



**CLARENDON
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

December 2022

It's been a stormy November with minimal damage in our village (thank goodness) however we think of our close neighbours in the Adelaide Hills and hope they are getting their homes and gardens back in order once again.



Thanks to Brad from No Anchovies for this photo of a fallen tree at the corner of Potter and Grants Gully Road



Thanks to Pru from Emprades for this photo of the deluge of water coming down Lukes Road and across Grants Gully Road during the storm

Community Calendar



Clarendon Community Association Committee Meeting @ 7pm

Tuesday 6th December 2022

Clarendon Historic Hall & Museum General Meeting

Will be back in February 2023

Clarendon Agricultural Meeting

Third Thursday of each month
Hazel McKenzie Hall – 7.30pm

Community Events

Community Yoga – 11th December
Christmas Carols – 18th December

Clarendon Rainfall Summary



November 2022	127 mm
Days of rain	17 days
November 2021	62 mm
Days of rain	16 days
Year to date 2022	801 mm
Days of rain 2022	141 days
Year to date 2021	749.2 mm
Days of rain	120 days

**Thank you to our very own
rain-man Bill Jared**

November Storms continued

Did you manage to go and see the Onkaparinga River when the weir was open? It was once again mighty and reminded me of how it must have been in the past before reservoirs and weirs contained its natural seasonal rhythm.



Personally I would love to see some sort of viewing platform by the bridge so we can watch the water flow over the weir. A quick look as we drive over the bridge is (not safe) and not very satisfying either. Maybe a project for 2023.



Thanks to Brad from No Anchovies for these great photos

Thank you

A shout out to our Clarendon Community who once again looked out for their neighbours to ensure everyone was supported during this challenging time.

Special thanks to Gavin and Lauren at the General Store who coordinated with many groups and individual people to seek out and connect with the support and information they needed.

Having no power for 3 days was a personal issue however thanks to family who live close by we were able to have a daily shower and borrow camping gear (gas stove & lights) which enabled us to stay at home.

The Kangarilla Footy Club, the Happy Valley Community Centre and other Council run venues kindly offered the use of their facilities to shower, cook and charge phones. It did remind us here in Clarendon that maybe it is time for us to have a venue for a Clarendon Refuge. This was discussed briefly at the Over 50's committee meeting and also with the Clarendon Resilience Working Group. They are looking at ways this can be implemented for any future catastrophic events.

Having power back up, somewhere to cook and somewhere to shower would be the basics. However having a facility to cater for volunteer needs as well – providing food, a place to rest and shower. All of these issues will be discussed further within the Resilience Working group and then with the broader community to gain feedback and support.

Insurance Reminder

Just another reminder about contents insurance cover. Our insurance company reimbursed us replace the food that was thrown out from the fridge and freezer during the power outage. We were able to claim up to \$500 without an excess or impacting on our premiums going forward. If you haven't already claimed maybe have a look to see if you are eligible. On a side note my fridge and freezer have never looked so clean!

Community Led Emergency Resilience - CLER

Refresh In October 2021 a subcommittee of Clarendon Community Association (CCA) was formed to agitate for better land management in Clarendon. This small group engaged with City of Onkaparinga (COO) and the Red Cross in 2022 to participate in a Community Led Emergency Resilience (CLER) program testing and exploring matters and then formulating a better way forward in emergency situations to build a more resilient community.

CCA subcommittee lead is **Mark Ashenden** 0418 106 177; COO lead is **Priah Dean** 0414 289 271.

The sub-committee met on Thursday 24/11/2022 to agree on the tasks & timing of raised ideas to work the list to a manageable level with the following key areas to be completed in the 2023 calendar year.

All raised ideas remain on the full list however priority has been given to the following for 2023. Each 'mob' will have a topic leader and engage individuals to undertake the work – the leaders and team members will be decided at next CLER meeting. If you have an interest in any group please let Mark or Priah know – attendance at meetings is not critical but your help is.

