

Clayton Bay Chronicle

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CBBC 50th Anniversary and opening of the 2023.24 sailing season. See page 35



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Below: "Alice", aka Tania, at the Alice in Wonderland themed photo booth at SALA. See article And That's a Wrap page 27



Above: CBNEG volunteers recently visited revegetation on a property at Belvidere and on their way stopped off at the site of The Lone Pine, Belvidere.

The Lone Pine

In memory of those who fought and paid the supreme sacrifice at the battle of Lone Pine, Gallipoli, Turkey 1915.

This tree, gifted to the students at the Langhorne Creek Primary School by the Federal Govt. & planted here in 2020, is descended from the original Lone Pine.

— *Lest We Forget* —

DIARY DATES

October

- CBCA Calendar launch (date TBA)
- 20th: CBCA committee meeting 7pm
- 21st: Hall grounds cleanup

November

- Kites & Kayaks (date TBA)
- 7th: Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the boat club
- 8th: David Basham visit (see pg 32)
- 10th: CBCA committee meeting 9.30am

December

- 3rd: Live music under the verandah

7th: Village Conversations

9th: Letho Kostoglou Recital 4pm.

24th: Carols at the boat club

2024 January

7th: Funday—afternoon games at the hall

26th: Australia Day Breakfast at the boat club



Visit the Clayton Bay Community Association Facebook page for details about events as dates are confirmed .

President's corner

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Chronicle.

My name is David Gladwin, and this is my first Chronicle as President following Ginny Edgerley's well-deserved retirement. What a great effort from her. The CBCA has enjoyed her leadership over the years. Well done Ginny.



Along with Peter Lomman (Secretary) and the management committee we have started to review CBCA activities for the remainder of this year and next. We have a healthy bank account thanks to the hard work of all our members, and we are busy discussing potential new ways to raise money as we head towards the end of this year. The ideas from the committee will see us refine these and allocate responsibilities to progress those that we consider worthwhile.

I would like to thank Peter Lomman for his guidance and knowledge in my early days as President.

Looking forward, we have work to finish on the hall, including completion of exterior paint work and plumbing. Exterior signage has to be given some priority. The kitchen is showing it's age, and we will explore the costs of that.

Attendance at the usual Wednesday coffee and cake has dropped considerably and the committee is looking at how we can resolve that and restore it with a more attractive activity.

David Gladwin

CBCA Committee Meetings

Observers are welcome to attend

20th October: 7pm

10th November 9.30am

In the meeting room at the hall

Why not come along and meet the committee.

“Already Read Books” will be on sale at the **Milang Lakeside Butter Factory** fortnightly on Saturdays & Sundays 10am – 3pm
October: Sat 21st, Sun 22nd
Nov: Sat 4th & 18th, Sun 5th & 19th
Dec: Sat 2nd, Sunday 3rd



Hello everyone,

As fire season approaches, we should be preparing now for a hotter than normal summer that has been predicted. We should all be doing our bit to prepare for bush fires.

We can become complacent in our own homes and think that bushfires happen somewhere else. This is what some may have thought at the Cudlee Creek fire with devastating consequences. This was only three years ago.

Last summer here in Clayton, we had a significant fire at Ibis Rd that threatened houses and burnt out approximately 30 acres. This all started on a day that was 18° and blowing a southerly.

Now is the time to prepare for fire season and not when the ground and fuel loads are primed to burn.

On a happier note, two of Clayton Brigades enthusiastic fire fighters, Ben Chudleigh and Joel Doecke, joined 700+ other fire fighters from around Australia to compete in a stair climb in Melbourne, running their way up 28 floors to the top in full kit and carrying 25kg of extra

weight to raise money for depression / suicide and cancer research.

They did a sterling job and did Clayton and South Australia proud. Well done guys and a truly great effort.

We are in need of enthusiastic, caring people to join our Brigade as fire fighters. All training will be provided and you will be part of a great team that is dedicated to the safety of our community and have some fun along the way.

All of Clayton Brigade members are unpaid volunteers and do a tremendous job serving our community.

Please get in contact with me on [0402666195](tel:0402666195) if you would like to know more.

***Interested in becoming a
Clayton Bay
CFS fire fighter?***

At the Clayton Bay brigade, we pride ourselves on fostering a supportive team environment that promotes camaraderie and growth.

If you have any inquiries or would like to learn more about joining,

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.

On Sunday the 24th September the Strath CFS group held an exercise at the Milang oval in preparation for the upcoming fire season and to practice our skills. It was well attended with over 75 CFS personnel in attendance. (Photo below) Three

other Brigades from outside our group also joined us, Mt Compass, Currency Creek and Tailm Bend. Well done to everyone involved.

