

Clayton Bay Chronicle

Spring 2021 \$ 2:00



Photo: Leonie Henderson

President's Corner



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Chronicle.

Spring is definitely on its way, with new growth emerging everywhere you look – the crops are looking good, birds are nesting, the snakes and lizards are on the roads basking in the sun and the gardens are looking good. There's nothing monotonous about the weather, either – calm, gentle days followed by a quick shower or two or a few days of howling westerlies.

What's not to like about living in this piece of paradise? And it seems that plenty of people are discovering what Clayton Bay has to offer, with a high turnover of properties that seem to sell within weeks of going onto the market.

If you are a newcomer, please make yourself known to Letho and Angie at the post office where they will give you a Welcome Pack to help get you started on settling in. The Wednesday afternoon teas at the hall are proving to be a popular way for locals to meet and perhaps play a boardgame or two.

Our next community event (Covid permitting) will be the Community Dance on Friday 19 November. This year, it's a retro theme, so dig out your old clothes or raid the op shops and get ready to party! Tickets are \$ 12 (\$ 10 concession) and don't forget to bring your own drinks and nibbles. See you there!

Cheers

Ginny Edgerley

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Clayton Bay Community Hall Veranda Project

Hi everyone and thank you for your continued interest in the Clayton Bay Community Hall project.

As most people around town will recall, the idea to add a veranda to the Community Hall goes back a few years. This year the Federal Government was offering grants under the Stronger Communities project and the Committee of the Community Association was able to obtain monies from the grant body which has made it possible to re-visit this idea.

Ginny Edgerley contacted the Holliday brothers who completed the design for the Milang Sailing Club extension and they agreed to design the structure for us free of fees which we are very appreciative of.

The Holliday brothers have come to the Community Hall to meet with towns people on two occasions to look over the designs and discuss modifications. Thank you to all those people who were able to come along and be involved in this phase of the project.

From those two meetings the towns people gave consent for the Committee to proceed.

SO..To date, we have received Planning Permission from Alexandrina Council. We have the build plans which are now in the hands of two building companies who will quote on the construction costs soon. Building permission has been lodged with Council and we expect this to be a formality as they have given Planning Approval already. But Council do own the building so we will wait patiently.

We still have some distance to go. The Committee will be busy, once the quotes come in, looking at the expected total cost of the build. We would like to think we have enough funds to complete the project without towns people needing to be involved, but this may not be possible. Either way we will let you all know - when we know.

We call this the 'veranda' project but that word does not seem adequate enough to describe what the designers have come up with here. Their design meets all the elements of our wish list and once complete will offer a safe, all-weather area accessible to everyone. An aesthetically interesting area to meet, have a coffee and engage with other towns people and, grab your mail.

If you have any questions please sing out and I would like you to be involved if you have the time.

Mike Daw.



Waaah!! Waaah!! Waaah!! Waaah!! It's just after 5am September 2nd, and that's my pager going off! Adrenaline kicks in and I jump out of bed to check the message. I rub my eyes, and read "respond strike team for Parawa fire" on the pager. I'm a new firefighter with the CFS but I know that a "strike team" means that this is potentially something big. I head out to the station, don the protective clothing, and before we know it we are en route to the fire.

The air is thick with smoke when we arrive on scene. We meet with the Strathalbyn group strike team leader who briefs us on where we will be heading to and what role we will play. For Clayton, we initially team up with the crew from the Ashbourne brigade down in a valley as we worked on putting out the fires that had started in the scrubland. Once this was under control, we were asked by the strike team leader to move to a trail so as to protect scrubland on the other side. The strong wind was a real factor on the day, and we were battling the spotting all day. Just under 12 hours later, and we are back at the Clayton station and are welcomed by some of the wonderful operation support crew who spoil us with sandwiches and party pies.

Working as part of a strike team is a great experience, especially for me as a new firefighter. In fact, I am so new that this was the first time I had heard my pager going off as I had only been equipped with it a couple of days before. In late August, I completed the basic firefighting training course at the State Training Centre. Along with the comradery with the other members of the brigade and the local community, and being involved in something important to the community, training is up there with my favourite things about being a part of the CFS.

You may see us sometimes on a Tuesday night as we practise a range of different drills to keep our skills up. On top of this, the CFS is blessed to have access to first class training facilities at the State Training Centre in Brukunga where nationally accredited programs are held. A number of Clayton team members have recently attended these state training programs or have nominated for an upcoming course.

