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29 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER



The 2014 Marion Learning Festival is set to take learning out of the classroom and into the community like never before.

Exciting new venues and activities plus a dynamic program will make this year's festival essential for learning providers and visitors alike.

The action will include 'hands on' workshops and come and try activities covering arts, business, the environment, careers and health.

The festival is a unique opportunity for schools, universities, clubs, community groups and businesses to speak directly with the Marion community.

Learning providers can register interest and find out more by contacting Cassandra Gibson-Pope at the City of Marion on 8375 6600 or by email at cassandra.gibsonpope@marion.sa.gov.au

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MARION LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is a \$1000 grant for community members to put towards a learning activity ranging from prevocational or vocational to leisure. It can be used to improve your career, build on your talents, or simply take that course you always wanted to but never thought you could.

Keep a look out for details which will be announced shortly on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au



New look City Limits gives you more

This edition of *City Limits* brings you closer to the stories in your community with a range of exciting new features, including links to more photos, further information and videos. The revamp has been designed to improve your experience of the magazine.

Megan Galpin and Christine Dunn checked out an early copy of *City Limits*.

"I love the way you can link to Facebook using an iPad or phone and see more photos from the stories and get further information and videos," Megan said.

"You can read articles whether you've got a copy of the magazine at home or you're on the move."

For Christine, the new enhancements helped her feel closer to the community. "The new features bring you closer to the action and help you better connect with what's happening in the community," Christine said.

Look out for icons on selected stories telling you how to see more photos, get further information and view new videos on the Mike Turtur Bikeway and Oaklands wetland.

THERE'S MORE INSIDE

City Limits readers Megan Galpin and Christine Dunn browse the new look magazine.

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FRONT COVER

Mieka and Noah Kelly with parents
Naomi and Troy at Oaklands wetland.
Photographed by Michael Mullan



WHAT'S NEW?



Taking it to the streets

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Books, CDs and magazines are now being delivered directly to residents with City of Marion's expanded home library service.

Library @ Home puts old classics and the latest best-sellers directly into the hands of people who are aged, frail or mobility impaired, enabling them to access the entire catalogue from their lounge room.

The service is easy to use and a new fully-equipped van covers the whole council area, home library support officer Aaron Brown said.

"People can ring up, email us, or select items from the online catalogue," Aaron said.

"We also talk to customers, find out what they're interested and make recommendations.

"We deliver to the entire Marion Council area, and even take an iPad with us to show people the huge range of items available."

Eighty-seven-year-old Joyce Horne of Glengowrie signed up for *Library @ Home* after injuring her hip.

"I broke my hip a while ago and struggle to get out, so when I received a letter about the home delivery service I called straight away," Joyce said.

"I'm a bit of a dinosaur with technology, so I like to use the phone and talk to people when ordering.

"It's a terrific service and I really appreciate it."

Library @ Home is run by staff and volunteers and delivers to aged care facilities as well as residences.

It operates five days a week and delivers to customers once a month. Library customers can borrow up to 100 items.

Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting more information can contact *Library @ Home* on 8375 6785 or via email libraryathome@marion.sa.gov.au

See more photos of the van and team on >
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Find out more about the home library service >
marion.sa.gov.au/home-library-service



(LEFT) HOME DELIVERY

Home library support officer Aaron Brown delivers books to Joyce Horne.

(RIGHT) NEW LOOK

The newly badged *Library @ Home* van.

Welcome to Marion

Four giant 'welcome' messages have been installed at key entry points to Marion as part of a long-term plan to improve signs across the city.

The three-sided signs measure 4m high by 0.6m wide and were mounted on existing pylons at the intersection of Sturt and South Roads, Bedford Park, next to the racecourse on Morphett Road, Morphettville, near Field River on Lonsdale Highway, and on Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill.

Graphics depict stylised versions of Marion's cityscape, beach and natural environment and are digitally printed onto long-life aluminium sheets.

Coordinator civil services Andrew Myerscough said the signs were positioned 3.5m off the ground to provide good visibility.

See how the signs were installed on >
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"We've had some great feedback from people already, telling us the signs clearly informed them when they were entering the city," Mr Myerscough said.

"Using existing pylons made it relatively easy to install them at a height that would be clearly visible to drivers and pedestrians."

The designs were created following extensive consultation during the development of the *Community Plan – Towards 2040* which showed people wanted better signs that highlighted what was important to them.

The pylon mounted signs add to 2.6m entry signs which have already been installed on footpaths at 15 entry points to the city in suburbs ranging from Edwardstown and South Plympton to Hallett Cove and O'Halloran Hill.



OUR OPINION



CEO's comment

At a recent citizenship ceremony held at the Marion Cultural Centre I had the pleasure of being part of an event where we welcomed 105 new Australians from 24 different countries, including India, Japan, Fiji, South Africa and El Salvador.

It's always an honour to formally welcome people from so many different cultures to our local community and Australia, and this citizenship ceremony was special because it was the biggest we have held.

We work hard to make people from all cultures feel at home in our community and I was very pleased to recently accept, along with Mayor Lewis, the 2013 Governor's Award for Multiculturalism for our biennial event, *Marion Celebrates*.

We experience many positive things from diverse cultures, including ideas, language, clothes, food and music. We also learn a lot from other cultures, and I am proud that Marion is a community that embraces people from throughout the world.

Last November, the City of Marion won the *Keep Australia Beautiful National Sustainable Cities Award*. As well as being the country's overall winner, we won a range of categories, including Young Legends which featured the Indigenous youth program, Ngaityo Wodli. This engaged young people through environmental themes as well as food, health and culture. Fifty five students learnt about culture, growing and cooking native foods and participated in an organic gardening project. We also won the Heritage and Culture category for highlighting the city's history and diversity.

