, In October 2021, we ran a First Aid course and in March 2022, 12 members attended an Advanced Resuscitation course. The fire truck carries an AED and oxygen for advanced life support. This requires crew to participate in a

yearly revalidation course.

As CFS volunteers, we are called upon to respond to a variety of fire and rescue events. The CFS is well known for firefighting but Clayton brigade is often called to assist in a variety of incidents. We assist SAAS to provide assistance 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. If you have heard or seen the Medstar Helicopter in Clayton, chances are, Clayton brigade is involved in identifying and preparing a landing site for the helicopter. During the past 12 months, we have also responded to a water rescue, an animal rescue, grass fires, vehicle fires, structure fires, a haystack fire and removal of fallen trees blocking roadways. Almost half of these incidents have been outside of Clayton Brigade's primary response area, lending support to our neighbouring brigades.

If you are interested in being a part of a great team of volunteers, Clayton brigade is recruiting for fire fighters. If you would like more information then give Chris Williams, Brigade Captain, a call and have a chat. Chris can be reached by phone on 0402 666 195.

Lynne Dickson

Meet your committee

Hello everyone – I'm Ginny, and for now, I'm the president of the CBCA.

When Geoff and I moved to Clayton Bay about five years ago, I'd planned to relax into retirement and enjoy living the quiet life in our little piece of paradise. I'd lived in Milang since 1976 (apart from a few stints living interstate) and I'd always been an active volunteer in various sports clubs and community groups, doing my bit for the local community.

Having just finished renovating my home to make it comfortable for my retirement years, the last thing on my mind was to sell up and move down the road to Clayton Bay.

Then we saw the ad for the house

Diary Dates 2022

Keep these dates free and join the fun:

July 15th: Yellow Bin Dinner—Cancelled

August 6th: CBCA AGM

August 13th: Regenerative Agriculture

Conference—see pages 24-25

August 14th: CBBC AGM

August 20-21 & 27-28: SALA (South Australian Living Artists) exhibition— see page 34

September 10th: CBNEG AGM

October 1st: Opening of the Annabelle Collett exhibition—see page 31

where we now live! Moving here has been the best decision that we've ever made, and although I vowed that I was over volunteering (!), we both enjoy being actively involved in the Community Association and helping out at the various community events.

I love meeting new people either at a community event or at afternoon tea at the hall on a Wednesday, and hearing their Clayton Bay story. I feel lucky to be living in such a vibrant, caring and active community. Please feel free to contact me or other members of the CBCA committee if you have any queries or ideas to share.

Ginny Edgerley President

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and the CBCA Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening.





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Ice 5kg bags

Gas bottle refills

Products will be stocked according to demand. We hope to have more range over the coming months and hope to stock Beerenberg products soon.

We welcome you to come in and say hi.

Around the Bay



Channel Markers are being replaced along the Murray River with several additional ones installed adjacent to Clayton Bay. You may have seen the barge in the waters around the bay recently.

Traffic monitoring sensors have been put in place along Alexandrina Drive by the council to record vehicle volumes. This happens every few years so lets hope that it can inform the Dept of Transport that traffic is increasing and a lower speed limit is needed.

Recycling at the rear of the hall continues to raise much needed funds for both the CBCA and our local CFS. In the past 12 months close to \$1,800 has been collected! As one recycler said “The only reason I drink is so I can contribute my empties to help out!” (As a community service jars, cardboard and non-refundable plastic containers are also collected but there is no financial gain.)

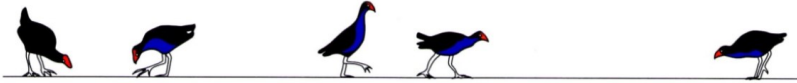
CPA —Community Postal Agency

In Clayton Bay there are no street deliveries of mail so if you are new to town, or are expecting mail, you will need to collect it from the CPA located at the community hall, 12-2pm Monday to Thursday or 4-6pm on Friday. Post boxes are also available. New trainees Alister and Leonie have joined Angie and Letho at the Clayton Bay CPA.

The Book Swap cupboard, located outside the hall under the pergola, is a great place to pick up a good read! Often there are a range of CD's, DVD's, magazines and children's books to choose from. Don't worry if you don't have something to swap, just choose an item and enjoy!

Outdoor ed. Good to see young sailors and kayakers from Westminster and Pembroke around the bay recently!

SAILS Café is back on the market so no news on when (if) it will re-open.



