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Join the fun of our Spring Family Picnic!

Byethorne Park, Nairne. Sunday 25 September 2011.



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The Nairne and Districts Residents Association President's Report

Hello, my name is Simon Martin and I am the new president of the Nairne and District Residents Association (N&DRA). I first moved to Nairne in 1991 and, apart from a period overseas, I have made this great town my home. My role in N&DRA has been as vice-president for a number of years and now it's my turn to be president. I would like to thank the immediate past president Jenni Adams for her valuable contribution in recent years.

I was elected president at our AGM on 17 August, along with a very talented group of individuals from a diverse range of backgrounds. I look forward to the exciting things we can achieve. The first of which is the Spring Family Picnic to be held on Sunday 25 September in Byethorne Park. This will be the third Spring event to be run by our organisation, and we are very happy to be doing this again in conjunction with Ink Pot Arts.

As well as very public events like these, N&DRA is involved behind the scenes lobbying our local Council and Councillors for Nairne to be properly considered in the next stages of the rollout of the 30 Year Development Plan. The Council had to develop a Structural Plan for affected areas and we made many representations in different forms to the Council; from one-on-one meetings with the Council's senior advisor on this subject, to a grassroots 'contact your Councillor' campaign. As is the case in situations like this, we will never know what swayed their opinion. Maybe it was the many local residents who turned up to the two information forums run by the Council

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The Nairne and Districts Residents Association

President's Report (cont.)

in Nairne in May/June. I think it was all of these things. What we do know is some small but significant changes were made to the plan but, of equal importance, Nairne's issues were given ample time for some very well considered discussion. I was very happy with that outcome.

The next stage of the development process will be the Council considering whether to put houses all the way down to Bald Hills Rd. There is a proposal for such a development that the Council needs to consider in the coming months. Keep an eye out for posters and signs closer to the time.

I have written to the new Minister for Planning, John Rau, asking to clarify if it is allowable for even more houses to be built on rural land. Officially there is a limit of 7000 new homes to be in the Hills as a result of the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide. N&DRA will be keeping a close eye on this subject to make sure everyone sticks to the new rules.

Finally, I would like to encourage residents to consider being involved in the Nairne Trees for Towns program. It would be wonderful to have more native trees and shrubs in our town. The benefits will be there for us and our wildlife to enjoy for years to come if we get involved now.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21 September**, **7 pm in the Nairne Institute**. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

Do you have something to contribute to the Nairne News?

Articles and advertisements for publication in the next issue to be received by

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Every Generation events—October 2011

Come for a big day out in Mount Barker—*Friday 21st October 10:00 am.* Devonshire tea followed by musical and poetry performances that will make you reminisce about the past and reflect on the future in the hands of some our youngest generation. *Cost:* \$8 for pre-paid tickets, or \$10 on the day. The price includes morning tea and entertainment by Me n' Me Mate and the inspirational students of the Mount Barker Primary School Festival of Music Choir and their dedicated teacher.

Venue: Auchendarroch House, Mount Barker (entrance off Dumas Street). Tickets on sale soon at the Mount Barker Library, Mount Barker Council and Mount Barker Primary School - one session only so don't miss out! (Special \$9.90 meal deals and special movie deal to be offered for people who wish to stay on after the performances and make this a truly memorable day out.)

A variety of other Every Generation events and activities will be held across the Mount Barker district during the month of October. Go to the council website on **www.dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au** or watch out for flyers around the community. Enjoy!



Nairne's Spring Family Picnic

Pack your hamper with a feast of goodies, pack your picnic rug or a few chairs, gather the kids and a kite or a game, and head to Byethorne Park for a fantastic day out on **Sunday 25th September**, **10 am—3 pm**.



Ink Pot Arts Inc. has been busy formulating ideas for some fun and entertainment. The feature band for the day will be the **Bearded Gypsy Band**. The musicians, Tom Boehm (Violin & Mandolin), Kiah Gossner (Bass), Tom Kneebone (Guitar) and Max Tulysewski (Drums), compose and perform their own style of eclectic gypsy music with celtic, folk, jazz and blues influences. Their original music takes the listener on exploratory journeys with varying energies, styles and rhythms. Recently, a venue manager, when speaking about The Bearded Gypsy Band, said.... "If you have seen them before then you know what a significant talent they are if you haven't seen them before then be prepared to weep at how relatively little you have achieved in your own life."



The Bearded Gypsy Band playing at the Snowy Mountains Music Festival earlier this year.

