

Clayton Bay Chronicle

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CLAYTON BAY CHRONICLE - WINTER 2021

Bonfire effigy created by Sandy Mulcahy

Photo: Pete Smytherman

President's Corner



Welcome to the Winter edition of the Chronicle. Today is a perfect winter's day, I look out on the calm waters, blue sky, tranquil and beautiful. I feel lucky to live in this town.

For the last four years I have been president and vice-president of the community association. I have learned a lot, got to know many people, worked hard and I trust have made a contribution to this community. It is time for me to hand over the leadership to someone else, who has enthusiasm, vision and some time. There are other committee members also completing their term including Myra who has capably filled the role of treasurer.

This association and all the events that we coordinate happen because of the dedication of the committee and office bearers as well as the support from many in the community. This is a request that you consider stepping into one of the positions that will be vacant, to continue the ongoing advancement of the community and the running of events large and small.

To volunteer on the committee, you may be a long-term resident, perhaps have done a previous stint on the committee. Maybe you have just moved here and would like the opportunity to get involved, get to know people and roll up your sleeves. I had lived here for only eight months when I became president.

You will be well supported and well appreciated.

Ruth Ambrose





More than the Mail

Have you ever been to the Post Office and been offered a cup of tea or coffee? For my part no, seems unreal? But wait there's more. You will also be offered a home-made cake or muffin. But there is till more, a dozen or so people happy to chat about almost anything. Yes, that's right, but there is still more. Don't forget your mail, you could do because of the enthusiasm which prevails, it can detract from the main purpose of collecting your mail. Believe me, it's happed to me. It shows the community spirit is alive and well in Clayton Bay. But don't spread it around, there's only so many cakes. Bouquets to the organisers of this happy event, more strength to their arms, and long may it continue at the Clayton Bay Community Hall Wednesdays 12 - 2pm. Dean Birbeck

Australia Post Mail Box Relocation in Clayton Bay

After some months it's finally happened, the relocation of our very own Australia Post Mail Box. For those of you who post letters on a regular basis the mail box used to be located opposite SAILS restaurant in Bayview Road. Our new mail box is now located outside the Clayton Bay Community Hall on the corner of Grandview and Alexandrina Drives.



Clayton Bay Community Hall stage upgrade

As part of the Clayton Bay Community Hall stage upgrade undertaken by Bob Keow, the installation of a mural/banner by Annabelle Collett has been installed. The banner was given to the CBCA when it purchased an original picture by Annabelle which now hangs in the Meeting Room at the Hall. Thanks to Bob Keow for his expertise and ingenuity in hanging the banner.





The 2020-21 financial year has been another positive period for the brigade. The past couple of years have seen a sharp increase in the number of callouts attended by the brigade - almost doubling over the last two years. This year was no exception with Clayton attending a total of 37 emergency calls this financial year. These included strike teams to assist other brigades at large fires in other areas including Yumali, Lucindale and Cherry Gardens - all of which called for long shifts by our volunteers. Locally we also saw a prolonged end to the fire season, responding to six local grassfires after the end of summer - the majority of which were started by people burning off legally, but without proper understanding of local conditions. Please don't underestimate what wind can do to even the smallest of fires when the surrounding grass is still dry. Other local responses included assisting SA Ambulance with patient lifts, car fires, car accidents, and tree downs.

The brigade recently held our annual general meeting at the Clayton Bay Hall. This year the Commitment Award went to Lynne Dickson for her dedication to the brigade in multiple roles. The Rising Firefighter of the Year went to Ben Chudleigh, and the Firefighter of the Year Award went to Neil Fuller.

Jeremiah Doecke also stepped down as Brigade Captain after four years in the role. Jeremiah has been elected to another role within the group management structure as a Deputy Group Officer but will continue to be actively involved in supporting the brigade in his new role. We are excited to welcome Chris Williams as our new Captain for the upcoming year. Chris will do a great job and we are excited about what the upcoming year holds under his leadership. Lynne Dickson also was re-elected to the position of Senior Firefighter.