You can see our winning *Keep Australia Beautiful* submission online at marion.sa.gov.au/kesab-award

Regards

Mark Searle
CEO, City of Marion



Mayor's comment

As we move into 2014 it's great to look forward to a number of projects we are currently working on in partnership with a range of other organisations.

The Rajah Reserve upgrade undertaken in partnership with the Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation has just been completed. What a great result this is for the local and wider community of Oaklands Park. It will provide fantastic facilities for our young people who are looking to improve their sporting and physical activity skills. It will also deliver many health and wellbeing benefits associated with exercise.

I hope you have found time to visit Oaklands wetland - which was funded by federal and state governments and council - it gets better every day as the reeds and vegetation grow and wildlife makes its home there. To help you enjoy the wetland, a four-page feature on the site is included in this edition of *City Limits*.

There will be further development to this location, including a recreation plaza, which will see an active leisure space for skating, scooters and BMX riders.

We are also partnering with the Touched by Olivia Foundation (TBOF) to deliver an inclusive play space - the first of its type in SA - at Oaklands Reserve. TBOF believe all children can lead healthier and happier lives, and advocate for an inclusive society, connected by play. It will be wonderful to see play spaces developed where children of all ages and abilities can play together.

More information on TBOF is online at touchedbyolivia.com.au

Regards

Dr Felicity-ann Lewis
Mayor, City of Marion



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Our exciting new app, My Local Services, will help you find nearby parks, events and libraries as well as tell you which bin to put out and when to report issues such as graffiti or illegal dumping.

It can even send reminders directly to your phone for bin collections, events and when payments are due.

Find out more and download the app online at marion.sa.gov.au/my-local-app

Tell us what you think of the app on facebook or twitter using #localservices



Monster mash

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Marion's libraries will be packed with little monsters this school holidays as kids let their imaginations run riot at free craft workshops.

Monster-o-Rama will see kids create their own monsters from paper plates, pom poms, pipe cleaners, sequins and googly eyes from 14 April.

Wilhelmina and Wilkie got in the mood by slipping into their favourite monster costumes to join Marion libraries' children's services officer Simone Sidler in some monster crafting.

"My favourite monster is a purple one and I like making things," Wilkie, aged four, said.

Monster-o-Rama continues the libraries' popular school holiday activities which have included detective, medieval and under the sea themes.

"Themed events are a great way to link different activities in a creative manner and make it more exciting for kids," Simone said.



See more little monsters at play >
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Find out more about the school holiday program online at >
marion.sa.gov.au/kids-activities-and-events



"We're really looking forward to seeing lots of little monsters in the libraries."

Monster-o-Rama is free and is recommended for all ages and will run from 10:30am to 11:30am at:

- > Park Holme Library, Monday, 14 April
- > Marion Cultural Centre Library, Tuesday, 15 April
- > Hallett Cove Library, Wednesday, 16 April

- > There is also a free cartooning workshop for budding artists aged 8-13 at Marion Cultural Centre Library on Wednesday, 23 April from 10.30am to 12pm.

Bookings are essential for *Monster-o-Rama* and the cartooning workshop and can be made via the City of Marion online events calendar at marion.sa.gov.au or by phone on 8375 6785.

Don't forget to pick up a What's On! booklet from your local library for details of upcoming activities.

CRAFTING MONSTERS

Wilhelmina in a bee suit and Wilkie as his favourite purple creature have fun creating monsters with Marion libraries' children's services officer Simone Sidler.

Community garden ready to grow

Photography Heidi Linehan

Trott Park residents can now get together with friends and neighbours to grow their own food following the opening of the area's first community garden.

Plots for Trott Park Community Garden have just become available for lease for people to grow fruit, vegetables, plants and flowers while learning new skills.

The project is being driven by local residents and, in addition to encouraging people to grow healthy food, aims to bring them together to build strong neighbourhoods.

LET IT GROW

President of Trott Park Community Garden Malcolm McDonell and other volunteers work on the new plots.

President of Trott Park Community Garden Malcolm McDonell said it was very exciting to see the site ready to be developed further.

"The garden beds are being built and we are putting together an exciting range of activities that will include talks from horticulturalists, practical skills sharing and social events," Malcolm said.

"Growing food in a community garden is a wonderful way to meet new people and we'd love to hear from new or experienced gardeners.

"There are also plans for an orchard and picking garden."

The garden is about 15m x 15m and is behind Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre, Hessian Crescent.

Trott Park Community Garden is also a community capacity building project supported by the City of Marion.

For more information, contact Malcolm McDonell on 0431 615 114, by email on mcdonell@adam.com.au or Nick Westwood on 8387 1798, or by email on nickwestwood@westwoodweb.com.au



TAFE SA campus up and running

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

More than 800 students a day are heading to the new \$120 million Tonsley TAFE after the campus opened in late January.

Located within the Sustainable Industries Education Centre, Tonsley TAFE will provide almost 45,000 sq m of trade training infrastructure for the \$4.5 billion South Australian building and construction industry. It will host training for more than 6500 students a year in subjects including electrical and renewable energy, plumbing, drafting, painting, joinery and interior design.

Three local residents were among the first to set foot on campus, including Jessica Allen from Hallett Cove who is studying for a Diploma in Building Design while helping with the book keeping for her husband's carpentry business.