Tony Hannan will be there in the morning with his box of circus tricks to let the children try their hand at various juggling and balancing activities. There will also be the chance for the kids to "come 'n' try guitar" with local guitar teacher, **Guy Phillips.** Of course, there will be a **face painter** for those who love to look like something else for the day. And **Trees for Towns** will be offering children the chance to plant some native seed in a tube to take home. The program of entertainment and activities is still being developed, and there will be plenty more to see and do, or you can just kick back in the sun, relax and soak up the music and the atmosphere!

And even if you don't get the chance to pack a picnic basket, don't let that stop you enjoying the day! You can pick up a cool drink or a coffee at the park and a tasty sausage will be available from **BBQ of the Lions Club** of Nairne. The event will be fun-filled and alcohol-free. See you there!!

A partnership of the Nairne and District Residents Association and Ink Pot Arts Inc., with funding from the District Council of Mount Barker, and thanks to the generous donation of time and skills by local creative artists.

Councillor's commentary....

Winter is certainly upon us, and I hope you are able to stay warm and dry. But, with the blossoms now starting to appear, Spring is not far away...

First of all, I congratulate Rebecca Orr of Nairne Green Thumbs and those assisting with her successful '**Trees for Towns**' initiative. Projects like this, instigated and implemented by inspired individuals, enable the wider community to carry forward those things which make our town a good place to live. For more information, you can e-mail nairnegreenthumbs@hotmail.com.

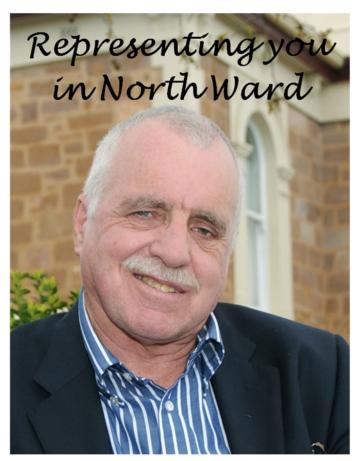
Still on things to do with trees, regrettably I need to mention that a stand of six established manna gums (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) on Matthew Rd was recently brought down. The trees were adversely affected by the installation of underground services by private contractors when Matthew Rd was reconstructed a couple of years ago. However, Council's arborist has been able to modify some remaining tree trunks to provide a continuing habitat for various native bird species. Shrubbery is being planted at the base of those trunks to provide a habitat for other wild-life forms. And, for the longer term, staff have also collected seed material from the lost trees to propagate replacements.

Work to alleviate recurring **flood problems on North Railway Tce** continues. Detailed design work is now under way to divert excess stormwater flowing along the natural watercourse (Nairne Creek) through some properties. An underground pipe, bypassing affected properties, is planned to connect the detention basin at the top of North Railway Tce to an existing pipe along

Nairne (Woodside) Rd. Subject to Council approval, the project is expected to be completed in the current financial year; the estimated cost is between \$425,000 and \$480,000.

Those who travel between Nairne, Dawesley and Brukunga will be familiar with the hazardous **Sydney Rd/Pyrites Rd junction**. Council has already done scoping work in anticipation of the junction being identified as a 'Black Spot' project. The State Government has now approved funding (two-thirds of the estimated total cost of \$306,000) for reconstruction of the junction. Tenders will now be called for the work to get under way and be completed in the current financial year.

Council has also recently been advised by the State Government that the **names of two major local roads** have been changed under the auspices of the Rural Property Addressing Project. Affected are sections of the Old Princes Hwy in Nairne, which have variously been known as 'Princes Hwy', 'South Tce', and 'Main Rd'. All will now be officially identified by the name 'Old Princes Hwy'; that name will also apply to the same road passing through Dawesley and Kanmantoo. In addition, the road variously known as



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'Woodside Rd' or 'Nairne-Woodside Rd' now officially becomes 'Nairne Rd' for its entire length, from its intersection with Old Princes Hwy in Nairne to the Woodside township.

Several **development issues**. Council's 'Structure Plan' for Mt Barker, Nairne and Littlehampton has now been sent to the State planning minister - a response probably will not be forthcoming much before the end of 2011 at the earliest. Council has yet to see a formal development application for a mooted new shopping centre expected to be lodged in respect of the area to the north-west of Old Princes Hwy and Nairne Rd. And a presentation was made to Council in July by the current owners of the Nairne Retirement Village foreshadowing an upgrade of the facility, but again we are yet to see a formal development application.

Work is about to get under way to provide a **temporary car park at the top of Saleyard Rd** to alleviate the difficult situation for parents dropping off and picking up their children from the primary school. This will be an interim arrangement until a more permanent car parking area can be incorporated into the immediately adjoining area, now identified as the new MDPA residential zone.