Be safe and sensible
Chris Williams
Clayton CFS Captain



*Fire Ban season for Murraylands,
which Clayton Bay is a part of,
commences 15th November 2023*



Clayton Bay Community
Postal Agency

Many residents of Clayton Bay are familiar with the Clayton Bay Community Postal Agency which is located adjacent to the Clayton Bay Community Hall 6 Alexandrina Drive. The Agency provides both mail and Parcel delivery to many of the residents of Clayton Bay.

The agency's opening hours are Monday to Thursday 12:00 - 2:00pm and Friday's 4:00 – 6:00pm. Apart from mail delivery, the agency provides stamps for those of you who wish to mail cards and letters in

Australia. We also have vacant post boxes which are available for hire.

If you are a new resident to Clayton Bay and don't get your mail delivered here, it may pay to call into the agency once a month just to check if any of your mail has been delivered to us... because it does happen on occasion.

If you have any questions or queries regarding mail collection, parcel collection or any other related questions please ask Letho, Leonie and Allister our dedicated staff for assistance.

Letho Kostoglou
Clayton Bay CPA



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Ice 5kg bags

Gas bottle refills

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

We welcome you to come in and say hi.



Alexandrina Drive, Clayton Bay – Proposed Extension of 50km/h Speed Limit

Council received strong support for the proposal to extend the 50km speed zone on Alexandrina Drive with 92% in favour. Council will now formally submit a request to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to extend the speed limit to 50km/h.

Dog Attacks on Stock in Clayton

There has been dog attacks on sheep and calves in the last few weeks. This is a reminder to dog owners that it is their responsibility to keep their animals under control and secured day or night if unsupervised. A landholder has the right to shoot a dog on sight if their stock is threatened or under attack and the dog owner is to pay for any damage or loss of stock. (Council's Dog catcher : 8555 7000)

On the subject of dogs, if you use the hall grounds to exercise your dog please clean up after them. Dog poo bags are there and these can be placed in the Green bin.

Investigator College

Investigator College Certificate 11 horticulture students visited Clayton Bay Community nursery and Goolwa

& Hindmarsh Island nurseries to help the students make a link with industry in the region. The visits gave them the opportunity to compare



Above: Investigator College students at CBNEG

their own nursery and practices with others in the region, and to ask questions of experienced nursery workers. They continued on to Finnis Conservation Park where they planted 45 *Olearia passernolides* which is listed as rare in the Murraylands. This is the 6th year students from the Currency Creek Campus have visited with their teacher Nat Gilbert. Their interest and passion for the environment is great to see.

Bat Boxes

If you attended the Bat talk at the hall bat boxes were mentioned and can be purchased, \$30, by phoning Diane Smith on 0418 903 645.



Hi All,

Our vision for the community garden: A place of resurgence for families and individuals getting back to nature. A place for growing and eating seasonal, chemical free produce, and a therapeutic and magical space to improve health and wellbeing.

Early last March I walked into a wonderfully set up garden just in need of some TLC. Today in early Spring we have 12 garden volunteers on the books — all ages, and all walks of life. Many of the volunteers bring lifelong skills, but we are all new to the garden and to each other, so there are lots of laughs and many lessons along the way.

One of our volunteers, KJ, has worked endlessly to put the community garden on the map. We now have a website, are locatable on Google maps, and are now a part of the open food network and grow free map. www.communitygarden.org.au/listing/clayton-bay-community-garden/ Plus, we have beautiful paintings, signs, and garden bed bins

— well done KJ! Recently Rebekah has joined us as our resident photographer and multi-media contributor. We now have a Facebook page www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550481159805 (Or search: Clayton Bay Community Garden), and an Instagram account (@gardenatclaytonbay). This leaves me free to focus on the garden, so thank you girls for all your hard work!!

I'm gradually delegating jobs to all our volunteers, so everyone has their own section of the garden to keep an eye on. Some are planting seeds and transferring to larger pots. Others are propagating and rescuing plants for sale by donation. Some are attending to the flower gardens to encourage pollination. Others are running orchards, herb gardens, wicking beds and working on a children's walkway. Plus, the composting and worm farming, special care of the young dwarf fruit trees, and tomato bed preparation! So busy, busy bees preparing for Spring planting. At the moment it's a production line and every-

one will eventually learn all aspects of the garden, including myself.

Alvyn Hopgood supplies us with a planting calendar for planting in the Milang/Clayton Bay area. This will eventually be available for sale with illustrations by KJ.

His recommendation to plant now is as follows:

September: Spring Onions, Rhubarb, Carrot, Parsnip, Beetroot, Kohlrabi, Potato and in late September, Eggplant and Cucumber.

October: Spinach, Silver beet, Tomato, Potato, Spring Onions, Eggplant, Pumpkin, Cucumber, Melons, and Squash.

November: Corn, Tomato, Broccoli (summer variant), Potato, Spring Onions.

A big thank you to Alvyn for supporting us!

