



**CLARENDON  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

## July 2020 eNews



They might have arrived a bit early but are so pretty in the middle of winter

### Clarendon rainfall summary



June 2020.....	163.8mm
Days of rain .....	15 days
June 2019 .....	120.4mm
Days of rain .....	16 days
<b>Year to date:</b>	
Annual rainfall 2020 .....	475.6mm
Annual rainfall 2019 .....	316.8mm

Thank you to our very own  
rain-man Bill Jared



### Community Calendar

#### Historic Hall & Museum Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

9.30am in Historic Hall

All welcome

The **Clarendon Kindy** will once again be holding their Spring Fair later this year. More information will be available in the August eNews and on Clarendon social media sites.

## Clarendon Primary School

Semester One is drawing to a close at Clarendon Primary School this week.

We are pleased and excited to be able to welcome back our valued volunteers next term in the kitchen, garden, library and classrooms.

This term the Year 6/7 class has undertaken a project of redesigning the garden at the entrance to our school, at the gate off Potter Road.

They have spent the term clearing agapanthus' and preparing the area for a new native garden. Watch this space!

This week our school Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) working group met for the first time to commence work on our RAP.

The working group is made up of staff, parents and local community members and will outline the actions our school community will undertake in the coming years to ensure a strong commitment to reconciliation moving forward.

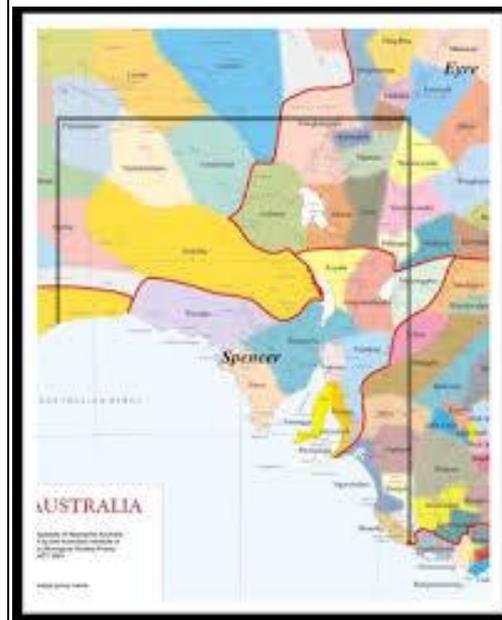
We look forward to sharing our Reconciliation Action Plan with the school and wider community towards the end of this year.

Finally, a couple of weeks ago we enjoyed the popular and famous Clarendon... NATURE PLAY DAY!

Our students spend this whole day outdoors in nature playing, learning and having fun.

This includes cubby building, a camp fire, a mud slide and bushwalks.

They all went home wet, muddy and full of great stories and memories from the day.



## Clarendon Community Association News

Hello Clarendon Community Association (CCA) members and the wider Clarendon community.

Like many organisations the CCA committee is taking the time to review its management practices including operational procedures, the constitution and the regulations for incorporated bodies.

One of the initiatives from the review is the separation of the monthly meetings of the CCA elected committee (management & administration tasks) from CCA member general meetings (relevant issues or activities to be discussed with the wider community)

This separation is designed to better deliver more without soaking valuable time on monthly committee housekeeping matters.

We will commit to ensuring communication is increased to keep the interested community members informed in a timely and efficient manner.

If members have any matters to be raised please email Bianca at [secretary@cca.clarendon.org.au](mailto:secretary@cca.clarendon.org.au) to allow it to be tabled.

Thank you for your support and patience while we implement some changes.

Regards

Mark Ashenden  
President

### Current conversations:

- Inclusive membership for all Clarendon residents and the broader community for those who live, work, learn and play in Clarendon
- Refine the objectives of the Association
- Providing a united voice on community affairs
- In conjunction with the Onkaparinga Council discussing the revegetation program at Riverbend Park and Reserve
- Holding regular community events
- Maintaining community facilities for all to enjoy
- Continuing to welcome new residents
- Improving communication to our community



## 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 enjoying our regular Clarry meals again.

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.