As an approved project in the 2011-12 Council budget, the **Nairne Oval** Committee was successful in obtaining funds to engage a consulting engineer to assist in developing a three-year plan to upgrade this valued multi-use complex.

Finally, another pleasant trees story. We have been able to enhance **de Gacher St** with the planting of twelve small flowering trees (*Grevillea banksii*) along the street, as well as a couple of other deciduous species at the western entrance to the old railway station.

If you would like more detail on any of the matters mentioned in this column or about other Council issues, please don't hesitate to contact me. *Cr Trevor Corbell JP*



Spiny Rush—let's keep it out!

Nairne Green Thumbs

Spiny rush (*Juncus acutus*, also known as sharp rush) is a tussocky rush native to Europe, Africa and the Americas. It can invade waterways and saline soils where it quickly overtakes native species, resulting in reduced food and habitat resources for local fauna, and in pastoral areas it can form impenetrable thickets making access to pasture and water sources difficult for stock. It grows 1.3 to 1.6 metres tall and can be confused with other native rushes such as pale rush (*Juncus pallidus*) and sea rush (*Juncus kraussii*), but can be identified by the very sharp point (spine) at the end of each of the cylindrical leaves and stems, and the chestnut-coloured fruit. Removal of spiny rush can be very difficult once it covers large areas due to the spiny nature of the weed making access to central parts of the infestation difficult. However, at early stages of infestation, where plants are well-spaced, controlling the weed is easily managed.

The SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM has been conducting trials of control

methods in the lower lakes and has come up with a protocol which indicates a spray, a burn off of the dead vegetation, and then a re-spray of any regrowth over a 12 to 18 month period.

The best time to start control of this major weed is September.

So if you think you might have spiny rush on your property, please contact the NRM for details on the best-practice control method for this weed. Phone the SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM on (08) 8532 1432 or email them at

enquiries@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au.

Enjoy helping others? Want to make a difference? Enjoy driving?

Vacancies currently exist for volunteers to join Hills Community Transport (HCT) to assist eligible clients with their transport needs, helping people to improve and maintain their quality of life.

Dedicated volunteers are required to transport the frail aged, disabled and other transport disadvantaged to medical appointments, shopping, and social activities within the Adelaide Metro and Adelaide Hills region. Vehicles are provided and HCT can offer flexibility as to days worked (weekdays only).

A current drivers licence is required, along with a commitment to undertake the Volunteer Driver Accreditation Program. Costs of accreditation will be paid by HCT. The ability to interact with people from all walks of life and offer empathy, understanding and patience are important to this role.

Contact Marisa on 8391 7234 for further information.

Trees For Towns Taking Shape

By Rebecca Orr, Nairne Green Thumbs

If you have been out and about recently you may have seen Trees For Towns information booths, received a flyer, or even bought some local species seedlings from us.

On Saturday 30 July, we held an information session in front of Sheehan's Hardware, supported by the wonderful Nairne Lions with a sausage sizzle to raise money for running the Trees For Towns project. We followed this up with a weekday info session in front of the Nairne Post Office. The seedlings proved very popular and it was great to see people interested in what some of the shrubs indigenous to the Nairne area look like. Seedlings are still available for a gold coin donation; please email *nairnegreenthumbs@hotmail.com* if you are interested in some for your property.

In collaboration with Mt Barker Council we have decided on a species list for the project and are planning our species mixes for the planting sites. Council has offered to propagate some extra seedlings from local seed to boost our plant numbers, which is much appreciated. This allows us to have a greater diversity of species, which will in turn be appreciated by the birds, insects and other fauna that rely on these plants for their survival.

Nairne Green Thumbs also recently attended the Trees For Life Seed Collecting Workshop and Collection Day. We had the opportunity to collect seed from a number of local tree species, including seed from Drooping Sheoak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*) that may go toward Trees For Towns in Nairne and Mt Barker.

To get involved in Trees For Towns, email nairnegreenthumbs@hotmail.com or call 8388 6401.



Nairne Green Thumbs would like to thank the Nairne Market for generously donating the money for our group membership with Trees For Life for the Trees For Towns project. Pictured are, from left, Peter, Helen and Dot.



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Call for local artists to establish a local collective

By Gail Weaver

Weaverworks Art Emporium is calling on artists in the Mt Barker and hills region interested forming a network.

"Over the past few months a number of artists have called in for a chat – our studio is a very social environment – and it has become obvious that many emerging artists are working in isolation and are looking for a strong network group".

Artists are invited to come along for a relaxed afternoon meeting other artists, and talk about the initiatives that Weaverworks is planning to help support and continue to build awareness of, and interest in, the arts in our community.