We are also excited to welcome several new members into our ranks. Welcome to Letho and Leonie - who join our operational support ranks and bring a lot to the team. Welcome also to Ben who has joined our operational ranks as a firefighter and who is already proving his worth around the team. However, we still have an operational brigade of only 15 firefighters and are continuing to work hard to recruit more. Now is an excellent time to join the brigade so that you can get settled in and trained up before fire season starts again. We would love to see you come down to the shed to see what it's all about. See you soon!



Out going Clayton Bay CFS Captain Jeremiah Doecke congratulating Chris Williams our new CFS Captain



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BIRDS IN OUR AREA

Raptors

Swamp Harriers and Whistling Kites are the two larger raptors that we frequently see on the wing in this area. This year I have often spotted both of these species in aerial displays between Clayton Bay and Milang, also over the river between the Clayton cliffs and Hindmarsh Island. Both are



similar in size and colouring. The Swamp Harrier has a distinctive white rump and glides low over the water and reeds with long, broad, upswept wings. Its prey includes any small animals, fish, reptiles and frogs of the wetlands. It often harries smaller waterbirds like ducks and coots until they are too exhausted to escape.

The Whistling Kite soars and glides overhead with arched, slightly drooped wings. It can be identified by the long-rounded tail and distinctive pale M-shaped underwing pattern. The loud whistling calls are often heard before spotting it soaring overhead or perched in a tree on the lookout for prey. It is a hunter and scavenger eating prey such as rabbits, waterbirds, fish plucked from the surface and carrion. Other large raptors that have made rare appearances in this area are the Wedge-tailed Eagle and White-bellied Sea-Eagle. Smaller raptors to look out for are the Black-shouldered Kite, Nankeen Kestrel, Australian Hobby, and Collared Sparrowhawk. Black-shouldered Kites and Nankeen Kestrels hover above their prey, while the Australian Hobby and Collared Sparrowhawk use speed to ambush their prey. I have seen Collared Sparrowhawks whizz past my back window twice this month but, sadly, I have not spotted any Black-shouldered Kites this year.

I've also spotted a Brown Falcon several times recently, on a fence post, large bush or the power lines between Clayton Bay and Milang.

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CLAYTON BAY NURSERY GROUP WINTER 2021

TERRY WAY RESERVE

CBNEG volunteers have planted 400 local species into the Council Reserve at the western end of Terry Way. Thanks to a \$6500 Grassroots Grant from Hill's & Fleurieu Landscape Board, \$4000 from Alexandrina Council and \$1000 donation from CBNEG we have been able to complete Stage 1 Terry Way Project. The majority of the funding was used to contract woody weed removal of Acacia saligna and Pinus halapensis. Photo points for future monitoring have also been installed at the site to measure changes over time. The morning of the planting was wet intermittently, 23 volunteers braved the weather, shared a lovey morning tea, and congratulated each other on a job well done. CBNEG has applied for a second grant this year for Stage 2 Terry Way, with almost \$20,000 for weed removal needed. Fingers crossed!



PLANTS DELIVERIES & PICKUPS FOR 2021 COMPLETED

All contracted plants have been sown, transplanted, graded and grown and have now left the nursery and are in the ground. The majority of the plants have been for several projects in the Coorong, as well as species grown for Cudlee Creek fire koala habitat working with Upper Torrens Valley Landcare Group, plants for Lucindale fire areas working with Trees for Life (paid for by generous Clayton Locals), to Friends of Pt Sturt group and some to local landholders. Some of these landholders have been buying from our nursery for many years, and are often given freebies to add to their sites. Thank you to all the volunteers who put in time and energy to allow all of this to happen, and to the customers/land-care groups and volunteers doing the planting around the region

VOLUNTEERING

The Nursery has a strong group of volunteers with a range of skills, most of who come in on Tuesday mornings. The nursery is also open on Thursday, and from time to time on Saturday mornings. As well as propagation and maintenance at the nursery, volunteering around the foreshore with ongoing maintenance (mainly weed control). Social media & other promotion, project reporting and grant writing are also tasks that are ongoing for our group.

