



# October 2019 eNew

## Clarendon Community Association

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in hall

....a sneak preview from the Chair person's report.....

With dedication and commitment the CCA has accomplished much: Progression of the Master Plan for Riverbend Park and the Recreation Ground, completed the Sense of Place statements describing the Clarendon we aspire to, new logo's and a refreshed web and social media presence, better communication with the refreshed e-news, released welcome to Clarendon booklet, success at last with advocacy and obstinacy on Clarendon Rural Landscape Planning Policy Review (City of Onkaparinga and SA Planning are working to return town reach back to pre-2013), commitment from Onkaparinga Council retaining netball at the southern end of oval, worked up resized oval complex suitable for junior sport with additional run-off room and successful lobbying to improve lighting and safety for court users, undertook and delivered the 2019 Clarendon Anzac Day event, upgraded Clarendon bridge signage and a fantastic 100 year bridge celebration, locked in a new long term lease for the Clarendon Kindergarten, seasonal events and Saturday coffee mornings at Clarendon packing shed, aiding in bringing the people of the community together.

Whew ..... what a busy community we live in!

The contributions from everyone make Clarendon better; the young, the not so young, residents, visitors, workers, businesses, educators, learners, players, your contributions and those of the defined local groups such as Onkaparinga City Council, CFS, Primary School, Historic Hall Committee, Netball Club, Kindergarten, Tennis Club, Over 50's club, Bowling Club and the Uniting Church - **together we get things done.**

We are recognised and acknowledged as an active, inclusive community who work together in building a better Clarendon through engagement, collaboration, execution and review.

I wish to make a special acknowledgement and thanks to the long term contributors, making Clarendon better over many decades and who continue to provide sound counsel, perspective and memory; your help remains important; it's not the amount of input - it is the quality!

## Community Calendar



### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Clarendon Community Association  
Annual General Meeting  
7.30pm in the Community Hall

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Clarendon Historic Hall committee  
meeting  
9.30am in the Historic Hall

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Clarendon Netball Club  
Annual General Meeting  
7.30pm at the Bowling Club

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Agricultural Bureau meeting  
7.30pm in the Community Hall

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Clarendon Bowling Club Night Owls  
begins  
6pm start and a barbeque to finish

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Clarendon Kindergarten Spring  
Picnic and Garage Sale Bonanza  
9am – 4pm

## Monthly rainfall

<b>August 2019</b> .....	80.4mm
Rained over .....	9 days
August 2018 .....	138.4mm
Rained over .....	19 days
<b>September 2019</b> .....	47.8mm
Rained over .....	11 days
September 2018 .....	24mm
Rained over .....	9 days
<b>Year to date 2019</b> .....	520.2mm
Year to date 2018 ....	485.0mm

**Thank you to our very own  
rain-man Bill Jared**

# ★ ★ Clarendon Netball Club ★ ★

Clarendon Netball Club has finished its 2019 winter season with 9 Grand Final teams, and 4 winners. Those were A1's, C2's, U13 Div 1's and U11 Div 3. The day, albeit cold and sometimes wet, had many CNC supporters on the side lines, cheering the "Dons" on, which was fantastic. We finished the night with over 150 people back at the bowls club for our "Grand Final Presso night". With great service from the ever reliable Curly and Ben at the bar and hot spuds for tea, everyone had a great night celebrating the end of the season. The next weekend saw a mammoth Presentation day at the Southern Working Mans Club, with 3 separate presentations for Juniors, Inters and Seniors. And lastly for the season we had our infamous "Amazing Race" at Rosie's Farm for the juniors. It's fair to say not one child left without getting wet, dirty and very tired... perfect day I say...!!

We also had the Best and Fairest presentations for the Association, with many from the club making the top 10. The best part of the senior evening was the surprise on Kookie's (Katina Price) face when she was awarded the coveted and most deserved life membership for the association. She has worked tirelessly for the last 7 years as Association Secretary and other roles on the Management committee, and gives so much of her time and life to CNC and SHNA. Congratulations Kookie.

With the warmer months now upon us this is our quieter time of year, though on saying that we have 14 teams playing Summer Netball at SUNA. Our AGM is on the 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm and we welcome any newcomers along to the committee. We hand over the club and courts to the Clarendon Tennis Club, and will be back in early 2020 for preseason training and trials.

## Netball windup photos .....



## Clarendon Historic Hall & Museum

May 2020 History Month - Bards of Clarendon



The Clarendon Historic Hall & Museum is already planning ahead for History Month next May the theme of which is 'change'. We are looking for community input and hopefully involvement with this event.

A bard is a poet, story teller, musician, artist, singer and we hope to use all or some of these mediums to convey the 'historic tales' of Clarendon.