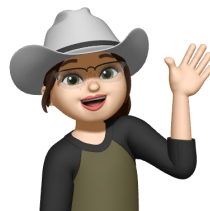
A call out to all the volunteers of MEC, thank you for your continuous support. A big thank you to Gary for building the preserve community garden cart for jams and pickles, which will be available, by donation, at the garden as a fundraiser. A big shoutout to Mia and Peter who so generously provided funds for 5

dwarf fruit trees. To Mick who took unwanted firewood for the bonfire and fixed our watering system tap and Peter who took a Trailer load to the dump, thank you! We have had so many donations and so much help. There is too much to mention but you know who you are, and I thank you — What a community!

The Grow Free cart and Food for Clayton cart is donated by the Clayton Bay Community Garden and MOSCH. I want to thank the community for also adding to the carts, it makes such a difference in someone's life and brings the community together. Lastly, a big shout out to Vicky, Carol, Kathy, Linda. They continuously turned up to help during the cold winter months to be able to present a sustainable space to grow food, reduce the cost of living, and invest in our community's health — We thank you!

So, start preparing your soil and enjoy the fruits of your labour. Timing is everything!

Take care.
Sharon Mittel





Clayton Bay Community Association

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CBCA Membership

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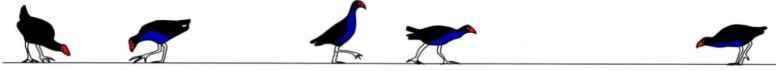
Christmas-celebrating our community

Live music with Boogie Men Band

Under the veranda at the hall

3rd December, 2023

Clayton Bay Community Association at work for our community



Meet Your Committee

David Gladwin President

I was born in London in 1948 in Acton. When I finished my schooling, I spent 5 years to become a fully qualified indentured toolmaker before coming to Australia in 1974. My real life journey was about to begin.

I came to Clayton Bay 2 years ago. Since then, the impact on my life has been amazing. Having raised 6 children and spent many years traveling the world, I finally found a peace that I had never felt before.

In these last two years, I have met some truly great people and made many friends. Sitting outside with a coffee and watching the sun come up, and the bird life busy as ever. A glass or two of wine at the end of the day...heaven.

There is a certain tranquility about this place, like an oasis in a busy world. Wandering down to the lake and watching black swans and their chicks gives a great feeling of serenity and beauty.

The community has been so friendly and welcoming, and now I feel that I

am truly home.

Now being involved with the Clayton Bay Committee gives me an opportunity to preserve and hopefully make it attractive for new events and ideas.

I am excited about the future.

David Gladwin



Spring has Sprung
Gardens are Buzzing
Assistance for sprucing up the
Community Hall gardens
Would be appreciated
October 21st, 2023—9am
More details on Facebook soon

Fancy a great (low cost) day out?

Since you moved to Clayton Bay, you have probably passed the Milang Railway Museum hundreds of times. But have you ever considered calling into the museum on a Sunday to sample some delights you may not have expected?

When you walk up the ramp from the car park, the first thing you enter is the original Milang station building. This contains many historic items, many of which are interactive, meaning that you can press buttons, listen to stories and do all kinds of interesting things. For ex-

ample, you can try opening the 1892 cash drawer in the ticket office.

On the far side of the station is the cafeteria car where we serve refreshments, lunches and Devonshire Teas at very economical prices. You can view the menu on our [website](#) or by entering “milang railway” into your search engine. While waiting for your food, you can try driving the big orange diesel locomotive using the simulator in its cab.

A stroll down the platform will take you past the explosives van, the guards van and the accident man. All three contain interesting stories and exhibits. The Guard’s Van contains a seven minute sound and light show which will take you on a train ride through Milang’s his-

Volunteering at Milang station is *fun*



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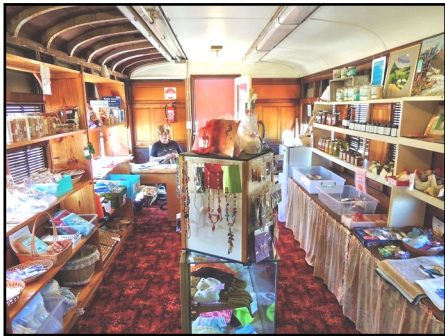
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tory. The sound and light show runs continuously. Many of the displays are hands on so it's a great way to entertain the grandkids during the school holidays.

Next is the Milang Community Craft Shop (photo below) which is full of gifts, produce, plants and many other things made locally.



Walk down the yellow steps and you enter the world of light railways. There used to be seven hundred light railways throughout SA and now only eight remain, one of which is at Milang. Inside the cream building you will find a push button model railway, steam locomotive driving simulator, interesting displays and several locomotives. Walk out the western door and you will find a steam locomotive with an interesting story and an opportunity for kids to climb up into the cab and sound the whistle. Finally, you can enjoy a free train ride which runs continuously between noon and 4:00 PM on Sundays. The train will take you 300 metres westwards where the driver will tell you a few history stories and then return.