From the Secretary's desk

Winter has certainly hit us recently with a vengeance, but despite the weather closing in, we continue to work at connecting and building resilience in our community, albeit at a slower pace!

The overhead portion of the veranda project is nearing completion, and we can already envision the value of having a much larger undercover space adjacent to our wonderful community hall facilities.

Michael Daw has been instrumental in guiding this project and liaising with the builder as the inevitable issues with a building project arose. Thanks Michael.

The community hall and facilities are nearing 40 years of age, and we have on-going maintenance and upgrade tasks to keep the hall safe for our community to use and enjoy.

All of the electrical goods and appliances were recently tested and tagged to ensure they are still safe to use, and the powerboard was recently upgraded with new RCDs.

The community hall is a significant asset and facility for community events, and the calendar for hall hire,

and community events looks very busy for the next six months, with a couple of weddings using the hall in December.

The weekly Yoga sessions, and morning tea gatherings are keeping the hall buzzing.

The Beach themed dance on the 6th May was bright and good fun for those that braved the wintry weather. Unfortunately the numbers were low, so perhaps a winter dance is not what the community is looking for!

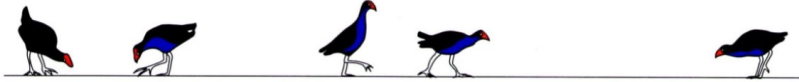
If this is not the case, please drop us a line and let us know if we should re-consider planning a winter dance again next year.

We have expressed our interest in getting some live music events visiting CB, and using our community hall to showcase some live music. Stay tuned for some more details as our plans firm up.

Perhaps some of our talented local musicians may also be interested in putting on a show? (cont. next page)

Yellow Bin dinners previously held each month, have been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Clayton Bay Community Association at work for our community



During May, the vegetation in the surrounding grounds received a much needed 'short back and sides', to clean-up a few dead and dangerous trees, and overhanging branches.

Thanks to Peter Smytherman for coordinating this joint task with CBNEG. The grounds are certainly now much safer, and looking trim and terrific!

As the winter solstice approached, our focus and much of our volunteer effort shifted towards the annual bonfire.

The bonfire planning and construction, along with all the supporting food and refreshment stations is a large logistical activity, and requires considerable planning by the committee with support from our wonderful volunteers.

Big thank you to Goolwa Quarries for the sand, and Fleurieu Waste for most of the firewood. The generous support they provide enables this event to be the success it is.

This year we used this event to raise funds for our local CFS.

The CFS truck and the recently launched Viking Longship were on display before the fire was lit.

The Community Association AGM is planned for 6th August at 10am. Please come along and add your support to our vibrant community association.

The coming of spring will see the hall come to life with colour as SALA takes over the hall during September, followed by a few more weeks of colour in October as the Annabell Collett exhibition makes the last of the late Annabelle's artwork available for sale.

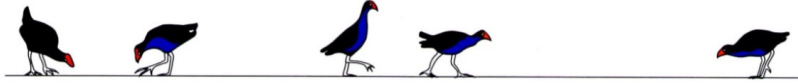
Our small, but dedicated committee continues to work for the benefit of our community. We would welcome your assistance in any capacity.

We need a couple more people on the committee to help keep up the momentum with the events, activities and projects we coordinate.

Please contact us if you would like to know how you can get involved.

Peter Lomman

CBCA AGM
Saturday 6th August
10 am
At the hall, Alexandrina Drive



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Pergola Update

Hello everyone. By the time this edition of the Chronicle comes out our new verandah will be completed...Hooray! I, like many of you, have been excitedly watching the building works in progress, from the safety of the fence of course.

From two community meetings and having the designs on display - that must have been well over a year ago, strewth I can't remember - we have progressed. Notwithstanding COVID

19 delays and shortages of materials... it is done.

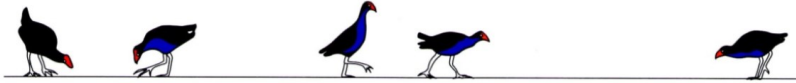
We will now have a large undercover area to gather and feast on Pizzas and sausage sizzles or just simply to gather, catch up and chat.

We still believe that this is the largest piece of infrastructure

progressed by the Community Association Members in our town since the hall was built back in the 70s. What an achievement.

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Clayton Bay Community Association at work for our community



Pergola Update (continued)

So, all you folks who have supported the Association over the years are to be congratulated, pat yourselves on the back because this surely is something to be proud of, without your overwhelming support, encouragement and enthusiasm this simply would not have happened.