We have attended a number of incidents since July. From responding to grass fires and flooding, to vehicle and tractor fires, and assisting paramedics, it has been an eventful few month. If you see us around at training on a Tuesday night feel free to say hi, and if you think you might like to get involved somehow we would love to hear from you.

Waaah!!! Waaah!! Waaah!! Waaah!! Excited to see where the job takes us next.

Ben Chudleigh, Firefighter

CFS Clayton Brigade



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BIRDS IN OUR AREA

It is Magpie season! Now is the time of the year when we hear warbling at daybreak, or maybe right through the night.



We see adult Magpies with young on roadside verges. The young are constantly following an adult with continuous squawking waiting for a feed. They have not developed their flying skills so please be wary when driving to keep their fatalities to a minimum.

The Australian Magpie belongs to the Butcherbird family. The White-backed Magpie is the Piping Shrike that appears on South Australia's flag, State badge and Coat of Arms; not the Magpie-lark as many people believe.

The adult male White-backed Magpie has pure white plumage, the female's plumage has a light grey tinge and juveniles are greyer and softer than the adults.

Their melodious warbling is synonymous with our Australian outdoors. We hear them yodelling to each other, often with very good mimicry.

It is interesting to watch their behaviour. They are territorial, smart, very clean, playful, and form close relationships.

Many people enjoy feeding the Magpies. Sadly, this is the wrong thing to do:

From a post on the Adelaide Wildlife Rehab Facebook page.

"Metabolic bone disease hits chicks the hardest. This is a direct result of people feeding the parents mincemeat, diced meat, cat and dog food or bread. The chick doesn't end up with enough calcium or phosphorous in growth and its legs deform into weak clasped toes. Its feathers are weak, tatty and broken. Often their beaks are bent or broken."

We need to be as kind to Magpies as we are to our own pets.

We make sure our pets have healthy, nutritious food. Let the Magpies be independent to find their own nutritious food, such as invertebrates, bugs, seeds and fruit so they can grow up to find their rightful place in the ecosystem as the strong, healthy birds they should be.

'Mozzie'

Oct 2021

CLAYTON BAY NURSERY & ENVIRONMENT GROUP

SPRING 2021



WAR ON WEEDS

CBNEG volunteers (called the “picker’s” group) have spent many hours every Tuesday hand pulling False Caper (*Euphorbia*) out from around the foreshore trail. This annual plant was not far off seeding, so this massive effort should see a major reduction of *Euphorbia* around the trail over the next few years. A big thanks to Alexandrina Council environmental staff for picking up weekly the piles of weeds our group has left by the side of the road.

OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW

CBNEG welcomes our new nursery manager Phil Collins. Phil has a wealth of experience in nursery management and plant production with State Flora over a 40-year career.

Long-time manager Carole has finally put up her serious boots but continues to volunteer at the nursery and on the CBNEG committee.

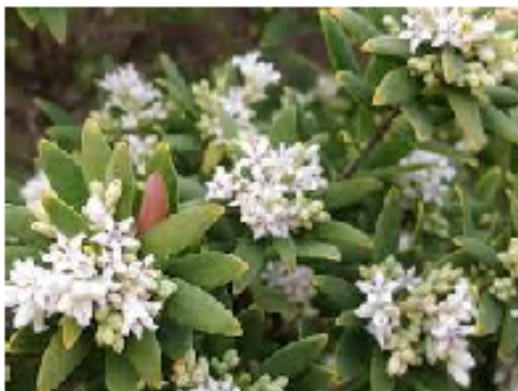
The nursery continues to be an active place on Tuesdays and Thursdays with volunteers doing a range of tasks from weed control, seed collection, propagation and nursery maintenance. Thanks to the great bunch of volunteers involved.

PLANT OF THE SEASON

Leucopogon parviflorus – Coastal beard heath

is a dense shrub which under favourable conditions will reach two metres in height with light green foliage which is attractive in itself. It has white flowers in clusters at the end of the branches in spring followed by pale drupes or berries which are edible. This plant makes a good screen or windbreak as it will buffer the coastal winds and allow the gardener to establish some more delicate plants on the leeward side. Additionally, it is a great habitat plant for our native fauna. Birds and even lizards will snack on the white fruits and because of its dense habit it provides shelter and protection.

Coastal beard heath is growing along the cliff top at Clayton Bay is flowering now.



Carole Richardson



At the recent CBNEG AGM, Pat Smytherman presented Carole Richardson a gift in recognition of her years of dedication and service as manager of the nursery.



