

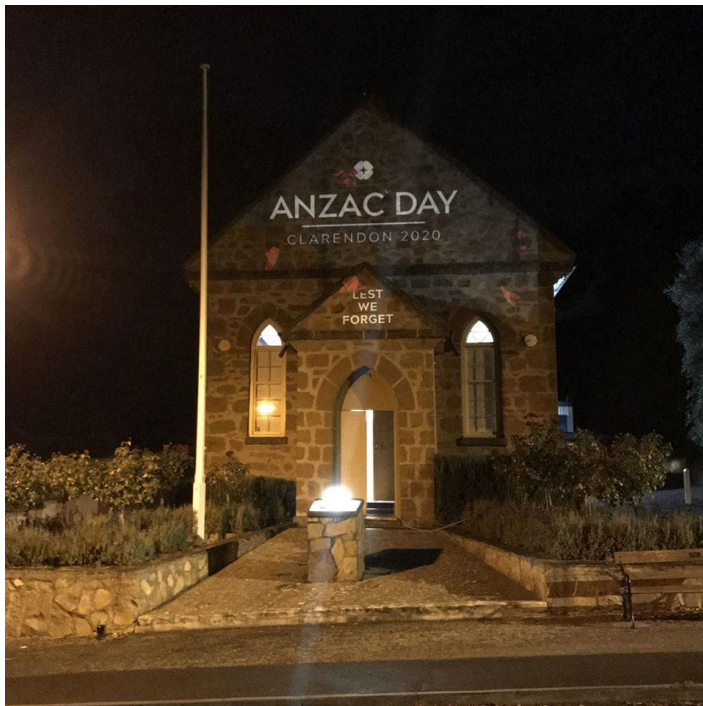
May 2020 eNews

Anzac Day – commemoration

To commemorate ANZAC Day this year a slideshow was projected onto the Clarendon Historic Hall and Museum.

With the cancelling of services around the country this visual display helped to create some ANZAC spirit around the district. The display ran on a loop displaying the people who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars. The Clarendon Community visited in the week leading up to ANZAC Day in the cool night air and reflected on their sacrifices. ANZAC Day at Clarendon was a solemn and silent reflection with the hauntingly beautiful last post played at 6am. This could be heard up and down the village by people who stood in their driveways to pay their respects.

The display was also broadcast by Jessica Braithwaite on the channel 9 news which gave our lovely town some notoriety.



Many thanks to Brad Pickford for organising this display.

Clarendon rainfall summary



April 2020	115.6 mm
Days of rain	13 days
April 2019	10.2 mm
Days of rain	5 days
Annual rainfall 2020	209.4 mm
Annual rainfall 2019	34.6 mm

Thank you to our very own
rain-man Bill Jared



The Clarendon Quick Quiz

1. Who was the first child born in Clarendon?
2. There was a hotel at the site of the present Clarendon Bakery. Do you know the name?
3. Unscramble these letters
ardnIncee irrympa hosloc
4. Seven of our Clarendon Boys did not return from the 2nd World War. Can you name them?
5. Who is responsible for the amazing ANZAC tribute at Clarendon this year?

Clarendon Uniting Church: Alive and well!

No church services have been held in Clarendon for the past six Sundays because of restrictions put in place as a result of the Covid 19 virus. As an alternative we have stayed in contact by internet and phone.

The Church newsletter is now e-mailed to all, together with a summary of the sermon that was scheduled for that Sunday. Most of our members have been watching the uplifting and positive presentations prepared by SA Uniting Church congregations each Sunday via You Tube. Many members also follow 'Songs of Praise' transmitted by ABC TV.

We are looking forward to the time that we can meet on Sunday mornings.

All will be welcome then

Church contacts: Di Thorpe (8383 6184) or George Beaglehole (8383 6210)



To Gavin and the Team at our General Store

Like many other people we have been self-isolating and have tried to keep our distance even when shopping. We wish to say a **big** thank you to Gavin and Sue who have carried our shopping and postal parcels from the shop into the boot of our car during these past weeks. All with a smile!

No doubt they have done this for others as well, a great community service which is much appreciated by us.

Anneke and Gerrit Schrale

Having said that Gavin does like to have a bit of fun with his customers as well. Recently witnessed 'Mr Mark' rummaging in the letter box for that pesky letter stuck at the back when Gavin decided to add a bit of drama. Gavin stealthily (??) snuck up to the back of the mailbox and with a loud yell shoved his arm through the box. Hysterical laughter followed Mr Mark across the road with him muttering about payback and it was lucky his heart was so healthy.

New trading hours ...



The **Clarendon General Store**

trading hours are:

Monday – Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 9am-12pm

The **Clarendon Hotel** has closed until the restrictions are lifted however you can still support them by purchasing their 'Heat & Eat' take away meals. The menu changes each day so visit their facebook page for details.

The **Clarendon Bakery** is still operating as normal with the only change being the number of people allowed in the shop at any time to ensure they are following social distancing restrictions

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.



May News

Although the netball season has been put on hold for the time being, Clarendon Netball Club are staying connected through social media. One way they came together was for the ANZAC Day 'Light Up the Dawn' initiative; members of our club stood, donned in their CNC gear, at the top of their driveways at dawn on the 25th of April. Each driveway was lit up with candles to honour the past and present servicemen and women of Australia. Although they were physically separated, members of Clarendon Netball Club came together to pay their respects.