We recently had a new diesel locomotive arrive at the museum. It is a Simplex locomotive which worked on a sugar cane railway near Mackay before it was placed with the museum on permanent loan. One of our volunteers, Neville Thomas, spent fifteen months restoring it in his backyard and it is now here in excellent condition and carrying a national restoration award. It runs on our two foot gauge railway which we are about to extend to the end of our property.



The Milang Railway Museum is a non-profit charity run entirely by volunteers. If you are interested and helping us, even just for four hours a month, then please make yourself known to the volunteers on duty when you visit.

Alternatively, you can support us by taking out a membership. You can do this at www.milangrailway.org.au and then select the Online Store. If you prefer not to use a computer then please phone 041 232 060. Individual membership is \$10, family \$15 and juniors free and are tax deductible.

Peter Lucas

SA 14 year old wins silver in female adult category at World Ninja Obstacle Games in the Florida, USA

Matilda Taylor Johnson, the first female athlete from SA to represent the country at this level, pitched herself against competitors from 12 nations across 4 ninja disciplines in Orlando, Florida from 25 – 30 July 2023.

Matilda earned the right to represent the country by placing 2nd in her age group at the 2023 Australian Ninja Games (ANG) national competition held in Brisbane, January this year.

Against ninjas from 12 countries with the USA as host having reps from 39 states, Taylor Johnson competed in 2 of the 4 as a 15U: United Ninja Athletics Association (UNAA) and the Spartan 3km World Obstacle course while the Ninja World Cup and her

final event, the Federation of International Ninja Athletes (FINA) she competed in the adult category. She brought home the silver in this final event.



While the other events were based

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on individual time trials over an obstacle course with the least errors and no more than 2 obstacle fails, FINA was a series of knockout head-to-head races over an obstacle course, a survival of the fastest and fittest. All athletes are given one life before elimination and after Matilda lost her first round, she won the next 8 to make it to the gold medal race. Against a USA competitor, she won but being the first loss for her opponent, they ran one last time where she was edged out on the last obstacle.

Chants of “Aussie aussie aussie oi oi oi” rang out throughout with the Australian team in full song.

This was Matilda’s highest success but she also placed 21st in UNAA and 5th in the 3km Obstacle race (2nd of the Austalians in both).

A Woodville High school Yr 9 student in the Special Interest Music program, Matilda trains in her backyard at the only ninja gym in SA, Base Camp building the skills to climb, swing, leap, balance and hang in a high-speed cocktail of gymnastics, bouldering and parkour.

The TV show Australian Ninja Warrior gave a prime-time version of what

ninjas do while the grass-roots level is where the main action is now.

The World Ninja Games also profiles this sport at the Olympic level where it is being proposed to join fencing, swimming, shooting and running in the modern pentathlon with the 2028 games to be a trial with full inclusion set for the 2032 games in Brisbane.

With the FIFA Womens’ World Cup well underway, this is one where Matilda is also striving for gold. Returning home, Aug 3, she is back to school and in training already aiming to go one better in 2024.

Quotes attributable to Matilda:

“Being my first ever world competition I expected an experience but not a podium, to be 2nd in the world for adults is unbelievable.”

“Now my goal is to be stronger and better to qualify for the 2024 World comps and my training starts now.”

“For ninja to be part of the 2032 Olympics is so exciting and now is a great time to get involved, it’s a great sport and it is growing fast, the Aussies have shown we are tough to compete against.”

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ALEXANDRINA If you own or live in a property that has a septic tank, or is on full sewer, then you need to be aware that 'flushable' wipes *cannot* be flushed! This includes all forms of wipes, toilet wipes, wet wipes, baby wipes, **including those that are marketed as being flushable.**

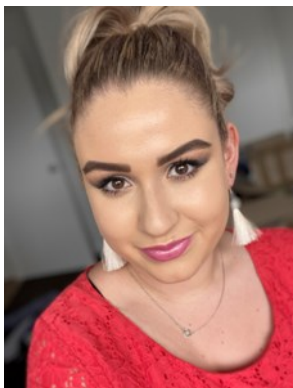
The only thing you can flush is toilet paper. It is the only paper designed to break down as it travels through the wastewater treatment process.

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DISCOVERING CLAYTON BAY

“A Ground Hog’s Day Moment”

by Mark Opperman

My first encounter of Clayton Bay was early in 1989, myself and four friends drove down from Adelaide and enjoyed a BBQ lunch near the Goolwa barrage. After lunch we hopped in our cars and I followed the leader in a mini convoy to Clayton Bay. I had no idea where I was or how far up the river we were, but I recall driving past the canoe tree near the Finnis and parking our cars in the boat ramp car park. The next hour or two was spent taking in the view from the nearby cliff top and playing footy on the oval using an empty two litre plastic coke bottle.