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Meet Clayton Bay's New Nursery Manager

Phil Collins is the new manager of the Clayton Bay Community Nursery, having replaced Carole Richardson who continues to be as ever active, as a nursery volunteer, and within the community.

Phil has 45 years experience in the nursery and re-vegetation industry with his long career culminating in a 12-year stint as the Manager of the State Flora Nursery business. For the past 7 years Phil's participation in the industry has diversified to include commercial seed collection and nursery and environmental consultancy services.



Phil has appreciated the existing plant knowledge and nursery experience of the many volunteers that has created a smooth introduction for him to the Clayton Bay Nursery. He plans to further promote the nursery's capability to continue to produce high quality seedlings for the benefit of the Clayton Bay community and surrounding districts: with an emphasis on enhancing the local flora for favourable biodiversity outcomes and to combat land degradation and for shade, shelter, windbreaks and ornamental value.

The nursery is currently propagating a large range of plants ready for next year's autumn / winter planting season. And it's not too late to place an order for next year or come in and browse the current nursery range on a Tuesday or Thursday to purchase plants or chat with the friendly nursery staff. Phil lives down river at Goolwa North with his wife Fran and 6-year-old Jack Russel, Bob Collins.

Phil Collins





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We Love it Here!

Hello to all CBCA Members,

The Boat Club hopes all of Clayton is keeping fit and healthy. Spring is here and with luck some great weather for boating over summer and enjoying our pristine environment.

Over the last six months we saw the 2021 Rat Race Regatta on 20-21 March provide an interclub racing opportunity and catch-up with great viewing from the Clayton Bay Cliffs. The cruising Members have managed to get out and about in a COVID friendly way with trips to Coffin Bay and the Coorong going very well. A mini-River Ramble, from Renmark to Border Cliffs, helped finish off the autumn season and included trailer yachts, cruisers and house boats.

Social Events - Boat Club social activities including the usual First Sunday Lunch, an Eighties Night and the recent Bingo Night have been well attended and lots of fun.

Boating - The Racers are now back in action after a quiet time over winter and are active in the short and long races and with other Clubs. Unfortunately, the 2021-22 Opening Weekend was weather affected; however, the program for the season offers lots of opportunities for racing and Cruising.

Clayton Bay Boat Club - Community Consultations - Keeping connected as a community is important and the CBBC Application for a Lease Area Extension is currently under consideration via Community Consultation through the Alexandrina Council My Say website (Here). Also, all Clayton Bay interested parties can submit responses to the council by post. All information on the CBBC submission (and other Clayton Bay submissions) is available on the Alexandrina Council My Say website. We heartily recommend that residents read the information on the My Say website.

Coming events:

- Racing and First Sunday Lunch at the beginning of each month
- Hamburger Night – Second Friday of each month
- Christmas Carols
- New Year's Eve
- Flying 15 & Farr 6 – Single Design Regatta 9 (1-3 Jan 22)
- Pirate Day – 8 Jan 22
- Australia Day Breakfast – 26 Jan 22

Please note that some restrictions and conditions remain in place with appropriate signage. Also, please remember to do a QR Code check-in or paper check-in if you're visiting the Club. Stay safe, active and informed through the CBBC Log (Here) .