Please contact the nursery, or call in whenever we are open. Contact Manager: 0418 838 003 or email claytonbayneg@gmail.com

PROPAGATION 2021-2022

We have started with propagation for the 2021-2022 season which will be over the spring and be almost completed by the new year. If you plan to plant at your property next year, put your order in now. Please contact the nursery for advice if needed. Phone: 0418 838 003 or email: claytonbayneg@gmail.com

PLANT TRAILER

Thanks to hard work and reuse of some of the materials, Con has completed the trailer cage construction to our new plant trailer. This means we can now transport plants with complete protection from the wind. Con and Peter transported the plants to Trees for Life in Adelaide for the Lucindale project, and Con transported the Kersbrook provenance plants for the Koala project. The trailer was also used for planting at Terry Reserve. This is a great addition to our equipment.

CHANGES AT THE NURSERY

Our Manager Carole has finally decided to hang up her boots (as manager). Our group has agreed to work together over the next couple of months without a manager, but would love to see another part-time manager take over and lead the volunteers. Paid work of 1 day a week will be available at this time, but success for grants may allow for extra hours of employment. Do you know anyone who may be interested?

Carole Richardson

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Clayton Bay Boat Club 2021 Wrap-Up

The boating season has come to an end and while boaties now engage in the completion of winter maintenance, they can also reflect on a season of both racing and cruising on the beautiful waters

surrounding Clayton Bay. In September, 12 boats embarked on a cruise to the destination at Currency Creek, where mooring jetties, a fire pit and a shelter shed make for superlative cruising/camping.





The season opened on the October long-weekend with the traditional sail-past and Tom Bentley Trophy Races and the first of the Red Top Regatta Races on the Monday. Red Top Regatta is a monthly event normally held on the Saturday and Sunday of first

weekend of each month and culminating with the Monthly Barbecue at the clubrooms.

In October six boat were packed up onto trailers for the long drive to Coffin Bay. Boats were berthed at the Coffin Bay Yacht Club for the duration of the cruise – approximately 6 days with several great sails out to the Brothers, Bulldog Beach and Mt. Dutton Bay with excellent happy hours and dinners at both the Yacht









The summer saw the continuation of the Racing Program as well as an overnight cruise to Deep Creek during a particularly warm spell that saw the deployment of 'Floyd the Flamingo" (above) with several crews taking to the water to cool off! In March, a 3-day trip to the Coorong was planned with about 17 boats making the trip through the lock at Goolwa and up to a great anchorage at Panmarung Point opposite the Tawitchery Barrage.





Two years ago, we'd planned a Club cruise on the Murray between Renmark and the Custom's House at Border Cliffs beyond Lock 6. Keren and Rob had reconnoitred the river for camping spots and resources and we were all set to go when Covid hit!

But in April 2021, the trip was reprised and 14 members and two guests in six, mastless trailer-sailers and one houseboat, moored outside of the Renmark Club on Monday 26th April where a splendid dinner was enjoyed prior to our departure the next day, upstream to Hunchee Creek.

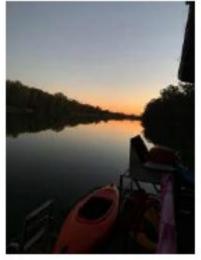
Highlights of the seven-day trip included a visit to the Woolshed Brewery, evening spas on the houseboat, followed by fireside happy hours. Spectacular weather in the high twenties most days produced superb sunsets. The transit of Lock Six was a highlight as was the historic Customs House and several boats took the opportunity to dip across the SA \ Vic border just upstream from the Customs house. Morning coffee, courtesy of Barista Rob on the houseboat became a pre-start ritual each morning throughout the trip.

A very successful adventure that could become an annual event!











Rob Jones CBBC



As my last article to the Chronicle was in the Christmas 2015 edition you could be forgiven for thinking that we have forgotten you! And I cannot even blame Covid!