Fast forward 28 years. Jodie and I had just sold our Macgregor 26 Trailer Sailer. A great boat but a little too large for towing practicality, and not to mention Jodie was not a fan of sail boats heeling over. The solution, start looking for a Lower Murray riverside shack where I can downsize to a smaller sailboat, sail in extensive but protected waters and Jodie can watch my exploits from the comfort

of home, while enjoying a cup of tea and a jigsaw.

We looked around Goolwa first to no avail – very expensive, and in hindsight now – a bit “rat racey”. I then recalled my visit to Clayton Bay and how nice it was, so we started looking there. We thought we’d “test drive” the town first by spending a weekend in the Fisherman’s Cabin at the caravan park. The first morning I walked down to the caravan park shore where I helped a mum and her kids rescue a frog that was stuck inside a canoe that they were about to take out for a paddle. My walk then took me through the boat club grounds where I noticed a young couple had somehow unhooked their boat trailer in the water at the bottom of the ramp. They were to attempting to pull the trailer out with a rope tied to the car, this was getting stuck also. So, to lift the trailer coupling off the ground I suggested the husband and I sit on the back of the trailer to balance it while the wife drives the car and tows the trailer up the ramp. This worked just peachy and in matter of seconds the trailer was back up on the grass of

the boat club, AND while walking in the water I found their boat winch handle which they had lost earlier that day.

I then continued on to the public boat ramp car park where I met a car full of lost tourists asking how to get to Goolwa. After giving them directions and feeling quite chuffed with myself I then realised this was the

closing scenes of Ground Hog Day where Bill Murray's character's final day was spent helping the Punxsutawney town folk. And like Bill at this point, this is where I decided Clayton Bay would be a place to live (with approval from Jodie).

Mark Opperman

?Quiz?

Just to keep your Quiz Night skills honed, each Chronicle will have Quiz questions supplied by Quiz Mistress, Di.

1. What river runs through Budapest?
2. What is the Pride of Erin?
 - A) A dance
 - B) The name of a rose
 - C) A super yacht
 - D) All of the above
3. What animal is described as Lupine?
4. True or False : An octopus has 3 hearts
5. Which is the most common blood group?
6. Which King was Elizabeth 1 father?
7. What common household product is chemically known as NaCl?
8. In which Australian state/territory is the town of Dunedoo?
9. What was the name of Walt Disney's flying elephant?
10. What is the highest possible score in one round of darts?

(Answers page 37)



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

Landscape Hills & Fleurieu has been working with a number of partners to help reduce the extinction risk of the southern bell frog (*Litoria raniformis*) in the lower-Murray region. This has involved a process of captive breeding at Clayton Bay to reintroduce them to specialised sites and assisted reproduction to ensure genetic diversity. See a video about this

program [here](#). Regular updates are posted on the Southern Bell Frog Project Facebook page.

Leonie Henderson

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

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MURRAY BLUETITS



Have you noticed a splash of pink in the water recently, or maybe something yellow, perhaps

some people bobbing along in the water chatting? You may have caught a flock of Murray Bluetits in their natural habitat.

An awesome bunch of locals have started swimming in the bay on a regular basis. We are the Murray Bluetits, part of the worldwide Bluetits Chill Swimmers Social Swim Community, an informal group of adults who just like to swim together and generally get up to Bluetitery.



Above: Beautiful morning for a swim... 4.8 degrees on land 12.7 degrees in the water.

Swimming in the bay, we have been working together to overcome the cold water and improve our fitness. I would like to acknowledge the great effort made by all the group for getting in the water in all kinds of weather over the winter months. Several of the members also rose to the “Chattering chums with frosty-bums challenge” completing 20 swims over winter.

As a group we take our safety very seriously and so we have bright hats and use a tow buoy to improve our visibility to others on the water. We are also fortunate to have a safety boat (on occasion), although the safety boat captain has been known to tell us off for too much chattering and not enough swimming.

We meet up at the Clayton Bay foreshore shelter and, after reviewing the wind direction and checking how we feel, we then plan our swim direction. Sometimes we swim to the boat club, other times we swim out from the shore and back again, but each time we enjoy a chat and watch out for each other. Some members of the group recently had their first swim in the sea, heading off to Horseshoe Bay. A little bit warmer than the river with bigger waves, but just as much fun.

Many have asked why we started this in the middle of winter and really the simple answer is “why not”, the joy of challenging ourselves. It is great fun, we have met some wonderful people and we all come out smiling. What a great way to use the resource that is literally on our doorstep.

When asked what Bluetitting means to the members, responses included:

*Friends, fun, laughter, challenging, relaxing (depending on chop value) most of all UPLIFTING!

*Coming together with Beautiful like Minded People's embracing our own Personal Challenges for our own Personal Reasons and feeling so alive and recharged each time afterwards I have truly found My flock People's

*It means aligning myself with

brave and inspiring people and building connections within community.

