

Clayton Bay Chronicle

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Above: The Folk Bitch Trio encore with Scott Cook

Below: Max on Sax



Above: "Welcome to Country" by Cedric Varcoe

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Left: Games under the verandah on Wednesday. Come along for a cuppa and cake 12-2 pm.

Below: What a turn out for the Small Halls Festival! See pages 22 & 23.



Below left: The younger set enjoyed the evening. Front: Sam Middle: Hudson, Laura, Amber, Emily. Back: Sam M, Zac Below Right: MC Peter Smytherman



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President's corner

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Chronicle.

Our hall has been a hive of activity in the first quarter of this year, where we've been spoilt for choice for things to do.

There have been two community meetings on mosquitoes and native bees, a Festival of Small Halls concert and a Quiz night on Easter Saturday. When you add the regular afternoon teas and Yoga classes, it's no wonder that we have earned a reputation for being the best used hall in the Alexandrina Council area.

A few committee members attended a meeting in Woodchester, where representatives of other halls gathered to share information about issues relating to their community halls. We soon realised that we are in a very strong position when it comes to our financial position, the number of members in our Community Association and the number of people who support and attend events at the hall.

Thankyou to each and everyone of you for helping to make our community such a wonderful place to live.



Ginny Edgerley

DIARY DATES

Keep these dates free and join the fun:

April 25th: ANZAC Day 6am, dawn service at the lookout

May 14th: Mother's Day

May 15th-21st: National Volunteer Week

June 17th: Winter Solstice Bonfire

June 30th: CBCA membership expires

July: Renew your CBCA membership

August 12th: CBCA AGM

August 19-20th & 25-26th: SALA

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As we near the end of another fire season, the Clayton Country Fire Service would like to express our gratitude to the community for their efforts in being fire season aware. We extend our appreciation to those who have kept their properties tidy, trimmed down bush and scrubs, and adhered to the fire ban warnings. These actions have greatly reduced the threat of grass and scrub fires. However, it's important to maintain our vigilance, as the first few weeks after the fire season can often be a period of heightened risk.

During the last few months, the Clayton Country Fire Service has been busy attending to a fair number of incidents, including grass fires, fire alarms, and even a marine search and rescue. We're proud to have sent members to the Montecute fire as part of a Strathalbyn group response and we also partnered with Milang Country Fire Service to attend a soil combustion fire at Peats Soil near Langhorne Creek. Our fire brigade has been working hard to keep the community safe, and we appreciate

the support we've received from the local community.

In addition to responding to emergencies, our fire brigade has been busy with training events. On April 1st, we joined with Milang CFS, Langhorne Creek CFS, and Strathalbyn CFS for a joint training session with the South Australian Ambulance Service. The exercise simulated incidents of typical rural and farming accidents, with ambulance officers and CFS crews working together to save persons. The simulated incidents included a Hazmat scenario, a machinery accident, and an extradition of a patient from a header.

Locally, we held a morning of chainsaw exercises to keep up our skills and maintain safety awareness, ready for those "tree down" incidents. We've also practised our defensive fire suppression techniques during a recent Tuesday night training, which involved asset protection tactics, finding and accessing a reticulating water source, and laying out the correct hose lines for the breathing apparatus crews. These training events are essential to

ensure that our firefighters are always ready to respond to any emergency situation.

The Clayton Country Fire Service currently has a couple of vacancies for firefighting roles.

Joining the CFS as a firefighter is hugely rewarding and is also quite fun. We have a fantastic team, but as the town is growing and we're becoming busier, it would be great to add a couple of extra passionate people to our team. Our firefighters are trained to high standards and have access to some great equipment, so if you're interested in joining our team, we encourage you to get in touch.

As we come to the end of another fire season, we want to remind everyone to stay vigilant and prepared for emergencies. Whether it's keeping your property tidy, checking your smoke alarms, or learning basic first aid skills, there are many ways that you can contribute to the safety of your community. We thank the

community for their continued support of the Clayton Country Fire Service and look forward to working together to keep our community safe.