Reviewing that edition, I reported that we were embarking on a renovation program for our camp with a forecast cost of \$75,000. If only! What was then forecast as a renovation, in fact developed into a major overhaul of the entire infrastructure at a total cost – WAIT FOR IT – on the wrong side of a quarter of a million dollars. And that figure would have been even higher it was not for the support of our principal contractors, Tim Roberts and Steve Bowen, and the 'hands on' work of our new President, Peter Whatson, and his family.

So – what have we done:

Cleared the nearly an acre of the North-Western corner of the camp of its dense scrub which was not only
a severe fire risk but a haven for swarms of mosquitoes. Laid fully water reticulated lawns of some 3500 sm.

Reclad all of the external and internal walls of the main kitchen/dining/bunk rooms. Replaced all of the old Laminex kitchen benches and cupboards with new stainless-steel benches, food preparation tables, and shelves. Replaced all the refrigerators and freezers, and stoves, with new units. Renovated and repainted the five bunk houses. Replaced all the wooden bunks with new steel units. Rewired all the electrical switch boards and wiring. Laid new roads and pathways with quarry rubble including new timber borders. Recovered the original 'beach' area adjacent to our jetty for swimming and canoeing. Completely renovated the original Sarah home to the North of the back gate. Purchased a heavy-duty Kubota ride on mower/slasher to maintain the waterfront areas and the new lawns.

Over the last few months, we have 'test run' several camps with nearly 300 school campers resulting in excellent 'feedback' reports, which have all highlighted the wonderful lakefront ambiance of our camp.

All of this has hallmarked SOS Kinderdorf International's first 25 years in Australia. Those 25 years have not been without drama with the forced closure or our traditional SOS Village at Seaford Rise due to bureaucratic refusal to let us practice our SOS Village model founded 72 years ago on the principle that every child deserved the love of a mother, with siblings, in a safe and secure village home. Never mind the reality that this model has been so successful in 132 countries, with: More than 400 Children's Villages, 350 Youth Centres, 260 Kindergartens, 190 Schools, 470 Training & Social Centres, and 75 Medical Centres & Relief Programs.

The SOS Australia Board has given some thought to opening our camp to the Clayton Bay community for a 'show and tell'/sausage sizzle day if there is sufficient support for the idea. Perhaps you could let us know via email –

sos@sos-australia.org.au.

Ellis Wayland AM RFD ED

Secretary, SOS-Australia



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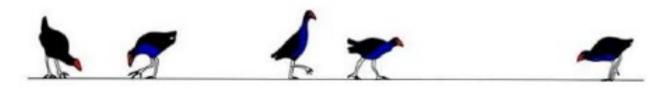
AGM

When: Saturday, 14th August 2021 Where: Clayton Bay Community Hall Time: 10 am for 10.30 am start

We welcome you to attend our AGM.

Speaker:
Andrew Crouch
On
Birds of Clayton
Bay







6 Alexandrina Drive, Clayton Bay S.A. 5256 ABN 72 700 610 232

Objects or purposes of the association

- Represent and advise the Clayton Bay community on any matters affecting the area or residents of Clayton Bay.
- Further the interests, and wellbeing of the community of Clayton Bay.
- Manage, maintain and promote the facilities of the Clayton Bay area including the Community Hall.
- Through consultation processes, ascertain the issues which are important for local residents and provide a forum by which these issues may be raised and explored by members of the community.
- Provide opportunities for participation by members of the Clayton Bay community irrespective of age, gender, race, religion, disability or economic status.
- Establish partnerships with other groups in Clayton Bay and surrounding districts whose objects are similar to those of the association.
- Provide a range of functions and activities in consultation with the Clayton Bay community.





Annual General Meeting Agenda

Venue: Clayton Bay Community Hall, 6 Alexandrina Drive

Date: Saturday 14th August 2021 Time: 10:00 am for 10:30 am start

- Welfare and Safety (Social distancing requirements)
- Conflict of Interest
- Welcome by the President
- · Confirmation of Quorum
- Apologies
- Confirmation of the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting.
- 2. Treasurer's Report, Myra Hood
- 3. President's Report, Ruth Ambrose
- 4. Introduction of the Presiding Officer
- The dissolution of the current Management Committee
- 6. Election of new Management Committee
- 7. Confirm Appointment of Auditor
- 8. Membership fees
- Any Other Business:
- 10.Meeting Closure

General Meeting.