*Beautiful people, Living life fully

*It means a lot ☺

So now spring is here if you would like to join us why not get in touch through our Facebook group or catch up with us at the foreshore. If you aren't keen to swim feel free to join us on the water on a Paddleboard or kayak, although you may still get wet (nothing is guaranteed), and if you see us in the water give us a wave.

Facebook - facebook.com/groups/murraybluetits/

If you want to learn more about open water swimming, check out the Bluetit website - www.thebluetits.co

*Join us if you are brave enough,
you won't regret it.*

Milly Beward

Footnote: Since this article was written the group has completed a Harvest Moon swim to add to their achievements! Well done!





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And That's a Wrap

SALA in Clayton Bay, "Still Magic", has been another successful event this year. Twenty two artists had their artworks on display, with 3 new artists exhibiting. Visitors came from near and far and were suitably impressed. As always we had a wide range of artworks, from many media, to enjoy and purchase, with \$6,653.50 worth of artworks going to new homes this year.

Max Pook-Kathriner aged 16, is already an accomplished saxophonist, and returned to entertain us again this year.

SALA gives our artists the opportunity to showcase talent and offer pieces for sale, and was once again a great vehicle for visitors to meet and engage with artists, locals and other exhibition visitors. Animated chats were in evidence around the hall over all four days, and at the cafe tables, where people enjoyed the range of food and drinks available.

The People's Choice collection was a parade of echidnas in wondrous display. This year's winner was Edna, (front row right in picture opposite), produced by Vicky Rogers. She was channelling Dame Edna with her flamboyant outfit of Paua shell spikes. A worthy winner amongst a glittering collection.

The patronage of the cafe and the support of the raffle resulted in a profit of \$1184 being passed on to the CBCA to

support their work for our community.

An event of this type takes a lot of work, primarily by the artists who present their artworks for our enjoyment, but there is also the significant work involved in getting the event together and then ensuring that the exhibition is bumped out with speed and efficiency. It is always a team effort and that team broadened further this year. Thanks are due for the major roles played by Pat Hawkins, Joyce Hopgood, Tania O'Flaherty, Vicky Rogers and Maureen Burke. Thanks also to the many others who assisted with the other roles which enhanced the event for our visitors.

Marg Mundy

Post Script: Max, has since been awarded at St. Michaels: the Stevie Cutt Award for his contribution to his school, in his role as College Music Captain for 2023. He was also recently invited to play with the Adelaide Wind Orchestra for 2 conducting workshops. This is a common prelude to becoming a regular performer with this ensemble, a long held dream. He is also a member of the Unley Concert band and the Adelaide Youth Wind orchestra. Proud grandparents, Pat and Peter Smytherman are active volunteers of our Clayton Bay Community.



From the Archives -REMEMBER WHEN...?



Above photo courtesy Cathy Fish.

Clayton Bay Water Tower

The first major subdivision of Clayton Bay occurred in 1969. It was to be named the Clayton Bay Estate. As local resident Suzie Rex recalls, “the area was an over-grazed region. The rich country that Eileen McHughes ancestors knew had been transformed.” By the early 1970’s, the water tower built by the Engineering and Water Supply Department was erected dominating the Clayton Bay skyline. (pictured above). “It was also a ‘way point’ for those on the water and a ‘we’re here’ landmark for those individuals that arrived in Clayton Bay by road. The tower provided local residents in the new part of the town with river water pumped into an aquifer some 35 metres below ground.

By 2007 however, the salinity of the river increased to the point where the water was no longer fit for

human consumption and only fit for watering gardens. The then State Government of SA planned the construction of an \$ 8 million dollar pipeline to deliver filtered water to the Clayton Bay community. SA Water planned to construct a mains water pipeline from Milang to Clayton to replace the out dated aquifer storage system. A 12 kilometre 250 millimetre diameter pipeline was buried in a trench alongside the existing road reserve from Milang to Clayton Bay. Construction began in July 2007 and was completed by December.

By the beginning of 2008, the towns mains water supply was connected and the old water tower was made redundant. Performing no further function, the water tower’s days were numbered and eventually in April 2008 demolition of the tower began.

The site of the water tower became

the Jones Lookout, made out of crumbling century old stones from the old cheese and butter factory of the Yelland's located along Point Sturt Road. The stone masons Mick Connally and Craig Ashton were engaged and the beautiful accompanying mosaic was the artistic brain child of local artist Mike Tye capturing the

*Taken from the Oct-Nov 2009
Clayton Bay Chronicle*

Saturday, September 19. What a glorious day for the launch of the Jones Lookout at Clayton Bay! Members of the 150 strong crowd which had gathered on the wind swept cliff were ready to celebrate the many achievements of the remarkable Jones family and to take pride in their role in the completion of the first piece of public art in Clayton.



GOING...



