

March 2024



We thought we'd try something a little different and have a Sunday afternoon Community Lunch instead of a dinner. If you're new to town, please come along and say hello; this is a lovely casual gathering with no agenda apart from hanging out with the locals. Bring something for lunch that you can put on a share table and anything you want to drink. As usual, there will be plenty of chairs, but if the weather looks inviting, feel free to bring a blanket so you can lounge around in the pear orchard. No need to RSVP. Just turn up around 1pm and make yourself at home.

Community Calendar



Clarendon Community Association Community meeting – 7.30pm Wednesday 6th March @ Hazel McKenzie Clubrooms

Clarendon Historic Hall & Museum General Meeting – 7.30pm Thursday 14th March

Clarendon Agricultural Meeting Third Thursday of each month @ Hazel McKenzie Hall – 7.30pm

Clarendon Community Lunch Sunday 24th March – 1-4pm @ Orchard on Apple Tree Lane

Clarendon Rainfall Summary



 February 2024
 0.00mm

 Days of rain
 0 days

 February 2023
 ...mm

 Year to date 2024
 53.6mm

 Days of rain
 6 days

Thank you to our very own rain-man Bill Jared

Summer Fling

Summer was seen off in style again this year. We had a great turnout with many new faces soaking up the last rays and the soulful tunes of Blind Arry. Many punters enjoyed a nice cold beer from Clarendon Brewing or a glass of Main & Cherry Prosecco. Gavin's homemade Sangria was also a big hit!







Thanks to Brad and Gavin for once again organising this event.

Clarendon Uniting Church Easter Services 2024

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Easter at the Uniting Church.

Palm Sunday March 24th - 10.30am

Good Friday Service March 29th - 9.30am

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service March 31st - 6.00am (on top of the hill as sun rises)

Meet at church beforehand for transport A hearty Easter breakfast will be served back at the church.

All Welcome



Any questions? Please contact Rev Carol on 0414 744 113

Just a reminder that Rev Carol Chambers is the new Minister of the Clarendon Uniting Church.

"Everyone is welcome to come and have a coffee and chat with me. A board will be put out the front of the church to let any interested people know that I am in my 'office' in the church. I would love to meet you!

In the meantime, if there is anyone who would like any help at any point, please do not hesitate to contact me. My mobile number is on the Notice Board at the front of the church.

Blessings to you all."



Clarendon CFS

Incidents this month

Aerial support for strong smell of smoke.

I understand that there were concerns regarding firefighting planes flying overhead in our area last week and that the siren was not activated. This incident was based on a vigilant member of our community reporting a strong smell of smoke. In fire season, not only do we respond our fire appliances, but the planes are automatically responded under these circumstances. They have the ability to provide immediate and accurate information directly to us on the ground. We are so very fortunate to have the number of planes and helicopters at our disposal.

Please know that our siren will NEVER be sounded based on a 'smell of smoke' in the area only.

My main concern is that the community is relying on the siren as their only means of being notified that there is a fire in our area. This could not be further from the reality. I cannot stress enough that you must have a bushfire plan that factors in the possibility that you may get no warnings at all. Embers can spread from other fires that are occurring many kilometres away and be on our back doorstep before any of us are aware. I cannot stress enough that our precious community must stay alert and vigilant. We recently posted some very useful websites that we use to look at what is going on outside of our area.

I will attend the Community Meeting Wednesday 6th March to clarify any concerns that you all may have.

Commissioning of Fire Water Tank at the Hazel McKenzie Building.

This will happen on Feb 29th. What a wonderful resource this will be!

What does the Clarendon CFS do to prepare when we know a bad day is coming?

