

July 2022

To our Clarendon neighbours you are invited to:



A chance to connect with your neighbours and have some good country fun – bonfire, shared food, a warm welcome on a cold night! Dress warm, wear your boots, bring the children.....

Coffee break – an invitation to the community to the Apple Orchard Packing Shed 10am each Saturday morning. Come as you are and enjoy a break with your neighbours. Catch up on local news, friends and let the children play in the orchard. Thanks to the lovely Harslett and Russell families for their ongoing hospitality.

Community Calendar



Clarendon Community Association

Committee Meeting – 7.30pm Tuesday 2nd August 2022 If you have anything to discuss, please contact the secretary

Clarendon Historic Hall & Museum

Committee meeting Wednesday 13th July 2022 Clarendon Historic Hall 9.30am – all welcome

Clarendon Agricultural Meeting

Third Thursday of each month Hazel McKenzie Hall – 7.30pm

Spring Fair – advance notice

16th October 2022 At Community Hall

Christmas Carols – advance notice

18th December 2022 At Riverbend Park

Clarendon Rainfall Summary



June 2022	131.6 mm
Days of rain	19 days
June 2021	164.4 mm
Days of rain	19 days
Year to date 2022	313.6mm
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Days of rain 2022	56 days
Year to date 2021	358.4 mm
Days of rain	50 days

Thank you to our very own rain-man Bill Jared



Clarendon Primary School

Clarendon Op-Shop support

The school thanks those that use and volunteer at the Clarendon op-shop. Since this initiative started, we have had 3 significant donations which have allowed us to buy a whole school communication application, a yoga program to support staff and student wellbeing, as well as a soon to be purchased iPod and speaker for student use at lunchtimes.

Security at CPS

We have upped security at CPS since the recent break-in and have installed security cameras in several locations around the school. If you see any suspicious activity particularly at night, please report it to police. You are welcome to come and use the school grounds outside of school times.

Clarendon Kindergarten

The Clarendon Kindergarten Community Connection Story Recently our local community Guru Gavin Fischer asked the kindergarten if there was anything we needed. That day I sent a casual email asking for yarn and buttons, and perhaps an old step ladder, (assuming he would simply keep an eye out at the op shop for us). Instead, he asked you all to help us.

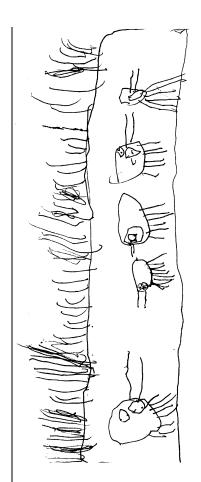
The very next day we were inundated with calls our community letting us know they would be dropping in with everything from pots to buttons to plants. Two days later we had a mountain of yarn, enough buttons to build a second kindergarten, and a team of roughly eight people keen to visit and help us fix our outdoor space!

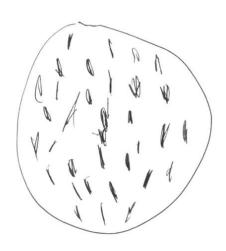
Within weeks you the community had come together and joined us for a working bee, helping us weed gardens, move soft fall, and make the kindergarten a beautiful place again.

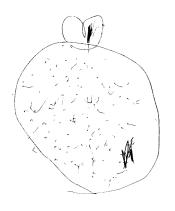
This is such a testament to the unique and connected community we have here at Clarendon. We feel so unbelievably grateful for all of the support we receive as it means that we are able to provide children with the environment and learning opportunities that they deserve.

Moving forward, we would like to thank the team of community members who have offered to continue supporting us with our outdoor space and have been working with our children to understand how we can work collaboratively with our community to give back in a way of thanks... so keep a look out for a little something from them soon!









Clarendon Bowling Club

Clarendon Bowling Club has recently updated its outdoor furniture with two new bar tables and eight bar stools. The new furniture has been well received by the Club members and significantly improves the look of the verandah area of the Clubrooms. This recent purchase was made possible with the assistance of a grant received from The City of Onkaparinga Council.

The old tables are to be re-purposed by a couple who are being married in October where they will initially use them at their wedding reception. They loved the retro look of them!

Some of the old stools have found new homes but there are still six remaining if anyone in the wider community could make use of them. Please contact Marilyn 0413 935 120.

The old....



The new





Autumn Trading Hours



The **Clarendon General Store**Trading Hours

Monday 8am-6pm
Tues-Fri 8.30am-5pm
Saturday 8.30am-4pm
Sunday 8.30am-12pm

The Clarendon Hotel

Enjoy beautiful meals, friendly service and great views from the balcony. Open 7 days a week however please check with Hayley on Public Holidays.