1. **VERGE MOB**; Engage and work with COO to reduce both the verge fuel load (overhanging tree and grass) and vegetable matter reducing fire risk and better manage water run-off. First agreed target is our main street - Grants Gully Road.
2. **COMMUNICATIONS MOB**; Consolidate, upgrade awareness sites and link using both social media and community notice board at the General store. Education and information booklet – tips, tools and tricks for acreage landowners – consider portable stand with brochures for display at events and at strategic sites (Op-shop & General Store)
3. **NEIGHBOURHOOD TREE MOB**; Training and education days (COO, CFS, SES) across areas with a pilot idea of a neighbourhood tree initiative linking residents along Turners Gully Road then extending this idea to key roads in the Clarendon precinct (Hollits Road, Lukes Road, Potters Road etc.).
4. **THE OLIVE MOB**; Feral olives idea – harvest, process to make oil, sell and use funds to remove, mulch and replant (joint with COO, Landcare, PIRSA and property owners)
5. **FLOCK/PADDOCKS MOB**; Reduce the fuel load in paddocks and lead the rethink land management (link small acreage and adjoining neighbour plans); Community flock (sheep or goats); Slashing the grass. Replanting and how can community support individual landowners who are struggling.
6. **HAZEL MCKENZIE MOB**; explore better use of the building and surrounds – community garden, emergency centre (not bushfire) with alternative power (generator), water, showers, washing facilities - a call in and rest place.
7. **CFS MOB**; just work more and better with CFS and emergency services. Investigate how can we support them to support us.

Spring 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.

The Clarendon Bakery

Open Tuesday to Sunday from early until about 4pm.

Emprades Vintage & Design

Open Wednesday to Sunday

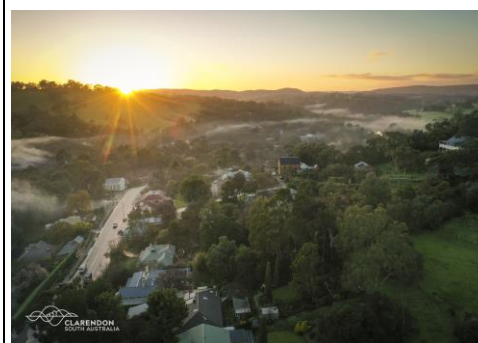
10am-5pm

45 Grants Gully Road,
Clarendon

Contact Pru or Emily

8383 6217

sales@emprades.com.au



Clarendon Primary School

Term 4 in schools is notoriously busy! We recently farewelled Suzanne Riches, our Year 3-4 Class teacher who is officially retiring at the end of the year. The new Reception Class for 2023 enjoyed some visits to the school as part of their transition program, including a full day on our whole school step-up day where all students spent the day in their 2023 classroom. Our new teachers (Mr Hunter into our Year 5-6 Class and Miss Francis into our Year 3-4 Class) also attended which gave them a chance to get to know their pupils for next year and for our children to get to know their new teachers. The calendar is busy for the final two weeks of the school year with our annual End of Year Concert, two assemblies, the Oak Tree ceremony and of course, the graduation as we farewell our wonderful year 6 students.



Clarendon Kindergarten

It feels as though every year our Spring Fair becomes bigger and better. It's hard to believe that a little idea of a family tea party has become a road halting, car park overflowing, incredible event! We know that we would never meet the expectations and requirements if it weren't for all of you incredible volunteers supporting and encouraging us to keep going!



We want to extend our sincerest gratitude to all the sponsors who donated goods, and to the people who arrived early to help set up and organise our environment. We want to say thank you to all the families who took on one or more roles, and to those who spent the day joining in and making the experience exciting and family friendly. Our combined efforts meant that Clarendon Kindergarten raised over \$4,000 which will be used to develop a mud kitchen environment and fill our backyard with greenery!

Grow Free Cart



Our grow free cart is back at the Clarendon Community Hall. Please help yourself to what you need and share what you have to spare. Thank you once again to Paul and Elisa – great community people!

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Christmas is coming to Clarendon

Christmas Carols in the park – 18th December from 3pm
The Clarendon Uniting Church in conjunction with the Clarendon Community Association are once again hosting the Clarendon Community Christmas Carols at Riverbend Park. Bring a rug, bring a picnic, bring your family and friends and most importantly bring your singing voice. We will have a sausage sizzle and drinks available. This year we will be having an outdoor movie starting at 8pm. The community survey voted Elf as the movie of choice.



Santarilla

Clarendon has once again been invited to join in the very popular Kangarilla inspired **Santarilla** – thank you!

What a fun way to celebrate with the broader community who regularly travel along our roads. Special weekend drives are a regular occurrence at this time with children eager to see these fun and silly Santas.

We look forward to seeing inspired and crazy Santa antics along our roads again this year.



Clarendon & Districts 50's Plus Club

Hazel McKenzie Hall

Harper Road, Clarendon

All Welcome

An invitation to 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 & non-profit organisations



Free community Yoga Classes

The Clarendon Community Association is offering two free yoga classes and everyone is invited. The first session was held this morning however you can still come along next Sunday 11th December and join in.

To be held on the lawns at the Clarendon Community Hall. Thanks to our community survey feedback this was one event that a community member thought might bring us together.