Another significant piece of work being developed is an Al Fresco Arts activity to be held as part of the Heysen Festival in October and is intended to give artists an opportunity to show and promote their work. This initiative is being planned with the support of the Mt Barker District Council and local businesses, who will participate with artists working at the easel and displaying their work on the premises.

Exhibitions and workshops are also being planned in conjunction with these activities.

Any artists interested in coming along to the casual afternoon, participating in the Al Fresco activity or have work ready for exhibiting please contact Gail at Weaverworks Art Emporium on 8391 4806 or email art@weaverworks.com.au

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Ink Pot Arts' music-theatre production of

THE LORAX by Dr Seuss



September is an exciting month for Ink Pot Arts Inc – with their new music-theatre production of *The Lorax* by Dr Seuss. Many 'firsts' are in store! It's the first time they will partner with the *Imbala Jarjum* indigenous dance group, the first time they will partner with *Trees for Life*, and it is their very first production to be performed in the Mt Barker Waldorf school's *Living Arts Centre*.

This much-loved story brings to life the journey of the Once-ler who unwittingly destroys a paradise through his greed. By sharing his story with a child, he realises how his actions can be redeemed for future generations.

"This project brings together a group of talented professional artists who work with community members" says director Jo-anne Sarre. "Children and adults work together to bring an enchanting blend of song, drama and dance, staged on a set designed by Tony Hannan, with costumes by visual artist Cathy Sarles. Gillian Britton's catchy songs and musical score enhance an atmospheric landscape which has a whimsical Australian flavour."

This light-hearted production for families is being performed on Friday 16 September at 7 pm and Saturday 17 September



Sarah Booth (rear), Patrick Booth and Chloe Booth, are part of the Imbala Jarjum dance group and *The Lorax*.

at 2 pm and 7 pm. Bookings essential: 8388 0353. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 concession and \$45 for a family ticket.

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The University of the Third Age

By Bob Snell

Are you over 50 and retired or semi-retired? Are you interested in Life, The Universe, and Everything? Do you want to keep your mind active and do you enjoy making new friends? Then Adelaide Hills U3A could be just what you need. We are part of an international organisation that promotes recreational learning for the over 50s. There are no entry exams, no tests, no grades, no passing, no failing and we award no certificates or diplomas. We have almost 300 members and run more than 40 courses each year in the Mount Barker and Adelaide Hills Council areas.

There are courses for beginners in French and German; a French conversation group; others who play mahjong or Bridge; sudoku players who believe that several heads are better than one; a bird watching group that goes on monthly excursions; a group busy researching their family histories; visits to gardens; talks on music, science, literature and travel; classes on how to face the challenge of the mobile telephone, and win! There is also a painting and drawing group; talks on mathematics, health issues and current affairs; exercise classes; creative writing; and a book group. We even have a group that endeavours to solve all of the Worlds problems whilst knitting clothes for children faced with poverty in the Third World.

The annual registration fee of \$35 entitles you to attend as many groups and courses as you wish. For more information and a copy of our newsletter, phone The Hut on 8339 4400, or do an Internet search for U3A Adelaide Hills, where you will find us on the Adelaide Hills Council website.



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Nairne Red Cross

By Maureen Snell

This month we have said 'farewell' to Florrie Parsons, who died recently. Florrie had been a member of our group for 50 years. She will be sadly missed.

Are you aware of anyone in danger of becoming homeless? Red Cross is able to assist and offer support with early intervention though its 'Intensive Tenancy Support Program'. Participation in this program is free. Just call Red Cross on 8100 4564.

Nairne Branch of Red Cross meets at 1.30 pm in the Nairne Institute on the first Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome. For further information, phone our secretary, Jan Moule, on 8388 6323.



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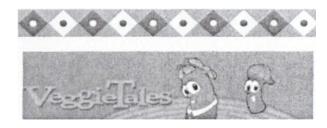
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Fun filled activities

Each week we will do a variety of different craft based activities. There is play dough, noodle neck-laces, bookmarks, woodwork, making puppets, making things, colouring in, stamping, card making, weaving, etc.

Sometimes we have a video for part of our time, which is either a Veggie Tales DVD or another based on a story with a moral ending. Otherwise we read a story that fits with the theme of the night.

Cost: Gold coin donation per family.

For further information contact:

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See notice board for times.