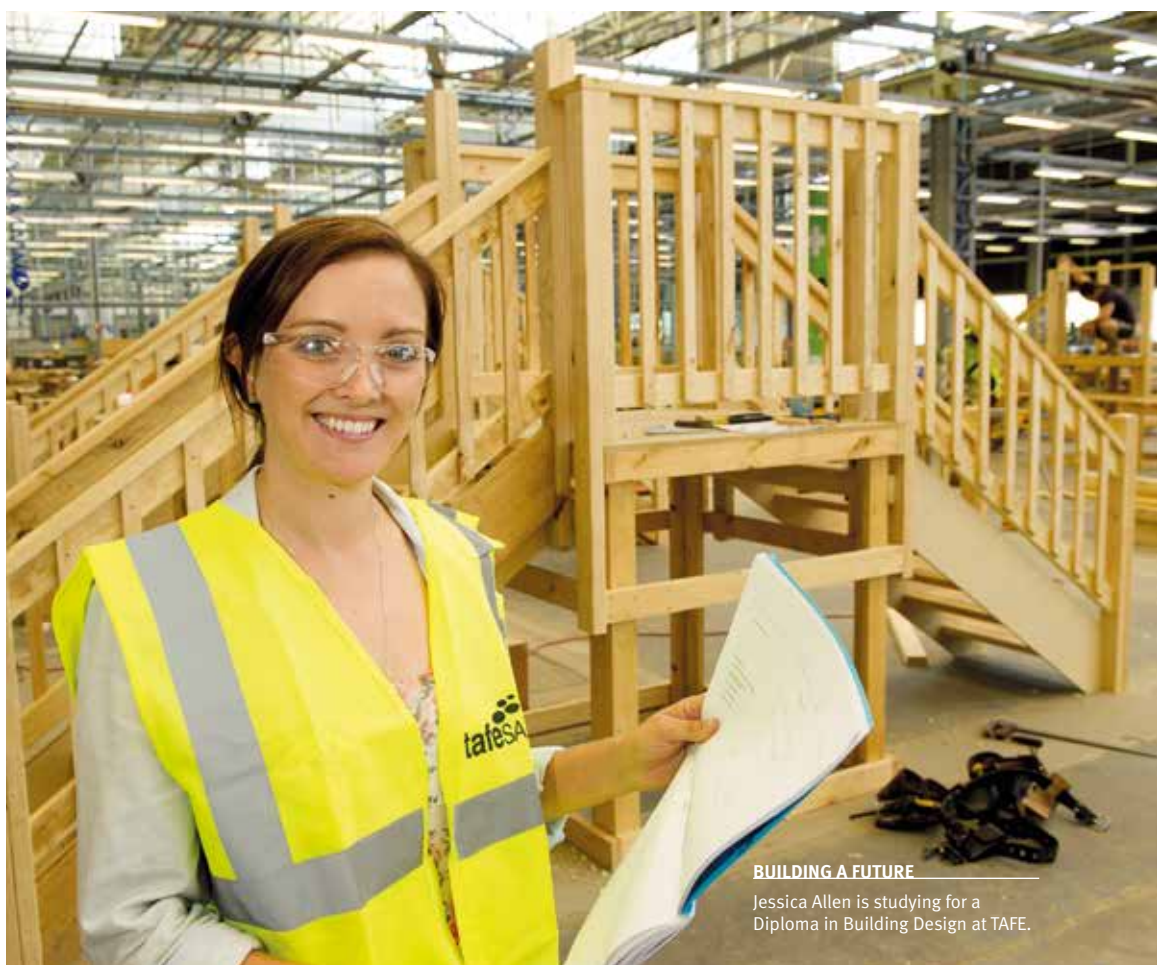
"The technology on campus is amazing and lectures are recorded so you can view them online afterwards to make sure you fully understand everything," Ms Allen, 30, said.

"The campus is only 15 minutes away for me, so it's easy to get there, and it's great being on site with lots of different students as you can learn so much chatting to people."

Nineteen-year-old Jack Morphet works four days a week as an apprentice electrician and spends one day a week at TAFE.

"I'm studying Certificate 3 in Electrotechnology and am enjoying the theory in class with the interactive screens which keep everyone focused," Mr Morphet from Edwardstown said.

"I can't wait for the practical sessions to start as the facilities are set up so you feel like you are working in the 'real world'."



BUILDING A FUTURE

Jessica Allen is studying for a Diploma in Building Design at TAFE.

Laura Dodson from Glandore is a mature-age student who has started a part-time Diploma of Interior Design and Decoration.

"The screens in the classrooms are ideal for displaying a variety of images quickly, which is essential to understanding interior design, and the lecturers have industry experience," Ms Dodson, 40, said.

"I'm looking for a career change from administration and the online learning resources give me plenty of flexibility to study when I'm not working."

See more photos of the students and campus on >
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More information about TAFE SA is online at >
tafesa.edu.au/tonsley



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Tonsley update

Tonsley is a 61-hectare site being developed by the Government of South Australia as a centre for innovation and collaboration, bringing business, education, research and the community together.

Four South Australian companies have recently been announced as new tenants:

- > **Basetec Services**
– a \$9 million investment by the composite pipeline technologies company combined with \$1.5 million from the Government of South Australia to establish facilities at Tonsley, including a Centre of Excellence in Composites Research and Development
- > **Signostics Limited**
– a Thebarton-based international medical devices manufacturer relocating to Tonsley

- > **Zen Industries**
– relocating its head office, research and development, manufacturing, warehouse and distribution operations from Norwood and Woodville
- > **MAN Diesel and Turbo Australia/Remotenergy**
– the signing of an MOU with the Government of South Australia which envisages the establishment of a Centre of Excellence to promote clusters around hybrid power development

The site will also soon welcome Tier5, Flinders University and Siemens.

Stage 1 of the site's road networks is complete and a new ring road, which will give vehicles unrestricted access throughout the site, will be finished by the end of this year.

Reporting corruption in South Australia

The Independent Commissioner Against Corruption and the Office for Public Integrity are designed to preserve, safeguard and enhance confidence in the integrity of public administration in South Australia.

The Commissioner has the role of identifying and investigating corruption in public administration and preventing or minimising misconduct and maladministration in public administration.

If you believe you have identified conduct that should be reported, make a complaint to the Office for Public Integrity, which is overseen by the Independent Commissioner.

Members of the public may make anonymous complaints.