We must acknowledge and thank Rebekha Sharkie and the Stronger Communities Program for supporting us with a grant because without the grant monies we would not have anything matching this standard. And we also thank Mike and Phil Holliday who came up with the concept and Chris Birch from Birchwood Constructions who was enthusiastic in taking the project on, even before the plans were realised. And thanks also to all the townspeople who contributed their suggestions.

So, That's phase one. The structure will need to be painted of course and from the outset this was to fall on the community to carry out, which I'm certain we can manage. Painting is the only aspect of this build that falls on

us. There have been offers of assistance from the community with aspects of the build and with the paving but the Committee feels that all the hard jobs should be done by others much fitter and younger than most of us.

The paving has been quoted for and we will have that company revisit once the verandah is completed. At that time, we will go over any final alterations and selections based on our budget.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the CBCAi committee with this endeavor and if you have any comments on the structure or any suggestions on how we can celebrate the unveiling please get in touch, we are all interested in your views.

Mick Daw, Committee member





Winter is one of my favorite seasons at the Nursery. This is despite the fact that at times

it is windy, wet and cold. Admittedly for some of the time I get the luxury of the office as my responsibilities include record keeping and assorted administration and nursery management duties. The office is comfy with air conditioning controlled by opening or closing the only door as there are no windows to open.

Meanwhile the volunteers are active in the nursery exposed to the elements; they are a hardy group. The main reason winter is special is that we dispatch our seedling orders. It is very rewarding to experience the completion of up to 9 months dedicated work of propagation and the nurturing of quality grown hardy seedlings. We enjoy the feedback when customers pick up their orders and state 'these seedlings look great'.

This year decent autumn rains occurred towards the end of May as we started sorting and packing the seed-

ling orders. We repack every crate of tubes this ensures we inspect every seedling so as they meet our required quality standards. It is a time consuming task but an essential part of our operations.

In early June clients started picking up their orders and we have sent out about 8,000 pre-ordered seedlings to date, with plenty more to go. We strongly encourage people to pre-order their seedling requirements, giving us 6 months or more for propagation and then we can guarantee supply. We also have a general range of non ordered tube stock still available for sale.

Our hours are 9-3 on Tuesdays or 9-12 on Thursdays, so call in have a browse and a chat, whilst selecting your seedlings.

Phil Collins
Nursery Manager

CBNEG AGM

September 10th, 2022

10am at the hall.

Come along & show your support.
*Membership renewals are due and
can be paid on the day.*

OPERATION SHORT BACK & SIDES

The Community Assn. and CBNEG sponsored an "Operation Short Back & Sides Project" on May 25th. to areas surrounding the Community Hall, Nursery & Community Garden. Tasks included shaping & pruning shrubs, the eliminating dead trees and establishing new storage areas.

Jacobs Ladder Tree Services crew of three, worked at the tasks despite competing with 10 ml. of rain throughout the day.

Relief & hospitality was provided by the Coffee & Muffin team.

The outcome of the day has generated further possibilities to enhance the total precinct for the benefit of the community.

A BIG THANKYOU to ALL who participated in this Project.

Peter Smytherman



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Clayton Bay Composer of the Month

Gustav Mahler

Composer and conductor Gustav Mahler was born on 7th July 1860 into a non-



musical family. Mahler's early musical abilities were recognised and encouraged by his father, a Jewish publican married to his mother, the daughter of a soap manufacturer.

At 15, Mahler entered the Vienna Conservatory and while still a student served his apprenticeship as an opera conductor in numerous provincial houses before conducting in major houses in Prague, Budapest and Hamburg. In 1897, Mahler obtained his most prestigious appointment as musical director of the National opera company of Vienna. He was forced to renounce his Jewish faith and become catholic. From 1897 until his dismissal in 1907, Mahler raised the artistic and musical standard of this company. He revived Beethoven's opera *Fidelio* and also revived all of Mozart's mature operas back into the repertoire.

Mahler was a perfectionist, demanding extremely high standards from both singers and orchestral players. In time this led to quarrels, disagreements and disputes with management. In 1907, things came to a head and Mahler was dismissed from his position as musical director. The same year his eldest daughter died at the age of 4 and Mahler was diagnosed with an incurable heart disease. After his dismissal, Mahler went to America where he conducted both the New York Opera between 1908 – 1911 and the New York Philharmonic where he premiered Rachmaninov's *Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor* with the composer as soloist. By the end of his American tour Mahler was physically exhausted he returned to Vienna but died from his heart condition on 18 May 1911. The last word he was supposed to have uttered was Mozart. A few years later his condition could have been cured.