We are planning for a walking tour through the town with stops along the way for a presentation or performance – it might comprise one person or it might be a small group.

If you are interested in being involved, have a story, poem, song or historical information that is relevant, an idea to share or simply the enthusiasm to be involved, please contact the Clarendon Historic Hall and Museum [history@clarendon.org.au](mailto:history@clarendon.org.au)

Thank you to Dave and Kate who will be co-ordinating this event



## More netball windup photos..



## The Sad Tale of Edward Mitchell, the First Publican of the Royal Oak Hotel

*Thank you to Pru for researching and writing this story .....*

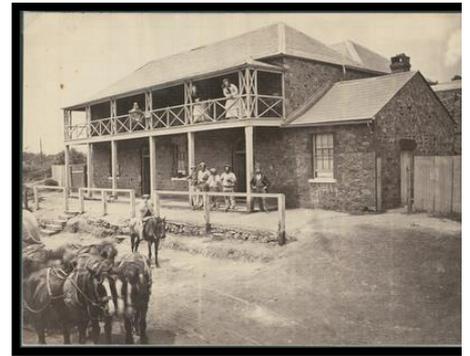
We often look back at the stories of the early residents of Clarendon with rose coloured glasses but this story paints a different picture and a sad one at that. A man had a dream to create something special in our lovely town and it all went bad for him. We enjoy the legacy of his beautiful building and can now understand the part of its story. I have researched newspaper articles, licencing notices and court records to put together this early account.

Edward Mitchell had purchased the Tally Ho Hotel in the early 1850's. He owned 4 properties within the township and had been farming in Clarendon for several years. The Tally Ho was locally known as the Old House and he and his wife lived there while they started on a building project. They wanted to build the best public house they could afford with stone walls and a slate roof in a prominent position in Clarendon. By 1855 the building was ready for use and they applied for a publicans licence for the New Public House to be called the Royal Oak in June of the same year.

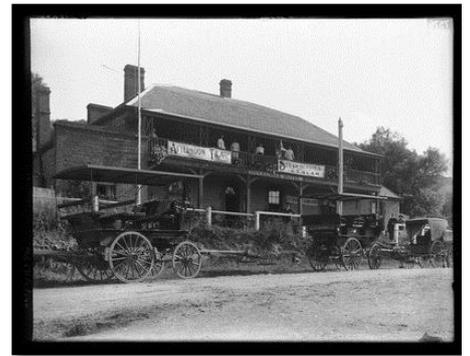
All seemed good but by March 1856 the Licencing board required more accommodation at the house or a licence would be refused the following year. Edward Mitchell obliged and extended to 6 main rooms which could be partitioned into 9, a veranda, a balcony, nearly completed cellars, stabling for 7 horses and a good well. The cost was substantial and unbeknown to Edward, his wife had mortgaged all the properties they owned, including the Tally Ho, seemingly to complete the construction.

Edward Mitchel owed suppliers as well as interest on loans and found there was no money to pay. He leased the hotel or Inn as it was then known to a Mr Hubble but payment was not forthcoming. His son George took over running the hotel but Edward was declared insolvent and the property went up for mortgagee sale in April 1858.

## Clarendon Royal Oak Hotel



1855



1910



1910



1915

## The Sad Tale of Edward Mitchell, the First Publican of the Royal Oak Hotel continued .....

Edward was imprisoned as a debtor and later released in October 1858 to appear before the court at a later date. He and his wife were destitute and declared paupers. It was in November the hotel was sold to George Mitchell who continued to run the hotel as a public house. Edward and his wife then moved in with their son George at the Royal Oak. In the same month George sold the hotel and didn't tell his parents.

The new owner, Mr Wilshaw, wanted them gone. He approached Mrs Mitchell in her bedroom, asked her to leave but she refused, so he knocked a candlestick out of her hand, forcibly pushed her outside and kicked her down a flight of stone steps. A local Doctor was at the hotel at the time and treated her for bruising which took over three weeks to heal. Mrs Mitchell took him to the Supreme Court seeking damages of 100 pounds for assault. As a pauper she could do this without cost. The jury deemed the matter a waste of court time but Mr Wilshaw was ordered to pay 5 shillings damages.

In December 1858 Edward faced the Destitute Board where he was described as 63 years old, a cripple, under medical treatment and in no way able to earn an income. The board recommended immediate relief.

In May 1860 Edward Mitchell applied again to the Destitute Board and was refused help. An application was then received for Edward to be admitted to an asylum in June 1860.

The last entry I can find is about Edward's death of dropsy in 1872 where it was reported he died peacefully in his hometown of Clarendon.