## Clarendon Grows So Much Fruit

In the early days of Clarendon there was a lot of experimental farming. The first farmers planted their grain in early summer just as they had in England. In 1840 Jeremiah Morphett planted 6 acres of oats on his farm as he would have at home and of course they failed. He persevered and eventually learnt that his crops did best if planted in early May. His farm grew and he sent to England for his younger brother Richard to come and help. He arrived in 1842. By 1844 Jeremiah had 60 acres of wheat, 10 acres of barley, 6 acres of oats, 5 acres of maize and 2 acres of vegetables. He is credited with planting the first vines. He also ran 255 cattle and 18 horses. Richard came with an interest in fruit and planted the first fruit trees. Richard and Jeremiah built their home just up from the hotel next to Emprades, where they first both lived with their wives. There is an ancient fig tree and mulberry tree that was planted by the brothers when they lived there. The Clarendon area became known as the best fruit growing area in South Australia.

Throughout the newspaper articles of the 1800's there is repeated reports of the bounty of fruit and vegetables grown in the rich soils and hillsides of the town. Potatoes, peas, figs, pears, apricots, peaches, plums, figs, apples, grapes and cherries are often mentioned and although there were droughts and hard times mostly the fruits are described as prolific and of good quality.

The hills around our town were planted with fruit trees and the remnants can be seen here and there. Even in the now grazing paddocks there are dimples that can be seen where the old trees were. Now wild seedling plums, cherries, apples, quinces, almonds and peaches grow along the road verges on many of our Clarendon roads and many of the paddocks are simply grazed by sheep or cattle. Clarendon had such prolific bearing lands in the past and I wonder if this could be repeated. It is rather amazing that Clarendon was described as the best fruit growing area in SA when there is so little now grown except in our home gardens.

The information is from *The Morphett's of Kent: Farmers and Colonists* an article in the *Journal of Kent History*.

*Thanks again to Pru for this article and the late-night research!*

Remnants from a flourishing apple orchard. Now a beautiful property for the Harslett family (and of course the home of Saturday coffee mornings!)



We are hopeful that next year this gorgeous orchard will provide a prolific harvest of apples and pears for the (second!) Inaugural Clarendon Community Crush.

## The Nourished Village Co-op

Have you ever wanted to be part of a co-op or wondered what one was all about? Well, an organic, whole foods co-op will be starting in Clarendon in early August.

“The Nourished Village Co-op” will offer the Clarendon community access to nutritious bulk whole foods and products at cheaper prices through the wholesaler Honest to Goodness. Orders will be placed via an online portal once a school term, delivered to Clarendon to be sorted, packed and collected then enjoyed by you.

This is a not for profit buying group run by volunteers from the co-op membership.

If you think this is something you'd be interested in joining or you would like more information contact Louise Pickford at [louisepicko@gmail.com](mailto:louisepicko@gmail.com) with your phone and email details and any questions you have. You will be added to our email and Face Book group and receive further information through these avenues.



## Grow Free Cart



Local residents Elisa and Paul Ridings have built a grow free cart soon to be available at the Clarendon Community Hall.

The Grow Free concept originated in Strathalbyn and now has hundreds of carts world-wide.

The motto is “Give what you can, take what you need”. This is a way to make homegrown excess food, seedlings, plants and related items free and available to whomever needs them. It is a communal place that people can place their excess knowing it will be appreciated by others.

For more information visit <http://www.growfree.org.au/>

## Hello from Clarendon CFS

At 2:30am on 29 June, Clarendon CFS responded to a car fire on Clarendon Road. Crews were able to contain the fire to the car and extinguished this with the excellent support of

## Happy Valley CFS

Unfortunately, these suspicious situations are not uncommon. Other people's property is destroyed, and it puts local residents and other road users at risk.