By this time however, Mahler had secured his reputation as a composer of symphonic music. He wrote nine symphonies, although his ninth was never given the title Symphony No. 9. (continued next page)

Beethoven wrote nine symphonies then died and Mahler being superstitious assumed the same fate would befall him if he named his ninth symphony number 9. Instead, Mahler composed *Das lied von der Erde* (The Songs of the Earth) for contralto, tenor and orchestra the in six movements the last of which reflects on the death of his daughter. Eight of his symphonies contain parts for choir and vocal soloists a tradition established by Beethoven in his Symphony No. 9 “Choral”. His first four symphonies deal with personal struggles against cosmic forces while the latter

four represent the musician philosopher seeking answers to the riddle of the universe. In *Das lied von der Erde* Mahler searches for inner peace.

Mahler’s music is a highly poignant intimate personal expression that espouses a dedication to the spiritual rather than the physical. Mahler used gigantic musical forces both vocal and instrumental to convey powerful emotions associated with exaltation but also, wrote for a large orchestra in a chamber music fashion conveying highly personal feelings and sentiments.

Letho Kostoglou

New Subdivision Retention Basin



CBNEG has taken on a contract to plant around the retention basin across

from the nursery on Alexandrina Drive. Our group will also maintain that area for 12 months.

1600 seedlings will be planted on the face of the retention basin, all suited to their distance to and away from the seasonal water catchment.

Already the basin is functioning well attracting waders coming to the basin after the recent rains.

Volunteers are welcome to help out at the nursery and in projects such as the current one, and ongoing weed control and seed collection around the trail.

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Birds in our Area

Cuckoos

On a very cold, wet early June morning I had a lovely surprise



while sitting in the warmth of my 'happy place' by the back window.

I spotted something different fly in and roost on a branch of a wattle tree.

It was a **Fantailed Cuckoo** (pictured above) with a green caterpillar ready to devour!

Fantailed Cuckoos have been regular winter visitors to this area for many years. Their loud trill usually announces their arrival. Sadly there have not been as many around in recent years. I had not heard any so far this year so I was thrilled to spot this one.

They are medium sized Cuckoos with light bluish grey upper parts and rufous underparts with broad white barring on the underside of the tail.

A while ago I found a dead **Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo** (see picture page35) that had flown into a shiny

clean window. I had been hearing the descending whistle of a Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo but not spotted one.

They are a smaller Cuckoo with iridescent green upper parts, striped white and brown underparts and underside of the tail.

Many questions were asked when I took it to show everyone at the nursery.

It is named after Thomas Horsfield, a prominent 19th century naturalist who named a number of Australian birds. We also have a Horsfield's Bushlark.

There are 12 species of cuckoos in Australia ranging from the smallest cuckoo in the world, the Little Bronze-Cuckoo weighing 17g, to the large Channel-billed Cuckoo weighing 630g. The Pheasant Coucal is the only cuckoo to build it's own nest. All the others lay their eggs in other bird's nests and leave the exhausted hosts trying to raise a chick that often grows bigger than them.

The five cuckoos that I know to frequent our area are the Fantailed Cuckoo, Pallid Cuckoo, Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo and Black-eared Cuckoo.

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David Unaipon

(1872 – 1967)

Part I



Many people only know David Unaipon through his portrait which appears on the fifty dollar note. What many people aren't aware of is that David Unaipon was an Inventor, writer, preacher and author born on 28 September 1872 at Raukkan formerly Point McLeay. He was the fourth of nine children born to James Unaipon (Ngunaitponi) the first Indigenous convert and lay preacher and his wife Nymbulda. David was consid-

ered a bright child by his parents and a fitting candidate for an education.

At seven he began to attend the mission school at Raukkan and at thirteen left Raukkan to go to work for C. B. Young and his family in Adelaide who were prominent active members of the Aborigines 'Friends' Association (AFA). The AFA was formed in 1858 and their objective was to improve the living conditions of Aboriginal dwellings throughout the Lower Murray River Region. By 1860, they had erected a small church and some community housing at Point McLeay and the missionary George Taplin had already begun his work among the local community.