ABOVE: Henry Jones and Adrian Pederick trying to look cool while double-handling the scissors to cut the bunting

In officially launching the Lookout, Adrian Pederick, Member for Hammond, regaled the gathering with stories of the Jones' who settled in 1961 in Old Clayton and set up shop at what is now the Fish Factory. Many at the launch had enjoyed Henry's catch of the day at Yabby City, which opened as a Jones family business in 1972 and quickly developed an international reputation as THE place to eat. In 1986 came the Community Hall, another Jones family vision.

Click here for the [Full story Clayton Chronicle Oct-Nov 2009](#)



GOING...



GONE.

Going...Going...Gone photos courtesy Marg Kitto



The Clayton Bay Community Association recently purchased a defibrillator from Heart of the Nation through the Lions Club of Goolwa using funds from the Small Halls Festival and Quiz night.

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) can save the lives of people who are in cardiac arrest. The unit tells the operator what to do. Even untrained people can use an AED in an emergency.

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Did You Know This?

Bureau of Meteorology data shows the mean temperature across the country this winter was 1.53 degrees Celsius above the long-term average, and the highest since national records began in 1910.

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Birds in our Area

What is it?

Plover . . Masked Plover . . Spur-wing Plover . . **it's a Masked Lapwing!**



Lapwings are usually grouped with Plovers and Dotterels even though they belong to a different genus and named Lapwings for their pulsing wingbeats in flight.

The two species of lapwings in Australia are Masked Lapwing and Banded Lapwing. Both have non-venomous spurs on their wings.

We are all familiar with **Masked Lapwings** by their bright yellow facial masks, their black, white and brown plumage, and their aggressive, strident calls.

In Australia they are widespread and live on the ground near water in the suburbs as well as rural areas. They

are always on the alert because they nest in open spaces such as parks, ovals, roadside verges, car parks and airports.

During breeding season in winter and spring they defend their nests by displaying aggressive behaviours such as erect threat postures, direct divebombing and spreading their wings.

Surprisingly, they are shy and harmless during summer and autumn and often gather in large groups after breeding.

'Mozzie'

Australian National Bird Week

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is held for one week each October as part of National Bird Week. This year, it will be held from

16-22 October 2023.

To take part in the Aussie Bird Count, spend 20 minutes standing or sitting in one spot and noting down the birds that you see. You will need to count the number of each species you spot within the 20 minute period.

The *Aussie Bird Count* app has a handy field-guide to help you identify birds. Visit aussiebirdcount.org.au for more information.



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Clayton Bay Dark Skies

A few residents of Clayton Bay are working with the Clayton Bay community, the Alexandrina Council and the Dark Skies Association to develop a Policy on the correct type and installation of public lighting. This lighting should be sympathetic with the requirements of residents and their safety, whilst minimising light pollution and the impacts on people's wellbeing as well as the environment. The lighting should be well designed and meet the standards and requirements expected by the **International Dark-Sky Association (IDA)**.

Our aims are not to rid the streets of lighting, but rather to minimise light pollution by having outdoor lighting installed only where necessary and activated only when needed. The lighting should have shields installed to direct the light downwards and minimise "light spill". The intensity of outdoor lighting should be appropriate for its intended use.

Further, we intend that this only apply to a *designated area* of the Clay-

ton Bay township (yet to be determined) to ensure that Council, other Government bodies and private landholders understand how they can assist in attaining, preserving, and promoting the concept of Dark Skies.

Any adoption of any policy must also comply with the protection granted to Clayton Bay under the International Ramsar Convention. This convention protects the sensitive breeding habitats of migratory birds and other nocturnal wildlife and the effects of artificial lighting on these habitats

Click this link [Clayton Bay Dark Skies Action Group](#) (CBDSAG), if you would like to connect with our group via Facebook or contact the group by email cbdsag@gmail.com.

Brian O'Flaherty

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Clayton Bay Boat Club Inc.



Hello to All from the Boat Club,
We hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather and that there will be a great summer ahead.

The Boat Club has just celebrated its 50th Anniversary and Season 2023-24 opening weekend. It was well attended and a lots of fun was had.

Saturday (30 Sep 23) saw our Long Race travel between Old Clayton, Rat Island, and Hindmarsh Island with great viewing from the Cliffs. The race was followed by a casual evening and meal at the Club with Mr Fill-it and people from the Caravan Park.

We started our 50th season on Sunday, 1 Oct 23 with a morning tea which was attended by the Member for Finniss (Hon David Basham), Alexandrina Council Mayor (Keith Parkes), pictured below,



and, South Ward Councilor (Peter Oliver). Positive messages for the future of Clayton Bay were delivered by Mr. Basham and Mayor Parkes.

A Club Lunch was followed by the Tom Bentley Race in the afternoon and saw lots of misjudgment of how the race should be won. However, lots of fun was had.

Below, Life Members: Sandra Ellis, Gloria Jones, Dave Stanbridge, Rob Edgar, Kevin Brown, Paul Briely.