The first thing we do is start hydrating ourselves. A good guide as a minimum and if we were doing nothing at all is 1ml/kg/hour. If you weigh 80kg – you would need to drink a minimum of 80x24 – so almost 2 litres of fluid just to meet the basic needs of the body. When we are firefighting, we are told to drink 1 ltr per hour!! We have regular snacks of glucose or high carbohydrate source such as muesli bars when we are working and we will also have regular snacks throughout the day. We may be on 'active standby' at the station – not always though. This means that we would have a crew at the station, dressed and ready to go. Our equipment (including our trucks) is checked every week to make sure it works on the day. We have our pagers, and we have an 'app' that tells us who is able to respond on the day.

Summer Trading Hours



The Clarendon General Store Trading Hours

Mon-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





If you plan to stay and defend your home you need to ask yourself if you are really ready. What do I do to prepare?

Is your house defendable?

The CFS website 'prepare for a fire' will tell you what you need to do. Start hydrating as soon as you get up. Have a good breakfast. Make sure you have light clothing that covers your entire body including goggles, mask and hat. Sounds crazy to wear all of this on a really hot day – but look at what we wear – it is for a reason!

Do you have a home fire kit for everyone?

Each family members' kit could contain -

- Light clothing (cotton) to cover the entire body.
- Ha^{*}
- Cotton scarf to cover nose/mouth.
- Shoes and socks
- Gloves
- Bottled drinking water
- Torch with spare batteries
- High calorie/glucose snacks

Another kit for the family could contain -

- Battery operated radio with spare batteries
- Walkie talkies if you have a large property
- Woollen blankets
- Super soaker and ladder to access 'manhole' to manage embers in roof space
- Pet supplies (dish for water/lead or harness/cage or carrier
- Additional drinking water
- 10 buckets and 10 towels (for water at every window for ember attack)

Have a plan for the 'what if' the:

- fire pump doesn't work on the day
- heat is so intense that it destroys hoses and pipes
- roads are blocked due to fallen trees that prevents your escape
- electricity is turned off
- phone services don't work?

PLEASE consider the physical (are you fit enough?) and the psychological impact (do you really know how loud it will be? How dark it will be?)

I strongly encourage to all to look at the link I have provided.

https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire/bushfire_belief_busters.jsp

If you plan to go early on the day

This is something that I thought of and would like to implement.

Leave your wheelie bin at the entrance to your property or driveway (off to one side) with a few cloths/tea towels or something tied to the handle. This will let SAPOL and us know if you have chosen to leave your home.

Do you have a bushfire car kit?

My daughter regularly travels form Clarendon to Echunga to see her horses. The potential to get caught in a fire when traveling is possible.

In her car kit I have placed

- Woollen blankets
- Torch with spare batteries
- Drinking water
- Heavy clothing/mask/goggles/hat

We are always at the Clarendon CFS Station every Monday night (not PH) from 6.30pm. You are always welcome to come up and see what we do. You could learn valuable skills to protect yourself, your family, your pets and your property. Keep safe!

Sue Leslie

Brigade Captain

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Clarendon & Districts 50's Plus Club

Hazel McKenzie Hall

Harper Road, Clarendon

All Welcome

An invitation to come along to:

Monday

Yoga - 9.30am classes Phone Shoba: 0474 193 192

Tuesday

Friendly connections

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

Available for hire – please contact Geoff on 0418 806 738 or email geoff.beaty@optusnet.com.au

The hall is available for hire with special rates for local social & not for profit organisations

There is a fully equipped kitchen, chairs and tables for up to 100 people, or if you prefer there is a smaller meeting room. If you are looking for a venue for you next event, then this may be the perfect place – with incredible views over the Clarendon valley.





Clarendon Primary School

We've had 5 weeks of school already this year, and our classes have very much embedded our new school values: **Be kind, work hard**. All classes have had the opportunity to use these values during excursions and as always staff have received some lovely feedback from people at the various locations we've visited.

Students in years 3 to 6 went to the city to attend a Fringe Festival event *Junklandia* which was as engaging as it was loud, followed by a visit to the Princess Margaret Playground on South Terrace.