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David Unaipon (continued)

The AFA became aware of David's intellectual awareness and the former secretary of the AFA commented in 1887 that: *"I only wish the majority of white boys were as bright, intelligent, well instructed and well mannered, as the little fellow I am now taking charge of."*

At age thirteen, Unaipon left school to go and work for C.B Young in Adelaide. In the five years Unaipon spent in Adelaide between 1885 and 1890, C. B. Young openly encouraged Unaipon's interest in literature, philosophy, science and music all of which were to become major influential guiding forces in his later life. It must be remembered however that David Unaipon focussed and applied these forms within the context of his indigeneity. His practical application to these philosophies was always how they could be applied within the context of an Indigenous perspective.

While in Adelaide, Unaipon spent a considerable amount of time in the SA Museum, studying not only his own but other cultures in an attempt to draw similarities and comparisons

of cultures that reflected his own.

In 1890, David secured a job as storeman for an Adelaide bootmaker but later returned to Raukaan because he found that his colour was a major obstacle to him securing permanent employment. Back in Point McLeay he secured work as a book keeper in the local general store.

Letho Kostoglou

Here's a couple, Gary and Claire,
Whose story I would like to share.
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Gary Rigby



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Nurragi Conservation Reserve

The Nurragi Conservation Reserve is a former railway spur line that linked Milang to Strathalbyn via the locality of Sandergrove. Opened in 1884 the railway transported people, goods and mail until the line eventual closure in 1970. With the closure of the line, disposal of the land to adjacent landowners became an issue. However, there was an interest by local community groups to retain the corridor as a reserve due to the importance of the local vegetation and wildlife. In 1991 with the assistance from the State Government the Nurragi Conservation Reserve was dedicated. Until 2001 the reserve terminated at Landseer Road on the outskirts of Milang. After that, the final section from Landseer Road to Stirling Street in Milang was added thereby completing the original line. (See map on opposite page).

The reserve is highly significant as it contains extremely important vegetation in a region that has been cleared of 98% of its original growth. The Nurragi reserve boasts over 300 native plant species with over 50 of

these falling into the categories of either rare or endangered. The rail trail is an important habitat as a bird corridor, linking the lakeside environment surrounding Milang with the foothills.

The Nurragi Rail Trail Conservation Reserve is jointly maintained by the National Trust of SA and the Friends of Nurragi. The friends of Nurragi are a group of local volunteers from Milang and Clayton Bay including members from the Strathalbyn Naturalists and Local Government. Walkers are advised that it is a slow walk as the trail is predominantly in a natural state. While the total length is 12.4 km, it can be done in short sections from any of the intersecting roads. Brochures are available at the Stirling Street end, the Milang MOSH or railway station and the Clayton Bay Community Hall Meeting room.

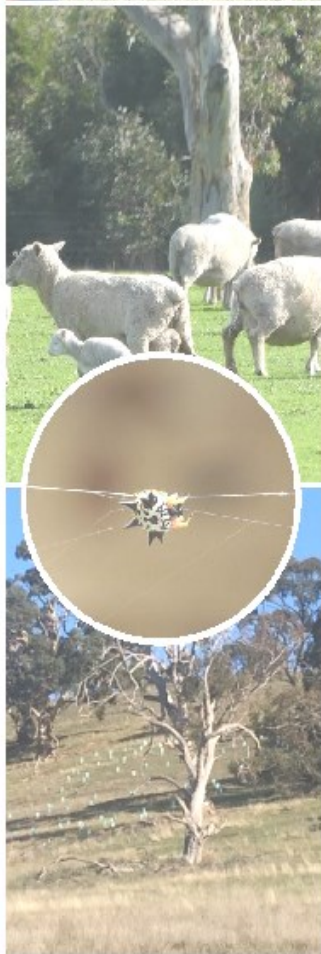
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Any enquiries contact Rowena Danks 0447 779 048 or email

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**Southern bell
frog**
*(Litoria
raniformis)*

New arrivals and a big sleep.