On Monday, 2 Oct 23 we had our first Sprint Race for the season on the Bay. Unfortunately one of our members boat capsized in the middle of the Bay. We hope that it will be righted by the time you are reading thing this. That said if it is not recovered, please avoid the site.

Thanks everyone who attended or enjoyed the sailing from the Cliffs or your balcony's.

Ric Kies
Secretary



Above: Rob Edgar was recently awarded CBBC Life Membership.

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Clayton Bay Rainfall 2023



Jan	11.8 mm
Feb	16.4 mm
Mar	32.8 mm
April	37.2 mm
May	72.8 mm
June	66.2 mm
July	28.8 mm
Aug	39.6 mm
Sept	24.0 mm

Total to date 329.6 mm

(March 2022 7.6 mm)

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A new Facebook group has been set up by local, Milly Breward, if you'd like more information about what's happening in our area.

Page 13, Quiz Answers

1. Danube
2. a) Dance
3. Wolf
4. True
5. O+ (O Positive)
6. Henry V111
7. Sodium Chloride (Salt)
8. NSW
9. Dumbo
10. 180

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Spring at the nursery



Spring is a great time at the nursery; then again any season is a good time to be at the nursery.

I am biased. I have spent my entire career in nursery or nursery affiliated work with native plants.

All seasons have their challenges and each season heralds a different work schedule. The job of nurturing our seedlings into healthy seedlings destined for community and environmental benefits is very special. I have always classed September as the start of the nursery year. It is the cutoff point where most of our orders have been dispatched and we are starting a new propagation year. We do propagate all year round but September is the recommencement of the bulk of our seed sowing.

This article summaries where the bulk of Clayton Bay's seedlings were sent this autumn – winter, for the following projects.

Orders dispatched include:

- Several thousand supplied to Watchalunga Nature Reserve which is near the Finniss river floodway on Winery road. This was organised through the GWLAP - Goolwa Wellington Local Action Planning group,

and is a nationally funded project through the Australian Healthy Rivers Program. This is also connected to Save the Southern Emu Wren project. These seedlings included a variety of shrubs, rushes, sedges and native grasses to enhance the habitat for the wrens.

- Several thousand seedlings were dispatched to a Bull Creek site for a carbon offset planting,
- 3,000 seedlings grown for a farm rehabilitation project at Mt Pleasant. This is our second year of involvement in the project where a range of species including saline tolerant *Melaleuca* species, are being planted along a watercourse in an endeavor to lower a partially saline water table. The client was very pleased with our plants and has committed an order for next year.
- 1,000 seedlings supplied to link incredibly old, beautiful, pristine, remnant vegetation on a conservation property at Belvidere. Our plants included a wide range of shrubs and overstorey plants of local species native to the area
- 1,000 seedlings for a continuing revegetation project on Goat Island.
- 1,500 seedlings for various Alexandra Council projects throughout the council district. A diverse range of local plants and a range of shrubs and native grasses.

- 650 seedling for the Angas River Catchment Group
- 600 grass seedlings to a Deep Creek property in an endeavor to establish native grasses in a windbreak buffer area between livestock paddocks to suppress weed growth and encourage native fauna.
- 600 mixed seedlings to beautify and provide a biodiversity habitat at the Terry Way reserve in Clayton Bay.
- Over 1,000 seedlings for home gardens, the majority of these are local species so they are well adapted to our local conditions.
- 300 seedlings to the Friends of Point Sturt for revegetation at the lakeside edge.

In summary the Clayton Bay Nursery had a very productive year producing almost 20,000 high quality seedlings for such worthy projects.

Once again I thank the volunteers who are the backbone of the nursery. It is so rewarding to see our plants going to projects that enhance our community and the environment.

Good planting.
Phil Collins
 Nursery Manager

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

PLANT OF THE SEASON – Spring 2023

Leucopogon parviflorus can be seen flowering & fruiting now along the cliff top walking trail.



FUN FACT: Seeds from this plant collected from bird manure germinate more easily having passed through the gut of the bird.

Leucopogon parviflorus, commonly known as **coast beard-heath** is a shrub or small tree native to all Australian states. The species can grow to between 1 and 5

metres in height with white flowers occurring throughout the year followed by white berries in early summer.



Leucopogon parviflorus can grow in many differing conditions, from sandy dunes to rocky cliff faces, in sheltered or exposed weather conditions. It is a significant food source to many Australian coastal birds and insects and relies on these animals for pollination and seed dispersion.

Carole Richardson



Above: The Old Water Tower. See pages 28-29



Above: Some of the Community Garden volunteers. See pages 8 & 9.



Above (left & right) and left: Bluetits Chill Swimmers. See pages 24 & 25



Below: Terry Way reserve planting volunteers.



Above: Kascha Flack (right) and Letho Kostoglou with the new defibrillator at the hall under the verandah. See page 30.