NAIRNE AND DISTRICTS COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE

Incidents

21 June – Tree Down – Nairne 27 June – Grass Fire – Wistow

7 July – Commercial Fire – Mount Barker Summit

- Vehicle Accident - Daweslev 9 July 11 July - Fire Alarm - Nairne - Vehicle Accident - Nairne 13 July 16 July - Fire Alarm - Nairne - Grass Fire 20 July Nairne 24 July - House Fire Callington - Vehicle Accident - Nairne 25 July 28 July - Rubbish Fire - Nairne - House Fire - Nairne 5 August 7 August - Vehicle Accident - Nairne 12 August - Fire Alarm Nairne 13 August - House Fire - Nairne - Tree Down Nairne 17 August 21 August - Tree Down - Nairne - Grass Fire 22 August - Brukunga

Garden Preparation for the Fire Season

Now that the weather is warming up it's a great time to get out in the garden. While thinking about how you want your garden to look, it's also a great time to think about ensuring your garden doesn't become a summer fire hazard.

Preparation throughout the year is an essential key to ensure that you, your property, and your family survive a bushfire. A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bushfire than one that hasn't been prepared. Even if you are not around there is a greater chance that your home will survive if you have undertaken the correct preparations.

Creating and maintaining a defendable space around a home does not have to mean the removal of all trees, just the careful management of vegetation to reduce the amount and type of readily available fuel. Available fuel is any vegetation or litter that is less than 6mm in thickness or diameter. This will increase the chances of a home surviving the fire front and provide a shelter for people at this time, provide a defendable space that householders can use to defend their home from ember attack before and after the fire front, and reduce the chance of direct flame contact and radiant heat igniting your home during the passage of the fire front.

You need to consider how the vegetation around your house will burn and what impact it will have on your ability to defend your home. The layout of a property and garden, such as the use of paths and clumping of plants and shrubs, can help create a defendable space and reduce the bushfire's spread, speed, heat and intensity. The fire's path depends on where available fuel is

NAIRNE AND DISTRICTS COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE



Garden Preparation for the Fire Season (cont.)

located. For example, fire does not spread easily over low fuel areas such as driveways, pools, tennis courts, gravel and mown lawns. It is advisable to keep dense shrubs away from a house, particularly windows. Burning shrubs close to houses can crack windows and allow embers to enter the house. They can also ignite wooden structures, outdoor furniture and pergolas.

Grouping plants in clusters with clear areas between the groups makes it more difficult for the fire to move from one area to another and reduces its intensity.

Many people believe that trees are the major threat during a bushfire; however, the fire front is carried by the undergrowth (fine fuel), including grasses, leaf litter and shrubs. Bark is the main concern with trees. Bark that is coarse, loose or flaky is dangerous, as it helps the fire climb higher into a tree, adding to the height of the flames, the heat of the fire and contributes to ember attack.

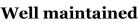
Fine fuels that continue from the ground to the tree crown are known as ladder fuels because they help the fire climb up into the tree tops. To limit this effect, look at what is growing under the trees and consider how easily fire might be able to climb upwards.

You can reduce ladder fuels by pruning shrubs so that their tops are well away from the lower branches of trees, pruning the lower braches of shrubs/trees to separate the foliage from the surface fuels underneath, reducing accumulated debris such as loose, flaky bark, dead twigs, leaves or needles on shrubs and trees and by mowing, raking and weeding to remove fine fuels from around the house.

Flammable material that is within 20 metres of your house should be removed. If this is not possible, use pathways and gravel areas to provide fuel breaks, making sure all shrubs and trees are spaced to avoid a continuous canopy or line of vegetation to your house.

Ensure ongoing maintenance by the removal of dead branches, fallen leaves, long grass and vegetation litter. All plants burn, but some are more flammable than others - review the vegetation in your location. Don't rely on your garden being 'non-flammable'. Maintain your garden, or it will become a fire hazard. Maintain watering, remove any dead material, and regularly prune lower branches and limbs during the year.







Excessive fine fuel undergrowth

For more information on this, and for many more fact sheets, visit the CFS website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au



Why did the turtle cross the road?

What causes a turtle to leave the relative safety of its aquatic habitat? It is a complex question. All but one species of Australian turtle lay their eggs in a chamber that they dig in the ground, so each year female turtles migrate from water to suitable terrestrial nesting sites before returning to water. Some do this several times per year. And for many, an ability to move over land is a matter of survival, when drought strikes and their wetlands dry.

One might expect wetlands that periodically dry to be avoided by turtles, but there are great benefits to being able to invade areas that are only briefly flooded by water. First of all, the drying of wetlands is important for releasing nutrients that have built up in the sediments. This explains the great flush of plant growth that occurs when a transitory wetland first fills after a period of dry. For those aquatic organisms that can sit and wait out the dry, or that can move overland to invade the wetlands when they again flood, there is the advantage of less competition than would

be present in permanent waters because relatively few competing species are able to invade the newly-formed wetlands. The Eastern Long-necked turtle, which is often seen around Nairne, is one species that capitalises on these benefits, showing a great preference for life in ephemeral (short-term) swamps, ponds, farm dams, small seasonally dry streams and even rain pools. However, regardless of the reason for their movement, when a road lies along the path of where a turtle needs to go, they must cross it.