For more information on how to make a complaint, visit the website of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption icac.sa.gov.au



TAKING THE PLUNGE

Oliver, Catherine and James Blythe enjoy the pool at Marion Swimming Centre.

Bring on the summer

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

The outdoor pool season has just finished but one family is already waiting for summer so they can dive back in the water.

The Blythe family made a weekly trip from Fulham to the outdoor Marion Swimming Centre from October to April to swim, have a picnic and relax on the grass.

Parents Craig and Beth have been taking their four children to the pool for the past seven years, and continued this season despite recently moving out of the area.

"We recently moved from Park Holme to Fulham, but keep going back to the pool as the outdoor area is lovely and you can take a rug and picnic and enjoy a family day out," Beth said.

"All our kids are learning to swim there and it's such a great atmosphere we can't wait for next season to start."

Two open days in the 2013/14 season saw 1300 visitors enjoy activities ranging from water polo and a triathlon to hip hop and aqua aerobics.

Other popular activities included Vacswim, which drew 440 participants, and the Royal Lifesaving SA Swim and Survive water safety program which involved 35 children.

The water slide has been closed but a new slide is set to be installed for the coming season which starts on 7 October.

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Find more information online at >
marion.sa.gov.au/swimming-centre



30-year vision for city adopted

By Craig Clarke

A six-point plan to shape the future of the Marion community for the next 30 years has been adopted by council.

Marion Council approved the *Community Plan – Towards 2040* in December following the biggest community consultation in the city's history.

The innovative listening campaign was designed to discover what the community wanted their city to look like and the services it might need in the future.

The six themes in the Community Plan represent the shared values and aspirations that will guide the city's development and are:

Engaged – The city will comprise a community which works together to make decisions and to build strong neighbourhoods.

Liveable – The city will be well-planned, safe and welcoming, which supports cultural and artistic diversity.

Biophilic – The city will connect with nature to enhance people's livings while minimising the impact on the environment.

Prosperous – The city will have a diverse economy which attracts investment and jobs while providing access to education.

Innovative – The city will be a leader in embracing new technologies to create opportunities for all.

Connected – The city will be linked by quality transport networks that bring the community together while using technology to access services.

More than 16,000 separate pieces of information was obtained from residents, community groups and businesses to build the Community Plan.

The Community Plan is guiding the development of a 10-year Council Plan, which will detail the contribution of council to achieving the community's aspirations.

A copy of the Community Plan will soon be available on the City of Marion's website.



Bikeway boosts health and connects communities

By Richard Watson

Photography Catherine Gasmier

Cyclists now have a direct route from the heart of Adelaide to Glenelg following the opening of the final stage of the 10km Mike Turtur Bikeway.

The shared cycling and pedestrian path shadows the Adelaide to Glenelg tram line and runs through the north of Marion, connecting to King William Street in Unley and Brighton Road in Glenelg.

The Marion Council area hosts 4.6kms of the bikeway from the Glandore tram stop on South Road to Maxwell Terrace, Glengowrie where it links to the neighbouring City of Holdfast Bay.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the bikeway provided important health and recreation benefits by making cycling and walking easier and more enjoyable.

"The Mike Turtur Bikeway is a high quality route that promotes alternative forms of transport, provides fitness and health opportunities, gets cars off the road and connects communities," Dr Lewis said.

"Rising fuel prices, change in climate and poor public health can all be tackled by walking and cycling.

"The bikeway is an important step in Marion becoming a walking and cycling community."

Christine Meijborg of Plympton Park is one of many local residents using the bikeway.

Check out **MARION IN A MINUTE** to see Christine ride the bikeway > [youtube.com/CityofMarion](https://www.youtube.com/CityofMarion)

A map of the Mike Turtur Bikeway is available online at > bikemap.net

Find out more online at > marion.sa.gov.au/mike-turtur-bikeway



Extensive community consultation during the staged construction saw 30 pieces of community art installed, including life-size three dimensional steel 'chain figures' between Morphett and Cross roads, Plympton Park.

A series of two-dimensional figures have been installed along the fence adjacent to Morphettville Racecourse as well as large-scale bicycle badges featuring messages from the community.

The bikeway also links to a section of Sturt River Linear Park at Maxwell Terrace which was built by the City of Holdfast Bay to enable people to move easily between the two routes.

The Mike Turtur Bikeway forms part of the City of Marion Walking and Cycling Strategy.

The strategy supports City of Marion's commitment to the World Health Organisation's Healthy Cities Alliance and Healthy Communities initiatives.

CELEBRATION TIME

Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis and Holdfast Bay Mayor Ken Rolland celebrate the opening of the final stage of the Mike Turtur Bikeway with local residents, council staff and special guests.



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Heritage centre celebrates first birthday with your favourite things

By Richard Watson

Photography Michael Mullan

Marion Heritage Research Centre will be transformed into a living museum in celebration of its first birthday in May.

The centre is throwing open its doors and asking the community to bring in heirlooms and historical artefacts and share stories about them under the banner *These are a Few of my Favourite Things*.

Centre coordinator Danielle Trewartha said the event, which is featured as part of South Australia's *About Time History Festival* on Sunday 18 and Monday 19 of May, was an opportunity for the community to breathe life into stories of how we used to live.

"Compelling stories can be told through simple items whether they are old photographs, documents, jewellery, poems or knick knacks," Ms Trewartha said.

"We're inviting people to bring things that mean something to them, whether it's about family, an historical event or a favourite tradition, and share a story in a relaxed environment.

"*These are a Few of my Favourite Things* will be an interactive, enjoyable and 'hands on' history experience."

Historical photographs can also be uploaded to the web-based City of Marion time capsule, the *M Files* at marion.sa.gov.au/mfiles

Marion Heritage Research Centre opened on 2 May last year as a hub for community research, local history and cultural heritage.

It provides direct online access to historical documents and images and websites, including free access to *ancestry.com* for people tracing family history.