Guest Speaker; Andrew Crouch

Meeting closure

Light luncheon and Wine Tasting



Clayton Bay Community Association Incorporated Sat, 14th August 2021 - Annual General Meeting

NOMINATION FORM

Only current financial Members of the CBCA Inc can nominate or be nominated for any Management Committee position

Nomination forms must be emailed to: secretary@claytonbay.org.au
Or forwarded to:-

The Secretary, 6 Alexandrina Drive, Clayton Bay 5256 before the start of the AGM

I, the Nominated person	(print full name)
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Sa	14th August 2021 - Annual General Meeting
	PROXY VOTING FORM
Only current financial M	mbers of the CBCA Inc can appoint another financial member as a proxy for voting at the Annual General Meeting.
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to vote for me by proxy a Saturday 14th August, 20	he 2021 Annual General Meeting of the CBCA Inc to be held on
Member's signature	date



Clayton Bay Community Garden

Growing fresh produce for your community

Slaters in the veggie patch – friend or foe?

Slaters – those little armour-plated guys that look something like trilobites – have been in plague proportions in the garden this winter. But are they good guys, or not? Slaters feed at night and hide during the day, under cover, in the corners of garden beds. The good thing is they help break down organic matter in the soil. The bad thing is they can also eat your veggie seedlings and according to Josh Byrne ABC's Gardening Australia, they also eat soft fruit such as strawberries lying on the ground. To help control them, keep mulch away from seedlings or germinating seeds. Try iron chelate-based snail bait, trap them with punnets of potato peelings or orange halves placed face-down, and let your chooks forage for them between plantings. Keep soft fruits and plant leaves off the ground. Traps made of vegemite water, placed in small containers in the ground attracts them as they can't swim. The solution does smell after a little while, so replace it every 2-3 days.

"The Project" is almost finished

After 18 months and lots of hard work, the garden refurbishment is almost complete. All new beds are up and running, with some winter plantings and herbs in some of them. There are only a few bits and pieces to take care of, primarily surrounding the 6 wicking beds with pallet wood to make them look pretty, and to keep the summer sun off the containers. A big thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way, including the SA Government Department of Health's Office for Ageing Well, and Open Gardens SA, who supported us with grants. Our thanks also to everyone who has contributed time and hard work, suggestions and encouragement, and donations of whatever kind. To Angie and Mick Daw, heartfelt thanks for your sterling efforts in organising and running the Chocolate Frog Fundraiser. And to the community at large, you've been wonderfully supportive and we are so appreciative of your purchase of the garden's produce. Special thanks to Bob, who designed and made our new west garden gate!

Now that the project is almost complete, I will be gradually stepping back from work at the garden. The physical demands of the garden are becoming too much for me. The garden is such an asset to our community, but we do need volunteers to keep it going. With brand new beds filled with good soil, a good selection of gardening tools and equipment, shade cloth and frames, and supplies such as fertiliser pellets, seeds, and pest control, it's well set up. So why not give it a try? And don't forget, the group day of Tuesday comes with good company and lovely morning teas!

Glenda Dodd



Bob Keow designer of the Community Garden gate with Mick Daw.

Are we really 'Dead in the Water'?

This and many other issues were discussed at the 'River Lakes and Coorong Action Group' AGM held on Sunday 21st March 2021 at the Clayton Bay Community Hall. Grant Rigney, acting chair MLDRIN (Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations) provided the welcome to country and also discussed issues relating to first nations water.

Richard Beasley, author of the new book titled 'Dead in the Water' which has been described as 'a very angry book about our greatest environmental catastrophe...the death of the Murray-Darling basin' spoke in length about many of the issues discussed in his book. The book sheds light on the mismanagement of what is killing off our most precious water resource and he is fed up with the cowardice and negligence that has allowed for the over extraction free-for-all of big agriculture, the corrosion of the Murray-Darling basin plan by lies and the denial of climate change (amongst many other things).