Kind Regards

Ric Kies – Secretary - Clayton Bay Boat Club

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Photos: Leonie Henderson

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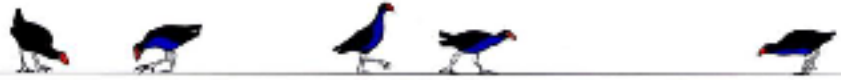
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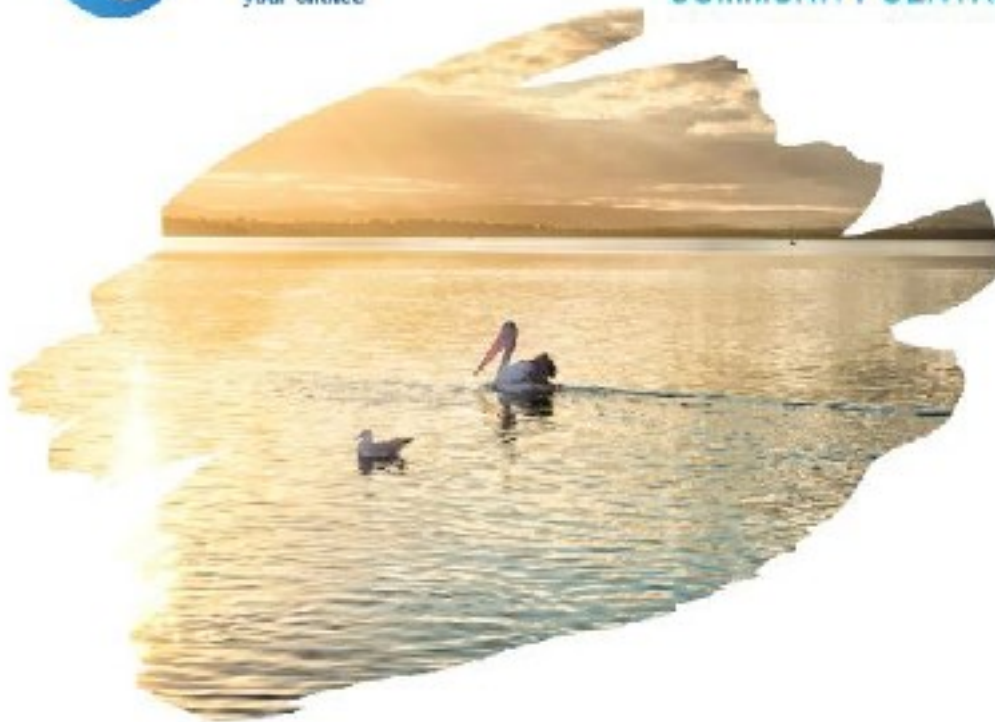
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Clayton Bay Community Association

Retro

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Point Sturt Landcare Reserve

Approximately 6½km along Point Sturt Road from the intersection with the Milang - Clayton bitumen is the Point Sturt Reserve.



The established plantings there have coped very well with the harsh conditions and are thriving. This says a lot for the idea of planting only the local indigenous plants. "Pim's Bench" by the lakeshore is now a beautiful destination for walkers to sit.

The track from the second gate toward the lake shore has been extended, with the addition of a picnic table, some stepping stones across the samphire flats to the lake edge.

This gives walkers safe and easy access from the Point Sturt Road to the Lake, where Pim's Bench provides a picturesque place to sit and enjoy the lake-shore environment, the views, and watch the birds.

A narrower walking trail around the hill and back to the second gate has been completed providing a looped walking trail around this end of the Reserve. It's looking great and well worth a visit.

Thanks to the Alexandrina Council, the GWLAP and Point Sturt Land care volunteers for their continuing support.



The 'Clifftop Reserve'.

2½km further down the road is the Landcare Clifftop Reserve which is a road reserve that runs 450m down to cliffs that face SE, providing great views across the lake to the Coorong and Narrung Peninsula.

The roadway is adjacent to existing revegetation and leads to a picturesque clifftop area which is currently the site of unregulated camping and dumping of garden waste.

This project is much smaller than the Landcare Reserve and is a 2-year program to;

- close off the track to vehicle traffic
- install a pedestrian gate
- revegetate the roadway and Clifftop areas

Leonie Henderson

TENISON WOODS – KINDARUAR ROAD

This property consists of 5.7 ha of pink gum and mallee woodland. It is an isolated pocket of remnant vegetation surrounded by farm land. Black's Scrub is 2 km to the east. The soils are transitional between the podsols of the north and the deeper sands to the south.

57 species of native plants have been identified including 6 species of Eucalyptus and 7 species of native orchids. There must be other plants still unidentified.

This is a bulldog orchid (*Diuris longifolia*).



Management consists of weed control and fire protection. There is a small house which has an independent power and water supply. Two walking trails have been developed to traverse the two major vegetation associations. If you are interested in visiting, contact Gerry on 0408083512.

Gerry Thompson



Pallet Christmas Tree



Join Clayton Bay residents and get into the Christmas spirit by having a pallet Christmas tree in your front yard.

Numerous Ideas are available on the Internet or create your own unique tree.

Let's see how many trees we can get around Clayton Bay!

Not sure if you can make one? Contact Leonie on 0407 394 907 about how you can have one made for your front yard.



SALA

SALA exhibitions have come to mean a coming together of our community to view, enjoy and celebrate the extensive, quality artistry that exists within our town. Once again there was the shadow of Covid over the event, with restrictions easing just in time for our opening event.

'Heaven Knows' a 3 piece acapella group, featuring Pt Sturt's own Helen Waghorn, provided a truly beautiful music accompaniment to the opening event, which was opened by Kathie Muir, artist, author, art administrator, friend and cousin to the late Annabelle Collett.