Many blessings to all,
Firefighter Ben Chudleigh

Interested in becoming a Clayton Bay CFS fire fighter?

Contact the Captain Chris Williams on 0402 666 195, or pop into an evening training on the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Clayton Bay Rainfall 2023



Jan	11.8 mm
Feb	16.4 mm
Mar	32.8 mm

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(March 2022 7.6 mm)



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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.



Boardwalk

You may have noticed the boardwalk is closed until further notice as it needs urgent repairs which Council will undertake soon. The boardwalk was opened in 2002 so is well overdue for maintenance.

Basketball Hoop

Thanks Sam Mulcahy for fixing this!

Sails

Yes, finally it has been sold!

CBCA Events

The recent Small Halls Festival and the Quiz night were both very well attended resulting in \$5,000.00 being raised to be used for future CBCA projects.

From Nigel Morris, CEO Alexandrina Council: It has been raised with me many times the need for a disability toilet at Clayton Bay. I am pleased to announce that at last night's (March) Council Meeting Council determined to allocate grant funding received to upgrade the foreshore toilets and include ambulant and accessibility access facilities. This is major funding of close to half a million dollars.

Council resolved:

C23098

Moved Cr Sue Miller seconded Cr Margaret Gardner

1. That Council endorse two (2) projects listed in the table below as the 'grant activity' to be included in the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program – Phase 4:

LOCATION	ESTIMATED COST
Dalveen Road Bridge Renewal	\$200,000
Clayton Bay Toilet Upgrade - Including Ambulant and accessibility access	\$485,920
Total Funding	\$685,920

2. That Council update the Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan and Budgets to incorporate the additional grant funding and associated expenditure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clayton Bay Community Garden

Growing fresh produce and a strong community

Well hello everyone. My name is Sharon and I've just taken on the community garden 6 weeks ago. I've lived in Clayton bay for 3 years now, trying to establish my own garden. I love repurposing things, garden art from op shops. I started growing veggies during the Covid lockdown for fun 🥰 mainly. It's become a crazy addiction of which has lead me to the community garden with encouragement from Sophie Thomson.

I'm passionate about gardening 🧑🌾 but I am only learning. I don't mind hard work and I guess garden knowledge will come. I have a couple of great local mentors to put me in the right direction.

I'm there Tuesday and Thursday 9-12. There's no rules, think of it as a drop in community garden. No expectations. Stay as long as you want or just drop in for a chat. So if you can hold a hose or dig a weed come along. Do what you can when you can. It all helps. For insurance while at the garden a volunteer form needs to be filled out. After that we

have a sign in and out book and that's it!


Make it simple!..... We all have something happening in our lives and a garden is for fun, well being, making friends and getting out of the house. Not to forget fresh organic fruit and veg!


I'm all about organic pest free produce. Tomatoes 🍅 may not look perfect but it's in the taste! You just can't compare it and it's better for your health too!


We are all dealing with the rising cost of living and there's a need to go back to basics. Just like our grandparents lived. Supplementing our food supplies with home grown produce. Sharing with family, neighbours and our local community.

You may have noticed on a Wednesday at the community centre there is a grow free cart (see page 13). This idea is close to my heart and I love the fact that as a community we can share food. So the plan is to grow what we can at the community



garden and put it on the cart. Then community members can also place excess produce grown at home ie peaches, plums, tomatoes on the cart. It saves waste and is a perfect bartering system. "Take what you need and give what you can". You will find gardening books, seeds and seedlings from time to time on the cart as well. We hope it will inspire you to grow at home.



We have been tidying up the garden the last 6 weeks. Thanks to the girls with long handled pruners. We had a go at mulching with the machine lol, lots to do still there. A trailer load of soil was purchased and a couple of strong  old gals wheel barrow and shovel in hand moved a ton!


 Sheep manure was donated by the Wilson farm and cheap garden lucerne purchased. Loads of blood and bone and compost were added to the garden beds and we're off and running! Thanks to our friends at CBNEG seeds have been raised and last week we started to plant the beds out.