Mortality of turtles crossing roads has been found to be a significant threat to turtle



populations in regions undergoing rapid human development, like the Mt Barker District. The countryside in this area has a complex network of dams, drains, creeks and wetlands, and this is criss-crossed with roads. So when you are driving around the area, keep a sharp eye out for unusual bumps in the road that might be a turtle, and do your best to safely avoid them, or give



them a hand across the road if it looks like they might need it. Information on what to do if you find an injured turtle (or other wildlife) can be found by contacting the Fauna Rescue of South Australia Inc on 8289 0896 or visiting their website:

http://www.faunarescue.org.au

Special events at the Adelaide Hills Farmers Market

By Terri Pamment, Secretary AHFM

The Adelaide Hills Farmers Markets (AHFM), at Mount Barker, is a 'true farmers market' - it is a food only market that specialises in authentic, regional, fresh and seasonal products. As a not-for-profit community event, it has an overall objective to achieve sustainable commercial trading outcomes that add quality, social, health and educational benefits to the community.

In June 2011, AHFM moved to a new site at 23 Mann Street Mount Barker. Every Saturday morning the stallholders set up their stalls around a lawn area creating a 'village square' atmosphere. In warm, dry weather, a Kids Tent is located on the lawn providing entertainment for the younger members of the community while parents sit nearby enjoying a coffee or a healthy breakfast/brunch from the Breakfast Stall.

Dogs are also welcomed with the proviso they are well behaved and all 'calling cards' are disposed of. A stall selling nutritious pet food caters for this well represented group of market goers.

Plans are underway for a number of events, to be held in the spring months, that will entertain, educate and provide a forum for interaction. The first weekend in spring coincides with Father's Day, and to entertain Dad there will be vintage cars on display. The following week will be the children's turn with a hands on Kid's Cooking Class. A well-known gardening expert will be sharing knowledge in early November. Apart from the special events, a visit to the stall-



holders is an event in itself. Many have a wealth of knowledge about their products, and others are willing to share recipes and ideas. Anama and Rob at Bald Hills Olive Grove have a selection of recipes that feature their olive oil in the ingredients. Not just marinades and tapenades, their chocolate cake is quite decadent. Claude at Merry Cherry Farms has a wonderful range of Italian breads and pizza bases, and is always willing to share his repertoire of toppings.

If you are seeking a unique experience when food shopping, if fresh, local and seasonal is important, and you believe in low food miles, sustainable food production and a fair price for the producer make AHFM your Saturday morning destination.

More information is available on the Market webpage http://www.ahfm.org.au/

See you at the Market!

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Email: familyhouse@internode.on.net

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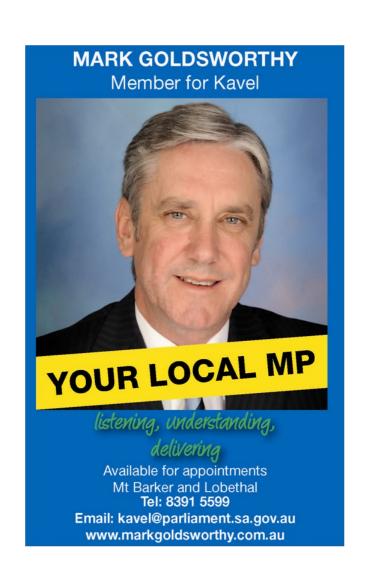
Days: Tuesday to Friday - during school terms

Times: 9 am - 1 pm.

Bookings essential 8391 5059.

RSL - Nairne

We meet in the Nairne Soldiers Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Contacts are Tony (President) on 8388 0980, Alan (Vice-President) on 8388 0938 and Dennis (Secretary) on 8538 5067.



Pub Spirit — Homelessness

By Gerald Callaghan

After depositing bundles of warm clothing and blankets in Vinnies bins outside the Hahndorf Old Mill, people attending the August Pub Spirit evening were faced with the critical situation of the homeless in Adelaide, but encouraged by the passionate support of wonderful people like student **Rose Whitehill**, from Nazareth College and **Ian Cox**, CEO of the Hutt Street Centre.

Rose is Captain of the Social Justice team that inspired the 'cook-out' for the Moore Street Centre for Homeless Persons at Christmas time. She explained her reasons behind her passion towards the homeless of the world, and indicated that after she left school she would like to work in another country and minister to the poor. She made everyone pay attention to critical issues of poverty and non-acceptance in our community. **Jon Cenko**, the College's social justice coordinator supported Rose in spirit and in practice by distributing muffins to the audience as a reminder of the homeless' plight.