Photos from: SLSA Clarendon

## It's the Royal Oak Hotel in Clarendon on a Saturday night

There's a little tourist spot, a place that I know  
Just out of Adelaide, all the locals go.

The view is very beautiful, the people a delight

It's The Royal Oak Hotel in Clarendon on a Saturday night.

Sit on the veranda, watch the sun go down

Sip your beer easily; it's time to lose your frown.

Everyone is friendly; I've never seen a fight

It's the Royal Oak Hotel in Clarendon on a Saturday night.

They don't have any pokies and that pleases me

But the food and wine are excellent, I love going there for tea.

There's characters a plenty and meet them here you might

It's the Royal Oak Hotel in Clarendon on a Saturday night.

Bob and Margaret Rennie run this classic pub

Their nearest opposition is found somewhere at The Hub.

There's Jessica and Emma, these sisters work the bar

Their charm and good looks draw custom from afar.

The Pub now has a new face, Hayley is her name

The smiles and good food continue, the Royal Oak's friendly fame

So join with all the locals, you think you might?

It's the Royal Oak Hotel in Clarendon on a Saturday night.

*Song written by Dave Clark with help from Andy Hall in February 2000*

## Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau

The Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau met on Thursday 19/09/19 at the Clarendon Community Hall the guest speakers were two Police Officers from the South Australian Police Communications Centre. They provided background information on becoming Police Officers and then on to their current roles as police communications officers. Each police officer explained their role and how emergency calls are treated with the intent of responding to all calls made to the centre. The presentation concluded with many questions being asked by the members.

The next meeting is on the 17/10/19 at the Clarendon Community Hall from 7:30pm where the guest speaker will be Mark Gardiner - Associate Professor in Biodiversity and Molecular Ecologist from Flinders University and the South Australian Museum who will provide a presentation on Lizards.

Tony Fagg  
President  
Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau



## Reminder: The Clarendon Kindergarten Spring Picnic & Garage Sale Bonanza



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for the Clarendon Kindergarten  
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Clarendon Community Association Meetings are held on the first Wednesday each month at 7.30pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Welcome to Clarendon

If you are new to Clarendon then we offer you a warm welcome and encourage you to become part of the local community. There is a Welcome to Clarendon booklet available at the General Store for all new residents. Please call in to see Gavin.

### Clarendon website

The website is in the process of being updated; however there is still relevant local information available to start you off.

### Clarendon History buffs

Clarendon may be small but we have a long and interesting history. The Clarendon Historic Hall and Museum is a treasure trove of historical information and is open on the last Sunday of each month.



## Night Owls

Commencing on October 18<sup>th</sup> our club will again host an eight week Night Owls season on Friday nights at 6-00pm. Night Owls is a fun social bowls night where friends can get together learn about the game of bowls, have fun in a very relaxed setting and enjoy a social drink.

We have members available to teach you the art of bowling, we provide loan bowls and a bbq tea and all we ask you to do is come along and join in with a shared salad provided by each team of four and you can either bowl in bare feet or flat soled sneakers or thongs.

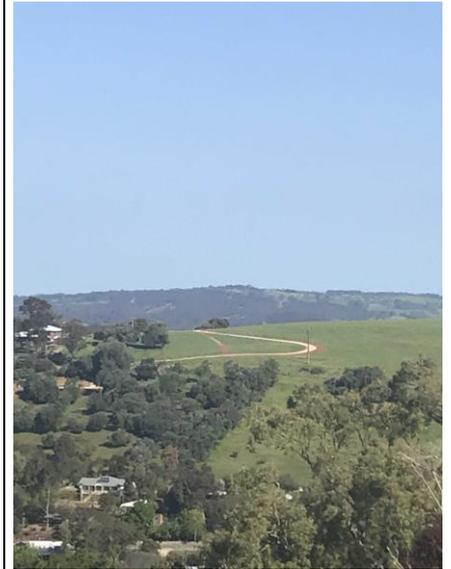
Each week the club provides a prize for the winning team and some prizes for those not so lucky together with a wonderful meat raffle for the lucky ones.

The bowls and barbeque will only cost \$8-00 per person so it is a very cheap fun night and a great way to relax after the toils of the week.

If you are interested please contact Steve on mobile 0402 336 581



## A new winding road .....



You may have noticed some extra activity up along Lukes Road the last few weeks. This winding road will lead to our new NBN tower which is due to be erected in October 2019.

Having access to reliable internet in Clarendon will be a bonus however it will dominate our first view of 'home' on the drive into the valley.



There will be trees and shrubs planted strategically around the tower to hopefully provide a screen, soften the look and in time disguise the tower to some degree.

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