Two weeks later our Reception to year 2 students went to the Marion Cultural Centre to watch a Fringe show called *Little Red in the Hood* then had a play at the Hendrie Street Reserve inclusive playground (a lovely, fenced play space for all ages and especially if you have younger children to help them know the boundaries). A big favourite at the playground was when Principal Ms Birrell pushed the kids on the swing.



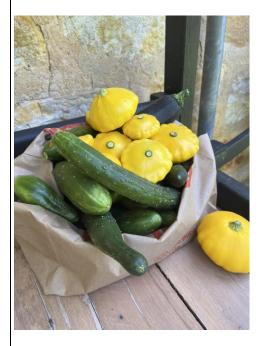
In February we also enjoyed seeing many of our families during an Acquaintance afternoon where children took their families around their classrooms and the yard on a scavenger-style hunt for locations such as their favourite place to play and the spaces they use for different lessons. The tasks were great conversation-starters for kids to chat with their loved ones about what they get up to here at school and share what makes school special to them.

Grow Free Cart

Our grow free cart located at the Clarendon Community Hall has been well stocked this summer 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!











February has been a busy time at the Club, apart from playing the last few games of the minor round, the Club has been busy hosting tournaments and gala days. For the second time, Clarendon hosted the Police Bowling Club, who this year won against a representative side from Clarendon. A BBQ lunch completed a very successful and enjoyable day.

The Kevin Spencer 500 was held on Monday 4th March and attracted teams from our local area and country regions. The annual event is held in memory of our Patron and Life Member Kevin Spencer, who was a long time resident of Clarendon and would be remembered by some of the older locals. Generous sponsorship by Coro Meats and the Silverton Hotel ensured another highly successful gala day with a delicious lunch again one of the highlights of the day.

We're also very excited to have new scoreboards thanks to a contribution from the City of Onkaparinga through a funding grant.

The Night Owlers have concluded their season and this year the winners were the Silverton Slayers. A special mention to BBOC who scored an 8 against their opposition last week.

Clarendon Bowling Club offers a wide variety of opportunities for involvement in activities and contact with other like-minded people. If you'd like to join us please contact our Secretary Jim Edwards (0400 085 287) or President Ray Hirst (0417 858 551) who will be only too happy to answer any questions you may have.













Clarendon Community Meeting

Thank you to everyone that came to the Clarendon Community meeting last night at the lovely Hazel McKenzie Clubrooms. We had a good attendance and discussions were held on:

- Upcoming events the next one being Anzac Day. All events will be advertised here in the Clarendon news, the Clarendon Forum on Facebook as well as on the notieboard at the General Store.
- News from the Onkaparinga Council (thanks Councillor Geoff Eaton)
- Important news was shared by Sue Leslie, Captain of the Clarendon CFS. This is also repeated in this newsletter. You may like to also check the Clarendon Community Forum on Facebook for further updates.
- Sue also expressed her apprecation for the Onkaparinga Council and the Hazel McKenzie members for the installation of the huge water tank. This will be a huge asset to the community during fire season.
- Chris Martin from the Onkaparinga Council who took questions regarding the recent roadside clearing. We would also like to acknowlege Joel who came out to separate meetings with the Turners Gully residents and then again with the Angel Gully residents.
- The President Mark Ashenden thanked the Onkaparinga Council for their collaborative work to upgrade and landscape the Clarendon Recreation grounds – including the gardens and barbecue area at the pavilion. As well as works to upgrade car parking and the top tennis/netball community court.

Come join the Don's!

A family friendly club playing in the Southern Hills Netball Association on Saturdays throughout winter

Seeking 4 x 9&U, 2 x 13&U and 3 Inters

TRAINING NIGHTS

- Thursday Nights 13&U; 9&U
- Wednesday Nights Inters



Check out our Facebook for registration information

Please contact Ashlee 0476218238





Our community Op Shop has celebrated its second birthday.



Many of the community groups in Clarendon are involved and provide 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.....







