

June 2020 eNews



Winter has arrived in Clarendon. Its lovely to see the creeks and rivers all running, the greening of the hills and valleys as well as the bountiful rain filling up the tanks. We are being washed clean again by mother nature.

Clarendon rainfall summary



May 2020	102.4mm
Days of rain	16 days
May 2019	161.8mm
Days of rain	19 days
Year to date:	
Annual rainfall 2020	311.8mm
Annual rainfall 2019	196.4mm

A great start to winter.....

Thank you to our very own
rain-man Bill Jared



Life is returning to more normal... The school and kindy have opened their doors again. We welcome back Hayley at the Royal Oak Hotel. Community meetings are being held mainly via 'zoom' however it is lovely to be connecting again. The community is preparing to emerge in a post COVID environment. Sanitiser, social distancing, counting people, hand washing, tape measures and greetings of 'how are you managing' are going to be around for a while yet. Take care of each other and remember how blessed we are to live where we do.

Clarendon Primary School

Clarendon Primary School is on the road to normality after a challenging few months. We had originally planned for an extended period of home learning this term, but the messaging from the Government changed very quickly and we now have 100% of students back learning at school.

Unfortunately for our students, staff and community, many of our special events, excursions and camps have had to be postponed or cancelled. To make up for this we have ensured each week a fun, new learning experience for the students at school.

This has included Wheels Day, where the kids bring their own wheels to school, a "Craft-ernoon" with eleven special Art and Craft activities on offer, virtual excursions of zoos, aquariums, museums and Antarctica, a Pyjama Day and next week our famous Nature Play Day.

These exciting activities have given the students a variety of experiences to look forward to at school during this challenging period. We have recently re-opened our Library and Kitchen Garden program and are hopeful we will be welcoming back families and our community to everyday school life in the coming weeks and months.



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New trading hours ...



The **Clarendon General Store** winter trading hours are:

Monday – Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 9am-12pm

The **Clarendon Hotel** is open again.

We welcome back Hayley and her team and are looking forward to our first Clarry schnitzel.

The **Clarendon Bakery** is still operating as normal with the only change being the number of people allowed in the shop at any COVID-Safe restrictions.

Opening hours are:

Tuesday to Friday 7am – 5pm

Saturday to Sunday 8am – 4pm

Emprades will take phone orders and you can pick up by arrangement. They can also arrange free delivery for local purchases. You can visit the shop as long as you call first. Emily and Pru are on site during normal opening hours so are happy to let you in.



A tough harvest and a circus

Compiled by Pru Fowles from many articles from the Adelaide Observer and the South Australian Advertiser January 1869-March 1869

In January 1869 Clarendon had undergone harvest and although the weather was fair the harvest was small. A severe heat wave in December had destroyed a lot of the fruits, with apricots and plums scorched on the trees, so they were fed to the pigs. The pea crops were good and the potatoes looked to be growing well - if the frosts kept away. Cash in the town was scarce and businesses were suffering.

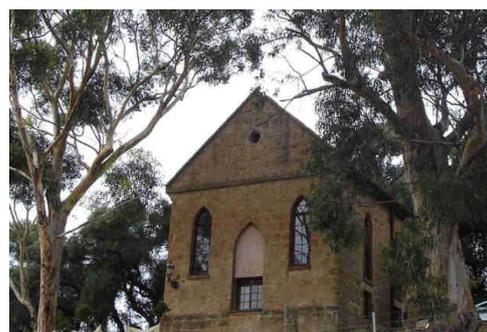
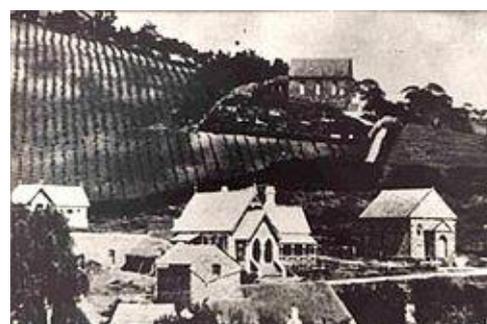
The new courthouse was nearly complete, but locals were not happy that the chimneys were being built of plastered brick and not stone as per the specifications. It was seen as a such a waste of public money when stone was so plentiful.