The centre houses historical photographs and books and recently installed display cases for special exhibits.

Eighty-three-year-old Helen Scarbrough has a host of heirlooms which she recently brought to the centre.

"My family's history can be traced through commemorative glasses from the Adelaide Exhibition of 1905 and crockery that has been in the family since they came out from England in 1858 on the same boat as Thomas O'Halloran," Helen said.

"Along with my grandmother's jewellery, family gardening tools from the late 1800s and some amazing photographs, they remind me of my heritage.

"My mother gave me a passion for history which led me to publish a book in 1985 about my great grandparents and their family— it was very exciting bringing the story to life through old photographs, letters and newspaper cuttings."

Since opening, the Marion Heritage Research Centre's staff and volunteers have helped schools and families undertake a range of research projects, while one community member has developed a local history tour based on information gathered at the centre.

This year's program includes sessions for schools about Marion life in 1914, a presentation in recognition of ANZAC Day and events as part of *Family History Month* in August.

To get involved in *These are a Few of my Favourite Things*, call Marion Heritage Research Centre on 7420 6455.

The centre is next to the City of Marion Administration Building, 245 Sturt Road, Sturt and is open Monday to Wednesday.

Check out what's happening in Marion in May as part of South Australia's *About Time History Festival* on marion.sa.gov.au

HISTORY IN HER HANDS

Helen Scarbrough with glasses from the 1905 Adelaide Exhibition and other family artefacts at Marion Heritage Research Centre.

Find out more about Marion Heritage Research Centre online at >
marion.sa.gov.au/marion-heritage-research-centre





Rajah Reserve gets \$300,000 makeover

By Craig Clarke
Photography Simon Stanbury

Children and families living in Oaklands Park are set to benefit from an overhaul of one of the community's major reserves - thanks to the generosity of the Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation (RRSF).

Rajah Street Reserve, which is central to 410 households in the area, has been transformed from an underused reserve into a multi-use, sport and recreation ground following a \$300,000 makeover.

The rejuvenated reserve includes:

- Two multi-purpose sports courts
- 40m Running track
- New landscaping
- Grassed area and soccer goals
- Playground equipment
- Picnic and barbecue area

The overhaul began in early January and has just been completed, providing a much-needed focal point for the local community.

Local residents recently celebrated the opening at a community event.

See photos from the community upgrade party of 6 April on > facebook.com/CityofMarion



Fine out more about the Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation online at > rogerrasheed.com



The foundation raised the necessary capital through fundraising and grants while the City of Marion has contributed \$55,000 along with design and project management expertise. A range of corporate partners provided further in-kind support.

RRSF founder Roger Rasheed and City of Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis unveiled plans for the upgrade in December.

"The Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation is all about improving the physical and mental wellbeing of disadvantaged children by providing opportunity, equipment, facilities, funding and, most importantly, encouragement," said Mr Rasheed.

"We have been inspired by the passion of the locals to breathe new life into the area. Marion Council has been fantastic and, together with our corporate donors, we believe we will once again make Rajah Street Reserve a sporting hub for this community."

The commitment from the RRSF will continue long after the completion of the works with the foundation to support ongoing training programs, equipment and mentoring from elite athletes - creating a long-lasting effect.

Mayor Lewis said: "The rejuvenation of the reserve is an outstanding example of how the community can benefit when the local council, organisations such as the RRSF and the corporate sector work together," Dr Lewis said.

TRANSFORMATION

Roger Rasheed and Mayor Lewis unveil plans for Rajah Street Reserve.

"The council and the community have been working to co-ordinate a range of events around the reserve, including celebrating Mother's and Father's days, Christmas parties and activities for the young and elderly.

"Central to these activities is encouraging people to meet their neighbours - and the upgrade of the reserve will help make this community an ever better place to live."

Dr Lewis said the area had been the location for a statewide pilot for the Family by Family project, which linked families who had been through tough times with a family that wanted to make a positive change to their lives.

Mr Rasheed paid tribute to businesses who have committed to support the project, including Jarvis Toyota, ResourceCo, Clubs SA and Toro.

Community picnic for Australia's biggest day

Photography Heidi Linehan

Saskia and Sophia Vogrin were among a crowd of 500 that lapped up the atmosphere at a community picnic to celebrate Australia Day at Hazelmere Reserve, Glengowrie.

The sisters enjoyed giant games, including snakes and ladders, petted native animals, danced to live music and had a go at roller skating.

"There was so much to do and it was great to be out in the sunshine – even the barbie was free," Saskia, seven, said.

The open-air event included the presentation of the City of Marion Australia Day awards and a citizenship ceremony for 20 new Australians.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis – who is the 2014 Australian of the Year for South Australia – presented awards to:

- › Citizen of the Year – Maria Macalalad, Director of the Filipino Ethnic School at South Plympton
- › Young Citizen of the Year – Blake Derer
- › Community Event of the Year – *Welcome to Australia*

Dr Lewis said Ms Macalalad has built a bridge between Australia and the Filipino community as the Director of the Filipino Ethnic School at South Plympton for the past 10 years.

"Maria has demonstrated a remarkable ability to help young Filipino school children settle into a new country while encouraging them to preserve their distinct culture," Dr Lewis said.



"Her pleasant manner and wisdom have helped a generation of young Filipino children adjust to a new life here."

About 80 people attended *Welcome to Australia*, collaboration between the St Elizabeth's Anglican Church at Warradale, SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Marion Rotary Club and four local sporting clubs.

Blake Derer was awarded for community leadership and volunteering during his time at Seaview High School.

HAVING FUN

Saskia and Sophia Vogrin celebrate Australia Day at Hazelmere Reserve.