The river is the main stakeholder in this story and while no-one can be blamed for it not raining enough (unless you were in NSW this week), we continue to operate as though we have far more water than we actually have. At the end of the day, we should all be able to use the water, take what you need (within reasonable limits), but don't waste it and make sure you leave enough for the environment. However, one of the main problems in achieving this outcome is that the process is not being driven by the Commonwealth, instead each state has their own agendas and interests and unfortunately for us here in SA we are at the end of the line!

Richard Owen from the Hindmarsh Island Land Care Group spoke next on the fabulous work they have been doing with the re-vegetation of the island and the amazing transformation that is taking place, including the increase in birdlife and the re-building of eco-systems. Next, we heard from Rupert Mathwin who spoke about the lower lakes Southern Bell Frog conservation hatchery; the community solution for a nationally threatened frog species. The final speaker was Faith Coleman, who spoke of the need for the Coorong Environmental Trust together with the need to record history, data and statistics relating to the environmental changes that have and will continue to occur within the Lakes and Coorong. Finally, a lovely lunch of Coorong Mullet was supplied and enjoyed by all.

Cathy Fish



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DEBUT SOLO ART EXHIBITION AT CLAYTON BAY FOR SALA FESTIVAL 2021

Madeleine moved to Clayton Bay as a permanent resident with her partner three years ago. Since then, she has embedded herself within the community, and is a regular contributor to the Clayton Bay Community Art yearly SALA exhibition. This year for the exhibition, she will be holding some painting classes in the Community Hall offering the opportunity for the public to experience her mentoring skills at first hand.

"Clayton Bay is just magical, and full of inspiration - my painting style and what I want to paint has changed quite significantly since moving here."

Madeleine will also be holding her debut solo art exhibition "High'n Dry" as part of the SALA Festival. The exhibition is a series of works inspired by the boats discovered in the front yards of homes during her morning walks in Clayton Bay.

"Some boats have been specifically turned into a garden feature, while others appear to have been abandoned to the elements, or perhaps just waiting for their day of resurrection. The abstracted backgrounds in my paintings reflect this ambiguous status and the vibrant colours used with luscious oils worked with palette knife create a contemporary impressionistic feel."

Explore her paintings and refer to the guided map which shows you the locations of where she has garnered her inspirational boats from.

Opening night of the exhibition is on Friday 30th July, 5.00pm to 7.00pm at the Sails Cafe, Clayton Bay. Light finger food, wine and soft drink will be provided by Sails Cafe. You can book your FREE tickets on Eventbrite: https://highndryartexhibition.eventbrite.com.au. Madeleine will also be holding an artist talk on her creative process on Saturday 14th August @ 10.30am



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HIGH 'N DRY

Debut Solo Art Exhibition

by local artist, Madeleine Elkin (www.maearts.com)



Opening Night

Friday 30th July, 5pm to 7pm

(Tickets are FREE but please register your attendance for catering purposes, on Eventbrite: https://highndryartexhibition.eventbrite.com.au)

Artist Talk: Sat 14th Aug, 10:30am to 11:30am

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SALA

Artists around Clayton and others who produce their works in association with Claytonites, are putting the finishing touches to another great collection of works for SALA 2021, 'The Inspiration of Clayton Bay'.

The exhibition opens at the Clayton Bay Community Hall, on Saturday 21st August and continues, at weekends only, until Saturday 29th 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 first in my 37 years.

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.

The official opening is at 12 noon on Saturday 21st August, with special guest, Kathie Muir, a much-loved cousin of Annabelle Collett. First class entertainment will be provided by local, highly accomplished Capella group, *Heaven Knows*, which includes local long term Pt Sturt resident Helen Waghorn. Wine and finger food will be available, Covid permitting.

This year's People's Choice incorporated event will be a collection of Murray Cod mosaiced pieces. Each participant received identical templates of a Cod, together with an identical mixture of tiles and crockery from Annabelle Collett's collection. 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 homemade 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 and again celebrate the local artists and artisans demonstrate how they are inspired by the pristine beauty of Clayton Bay.