The Wesleyan Church was growing and the imminent birth of the pastor Rev. W. F. Worth's child in January was a much looked forward to event. Sadly, the baby girl was still born. The town seemed to be at a sad and low ebb.

The Wesleyan Church took charge of the situation and organised a harvest festival, held on the 27th January. An afternoon picnic was held at the river, the spot being described as a very pretty spot by the Onkaparinga River. There were games and activities and the townspeople thoroughly enjoyed themselves and spirits were boosted. There was even a booth where the wants of the 'inner man' were attended to. I wonder what these were. Wesleyans were teetotalers so I would have thought it would not be alcohol, maybe just a place to sit with other men and drink ginger beer? The day ended with a large tent being erected and tea served before an enjoyable public meeting was held where thanks was given that there was a harvest.

The church was the centre of the community and certainly took a position of looking after its people. Times were tough and food and money scarce, but spirits were lifted, and a sense of community strengthened by such events.

Another event was organised in early March for the Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary. There was a well-attended tea meeting followed by the arrival of Stebbing's Circus which was erected near the Royal Oak Hotel. The townsfolk gathered and had the opportunity of witnessing the first circus in the neighbourhood. The performance was described as first rate and was the topic of conversation in the town for a long time.





June News

It's finally getting busy at Clarendon Netball Club; trainings have started, and every member is getting excited for the upcoming season. For the first couple of sessions, coaches were limited to non-contact trainings, however, minor contact and game simulation drills and scratch matches can now be implemented. It has been great to see most members return after the hiatus; we are all very excited to get back to playing the game we love with our dear friends.

News has broken from the Premier Steven Marshall that outdoor sports competitions could resume as of the 25th June 2020, so we are awaiting news from our association (Southern Hills Netball Association) about the start of the season.

We are still waiting for construction to start on the new sheds but expect it will begin soon! Keep updated on everything Clarendon Netball through our Facebook, website and Instagram.

Rebekha Sharkie MP
Federal Member for Mayo

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Doing politics differently!

Clarendon Historic Hall & Museum

We would like to have a snapshot of how the Coronavirus lockdown is affecting people, old and young, businesses and just in general, in Clarendon. This information will be collated and kept in the Museum for future generations to read. We all enjoy reading accounts of things that happened many years ago and now is our chance of recording our personal stories during this strange time. Whilst there will be a mountain of facts and figures and opinions available, it would be great to have a more local account.

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Hello from Clarendon CFS – May 2020

Incidents this month - grass fire (yes really!) and a flue fire that was extinguished by the property owner.

An update about our burglary at our station

This has gone through as an insurance claim, so we are not out of pocket. We have had another generous donation to purchase security cameras. These will be installed very soon.

Impact of COVID 19

We are gradually allowed to increase the size of our attendances to training. We are now able to have 10 on a Monday night but will soon increase to 20.

We have been maintaining our training, meetings and just general welfare checks on each other via an 'online' platform. This has worked well. To ensure that our trucks and equipment are always ready we have had small mini teams rotated on a 4 week roster over the past 2 months

Something to think about

The cold weather is here and house fires are on the rise! Just a reminder to ensure you have changed your smoke detector battery. Smoke detectors are compulsory in all SA homes, but they are only useful if they are working and now is a good time to replace the battery!

Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years!

Do you have deadlocks or security screens on windows and doors? Do you have access to the keys in an emergency?

Do you have an escape plan for your family should your house catch fire? Ensure all family members know at least 2 escape routes both in the day and especially at night.

What about your chimneys/flues?



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Our CFS AGM is a 'voting year'

Every second year in August is our 'voting' AGM. This means that the brigade elects' members to fill the roles of Captain, lieutenant (4), seniors (4) etc. Also – there is an entire committee that work tirelessly to ensure that the brigade runs wells and that the transfer of important information is received by the brigade. This means that each position holder either has to attend a meeting with other brigades as well as attend and provide a report to our brigade each month. These committee members have the following roles: Communications, Equipment, Administration, Work Health and Safety, Logistics and Catering, Cadets, CFSVA and Finance

You are always welcome!

Did you know we have a Cadet Program for children from 11-18 years? This program is run at Kangarilla CFS and is held every Friday night from 7-9pm in the school term. Please contact me if you are interested.

We are always there every Monday night (not PH) from 6.30pm. You are always welcome to join us and learn valuable skills to protect yourself, your family and your pets and property.

Keep safe!

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