Ian Cox emphasised that large numbers of the homeless come unannounced to the Centre for help and comfort. The increasing number of clients pose a challenge to the Centre's resources and carers. The volunteers are so busy - in fact one of the workers has cooked her one millionth meal. Beyond the feeding role, the Centre provides specialist support to help those who are already overcome by their problems, or to assist many in avoiding foreseeable difficulties. There are, for example, classes to teach reading and writing, counselling and employment services, and negotiators who endeavour to find emergency overnight bedding.

Australian statistics show the plight of the homeless in such a rich country: 100,000; 10,000 of whom are young people and 20,000 sleeping rough. SA is the 10% State. We receive 10% of the budget for welfare. The Centre raises money wherever possible. For example during **Homeless Week** there is a Walk in The City with a thousand or more sponsored to raise money for the homeless.

Following Ian's address, \$200 was collected from the audience.

The **next Pub Spirit** evening on **Tuesday 13 September** at the **Hahndorf Old Mill** is a landmark event, where a prominent Australian is selected to give the **Roffey Reflection**. John Roffey, former CE of Anglicare SA, was the first speaker in the Spirituality in the Pub program. He died in 2001.

This year Rev. Dr. **Stephanie Dowrick** from Sydney, an Interfaith Minister, social commentator, and noted Australian author, will lead the Reflection, titled "**Seeking the Sacred**". Among Stephanie's many books are "Seeking the Sacred: Transforming our view of Ourselves and One Another" (2010), "Solitude, Forgiveness and Other Acts of Love" and "Choosing Happiness".

Stephanie enthusiastically agreed to give the reflection, at what she called '**the last hurrah**'; for not only will it be the 'Roffey' but the **last "Pub Spirit**" event after 11 years of operation.

The Hahndorf Old Mill provides their usual delicious Buffet Dinner from 6.00 - 7.15 pm. Bookings 8388 7888. The Reflection, including discussion is from 7.20 - 9.00 pm.

Entrance for the Reflection is \$15.00, Concession \$8.00.



Lions Club of Nairne & Districts Inc

At our recent annual Handover Dinner, the Nairne and Districts Lions Club celebrated our 33rd anniversary. In May 1978 the club was chartered with 32 members. Our district covers the areas of Nairne, Dawesley, Brukunga, Harrogate, Kanmantoo and Callington.

To provide some insight into what we do in the district, I briefly list what has been achieved in the past twelve months:

We have repaired and painted some forty park benches and seats which were previously provided by Lions.

Assisted with donation of our labour at the Callington Show.

Financed and conducted the Australia Day Picnic at Bill Joyce Park, Nairne.

Financed and conducted the Gun Fire Breakfast at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, with funds assisting the local RSL.

Participated in Clean up Australia Day around the district, particularly between Nairne and Kanmantoo.

Provided financial support to both Nairne Primary School and Mt. Barker High School Pedal Prix Teams.

Provided financial support to enable two children from Callington Primary School to attend an interstate function.

Supplied firewood to a local in need.

Financed and arranged supply of medical equipment for Sash Ferguson Aged Care.

Worked with the District Council of Mt. Barker to install a seat at the Main Street bus stop in Nairne.

Community Garage Sale presented at the Nairne Railway Station.

Financed and coordinated the Carols in the Park Christmas event at Byethorne Park.

As an ongoing project to preserve the old Nairne Railway Station, we have removed graffiti damage, commenced re-painting, repaired and maintained the station building, Bill Joyce Park and surrounding areas.

Through Lions International we have contributed to disaster relief programs for Queensland, New Zealand, Japan and the USA.

We financially assist organisations such as Royal Flying Doctor Service, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Can:Do 4 Kids etc, local sporting bodies, RSL and CFS.

The funds necessary to do the above projects are raised by our running of BBQ's, our weekly street and pub raffle, and from donations left at our recycling shed at the rear of the Soldiers Memorial Hall.

Lions Club of Nairne & Districts Inc

Lion's motto is WE SERVE

In order for us to continue serving our community we need your help!

We are looking for community minded people to join us and become members of the Nairne & Districts Lions Club.

Lions is non-racial, non-religious, non-political.

Membership fees are not excessive. In respect of the companionship, friendship and enjoyment derived, they are miniscule.

We ask:

Do you want to contribute to your community in order to make it better for your family?

Do you wish to meet like-minded people to work for the betterment of all?

Do you enjoy good friendships and social encounters?