Marion honoured with top multicultural award

By Richard Watson

Photography Heidi Linehan

The City of Marion has been awarded top honours for its work in promoting cultural understanding with a festival of international song and dance which attracted more than 7000 people.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis was presented with the 2013 Governor's Multicultural Award for Arts and Culture for *Marion Celebrates* in front of more than 300 guests at a ceremony at Government House recently.

The free community event was held in March last year and featured music and dance from Brazil, Germany, India and Africa as well as an introduction to Arabic culture.

Dr Lewis said the award highlighted Marion's commitment to promoting an inclusive and multicultural community.

"I am delighted that the City of Marion has been recognised for its hard work in promoting cultural understanding with this prestigious award," Dr Lewis said.

"*Marion Celebrates* is our biggest community event and brings together a diverse range of cultures in an exciting and accessible manner.

"Holding it in the grounds of Warriparinga emphasised the importance of local Kaurna culture to our community."

Marion Celebrates is a biennial event and was a joint winner of the 2013 Governor's Multicultural Award for Arts and Culture.

Awards were presented in 10 categories, including Community Sector, Private Sector, Media, Volunteer and Youth and honour outstanding contributions to social harmony and inclusivity.

The Governor of South Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR presented the award to Dr Lewis and CEO Mark Searle.



WINNING PERFORMANCE
Brazilian Capoeira dancers in action at *Marion Celebrates*.



MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

\$13.4 million centre shaping up

By Richard Watson

Just six months after construction work began the foundations of the new \$13.4 million state-of-the-art Cove Civic Centre have been laid and the building's giant steel frame is about to be erected.

Work to build a new car park at the nearby Baptist Church has been completed, while work has started on a car park at the Lutheran Church.

As the library, community and enterprise centre takes shape, building work is scheduled to begin mid-year on Ragamuffin Drive between Ramrod Avenue and Olivier Terrace to create a road that can be shared by pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

Trees will be planted, cobblestone rumble strips installed and space made for on-street parking.

Biofiltration beds along Ragamuffin Drive that clean stormwater will be one of many 'green friendly' features in and around the facility, manager strategic projects John Valentine said.

"Natural ventilation will reduce reliance on air-conditioning while special glazing will reduce the heat from windows," Mr Valentine said.

"The building design maximises the use of natural daylight, which along with solar panels will help minimise electricity consumption."

Building work is expected to be completed late this year with the centre fully operational in early 2015.

Cove Civic Centre will feature:

- › Access to 35,000 books, e-books, magazines, CDs and DVDs
- › A community hall for up to 280 people and meeting rooms
- › A computer training suite with wi-fi and broadband
- › Meeting facilities and resources for local businesses
- › A children's toy library
- › A plaza that incorporates public art

TAKING SHAPE

Steel for the centre's structure arrives on site.

The centre will continue to host established library programs ranging from baby bounce and story telling to scrabble and book discussions.

New activities will also be developed to support local businesses, community, arts, and cultural groups.

The City of Marion has contributed \$10 million towards the construction of Cove Civic Centre with \$3.4 million provided by the Federal Government.

See photos of the centre's progress on facebook
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Find out more about the centre online at ›
marion.sa.gov.au/cove-civic-centre



Upgrade to deliver better services

By Craig Clarke

The ageing City of Marion works depot is set to be replaced with a modern complex to support the delivery of services to the community for the next 40 years.

Marion Council recently called a tender to redevelop the 52-year-old City Services depot on its existing site at Marion Road, Marion.

The facility is the operational base for council to construct and maintain the community's parks, playgrounds, footpaths, roads and network of stormwater drainage.

The redevelopment, which will be home to about 200 staff and 17 separate work units, will feature:

- › General storage area and new workshop
- › Vehicle workshop, including a service pit and welding bay
- › Office space, incorporating a lunchroom and a kitchen
- › Parking for staff and visitors

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said a tender had been called for the long overdue redevelopment of the site, which has a total cost of about \$14.3 million.

"The redevelopment will result in better planned, more efficient buildings, enabling staff to improve the level of service to the community," Dr Lewis said.

"The current site has been operating since 1962 and despite some small improvements over the years, staff are mainly working in transportable huts, which we believe is unacceptable."

If the tenders are within budget, work is expected to start in September this year and be completed late next year.

"Staff will continue to serve the community from the facility during construction," Dr Lewis said.

"The new City Services will be a high-performing operations hub capable of supporting the city's roads, reserves and 85,000 residents for more than 40 years."

Dr Lewis said council's Long Term Financial Plan includes the redevelopment, which will be funded by borrowings and the possible sale of surplus land at City Services.

South Australian of the Year

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis shares her memories of the Australia Day awards in Canberra

Marion's longest serving Mayor of more than 13 years, Dr Felicity-ann Lewis, is the 2014 Australian of the Year for South Australia for her work in reconciliation with indigenous people. She was awarded for helping raise \$100,000 towards Australia's first memorial recognising the sacrifice of indigenous soldiers and for her work on behalf of the local community.

Here, Dr Lewis shares her memories of discovering she had won the award and of her experiences in Canberra for the announcement of Australian of the Year.

Being announced as 2014 Australian of the Year for South Australia last November was surreal. I couldn't comprehend the enormity of it as I was hosting a function in Alice Springs as president of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA). My husband Warren was on hand at the ceremony to collect my award and sent me a text message - 'u won!'

You can imagine how excited I felt when I realised what he was referring to. Being with the ALGA Board made it very special and they celebrated 'our' win.

I say 'our' because the win has been owned by local government across the country and could not have come at a better time for those of us who worked for many years on Constitutional changes to support funding to local government.

Attending the announcement of the Australian of the Year with other category winners from SA was great. Warren and I arrived in Canberra on Thursday for a welcome by chair of the Australia Day Council, Adam Gilchrist.

We were then bussed to Yarralumla for a meal with the Governor General. My ambition was to meet all 32 nominees and their guests, so it was a busy night. After official photographs we walked the grounds and met previous winners and sponsors. Dick Smith was there, among many others.