**FREE
COMMUNITY
YOGA
CLASSES**

NO
EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

SUNDAY
**4 & 11
DEC**
ON THE
LAWN AT THE
COMMUNITY
HALL

9.30AM

CLARENDON
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

Would you like to advertise in the Clarendon newsletter?

Please email news@clarendon.org.au

Currently the newsletter is emailed to over 200 people – both local and non-local.

Clarendon Op Shop



Our community Op Shop is about to celebrate it's first birthday. Come to the Spring Fair and celebrate with us on the success of this new venture.



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.....



JOSH TEAGUE MP
MEMBER FOR HEYSEN

Proudly supporting and working for the
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10/14 DRUID AVENUE STIRLING

HEYSEN@PARLIAMENT.SA.GOV.AU

Clarendon Agricultural Bureau

The Clarendon Branch the Agricultural Bureau November 2022 meeting was hosted by Mark Ashenden Executive Director of Seed-Terminator company at their Lonsdale premises.

Mark provided a background to the company beginnings and provided details of how business grew with support from broad acre farmers.

Mark's tour of the premises showed how efficient the business is run from receiving inward goods to the assembly and dispatch of Seed Terminators.

Mark explained the benefits of being able to terminate weed seeds in broad acre farms and the financial benefit of reducing herbicide sprays. In basic language Mark explained that a broad acre harvester can be altered to pick down to about 25mm of the soil which contains most of the weed seeds and process it through a multi staged hammer mill crushing it, shearing it, impact hammering and grinding. This means the weed seed cannot germinate. The organic material is deposited back on the soil.

Mark explained that trials were conducted on terminated weed seeds to confirm the success rate of terminating the various types of weed seeds that occur in broad acre farms.

Seed Terminators are predominately Australian made and designed to be tough and hard wearing.

Mark advised that the system or a variant of such, is being researched for other industries such as orchards and vineyards to deal with infected fruit, nuts and the weeds in the rows to reduce herbicides.

Tony Fagg
President



I have an idea

Do you have an idea about an event or project that you would like support to bring to fruition? The CCA is very keen to support all kinds of local activities and events. Our plan is to ensure that Clarendon continues to flourish to grow and to support and empower community members like you. Ideas bubbling away at the minute:

- Harvesting olives
- A tomato preserving day – maybe even sharing tomato seedlings to start it off
- Muriel's bake off
- An outdoor cinema evening
- Apple Cider Crush
- Community Dinner
- Public awareness campaign to reduce speeding vehicles in the main street
- Community yoga
- Toondilla Trail
- Clarendon's history both European and Aboriginal

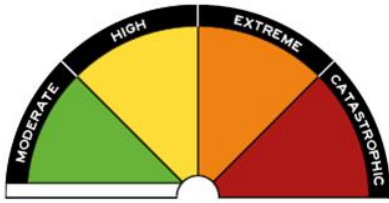
Our CCA committee is small but committed and we would love to hear your ideas.



Look for us on Facebook:

- Clarendon Community Association
- Clarendon Community Forum
- Clarendon Community Events

Hello from Clarendon CFS



We have had a very busy month with 2 structure fires, 2 MVAs and multiple calls during the recent storms. The team also responded as part of an SES strike team to deal with the multiple calls

Fire Season starts 1st December - are you ready?

Will our tanker fit up your driveway? Are there any trees to obstruct or is the driveway wide enough? If we can't get to your property - we can't help you if you need us.

Is your property clear of debris and clutter close to the house?

A well-prepared home is more likely to survive a bushfire than one that hasn't been prepared. A well-prepared home:

- Can be easier for you or firefighters to defend
- Is more likely to survive, even if you're not there
- Is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk
- Will give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave and have to take shelter

Ways to protect your home:

- Use non-flammable building materials
- Starve the fire by clearing vegetation and rubbish away from your home
- Create a defensible space by carefully managing trees close to your home and reducing vegetation for 20 metres
- Fill the gaps where embers might enter or catch
- Protect your assets with adequate home and contents insurance

Reference : [Preparing your home & property - CFS](#)

Physical preparation

You need to be physically capable to defend your family and home during a bushfire. Practise your Bushfire Survival Plan and check whether you can:

- Lift items such as hoses, knapsack sprayers and furniture that may have to be moved
- Get up into the roof space to check for embers
- Patrol inside and outside for long periods.

If you have concerns after you have made your assessment; consider whether you could modify your plan to enable you to cope. For example, you can half fill your knapsack sprayer with water or stand it on a bench when filling it to avoid having to pick it up off the floor.

A good general check is to go for a brisk 30-minute walk. If you are unable to walk briskly for that length of time you should reconsider your plan to stay and defend your property.