New COVID regulations mean you have to book for a meal and you have to be seated to enjoy their hospitality.

The Clarendon Bakery

Open Tuesday to Sunday from early until about 4pm.

Emprades Vintage & Design

Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am-5pm 45 Grants Gully Road, Clarendon

Contact Pru or Emily

8383 6217

sales@emprades.com.au



Clarendon Netball Club

On Saturday 18th June the Clarendon Netball Club held their mid year event, The CNC Quiz. Each table was to come dressed in their choice of theme and we saw some amazing and creative entries. So much fun was had by all, and funds were raised to help us to keep our registration fees as low as possible. Congratulations to this year's winning table "Hi Vis". Special thanks must go to our amazing fundraising officer Megan, the Kearsley family and everyone who helped make it such a successful night.



Clarendon Community here is your chance to grab a meal and help raise funds for our club all at the same time. Our sponsor, Beach Hotel Seaford, is holding a Schnitty Night on Monday 11th July and \$5 from every schnitzel sold on the night will be donated back to the club. You don't need to be a member to qualify so please contact the hotel to book.



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 http://www.growfree.org.au/



Clarendon CFS News

<u>Incidents over the past few months</u> Very few indeed!

Community Resilience Project

I attended the final workshop and feel fortunate to be a part of something that will prepare our beautiful town for something that we just don't want to think about. In the next few months, we will be asking ALL residents of Clarendon to seriously think about this. We think about this time of year preparing for our upcoming fire season but have you considered your risk for a structure fire? There have been quite a few over the past month.

House Fires

Have you changed your smoke detector battery? Smoke detector are compulsory in al SA homes, but they are only useful if they are working! Now is a good time to replace them!

Have you changed your smoke detector? 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.

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 would always be welcome to see what we do. You can always join us – that way you would learn valuable skills to protect yourself, your family and your pets and property.

Keep safe! Sue Leslie Brigade Captain 0423 969 817

<u>sue.leslie@sacfsvolunteer.org.au</u>





Clarendon & Districts 50's Plus Club

Hazel McKenzie Hall

Harper Road, Clarendon



An invitation to all those over 50 years – come along to:

Monday

Yoga; 9.15 --- 10.15

Phone Shoba: 0474 193 192

Tuesday

Normal meeting activities
9.30am – 2.30pm
Indoor bowling, cards and games,
pool table, darts etc.
Bring your lunch — tea and coffee
supplied

Wednesday

Every Wednesday, quilting & sewing group

Enquiries: 8383 7278, 0412 822 875 or 0422 531 030

Friday

Line dancing 10:00am—12 noon. Enquiries: 0401 606 270

Evenings & Weekends

Available for hire

Enquiries: 0418 806 738 or email the Secretary

geoff.beaty@optusnet.com.au

Special rates for local social & nonprofit organisations





WATER ASSETS STRATEGIC REVIEW SURVEY 💦 - thanks Marion

This is a long post... but an important one!

All residents and businesses in the City of Onkaparinga are invited to complete a 10–15 minute survey about the future of the region's water assets on our Your Say website.

https://yoursay.onkaparinga.sa.gov.au/water-assets...

Most metropolitan councils do not manage wastewater, however, here in Onkaparinga we currently service several areas in our region that do not have access to SA Water's wastewater network. We also provide recycled water for the irrigation of public spaces.

Wastewater management is a complex activity that is highly regulated and we are undertaking a prudent review to determine whether or not the management of our water assets can be improved, either through sale or a different management model under continued council ownership.

Proposals have been received from interested parties for the possible divestment of the assets including how they intend to effectively manage service delivery and capital improvements while maintaining competitive pricing for customers.

No decision to divest the assets has yet been made by Council. We want to hear from everyone – those that are directly served by these assets, and all residents across our city.



DROP-IN INFORMATION SESSIONS

No need to book. You are welcome to come along and find out more about our water assets at any of these sessions.

Hazel McKenzie Hall, Clarendon Sunday 10 July – 2pm to 4pm



What does divestment mean?

Divestment can mean several things - sale of assets, lease of assets, joint or part ownership, joint or part operation, or a combination of these approaches.

Council has identified six divestment principles relating to financial value, service levels, the cost to community, risk, environment, and water security.

What are the assets?

Our Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) is an essential public and trade waste service provided to ground 4,500 households and businesses that are not connected to SA Water's waste management network. Most of these customers have a septic tank on their property. We collect, treat and reuse, or dispose of wastewater in the McLaren Vale, McLaren Flat, Willunga, Sellicks Beach, Maslin Beach, Clarendon, and Morphett Vale areas.