In the morning we were on the bus to Federation Square for rehearsals. For morning tea we walked to Parliament House and were welcomed by Prime Minister Tony Abbott. Afterwards, we went to the National Art Gallery before heading to Federation Square for the announcement.

We were all a little nervous about the live television broadcast, but everyone was a winner in their own right already. When my category lined up off-stage we looked at each other but everyone was calm. I don't think any of us expected to beat Adam Goodes - I certainly didn't. He's such a great ambassador and role model for our country. And he's a South Australian so I felt we won anyway!



When you stand on stage a short video clip describes why you were nominated. Having met most of the nominees I can say it doesn't come close to covering the fantastic things these people do.

My contributions to reconciliation through fundraising for the Aboriginal and Torrens Strait Islander War Memorial and work with refugees and the disability sector are a small part of what I have had the pleasure of being involved in. My peers took the time to nominate me as they say I inspired them and showed leadership in the community. I salute them and all of you who I have had the privilege to serve.



AUSTRALIA'S HEROES

On stage for the live broadcast of the 2014 Australian of the Year award:

Li Cunxin – Queensland Australian of the Year,
Dr Zsuzsoka Kecskes – Australian Capital Territory Australian of the Year, Adam Goodes – Australian of the Year, Dr Felicity-ann Lewis – South Australian of the Year, Professor Bruce Robinson AM – Western Australian of the Year, John Caldwell – Victorian Australian of the Year, Professor Thomas McMeekin AO – Tasmanian Australian of the Year.

YOUR PULL OUT SOUVENIR GUIDE TO OAKLANDS WETLAND



Families flock to Oaklands 'water farm'

By Richard Watson
Photography Michael Mullan

The sound of parrots fill the air, dragonflies skim the water and a family strolls along a walking trail.

This is Oaklands wetland on an autumn evening just five months after it opened to the public.

In addition to becoming a haven for plants and wildlife and a popular destination for families, the \$9 million wetland – dubbed a 'water farm' by visiting students – is on track to capture and clean 400 million litres of stormwater each year – enough to fill 160 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Treated stormwater will be fed through an 11.5km pipeline to irrigate 31 council reserves, reducing the reliance on mains water.

The wetland covers 2.2 hectares and is the centrepiece of the new 6.6 hectare Oaklands Reserve Precinct.

Troy and Naomi Kelly from Seaview Downs, along with children Mieka and Noah, are one of many families flocking to the site.

"Oaklands wetland is stunning - with the water, plants and bridges, it's unrecognisable from the driver training centre where I got my motorbike licence 24 years ago," Troy said.

"Walking the wetland has become a regular Sunday activity for us as we love the wildlife, and we've even had a go at planting."

For nine-year-old Mieka, the wetland has brought school lessons into focus.

"We had a class on sustainability at school so it's good to come here and see what it means," Mieka said.

"It's important to recycle water as it keeps nature growing."

Noah, 11, is a fan of the walking trail.

"I like to ride my scooter, but sometimes walk because the stepping stones are pretty awesome."

Plants and wildlife

A migratory water bird, a Siberian Ruddy Stoneturn, flew about 11,000 kms to hatch its eggs on site in summer, while spoonbills, ibis and herons have made the wetland home.

Almost 70,000 plants, including reeds, rushes and saltbush have been planted by council staff, friends groups and volunteers.

Frogs, fish, ducks and macroinvertebrates – water bugs – are thriving in the ponds and possum and bat boxes are set to be installed in the trees.

Small shrubs, including Happy Wanderer and White Correa, and plants, including Kimberley Hope and Chrysi Katsionis can be found in and around the wetland.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said she was excited the wetland had quickly become a drawcard for the community.

"I'm excited Oaklands wetland is growing into a biodiversity hot spot where people can experience native wildlife and vegetation and enjoy physical activity," Dr Lewis said.

"I invite people to visit this wonderful site and see how it's developing into a facility that will provide our community with water for generations to come."

Tours

More than 500 people have learnt about the wetland's inner workings through guided tours since it opened in December.

Schools and community groups can book a tour by contacting council's water resources coordinator, Glynn Ricketts, on 8375 6600.

Oaklands wetland is on Oaklands Road, Oaklands Park and car parking is available off The Parade.

PICTURE YOURSELF IN THE WETLAND FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE

Take a photo of you, your friends or family enjoying Oaklands wetland and post it to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #Oaklandswetland using the links at the bottom of these pages.