Thanks to our volunteers for their service at all hours!



Keep safe!

Sue Leslie

Brigade Captain

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## News from SAPOL



Fraudsters are currently targeting vehicle owners who are selling their vehicle online.

In recent incidents, victims are handing over their cars once the payment shows as 'pending' in the seller's bank account, but the payment subsequently bounces.

Ensure that you wait for the buyer's payment to definitely clear into your bank account before handing over your car keys. Payments showing as PENDING should not be a green light to physically release your car. Don't let the fraudster convince you otherwise.

Police recommend that anyone thinking of buying or selling goods online use the following tips:

Arrange to meet the other person in a public place, such as a shopping centre or public car park to exchange the items.

Ask for a receipt or some sort of proof of purchase.

Keep a record of all transactions if you are paying for the item in instalments.

Ensure funds are actually in your account prior to handing over your property, and not just pending transfer prior to completing any sale with a potential buyer.

Take care everyone.



Netball is finally back for Clarendon Netball Club! We are proud to be part of the Southern Hills Netball Association, who were the first Netball Association to return to play this season! Most of our teams had their Winter 2020 debut at Aldinga Netball Club, although we did have a couple of derbys played at our home grounds and a few other teams at neighbouring clubs. It was fantastic to be back at netball, even with the added precautions. This sport is something we all love and definitely do not take for granted anymore.

As restrictions have lifted, we were able to host our weekly post-games pressos at the Clarendon Bowls Club for some of our members. For those who were unable to attend, a livestream was filmed and uploaded to our 'Go the Dons' facebook group. We look forward to eventually having our normal rowdy crowd once all restrictions have lifted! A big thank you goes to the Clarendon Bowls Club for once again hosting us this season despite the new regulations.

Another aspect that has changed recently is the upgraded path from the carpark down to the netball courts. The upgraded path and lighting has been fantastic to use for all our players and members! Getting to and from the courts has never been easier, and it is a huge comfort to see the path ahead when leaving night trainings.

It has been incredible to see the netball season almost return to normal. Engaging with members of the community and participating in team sport is great for mental, physical and emotional health. Clarendon Netball Club would like to thank everyone involved in our season ahead, we truly wouldn't be able to pay without your support!



## Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau

Following a 3 month break due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Bureau held a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Clarendon Community Hall, following all the necessary protocols.

The Guest Speaker was Don Watton, Chair of the Cherry Chatter, a newsletter produced by a voluntary committee and distributed to about 350 properties in Cherry Gardens. Don has been associated with the Chatter since its inception. He talked about the history, about the initial one-page newsletter produced by the school, then produced by the Memorial Hall Committee. These eventually ceased, and a Community Association was formed, which produced a Newsletter for 2 or 3 years. As interest in that waned, some of the locals, including Don, decided to produce a local Newsletter, and the Cherry Chatter was born. The Cherry Chatter has celebrated over 25 years and 312 editions. It now organises the local Anzac Day service, followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall, has the ear of local government and provides a means for local people to air issues affecting the area.

As well as the hard copy, the newsletter is also available on-line at [www.cherrychatter.org.au](http://www.cherrychatter.org.au).



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Clarendon is a small village filled to the brim with people who genuinely care and appreciate their community. How wonderful to be welcomed at the Harslett's Apple Orchard every Saturday morning for a weekly catch up. What a great initiative with both the Grow Free Cart and the Nourished Village Co-op – thank you Louise, Elisa & Cat. The Clarendon Community Association is a community forum for advocacy for making Clarendon a better place to visit, to do business, play, grow, work, learn and live. The Clarendon Netball Club is back, the Clarendon Hotel is open, the Bakery is the most popular stop on the way to or from McLaren Vale, Gavin and his team at the General Store are ever friendly and helpful – our community hub. We are all blessed to live in Clarendon.