Our Water Business Unit (WBU) harvests recycled water and stormwater which can then be pumped to irrigate ovals, parks, and open spaces. These assets provide a sustainable alternative to mains water supply and are located at Happy Valley/Reynella East, Morphett Vale, Seaford Rise, Aldinga Beach, and Willunga. The WBU is a significant financial liability for council because it is not able to supply enough water to meet customer needs nor operate as a self-sustaining business.



How are they funded?

The WBU currently runs at a financial loss (this loss is absorbed by the wider council operations), whilst the CWMS covers its own costs on an annual basis.

Both the stormwater recycling and CWMS assets will require significant capital investment by council into the future. This will need to be funded via a combination of rates and debt.

The full divestment of these assets could reduce risk and allow financial resources to be directed into other activities and services for the community.

- What are the possible benefits of divesting?
- reduced legislative/financial/regulatory risk to council
- significant reduction in debt and/or allowing resources to be redirected into other services for the community
- increased availability of recycled water for irrigation of parks and clubs
- addressing the lack of wastewater infrastructure at Sellicks.

When will a decision be made?

Your elected members will make their decision in August 2022.

If the elected members do not approve, the divestment process will cease. Council will then commence addressing matters identified as part of the strategic review to ensure we continue to provide the services our communities need into the future.

Alternatively, if the elected members do approve, further communications will be provided to residents explaining the outcome and the next steps.

You can find out more in #OnkaparingaNow



https://www.onkaparinganow.com/.../have-your-say-on-water...

Please complete the survey here https://yoursay.onkaparinga.sa.gov.au/water-assets...

Your feedback will inform Council's decision on how best to manage the city's water assets into the future. Consultation is open until Wednesday 13 July 2022.



Water Assets Strategic Review

We're seeking feedback from the community about council's water assets.

Have your say until 13 July.

Clarendon Agricultural Bureau News

This month's meeting was a combined Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau, Clarendon Community Association, St Johns and City of Onkaparinga meeting/workshop.

The theme of the joint meeting/workshop was "Building a Stronger and more Resilient Clarendon Community". The facilitator, a St John representative, presided over the evening. They provided a presentation on preparing the community if a catastrophic event occurs.

The facilitator provided an introduction into being prepared to deal with any event that threatens the Clarendon Community. The attendees provided input as to what is needed to be done to prepare the community. Main inputs were to share locals people contact details, being aware of what skills are available in the community to assist in dealing with an event and highlighting preparedness in coping with an event.

CLARENDON BOWLING CLUB



Saturday Open Gender Div's 1, 3, 5

Great Southern Bowling Association

Contact:

CLARENDON

WLING CLUB

President—Don Crosby 0409 284 712 OR Secretary—Jim Edwards 0400 085 287

Nicolle Road Clarendon Next to Clarendon Oval

Clarendon Op Shop



How great does the new Op Shop look? Our community hall has been transformed into a bustling shop with so many treasures and bargains to be had.



Many of the community groups in Clarendon are involved and providing volunteers to open the shop Friday, Saturdays and Sundays.



Working bees are organised regularly to keep on top of all the donations.

Please email opshop@clarendon.org.au if you would

like to be involved.



A place to connect with community, a place to feel welcome, a place to feel the community spirit, a place to shop and a place to find a treasure.....

news@clarendon.org.au



Bandicoots

Thank you Kathy Menzel from Re Wild Creek

The background story....

Prior to white settlement, South Australia was home to 8 varieties of Bandicoots, but sadly now only the Southern Brown Bandicoot remains. They live, breed and sleep (in little grass nests above the ground) in what used to be dense protective native habitat, but because of the rate at which land has been cleared, they rely heavily on blackberry thickets for their protection from roaming cats and foxes. Larger patches of protective blackberry are very important to their continued survival.

Our story....

Up until mid-last year, we had a very healthy population of Bandi's on our property (just north of Clarendon).

These incredibly trusting and inquisitive guys **completely disappeared from our property** last year!

It was after the Scott Creek fires, the clearance of a vast amount of Blackberry upstream, an inundation of foxes and quite a number of farm cats within 2 km of our property (did you know cats roam up to about 5 km each night?)!

So, I guess the story I'm painting is that these gorgeous creatures face some considerable challenges including:

- being mistaken for rats (so are poisoned or trapped)
- predation by cats and foxes (no-where to hide)
- destruction of protective habitat (including blackberry and other dense native thickets)

Raising awareness....

We're thinking that that perhaps there are a number of people who may not know how to recognise them or how they can help support any populations they may have on their property. To address this, I'm hoping that running a series of little articles about Bandicoots in the newsletter and the local Clarendon FB page may just help these little guys to have a resurgence in and around Clarendon.





If you have any questions please contact Kathy via <u>her facebook</u> <u>page; rewildcreek.com/</u>