 Yay we are getting there.


We had a great crop of apples and Granny Smith are on the way. Figs have been popular and there's still a

few to go. Quinces are just yellowing now and lemons  are ripening. Autumn and winter is the dormant season but we hope to have spinach, pak choy, beetroot, radish, carrot, brussel sprouts, cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, leeks, kohlrabi and cauliflower on the cart early spring. Cross fingers the pests  don't get them.

 We are also having a flower garden to encourage butterflies and bees  for pollination. I'm looking for any garden art to make it interesting - if you would like to donate, let me know.

So throw on the flannette shirt and your hat, gloves  and comfy shoes and come on down.

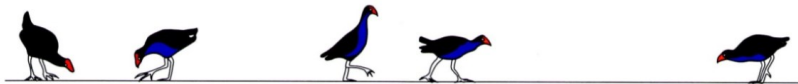
A bag of carrots  will feed a family but a packet of carrot seeds will feed the community.

Remember, no pressure only a willingness and a smile. 

See you there—I'm the one in the red Akubra!



Take care.
Sharon Mittel



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Secretary's Report

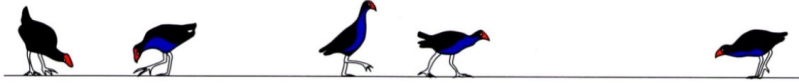
The last three months have flown by with lots of regular activity and community gatherings at the hall, demonstrating the vibrancy and friendliness of our community. The hall has become a central meeting place with our wonderful undercover outdoor veranda being used and appreciated whatever the weather.

Hirers of the hall have praised the

space available for their events.

Two council staff joined our February meeting to discuss the dark sky desire of the community, and how they can work with the association to reach appropriate compromises for the lighting requirements in the new housing estates under construction. Tash and Hannah provided some useful background on accreditation requirements with offers to assist and support the

Clayton Bay Community Association at work for our community



community discussions on this topic to ensure we maintain the low light desire of the community.

During February we hosted a number of information events coordinated by CBNEG, GWLAB and RLCAG. Our second small halls concert was confirmed for end of March, and the planning and preparation for this exciting performance in the hall started in earnest. The association purchased some additional tables, and a large number of padded chairs for use in the hall to keep the audience comfy.

The donated bar needed some TLC to make it work effectively for our events, and the local trade and craft artisans turned it into a very useful addition to the hall facilities.

In March the CBNEG/GWLAP hosted an informative talk from Sophie Thompson on native bees in the hall, and the small halls concert preparation was really winding up, and culminated with another wonderful live music event in the hall at the March. The hall looked fabulous, and the event was well supported.

Our hard working committee took the opportunity to put on a Quiz Night over the Easter break, which was also

well attended and raised funds for the association to continue the maintenance and improvement of the hall, facilities and grounds.

Council is finally recognising the importance of our community hall to the well-being of our community and environment, and have requested an estimate from a plumber to upgrade the hall toilet facilities, which have been getting plenty of use with the extensive and regular use of the hall.

The community garden is still in need of some regular volunteers to keep the produce coming, which is shared and available from the Grow Free cart outside the hall under the veranda. Take what you need, and give what you can.

The association has planned and delivered events every month this year, and would like to continue the momentum and use of our hall. Please contact us if you have any ideas for events and activities.

With all this activity, the association is still in need of some willing volunteers to assist and support the management committee. Come along to one of our meetings and find out how you can be a part of our exciting community.

Peter Lomman
Secretary



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Right: Kat with some of the produce on the Grow Free cart situated under the verandah at the hall.



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Quiz Night

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ard Pharmacy, Mitre 10, Hammer
and Tongs café, The Good Food Co.

Port Elliot: Mitre 10

**Thanks also to Di Colleran for her
time in researching questions and
putting the quiz night together.**

Below: Milang Butter Factory Bunnies.
Left to right: Jean McCormick, Norm &
Glenis Foster, Pauline Perry, Lyn Unwin.