Marg Mundy







Milang Butter Factory Restoration Project Report—March 2021

Most of last year's work was in preparation for the 'stuff' you can see. The cellar has been completed, with the floor above now stabilised. The large and complicated concrete pour of the foyer and footings for engine shed 1 and addition 2 were done.

With the framing up, this year we have seen the wall cladding go on, the doors and windows will be cut out later and the front veranda replaced using recycled posts. Before starting on the roof all of the fascias and barge boards were given two coats of paint in the solver colour 'brickwash'.

It is with great anticipation that I can in all probability answer the most asked question of all time, "When is the roof going on? and the answer is, NOW. The boys have started battening the gable roof for the new iron, this is so we can retain the same old look on the interior ceiling/roof instead of modern sarking. This week also saw a couple on new faces on site to help with the roofing iron for the gable section one of them being local lad Angas Smith.

The guttering has arrived and the fascia's have been put on and valley gutter installed. Two of our lovely old posts from the cellar have been used to hold up the corners of the back roof rafters one behind the tank on the southern side and the other one is holding up the corner of the pergola.

The brickwash finish, a special breathable stain/ paint has arrived and some working bees will be arranged in the near future to apply this finish. The committee will be having a meeting to decide what tasks the volunteers can take on when the contractors finish the building to the lock up stage which we are hoping to be at the end of May, so we will keep you all posted on these developments.

Cheers

John Bradford.

Site Supervisor

Deadlines going forward for Articles & Advertisements

Winter: 15th July 2021

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FFFAD - Family Fun Frog Awareness Day

I had the absolute pleasure to come and help out at Family Fun Frog Awareness Day. It was an amazing day with lots of activities, information and plenty to eat

Seeing so many people come together to raise awareness and funds to save the Southern Bell frog is truly a fantastic achievement.

It was great to see the breath of talent and skills on display too, with amazing artisans, musicians and knowledgeable people sharing what they knew of the wildlife of the local area.

But the true joy of Clayton Bay is seeing the community come together as one to achieve something amazing.



Above: Jeremy with Reggie - the frog lady.

The many volunteers and organisers had obviously put in an enormous amount of work to make the day successful, and the community of Clayton Bay did itself proud.

Jeremy Pook



Congratulations Clayton Bay for a Successful Frogarama FFFAD

The Frogarama FFFAD held on Saturday 24th April this year was a very successful event due to the wonderful support of Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group CBNEG and Clayton Bay Community Association (CBCA), all the stall holders, volunteers who ran a variety of activities for children, tour guides and most importantly, the general public. Thanks everyone.

We raised over \$1,500 which has been placed into the FAME southern Bell Frog fund. We had all sorts of feedback.

For example:

Ginny – Our ukulele players had a wonderful time playing to the crowd. It was such fun.

Rupert Mathwin - Myself and extended family from Sydney "had a blast".

Wendy from the Adelaide Hills – "a very impressive day and I learnt such a lot from the guest speakers."



Above: the Milang Ukelele group

The southern bell frog, until recently, was probably an unknown previous resident of the Clayton Bay waterways because most of us have never had the experience of hearing them calling. The distinct call has been described by experts in many ways, but those expressions really do nothing to match the experience of the real call-in nature. They sound like a motorbike, or a chain saw starting up. Southern bell frogs have disappeared from our area, and it is aimed to get them back in the wild so we can all hear them again.

Imagine on a warm night in spring or summer with a hint of rain imminent, walking along the famous Clayton Bay walking trail, and listening to the bell frogs calling again. It will be enough to connect us all back to nature again and cure the worst cases of depression arising from our hectic and demanding lifestyles.

Have a listen to the call at: https://www.frogwatchsa.com.au/species/view/10

Your efforts in attending the Frogarama and participating in the activities goes a long way to helping us get to the end goal. Clayton Bayites, you should feel proud of yourselves.

Everyone is talking about next year's Frogarama. We have some new surprises for you, but we also would like to incorporate any good ideas you have. So go to it and contact one of us or leave a comment with anyone from the CBNEG or CBCA marked attention southern bell frog recovery team. Your thoughts matter to us. We will also have a prize for the person who can best mimic the southern bell frog call so start practising.