Our 'People's Choice' award collection this year was another jewel in the collection, thanks to the imagination and organisation of Pat Hawkins. Each of the 16 participating artists was given an identical collection of tiles, crockery pieces and a template for a Murray Cod, from which to create their unique version of the iconic species. The materials for the mosaic came via Sam Mulcahy from the collection of Annabelle Collett. The resulting range of fish was remarkable. First prize was taken out by Marg Mundy, 1 point ahead of Anne Weston, with Tania O'Flaherty taking out 3rd.

More new artists and craftspeople joined this year, some new arrivals to our community, others new to being a part of the exhibition. There were very healthy sales again, with over \$7000 worth of art going to new homes.

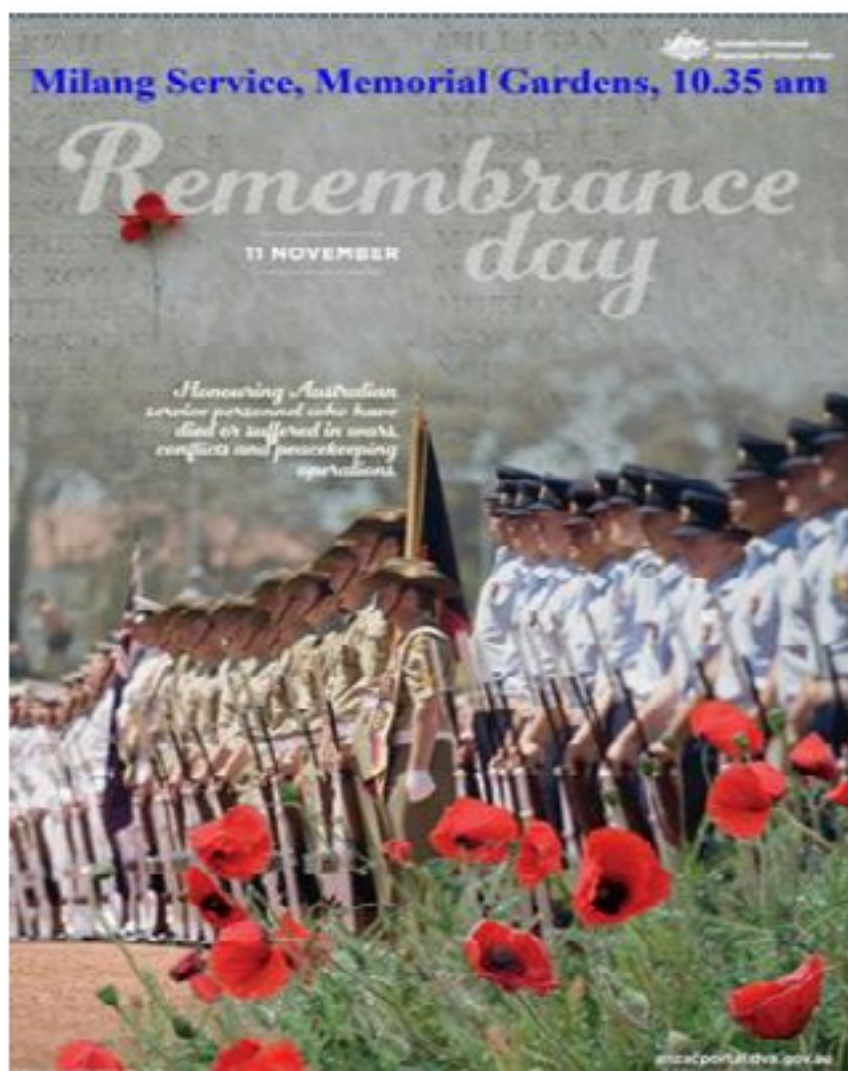
There was a consistently good crowd of visitors over the two weekends, with many partaking of the delicious foods and drinks available. Donations, raffle ticket sales, and food and beverage sales resulted in another healthy profit of \$590 being donated to the Clayton Bay Community Association.

Events such as the SALA exhibition cannot occur without a lot of preparation and work. I would like to thank the exhibitors for their dedication to making new art for 2021, the core team of Pat Hawkins, Joyce Hopgood, Tania O'Flaherty and Marg Mundy for making the event come together and for all the artists who were rostered to assist over the two weekends. A lot of work also went in to making cakes, slices, soups and lunch foods to raise money for the Association. It was a great team effort.

Once again, this event highlights another hidden secret our town holds. I look forward to curating more art exhibitions in the future and look forward to your company as they unfold. We welcome your participation for next year as an artist or a supporter of the event. Just let us know.

Marg Mundy.





All welcome

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