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Quiz Night

Maybe it was "the only town in Australia named after a year" (1770) , that got us over the line anyway, our happy little "LA Gooners" team scraped into the winners position by just one point.

Thirteen tables contested the Easter Saturday "Clayton Bay Community Quiz night" in the local hall, with one victor and 3 teams finishing equal second and the remainder just a few respectable points behind. After a tense playoff, "Hey Google" correctly estimated the "round about length" of the Titanic and finished officially second. The lovely "butter factory Bunnies" with their soft furry bunny ears graciously accepted the consolation wooden spooners prize.

A big thankyou to Quiz mistress Di for the scarcity of ridiculously difficult questions and especially for the lack of Sporting questions this definitely helped make it a fun closely contested quiz evening. The carefully colated music also helped set the jovial mood. In fact if your name happened to feature in a song played for the audience, you could claim a nice chocky easter egg. Sorry to the

blokes, as there are not too many mens names mentioned in songs! Fast forward to the hilarious last round entitled "Just plain Silly" We are now so much better informed about multiple little known facts , such as the Scottish national animal being a unicorn, and that a donkey can see all four feet at any one time. We all now know that the collective noun for a group of pandas is an "embarrassment". Who would've though?

Most importantly, all attendees will now reliably be able to the furnish the answer to anyone who may ask ..."who lost their compass at Mount Compass?"

Thanks again to Quiz mistress Di, scorers and IT whizzes, Elizabeth and Geoffrey and all the other busy beavers preparing and running the event behind the scenes or behind the bar!

In conclusion it was a super fun evening with lovely feedback from both local and visiting caravan park attendees.

Deanne Brown



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ANZAC DAY—Tuesday 15th April

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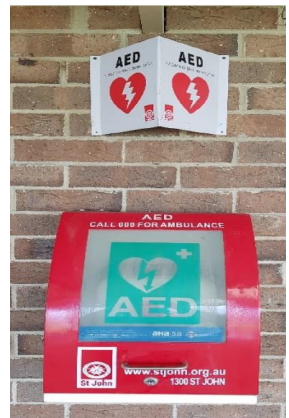
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Southern bell frog
(*Litoria*
***raniformis*)**

We are now heading towards the end of this seasons breeding season, and at the time of writing still no breeding success to report. We are still hopeful with the new outdoor breeding enclosures but due to delays in getting these established and further refinements still required the window for breeding outdoors this season is not looking promising however spring will be here before we know it and things should be all ready to go.

All frogs in the facility are going well and will be getting ready to be overwintered ahead of the upcoming

breeding season, and our fabulous volunteers will get a well-deserved break.

To keep up to date with latest developments at the facility you can follow us on our Facebook page, Southern Bell Frog Project;

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Regina Durbridge

SOUTHERN BELL FROG PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to help look after the frogs at Clayton Bay please contact Regina at regina.durbridge@ngt.org.au

"WANTED PLEASE" Have you got a gnome that's lonely in your garden?...donate it to the anonymous gnome fairies that love to do a regular display in our town. Please leave behind public loo near Sails...we won't ask questions if you don't. Thank you.



From Secret Gnome. XX

Composer of the Month



**Pyotr Ilyich
Tchaikovsky
(1840 – 1893)**

Tchaikovsky was born on 7 May 1840. He began taking piano lessons at age five. Within three years he became as proficient at reading music as his teacher. In 1850 he was enrolled in the *Imperial School of Jurisprudence* in Saint Petersburg to pre-

pare him for a career in the Russian civil service. He graduated at age 19 and continued to pursue his love of music.

In 1859, the newly established Russian Musical Society was formed. The aim of the society was to foster and promote Russian talent rather than importing musical talent from abroad. In 1861, Tchaikovsky attended music theory classes before enrolling in the Saint Petersburg Conservatory which opened in 1862. The Conservatory was run by the famous



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Russian concert pianist Anton Rubinstein who quickly discovered Tchaikovsky's innate musical abilities. Tchaikovsky graduated in 1865 and Anton's brother Nikolai offered Tchaikovsky the post of Professor of Music Theory at the newly opened Moscow Conservatory.

