

## **March 2021**



The Clarendon community is invited to join the lovely Harslett Family at the apple orchard sheds on Apple Tree Lane for our second social gathering of the year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and enjoying each other's company in this wonderful community.

# **Community Calendar**



## **Clarendon Community Association**

Saturday 20th March 2021

Community Dinner 5pm at Apple Tree Lane All welcome

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 General meeting

7.30pm at the Community Hall All welcome

## Clarendon Historic Hall & Museum

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 General Meeting

1.30pm at Historic Hall All welcome

# Clarendon Rainfall Summary



Days of rain	5 days
February 2020	43mm
Days of rain	7 days
Year to date:	
Annual rainfall <b>2021</b> .	76.8mm
Days of rain	9 days

Thank you to our very own rain-man Bill Jared

Annual rainfall **2020**. 85.8mm

Days of rain ...... 16 days



# It's a 'figgy' time of the year!



We are so fortunate to live in an area where figs grow in abundance. Such a delicious, versatile fruit. Rich in minerals, antioxidants and soluble fibre.

## Four ways with figs:

- 1. Fresh, straight off the tree... if you get in before the birds
- 2. Slice into four, dry in a dehydrator to desired consistency. Ours is usually overnight. Then dip them in chocolate (we use 70-90% Lindt). A great Easter gift if they last that long.
- In a salad... they go great in a salad of mixed greens, prosciutto, goat's cheese/mozzarella or blue cheese, walnuts and dressed with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.
- With breakfast my favourite way Figs
  - 2-3 tablespoons of full fat yoghurt (dairy or non-dairy)
  - 2 tablespoons of pecans
- 1 tablespoon each of pepitas, sunflower seeds and hemp seeds Enjoy!

Keep your eye on the grow free cart as people have been popping excess figs there and pop over to the Clarendon FB pages and share your favourite way to use your figs.

Thank you to Louise of the Nourished Village

## **Grow Free Cart**



Local residents Elisa and Paul Ridings have built a grow free cart and it is now set up 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 <a href="http://www.growfree.org.au/">http://www.growfree.org.au/</a>



# Riverbend Park News ... thank you to Dave Clark



Riverbend Park is looking very green with Council watering plus the rains of several weeks ago. The Onkaparinga River is now a series of pools since SA Water stopped releasing water below the weir. On Monday March 1st during the afternoon a friend Peter Day, an enthusiastic bird watcher and I spend a hour walking along the river looking for birds. Bird activity seemed pretty quiet compared with the usual early morning activity I see on my early morning walks. However, we saw the following. Nankeen Night Heron, Dusky Moorhen, Wood Duck, Australian Reed Warbler, New Holland Honeyeater, Red Brown Firetail, Adelaide Rosella, Australian Magpie, Red Wattlebird, Superb Fairy Wren. Peter tells me Spring is a good time for a bird count. There are many more birds in and around Riverbend Park and I will continue to record them.

# New playground at Recreation Park

The new playground equipment has been installed near the pavilion at the recreation ground. We are waiting on final landscaping and planting to finish this job off.

Thank you once again to the Onkaparinga Council and Andy Smith in particular for sourcing the funding for this upgrade.

Still to be completed jobs at the recreation ground include replanting along the oval pathway and landscaping the front of the pavilion. We look forward to seeing our beautiful park looking its best once more in the near future.



# Local trading hours ...



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

Monday – Saturday 8.30am-5pm Sunday 8.30am-12pm

The **Clarendon Hotel** is open for meals and socialising. Call Hayley on 8383 6113 to book a table and enjoy a beautiful meal at our lovely local hotel.

The **Clarendon Bakery** is operating as normal with the only change being the number of people allowed in the shop at any time.

Opening hours are:

Tuesday to Friday 7am – 5pm Saturday to Sunday 8am – 4pm

**Emprades** is open from 10-5pm Wednesday to Sunday and are happy to deliver locally for free.



Keeping our community businesses open and safe



# Clarendon Community Association General Meeting Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm at the Community Hall

Everyone is invited to attend this community meeting to discuss the following:

- Fire safety
- Subcommittees everyone is invited to become involved in our community as little or as much as you have time for
- Clarendon Community Centre
- Acknowledging the Kaurna community
- Constitution review

## Looking forward to seeing everyone at this meeting

<u>Clarendon Community Association - General Meetings</u> are held regularly, and notification of these meetings will be made available in our newsletters, website and Facebook pages. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact the committee via email – <u>secretary@cca.clarendon.org.au</u>

<u>Clarendon Community events</u> are also held regularly and include Community Dinners at Apple Tree Lane, the Annual Clarendon Cricket Challenge, Christmas Carols, Kindergarten and Community Spring Fair, the Anzac Day commemoration and Saturday coffee mornings (from 10am) at Apple Tree Lane.