New Arrivals

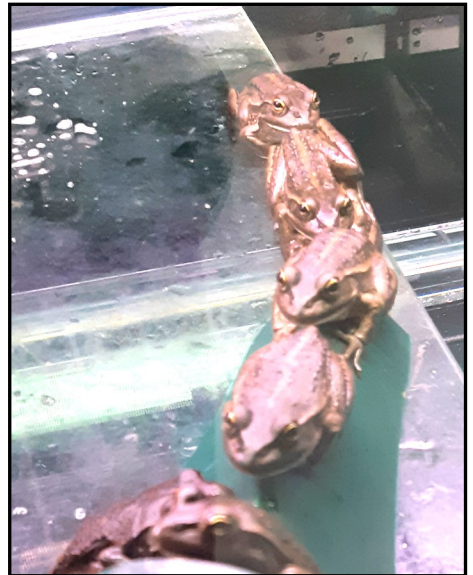
This month Clayton Bay's captive breeding program for endangered southern bell frogs hit a milestone. We now have 50 adult frogs! Since our inception we have tried very hard to minimise our impact on wild populations during collection. Four tadpoles here, six there and so on.

Following a very wet year, some catchments in the Murray-Darling Basin have experienced extensive flooding. In the Murrumbidgee River this resulted in a bumper year for southern bell frog breeding and we had a rare opportunity to race over and collect some new animals before nature stepped in and knocked their numbers down again. After some tense negotiations with the New South Wales Department for Planning and Environment we found some allies in the permitting depart-

ment and got the official stamp of approval.

In April we travelled to Balranald to meet with staff from Charles Sturt University who escorted us to the best sites and taught us how to find and catch the animals. I was worried at first that we wouldn't find any frogs but after just one hour of collecting we had collected our quota!

These frogs join our existing animals as the 'broodstock' that will breed and provide babies for restocking into the wild. They are probably too young to breed this year, but we are hopeful that next year we will have more tadpoles than we can handle!



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The Big Sleep

As the mornings get colder, the time is nigh for our frogs to sleep for the winter. Frogs are poikilotherms (which you might know as cold-blooded). This means when the weather is cold, they become sleepy and during very cold periods they can cease activity altogether. For our frogs this means a period over winter where they go to sleep for 2 months!

We were worried the first time we tried it, but for the last 2 winters our frogs have happily sat still without a single meal and haven't lost any weight whatsoever. Once the weather warms up again they happily begin eating and carry on as though nothing had happened! We will put our frogs to sleep in the next couple of weeks so from all of the volunteers to our precious endangered frogs, Sweet dreams!

Rupert Mathwin
Freshwater Ecologist

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to help look after the frogs please contact Rupert on 0488 177 251

Clayton Bay Rainfall 2022



Jan	23.0 mm
Feb	6.6 mm
Mar	7.6 mm
April	20.0 mm
May	71.6 mm
June	45.4 mm

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The Milang Markets are back! In addition to a variety of stalls there will be "Market Tucka" providing light meals, morning and afternoon teas—worth a visit to indulge in these alone!

If you are interested in having a stall there are 24 indoor sites and several outdoor sites available.

For further information contact Carole Linscott 0402 183 483 or email clinscott@bigpond.com

Introducing VILSA

Viking Longship

A lovely event in Clayton recently was the naming ceremony of a beautifully crafted Viking Longship designed and built by Jorgen Jensen as a tribute to his heritage. Originally planned to be a 10m boat, built as a Community project, Covid interfered with these plans and the bushfires burned the shed in which it was to be built. Jorgen modified the design and it was built in his shed to 7m in length.

The second significant event for this longship will be in Spring on the oval and the boat club when the boat will be officially launched and sailed. There will be a Viking village constructed and re-enactments of significant Viking traditions, including silversmithing will be on display. The South Australian Longship Association Facebook page will provide the

date and more details in the near future.

It sounds like a fabulous event for families to enjoy.

Thanks today are due to the South Australian Viking Longship Association, the East Way Viking Club, the Clayton Bay Community Association and the Clayton Bay Boat Club who hosted the event. Following the official opening, guests enjoyed a sausage sizzle and chicken wings and beverages of their liking.

Marg Mundy

VILSA Dimensions
LENGTH: 7 metres
BEAM: 1.8 metres
DRAFT: .5 metres

Viking Longship S.A. is a collective of skilled artisans & boat builders with the intent to create and build a life size/full scale Nordic Longship, using mostly traditional tools, labour and material . Visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/vikinglongshipsa/



The maker of the effigy (who remains mostly anonymous) would like you to know that when she was a little girl...these things were called “Patty Cakes”.

The reason we had the patty cake on top of the bonfire this year is in recognition of a well known local lady from Clayton Bay that has contributed many things to our

community in various ways.

One of the many is supplying not just dozens, but 100's of patty cakes to masses of different functions and working bees. Our dear Gloria Jones is a very special person and an early stalwart of our district.