Tchaikovsky's musical training helped him fuse European melodic and harmonic traits with elements of Russian National music. The result was a unique musical language. He graduated in 1865 and from 1867 – 1878, split his time between teaching and working as a music critic. This allowed him to travel abroad and become exposed to a myriad of western musical forms.

His music often expresses passionate emotional outbursts as heard in his *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture* and his *Piano Concerto No.1 in B flat minor*. His six symphonies are some of the finest examples of this idiom and his operas include *Eugene Onegin*, after the novel by Alexander Pushkin and *The Queen of Spades*. Perhaps his most noteworthy musical compositions were for the ballet. These include *Swan Lake*, *The Nutcracker* and *Sleeping Beauty*. Other

noted orchestral compositions include the *1812 Overture*, *Marche Slave* and an additional symphony titled "*Manfred*" after the novel of the same title by Lord Byron. He also wrote a set of variations for cello and orchestra which he titled *Rococo Variations*.

Unlike other struggling composers, during most of his established career Tchaikovsky had the additional backing of a patroness, Nadezhda von Meck, widow of a Polish railway magnate. The two corresponded on a regular basis and in addition to her providing financial support to the composer, she also in a way became his muse. The two never met, a stipulation on her part. The regular income released Tchaikovsky from financial pressures and allowed him to channel all his efforts into his music. Tchaikovsky died on 6 November 1893 supposedly after contracting cholera from drinking a glass of unboiled water but it is now generally accepted that he was told to take his own life. Tchaikovsky was homosexual and late in his life he had become involved in a homosexual liaison that went wrong.

Letho Kostoglou

Festival of Small Halls

For the second year in a row the Festival of Small Halls visited the Clayton Bay Community Hall to present an outstanding show with some of the best festival acts around. Held on Wednesday 29th March the large crowd was treated to some world class acts. The small halls program sends some of the finest big festival acts on a tour around the country visiting only small communities and their halls. It says a great deal about Clayton Bay and its people that we were the only venue in South Australia for 2023.

The evening began with a sausage sizzle as the crowd enjoyed the new outside area and the new bar. And what a great bar it is, test flown on the night by Gary. As usual the volunteers of Clayton Bay provided great service throughout the evening.

The concert began with a warm welcome by MC Peter Smytherman who proudly introduced Cedric Varcoe who gave the “Welcome to Country”. The first act, Max Tuki Pook-Kathrinder, a 16 year old with local connections, played a range of jazz and classical solo saxophone pieces. Max and his sax held the audience spellbound with surprising and unusual (to me) pieces, played with great authority and feeling showing mastery of the instrument. Sometimes mellow, sometimes soaring but always demonstrating the clarity and beauty of the sax sound.

The second performer, Canadian Scott Cook, quickly established an easy rapport with the crowd and proceeded to show us, in the true manner of the troubadour, how a realistic critique of today’s world can brim with optimism and humanity. It was also fabulous music. Reminiscent of Chris Smither

and Paul Kelly, Scott is a great advocate for a better world. His easy-going delivery and mellifluous voice underscored his accomplished



Above: Andrew, Mary-Lou, Laurie, Carole, Natalie, Pene & John



Above: Christening the new bar. Left: Barmen David & Gary serving Neil, Jean, Caroline

professionalism. It seemed fitting that he paid a heartfelt tribute to Woody Guthrie and “Working People” was a crowd favourite. His witty song about feminism also brought enthusiastic applause. For me though, his final ode to his guitar – ‘you don’t own it, pass it on’ – summed up this fine man and his moving performance.