#### 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 say hi to Gavin and collect your copy.

Clarendon Community Association – keeping you informed
Want to find out more about our community? We encourage
you to visit the Clarendon website – www.clarendon.org.au You
may also like to join the Clarendon Facebook pages: Clarendon
Neighbourhood and Clarendon Community Forum to keep up to
date with local events and community interest groups.

# The Clarendon Agricultural Bureau

The Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau met on Thursday 18/02/21 at the Clarendon Community Hall. Our guest speaker was the Clarendon Country Fire Service Captain Sue Leslie.

In preparation for the night the members provided a range of questions for Sue to respond to; covering the Cherry Gardens fire, fire truck access to properties, how to let the CFS know that the property has been vacated due to approaching fire, impact of fire retardants on property soil, where the CFS water bombers are stored and how do they prepare for a high bushfire alert day etc.

The Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau members appreciated Sue giving up her time to address the group.





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## **Bushfire Safety**

The recent Bushfire that came so close to Clarendon have caused all of us to take a moment to reevaluate our plans to either stay and defend or to evacuate.

The Clarendon Community Association (and many other local groups) are taking the time to share more information, to ask questions and to plan for what happens next time.

The CCA have found information on the CFS website that we think is worth sharing with you all. We also hope to share more with the community at the next General Meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and encourage you to attend.

#### What we have learned so far:

- Jackie Houghton is the CFS Community Engagement Officer. They have been running following up
  meetings with the Kangarilla community however they are also organising other workshops that may
  interest us. We will let everyone know when and where these workshops will be.
- We asked why the siren was not used during the recent bushfires and were given this information.

  Current practice is that the siren is only sounded when there is an emergency in Clarendon. They do not want to unnecessarily upset people or alternatively have people becoming complacent if the siren is used too often for any incident or accident in the Clarendon neighbourhood.
- Our closest last refuge places are the Kangarilla Oval and Weymouth Oval at Coromandel Valley. Safer options however are anywhere in the suburbs.
- Horses can be relocated to the Mt Barker showgrounds or Strathalbyn racecourse during an emergency. Owners must stay with them.
- It is not known where a safe space is for other animals however this is being followed up.

# **Emergency numbers and contacts**

Bushfire emergency dial 000

Suspicious behaviour 131 444

CFS website <u>www.cfs.sa.gov.au</u>

Guide to Bushfire Safety <a href="https://cfs.sa.gov.au/events-and-publications/publications/">https://cfs.sa.gov.au/events-and-publications/</a>publications/



Once again we thank these amazing volunteers for keeping our community safe.



# On a fire risk day

## What do I do on fire risk days...

- · If your plan is to leave early leave
- · Watch the local conditions stay up to date with where fires are located
- Move horses and livestock to a safe area
- · Keep pets in a safe place ready to move
- · Pack personal items and put in car
- · Remove anything that will burn easily from around the house
- · Add final items to emergency kit
- · Pack the car remember important items such as wallet, cards, keys, papers, etc.
- · Put car in driveway or on the side of road ready to go
- · Turn off the gas
- · Block the downpipes and partially fill gutters if you have time
- · Make sure everyone is wearing or has protective clothing - natural material such as pure wool, heavy cotton drill or denim and strong leather boots
- Tell people you are leaving
- · Close and lock all doors and windows
- · Leave front gate or access gate open

## Leave early - don't wait

Leaving late means you will be on the road when conditions are at their most dangerous or you may not be able to get out at all.



Download the Alert SA App today. Your emergency and information updates when you need them most.

## Where to find warnings and updates



#### Local news

Listen to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations and watch Sky News TV



1300 362 361

**Bushfire Information Hotline** 



Online

CFS Website cfs.sa.gov.au



Social media

Twitter @CFSAlerts Facebook @countryfireservice



#### National Relay Service

Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech / communication impairment can contact us by calling TTY 133 677

You may receive a SMS

to your mobile phone



#### 131 450

If you do not speak English, call the Translating and Interpreting Service for translating information

The longer you wait, the greater the risk to your life