Left: The reason why frogs hop. If you had webbed feet, it's hard to run as contestants for the flipper race found out.

Special thanks to Leonie Henderson and Mia Mirtschin for organising the event.

If you feel like donating something, go to the FAME website

at: https://www.fame.org.au/projects/help-the-southern-bell-frog-bounce-back

Peter Mirtschin



Farewell Libby and Geoff Braddock

Early in July a group of friends gathered at 'Sails' for Libby and Geoff Braddock to say goodbye after living in Clayton Bay for 20 years. Geoff and Libby always worked as a team, for many years with CFS and in the early years for the Clayton Bay Community Association. Libby and Geoff settled into their lakeside home overlooking Dunns Lagoon early 2002. Geoff had joined the CBCA Committee earlier in August 2001. He was on the CBCA Committee for four years and Libby was Secretary for two years. They soon became interested in environmental issues and in 2002 Geoff chaired the CBCA sub-committee for Dunns Lagoon Proposed Sanctuary Destination. A very successful "Life on the Edge" workshop followed at Braddock's place where everyone had fun discovering the macro-invertebrates, native fish, and checking the turbidity and salinity of the water.

From this the Natural Heritage Sub-committee of the CBCA was formed instigated by Ann Starkey and chaired by Geoff. The focus of the sub-committee was "to seek the best method of protecting native flora and fauna located from the clifftops to Snug Cove and Dunn's Lagoon." There were many workshops to improve knowledge, develop skills and communicate with the community, as well as meetings with consultants and various government departments. Submissions for substantial grants were successful.

As a result of this active sub-committee, The Clayton Foreshore Vegetation Management Plan, written by Janet Pedlar, was launched in 2004 and a local Water Watch group was formed and regularly monitored the condition of the water with the data published in the Chronicle. The group was awarded the SA Water Watch Award in 2003

Regular native fish monitoring was undertaken by SARDI. Groups of Conservation Volunteers helped with revegetation. A Bird Group was formed. The informative bird signs were installed along the walking trail and Information brochures were produced.

The Natural Heritage Sub-committee, chaired by Geoff Braddock, was active until 2006, when there was a new focus for conservation management with the formation of the Clayton Bay Foreshore Sub-committee.

Geoff and Libby made an important contribution to the preservation, maintenance and revegetation of the local environment that continues today.

Marg Kitto





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Winter Solstice Bonfire 2021

This year saw the return of our annual Winter Bonfire community event. While we jostled inclement weather, the CBCA soldiered on confident the event would go ahead and be a success...., and it was! While it continued to rain during construction of the bonfire from Wednesday to Saturday the day of the event, from 4 pm onwards the heavens responded with what can only be described as perfect conditions. The event was held at a new location by the shelter shed on the foreshore and the new locale proved to be a winner with both organisers and public alike.

The CBCA would like to extend a special thankyou to all the volunteers who provided us with pots of soup, the recipes of which will appear in this and further editions of the Chronicle and everyone who assisted in not only organising the event but who contributed both their time and effort cooking and serving on the night. Special thanks to Steve Stewart, who imparted his bonfire building knowledge to us, Mick Daw for organising the collection of bonfire materials and Sandy Mulcahy who designed and built the bonfire effigy.



Building the Bonfire



Construction complete



Sam Mulcahy, Mick Daw & Steve Stewart



Ruth Ambrose & Steve Stewart



Its alight!



Partying on

Photos: Pete Smytherman

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By Di Colleran

- 2 bunches of broccoli heads
- 1 Onion
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 2 potatoes
- 4 cups of vegetable stock
- 2 tablespoons of oil
- Salt & pepper to taste

Slice onion, garlic, potatoes and broccoli. Heat oil in a frying pan, combine garlic and onion and sauté. Transfer to a large saucepan. Add 4 cups of vegetable stock, broccoli and potatoes. Simmer until all ingredients are soft. Blend with a stick blender.





















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