After a generous intermission, during which the new bar again showed its worth, we were treated to the beautiful harmonies of the Melbourne based group Folk Bitch Trio. Each of these three women has a wonderful voice and their harmonies were sublime. The three sang mostly original songs and accompanied themselves on acoustic guitars. To say they sounded a bit like the Cowboy Junkies falls short. Their gentle songs, sung with great feeling, were quite unique and very Australian. The Trio have a mel- low sweet sound, sometimes haunting

and sometimes joyous.

Everyone stood up and applauded with such vigour that the entire group of performers appeared for an encore. They chose the Gillian Welch song “Look at Miss Ohio” with its anthemic style to perform what I considered the hit of the night. It’s clear these performers are all very happy to be close to their audience in the small halls and the resulting rapport energises the whole room. The sound and lighting support for the concert was extremely good and contributed to the night’s success. It was a fabulous musical evening and if everything is as it should be maybe the festival will come our way again.

The CBCA committee and volunteers again achieved an outstanding success for our community and are to be congratulated.

Andrew Keightly

Below—Front: Max’s mum Marisa, Marion, Mozzie. Back: Pat (Max’s proud Nana), Maggie



Autumn at the nursery



My last two articles in the Chronicle explained how the change in the season dictates the work pattern in the nursery

and autumn beckons its own challenges and enjoyment. Autumn is my pick of the seasons, in general the weather is mild and often there are less windy days.

Autumn allows us to put the finishing touches on our seedlings in readiness for paddock planting. Most tube stock is planted from late autumn to mid spring. This takes advantage of our Mediterranean climate with dominant winter rainfall. With soil moisture available it encourages the establishment of a sound root system. Our square tubes with a taper have internal ribs which act as root trainers to direct the roots downwards to avoid any root spiraling.

The warm temperature in early autumn is conducive to plant growth; hence we apply a final top up with fertiliser to finish off some of the species. This is either a topdress with granular fertiliser which contains both an immediate and a slow release component of Nitrogen. Alternatively we use a liquid fertiliser where both the foliage and the roots are able to directly uptake nutrients.

We grow several hundred species of native plants and because of the diversity, many have differing fertiliser requirements. Our potting mix contains a component of complete slow release fertiliser of 8-9 month duration. The plan is for the slow release fertiliser to run out in mid autumn. Those species that have reached optimal growth will gradually harden up. This hardening process will help to optimize survival when the seedlings are planted out.

Other contributing factors to harden the seedlings are the onset of cold nights but we also manipulate plant growth by cutting back on irrigation. The method is to reduce how often we water. We dry them out between applications to toughen them up.

Many of our seedlings are preordered. The main autumn job is to batch the plants to cater for our client's orders. We inspect every seedling during the batching process to ensure it meets our demanding quality standards.

Our team's expertise in managing all stages of plant growth, health and nutrition throughout the seasons enables us to meet these high quality standards. The autumn highlight is to see the result of our labour with the nursery full of beautiful young seedlings ready for dispatch.

**Good planting.
Phil Collins
Nursery Manager**

Learn About Mosquitoes

Presenter, Craig Williams, graduated with a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Zoology and a major in Microbiology.

Throughout his academic career of more than 20 years Craig has combined skills in education and communication with his research studying the interface between environmental and public health. His particular focus is on mosquito-borne diseases

A very informative session where Craig talked about the mosquito in general, it's habits and breeding cycle as well as the various diseases caused by mosquitoes and how they can be transmitted to animals and people, .

Diseases spread by mosquitoes in SA are [Ross River virus](#) and [Barmah Forest virus](#), [Murray Valley and Japanese encephalitis](#)

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Some interesting mozzie facts:

- They can fly for 5-7 kilometres.
- Depending on the species, they can lay 40—200 eggs.
- The eggs can lay dormant for years depending on water levels.
- They live for around 20 days.
- Japanese encephalitis was first seen in Australia in 2022. It affects the brain so is not detected in blood.
- Only the female bites.
- They are more active when there is a full moon.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

It is with sad regret, that we, Ingrid and Gary Owens would like to advise the Clayton and Milang community, that our Mother,

GRETA MANSVELD

has passed on Tuesday 28/3/2023

In lieu of a funeral service, a Celebration of Life will be held at the Clayton Bay Community Hall Wednesday 26/4/2023 at 10.30 am, where friends and people who had known Greta can share their stories and memories of times gone by.