If it wasn't for Gloria, Henry and family...Clayton Bay and surrounds wouldn't be as we know it today.

Thank you lovely lady.

Mostly anonymous

100% Profits from this year's bonfire will go to the CFS. The raffle and Lucky Squares raised \$900, profit from the food and mulled wine was \$1,525. Well done to the CBCA for another successful event.

Annabelle Collett Exhibition

Opening: Saturday 1st October 2022

11 am for 12 noon official launch
at the Clayton Bay Community Hall

Remaining works from the world renowned South Australian artist who lived and worked in Clayton Bay, will be available for sale.

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Annabelle Collett moved to Clayton Bay in 2009 where she lived until her

death in 2019. She was involved in numerous local celebrations and projects not only around Clayton Bay but also as curator for many exhibitions at Signal Point in Goolwa. She had a knack for bringing people together through her love of art and inspired many around Clayton Bay to become involved in public art projects. In the ten years she was a resident, she raised the profile of Clayton Bay as being an art destination.

No local artist, before or since, has given so much artistic wealth to our community. Her contributions can still be seen today. Annabelle's artistic flair managed to unite members of the Clayton Bay community through various artistic endeavours.

2009 *Farmgate Festival*

2011 *Hall decorations for the ball*

2012 - 2013 *CBCA Committee member*

2013 – 2014 *Hall decorations for the Hootenanny*

2014 *Inspiration behind developing the bonfire, artwork at the community garden*

2015 *New hall toilet signs. The Umbrella project –umbrellas were painted for use within the Alexandrina Council area.*

2016 *Bonfire concept edifice (below)*

2016 – 2017 *Community Development Grant for Colouring Clayton – stobie poles, pavers at the hall, mural on the toilet wall at Old Clayton. Hall decorations for the disco*

2017 - 2018 *Connecting Communities Through the Arts Grant for Enhancing Our Public Places - Mosaics at the shelter shed and public toilets*



Even though Annabelle lived in Clayton Bay she never had the opportunity to have an exhibition of her work in her home town.

This will be the final opportunity in Australia for the general public to come together to celebrate Annabelle's artistic legacy and to purchase an original Collett.

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SALA at Clayton Bay

Artists around Clayton are busily making their art pieces for another great exhibition of works for SALA 2022, ***'The artists of Clayton Bay'***.

The exhibition opens at the Clayton Bay Community Hall, on Saturday 20th August and continues, at weekends only, until Sunday 28th August. The exhibition is open on each day of those weekends, from 10am to 4pm.

There will be demonstrations by various of the artists during the exhibition, including a session which highlights the way in which the very skilful mentor, Madeleine Elkins runs her art classes. If you like the idea of venturing further into art practice, this is a must see. Having a locally based painting class is a fantastic opportunity.

Come and see the paintings, drawings, mosaics, blacksmithing, woodworking and rope art items, together with some fascinating items made from recycled and repurposed items. It is always a great collection and we are confident that you will once again enjoy the show. This year we have a local author and her artist daughter joining our ranks. Their stories are remarkable.

The official opening is at 12 noon on Saturday 20th August.

Wine and finger food will be available, Covid permitting.

***Our guest performer is
Letho Kostoglou,
our very accomplished local maestro.***

This year's People's Choice incorporated event will be a collection of mosaiced Murray River freshwater turtles. Each participant has purchased an identical templates of a turtle which will be interpreted artistically in unique, personal ways. The variations are always quite amazing. This year is proving to be at least as fascinating.

Put the dates in your diary and make sure you drop in. Morning and afternoon tea/coffee, with home made cakes, and lunches of light meals, homemade soups and crusty rolls will be on sale throughout the exhibition period. Vegan, vegetarian and some gluten free options will be included.

We look forward to having you join us to once again to celebrate the local artists and artisans as they demonstrate how they are inspired by the pristine beauty of Clayton Bay.

Marg Mundy



Recycling at the hall.

See page 7



Above: Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo.

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Beach Party Dance.

Bringing a bit of summer to Clayton Bay!

Left: Do you recognise this beach babe?

See page 5.





Above & right: Construction leading up to the bonfire.

Below: Peter Lomman introduces Gloria and CFS Captain, Chris Williams, who lit the bonfire



Above: Why a cup cake? See page 30



Above: Gerry Thompson playing the didgeridoo before the fire was lit. (Left)

Below: 2 CFS crew in full gear shining bright