If you or a member of your family has a temporary condition such as a broken arm during the fire season, consider how that might affect your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Your lack of confidence to cope physically will diminish your ability to cope emotionally during a bushfire. Know and practise your Bushfire Survival Plan so that you and your family can follow it, even when under stress.

Reference: [Preparing yourself mentally & physically - CFS](#)

Psychological and emotional preparation

Preparing yourself psychologically or emotionally to cope with a bushfire is as important as preparing your home and surroundings. Although everyone will cope differently with a frightening event, you can use strategies to resist the natural reaction to panic.

Developing a Bushfire Survival Plan will help you to make the important decision of whether you want to stay and actively defend your home or leave early. Both options involve difficult choices that you need to think through depending on your circumstances and the predicted fire conditions.

Before deciding whether to stay and defend or leave early

Make sure you understand:

- Fire behaviour
- Fire Danger Ratings and what they mean
- What to expect
- How fires have behaved in your district on previous occasions
- What you might feel and what you are willing to deal with. Think about how you managed other fearful situations you have been through.
- Practise the actions in your Bushfire Survival Plan to help you to respond automatically during a bushfire threat.

We recommend you plan to leave early on days that are forecast as catastrophic, and only stay and defend on a day of Extreme Fire Danger if you are extremely well prepared and your home is properly constructed. **Even if your choice is to leave well before a bushfire threatens, you should still have a contingency plan as part of your [Bushfire Survival Plan](#).**

If you choose to leave early, consider:

- When will you leave - have you decided what will be your trigger?
- Will your plan be different for weekdays, weekends or if someone is home sick?
- Are all members of your household going to leave early?
- Which members of your household (if any) will stay and defend?
- Where will you and your family go to make sure you are all safe? Do you have friends, relatives or fun activities in a nearby [Bushfire Safer Place](#)?
- What route will you take to get there?
- How long will it take to get there?
- What will you take when you leave early?
- What will you do if there are many fire risk days in one week?
- What warnings can you expect to get?
- Do your friends, family and neighbours know the details of your plan?
- What will you do with your pets and animals?
- What will be your trigger to return?
- Do you have a contingency plan if it is unsafe to leave?
- What will you do if a fire starts quickly in your local area making roads impassable or travel is particularly dangerous?

If you choose to stay and defend your property, you need to:

- be physically and emotionally able to do this
- be alert
- have a plan
- be prepared to act independently.

You will need to consider:

- where you and other members of your family will be?
- who will look after your pets/animals?
- what you will do if you have elderly family or young children?
- how you will protect your property?
- how you will protect yourself?
- how you will know what is going on during the fire?
- what you will do if your children are at school when the fire starts?
- what you will do to patrol your property after the fire front has passed?
- what is specific to your situation?

Changing plans at the last minute can lead to rash decisions and place your life at risk. Don't abandon your plan at the critical.

Reference: [Preparing yourself mentally & physically - CFS](#)

Keep safe!

Sue Leslie

Brigade Captain

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CHILEAN NEEDLEGRASS CONTROL

Now is the time to find and control Chilean needlegrass (*Nassella neesiana*). This year it is expected that seed heads will start forming in early November, making the plant detectable. It is important to control the plant before seeds ripen and drop.

There are only a few locations with this weed in South Australia, but there is potential for it to spread to new areas of the state.

It is important to maintain weed free property boundaries, pathways and driveways to minimise the risk of seed spread. A five metre buffer around property boundaries is recommended. Chilean needlegrass seeds can easily attach to vehicles, machinery, animals and footwear so be careful that seeds don't leave your property.

If you are a landholder in the Clarendon/Kangarilla area, and would like advice on how to manage this weed on your property contact:
Green Adelaide (08 7424 5760) or Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu (08 8391 7500).

What you can do:

Control: Hand pull plants, double bag and dispose in general waste bin. Or spot spray with glyphosate (Round up) or flupropanate before seeds mature.

Hygiene: Avoid working in or having stock where plants are in seed. Inspect and clean vehicles and machinery.

Notify: Contact Green Adelaide or Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu if you think you may have this weed, we are here to help.

Did you know?
Chilean needlegrass is a highly invasive perennial grass originating from South America that invades and degrades pastures and native vegetation forming monocultures.

- Seed heads are an open panicle with many purplish spikelets.
- Seeds have a long awn (tail) with a crown of bristles at the base of the seed called a corona.
- The grass has less nutritional value to livestock, reducing productivity.
- Sharp tipped seeds can injure livestock and pets.





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Chilean needlegrass

Nassella neesiana



For more information [Chilean needlegrass - PIRSA](#)