Kind regards

Ingrid and Gary Owens and respective families

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Birds in our Area

After the River Murray flood

As the rising floodwaters in December and January filled every little nook and cranny around the lake there were very few water birds in the area. I was aware of a couple of swans and a pair of Purple Swamphens with three very young chicks. The adults brought the chicks over to the grass growing on the verge in front of my place to feed on the roots.

It was then that I realised that the water was too high for any water birds to be able to feed so had to move on to other feeding areas. I was interested to hear David Paton, an ecologist at the University of Adelaide, say the same thing. Also that the number of nesting birds had dropped dramatically in the Coorong and that the high water had increased nutrients and decreased salinity in the protected wetlands.

Now, two months on, it has been wonderful to witness the return of so many birds between Clayton Bay and Milang.

I first spotted Royal Spoonbills and Ibises, both White Ibis and Straw-necked Ibises.

Other larger birds followed. Pelicans, Great Egrets and White-faced Herons have returned in large numbers.

I counted 20 White-faced Herons pictured, one day, someone else counted 30 a couple of days later. Similar numbers of Great Egrets are here too.



Smaller birds have returned, particularly on the wetland at the Kindaruar Corner.

I was surprised to see small Australian Grebes (below) and Hoary-headed Grebes as well as many Coots and Little Pied Cormorants. There are also Terns, Masked Lapwings, Australasian Shelducks and Pacific Black Ducks.

It is unfortunate that the duck-shooting season opened as the birds returned.

Of course, once the area is rich in birdlife, as well as reptiles and fish, the opportunistic birds of prey return.

I have regularly sighted Swamp Harriers and Whistling Kites, singularly and in pairs, as well as Brown Falcons and Nankeen Kestrels.



Time to enjoy some bird watching!

'Mozzie'



Rebekha Sharkie MP
Federal Member for Mayo

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Terry Way Reserve

Tuesday 21st February began as a normal day for volunteers at the Clayton Bay Nursery, which is run by the Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group. Regular volunteers arrived at 9am to continue the transplanting of tiny germinant seedlings into larger forestry tubes ready for planting during the cooler months later this year. It has been a very strange growing season so there is still a lot of work ahead. Thankfully this is not the case for the trees that have been grown for the Queen's Jubilee Planting Trust, which are all thriving ahead of their final planting.

After winning a grant of \$15000 last year, the team organised the removal of the alarming number of *Acacia saligna*, a West Australian wattle, a declared woody weed, from the Terry Way Reserve. It is now a blank canvas into which the newly grown range of indigenous native trees and shrubs will be planted.

At 10.30am, Rebekha Sharkie MP for Mayo and her personal assistant Rose Beltchev, together with Alexandria Council Mayor Keith Parkes

joined the team for a ceremony to acknowledge the grant and unveil the plaque which will be installed after the plantings are complete. Both Ms Sharkie and Mr Parkes have had an extended connection with the CBNEG, so the ceremony blended the formalities with a delicious morning tea.

Ms Sharkie spoke of the Queen as a respected world leader and a staunch environmentalist, before reinforcing the enormous value of volunteers to communities. Mr Parkes thanked Ms Sharkie and commended her as a great supporter of projects and achievements in the Alexandria Council region.

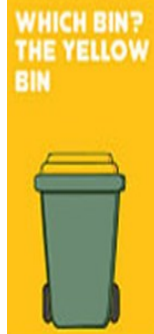
The dignitaries were given a tour of the nursery and the planting site where the preparatory work was clearly evident. The quality and vigour of the plants left the visitors most impressed.

Marg Mundy

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer undertaking plant propagation at the nursery, you would be most welcome.
Email: cbneg@gmail.com

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2023 KFC Rat Race Regatta

Hello to all CBCA Members,
What a great weekend, it was!