We invite you to attend our Dinner Meetings held every fourth Wednesday of the month at the Nairne Oval Complex, commencing at 7.00 pm

For further enquiries, please ring Greg Smith on 0412 823 752, or Michelle Lombladt on 0438 567 051.

Or please address your correspondence to The Secretary, PO Box 57, NAIRNE SA 5252, or

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"Operation Poach"

Operation Poach is cracking down on stock thieves, with police from every rural Local Service Area out to identify livestock poachers.

Detective Senior Sergeant Sue Shearer from the Hills/Fleurieu Local Service Area says, "the operation, which was launched recently, is a long term strategic approach to managing and coordinating dedicated criminal investigations throughout rural Local Service Areas."

"We will be visiting saleyard proprietors to establish contacts and encourage feedback to Police regarding stock theft crime."

"SAPOL hopes to create partnerships with people in the cattle and sheep industry for the transfer of information to Police."

"If someone sees a truck full of sheep or cattle in unusual circumstances, note the time, registration number and location, it could turn out to be all aboveboard, but it's better that we are made aware of it."

Stock thefts cost Australia millions of dollars annually. It also increases the risk of stolen stock with fraudulent health status papers entering the market, which can potentially harm our international trade.

Operation Poach will give the problem a broad, coordinated approach across all rural local service areas, rather than concentrating efforts through a traditional task force, or stock squad approach.

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Particularly vulnerable to theft are sheep. Due to their massive numbers, they are not entered on the national database that tracks cattle from birth to destruction, plus they bring a good price and are relatively easy to dispose of.

Operation Poach will run for 12 months. Anyone with information about stock theft is asked to please report it to police on BankSA Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

Hills Fleurieu LSA

Crime Prevention Section

Hear something? See something? Say Something.

Ring BankSA Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

For Police Assistance call 131 444

SoccerDads—Successful Losers.

By Tony Goodrich.

The Friday night assembling of SoccerDads in the St Michael's School gym in Hahndorf has been gathering steam, and is shuffling forward as leisurely as a train on a Victor Harbor day trip. Its cargo of "has-beens" and "wannabes" are happy to hang their heads out of the metaphorical window with glee, just content to be out of the house for an afternoon.

The eclectic assortment of men from around the hills each bring a certain style, skill set and personality in their game play of indoor soccer, making it a quite unique cross-section of failings.

The beauty of a typical SoccerDad is age and maturity, and the fact that no-one is under any illusion that they will not lose. They have all been around long enough to know that with every competition there is only one winner. Everyone else is a loser. Everyone.

On top of your game and firing on all cylinders will only get you so far if you're playing with team mates rolling in on a belly of a super-sized serving of lasagne and beer. Skill counts for nothing if you're teamed with a guy who doesn't understand the difference between passing the ball and passing out. Pedigree and former glory stands for naught when you realise the term "former glory" refers to a time before you spent your days sitting on a couch stroking a pedigree Poodle.

The SoccerDads first season was extremely successful and addictive. Most returned eager for the second, ready to take on those that finished in the top half of the ladder and ready to claim the title of "Not one of the Losers".

The inaugural winner of the title very much deserved the win. He came back in the first weeks of the second season ready to show that he was not just a flash in the pan. Unfortunately, a medical condition has kept him from playing for a few weeks, giving his close rivals and competitors the opportunity to fight for the prized title.

We wish our fellow competitor well in his recovery, and will welcome him back with much enthusiasm and counteracting drugs when he returns.

There are many wonderful and well intentioned values we all aspire to within SoccerDads, but one of the most highly regarded values within this group of sportsmen is losing. After all, nobody wants to be alone.

www.soccerdads.com.au





Nairne Districts Netball Club

Finals start on Friday 26 August and finish on Saturday 10 September.

The Nairne Districts Netball Club have 11 teams vying for the ultimate prize of a Grand Final win - 6 senior teams and 5 junior teams.

A hectic and exciting few weeks are coming up for our players & supporters!

Junior Presentation Day – Sunday 18 September 2pm Nairne School Gym. Please bring a plate to share.

Senior Presentation Night – Saturday 17 September 6.30 - 7 pm Oval Clubrooms. \$25 per head. RSVP & payment by 10 September.

AGM - Tuesday 8 November - 7 pm "The Shed".

For further information please contact:

Senior Coordinator – Libby Timmins on 0417 870 991

Junior Coordinator - Jackie Cousins on 0448 388 084

President - Mandy Wheeler on 0488 039 980

Or visit our website at www.nairnedistrictsnetballclub.netball.asn.au

A Club the size of the Nairne Districts cannot register so many teams without some valuable support. We would like to thank our sponsors who donate money and vouchers to our club to enhance the players' netball experience.

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