Unfortunately, we are still waiting for funding for our new sheds to come through, but we are hopeful that this new project will be started soon! We will keep everyone updated via our social media pages and Clarendon eNews.



A baby born at the Royal Oak

Excerpts from the Chronicle and Advertiser 1869-1870 pieced together by Pru Fowles.

When Eliza Walton stepped down young James Uriah Butler took over the licence of the Royal Oak Hotel in March 1869. He was married with a young wife and baby son and they set up house in the hotel. It wasn't long before James got himself into trouble. He reportedly was tired of the tradesmen who frequented the Royal Oak and overstayed their welcome by getting very drunk. Once they had too much to drink, he started to charge them double, under the impression they were so drunk they wouldn't notice. He felt he deserved the extra payment for the hardship they caused him. One hardened drinker was not fooled and took him to court where in November 1869 James was heavily fined.

In June of the following year Mrs Butler gave birth to another son who was born at the Royal Oak. This is the first record of a publican's baby being born in the hotel and the first reference of any baby being born in the hotel.

Unfortunately, the family's fortunes did not recover when in September 1870 the accounts were showing a loss of 124 pounds. The family left the hotel and James was employed by the Telegraph for a short time. He was paid a sum of 19 pounds for his work which he spent before he was arrested for insolvency over the Royal Oak debts in December 1870. He appeared in the insolvency court and was given a second-class certificate. I've not yet worked out what this is. There was no mention of his wife and family.

Clarendon Kindergarten



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.

This can be sent to PO Box 57
Clarendon or to
secretary@history.clarendon.org.au

- Unprecedented times – said, written and heard a million times
- The Clarendon Hotel is closed (!!)
- Track pants are the comfort clothes of choice
- Social isolation – for the whole world
- Handshakes are no longer an acceptable way of greeting
- 1.5m is as close as we can get to each other
- No footy season or netball either
- Thank goodness for social media
- We can no longer visit our elderly family members
- The economy takes a back seat to health and wellbeing
- Coughing and sneezing in public is no longer socially acceptable
- Going to Bunnings is now a fun day out
- We are thankful to be living in Australia

Mt Bold Reservoir – minor works

I would like to keep you informed of upcoming works relating to the drainage of Mount Bold Reservoir.

Since around February this year, we have been gradually emptying the reservoir, to prepare it for some minor works scheduled for early May. The works will involve replacing some ageing ancillary equipment (isolation gates) which are used in the operation of valves and pipework. At the same time, we will undertake a detailed conditions assessment of parts of the structure which would usually be underwater. The conditions assessment will help to inform works for the proposed Mount Bold dam safety upgrade project (construction expected to begin in 2022/2023).

A licensed commercial fisher is engaged to catch fish, predominantly carp once the water levels are lowered to an appropriate level, and the fish will be sent to Sydney fish market or supplied for fertiliser. We have also liaised with NRM to commence environmental flow flushing at Clarendon Weir. Water will continue to be diverted to Happy Valley from Mount Bold, until the reservoir is empty, after which the Happy Valley Water Treatment Plant will be temporarily taken offline for planned essential maintenance. The Adelaide Desalination Plant will then provide the majority of supply for customers in the area during the time Mount Bold is offline.

The works are expected to take around four weeks to complete and during this time Mount Bold Reservoir Reserve will be closed to the public. Following the completion of works, winter rains will assist to slowly and naturally refill the reservoir. I am making preparations for alternative engagement for the planned reference group meeting given the COVID19 restrictions currently in place. This will likely involve online information and a WebEx meeting/presentation so I will be in touch to advise of details soon.

If you have any queries about the drainage works or the proposed Mount Bold dam safety project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

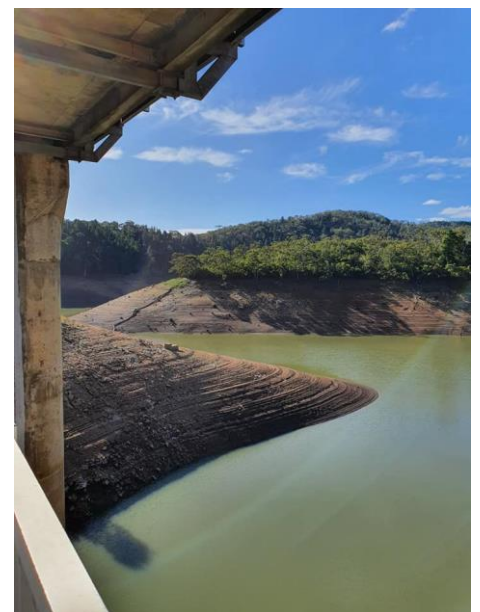
Kind regards

Selene

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Low tides at Mt Bold



Photos shared thanks to Di Lamont

Answers to quick quiz:
1. Frederick Morphet 1841
2. Tally-Ho Hotel
3. Clarendon Primary School
4. Len Carr, Stuart Formby,
Ronald Giles, Merton Loud,
Peter Piggett, Alick Powell,
Cecil Smart
5. Brad Pickford
Lest we forget



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