Starting with Hamburger Night on Friday and two great Rat Race days on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March, with everyone well fed and watered.

Congratulations to all the Division finalists and overall winners and a great big thankyou to all who sailed. Unfortunately trophies were not available, but will be provided as soon as possible.

Also, Volunteers are our mainstay and this weekend saw many more Members and their friends stepping in to help with the numerous tasks

that make the event tick over smoothly. Thank you all very much for helping out.

This Rat Race has seen an increased number of Junior's participating ably assisted by their fantastic support teams. Everyone had a great time and it was awesome to see them all on the water, doing the course in challenging conditions. Hopefully we can increase their engagement and visits.

Again, thanks to everyone who attended for helping to make the event a successful and fun weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

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Sophie Thomson Native Bees

Held on Saturday 4th March, and attended by a large crowd, Sophie describes herself as an “Obsessive Compulsive Gardener” because gardens are her life. Worldwide, bees are in decline and with over 2,000 native bees species they will become more important as pollinators. In Adelaide and surrounds, there are over 300 species! You probably have them in your garden are not even aware they are there.

Following information about the different types of native bees especially the blue banded bee, their habitat, pollination methods and pre-

ferred plants, attendees were invited to make a native bee hotel to place in their garden.

For more information visit:

www.aussiebee.com.au/bee-friendly-garden

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David Unaipon (1872 – 1967)

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Unaipon's religious convictions were based on the equivalence of traditional Aboriginal and Christian spiritual beliefs. He was in much demand as a public speaker working for the *Aborigines' Friends' Association*. His touring public lectures brought him into contact with many intelligent individuals sympathetic towards Aboriginal rights and the opportunity to lecture on Aboriginal culture and rights. In 1929, five of Unaipon's traditional stories were published under the title *Native Legends*, under his own name and with his photograph on the front cover.

Unaipon's stand on Aboriginal issues at times put him into conflict with other Aboriginal leaders. On the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet, Unaipon criticized the Aboriginal League's "Day of Mourning", protest, arguing that it would harm Australia's reputation abroad and create a negative wider public opin-

ion of Aboriginal people.

In 1953, David Unaipon was awarded a Coronation medal, which he received at the age of 81 and posthumously was awarded the FAW Patricia Weickhardt Award for Aboriginal writers.

David Unaipon died on 7 February 1967 at the age of 94 in Tailem Bend. Finally, in 2001, Unaipon's *Legendary Tales of the Australian Aborigines* was finally published under his own name. Unaipon's image on the previous Australian fifty dollar note featured his portrait with the Raukkan mission and Unaipon's own design for the shearers mechanical device.

Compiled by Letho Kostoglou

Below: The new \$50 banknote was released into general circulation on 18 October 2018. Each denomination in the new series of banknotes feature a different species of Australian wattle and a native bird within a number of the security features. The \$50 banknote features the *Acacia humifusa* and the Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*). New design elements include shields from Unaipon's Ngarrindjeri nation and images portraying the practices of *miwi* and navel cord exchange about which Unaipon wrote.





Above & Left: After Sophie's native bee talk, it was time to make a bee hotel. See page 33



Above: The CBNEG volunteers



Left: Rebekah Sharkie MP and Mayor Keith Parkes attended CBNRG morning tea to celebrate the revegetation works at Terry Way. See page 29.

Below: The boardwalk is closed for repairs.





Quiz Night See pages 14 & 15

Above: Out of Towners “Hey Google” left to right: Mathew, Jodie, Kaye, Trevor, Paul, Teagan, Philip. Came 2nd on the night.



Above: Scorers Geoffrey & Elizabeth kept a close eye on everyone’s answers.

Right: Winners, “LA Gooners” left to right: Gary, Ingrid, Curt, Ray, Deanne



Below left: “Hidden Gems” from the caravan park and friends.

Below right: Di, the Quiz Master extraordinaire!