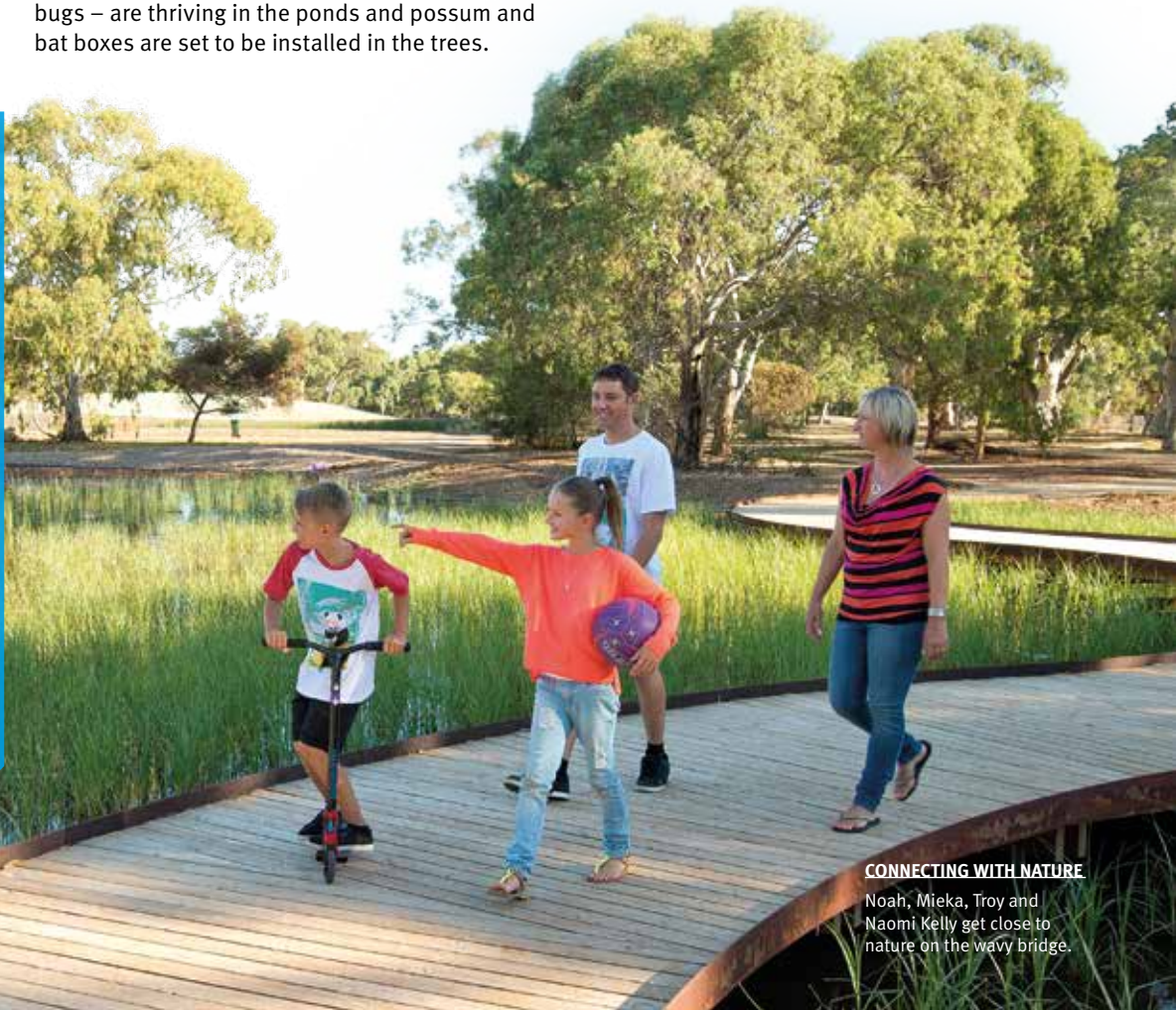
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wetland on Facebook >
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Check out **MARION IN A MINUTE**
to see a video of the wetland >
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CONNECTING WITH NATURE

Noah, Mieka, Troy and Naomi Kelly get close to nature on the wavy bridge.



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YOUR GUIDE TO OAKLANDS WETLAND

This map highlights key features of the wetland which you can see on a leisurely 40-minute walk. There's a network of pathways through the wetland. The feet on the map will help you explore.



INLET POND

Cleans the water by allowing sediment and silt to float to the bottom.

VIEWING PLATFORM

Provides uninterrupted views looking north over the wetland.



ISLAND

For time out, a picnic and a great view.



Did you know?

The wetland was pivotal in Marion being named the country's most sustainable city in the 2013 Keep Australia Beautiful National Sustainable Cities awards.

It also contributed to Marion being judged South Australia's most sustainable city by KESAB.

Council was presented with the 2013 Excellence in Community Engagement by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia for its work with the community in developing the site.



BRIDGE AND WEIR

Connects to the island while the weir helps clean water by slowing the flow.



STEPPING STONES AND WEIR

The weir slows the flow of water, giving it time to be cleaned by aquatic plants. Oxygen is added when water flows over the rim and the stepping stones are a great way to cross the wetland.



WAVY BRIDGE

Connects what will be the recreation plaza to the biodiversity corridor which is set to be planted with local plant species.



LEGEND

- RECREATION PLAZA
- BIODIVERSITY CORRIDOR
- (B) EXISTING BUILDING
- IRRIGATED LAWN
- GARDEN BED
- EXISTING TREE
- PROPOSED TREE
- BRIDGE
- SEATING & PICNIC TABLE

- ① STORMWATER OFF-TAKE STRUCTURE
- ② WETLAND PUMP STATION
- ③ GROSS POLLUTANT TRAP
- ④ INLET POND
- ⑤ DEEPER POND
- ⑥ WETLAND ISLAND
- ⑦ WEIR & STEPPING STONE CROSSING
- ⑧ GABION BASKETS WITH ORNAMENTAL PLANTING
- ⑨ OUTLET POND
- ⑩ PUMP STATION FOR WATER INJECTION
- ⑪ ASRENCLOSURE
- ⑫ PUMP STATION FOR DISTRIBUTION NETWORK & BUFFER TANK
- ⑬ ACCESS ROAD FOR SERVICE VEHICLES
- ⑭ VIEWING PLATFORM
- ⑮ SHELTER & BBQ AREA
- ⑯ MEETING AREA
- ⑰ PICNIC AREA
- ⑱ KICKABOUT LAWN
- ⑲ FORMAL GARDEN
- ⑳ ENTRY PLAZA
- ㉑ VISITOR CARPARK



KICKABOUT LAWN

Kick a ball, throw a frisbee or enjoy a picnic.



OUTLET POND

Separated by a bridge from the main wetland, the pond includes ornamental aquatic plants that provide a final clean of the water prior to injection into the aquifer for storage and distribution via pipelines to reserves.

OAKLANDS WETLAND

Your questions answered

Oaklands wetland is one of only eight stormwater harvesting sites in Adelaide. Here, we answer some common questions about the site which is expected to be fully established by 2015.

How does it work?

The wetland has been designed to treat stormwater harvested from the adjacent Sturt River.

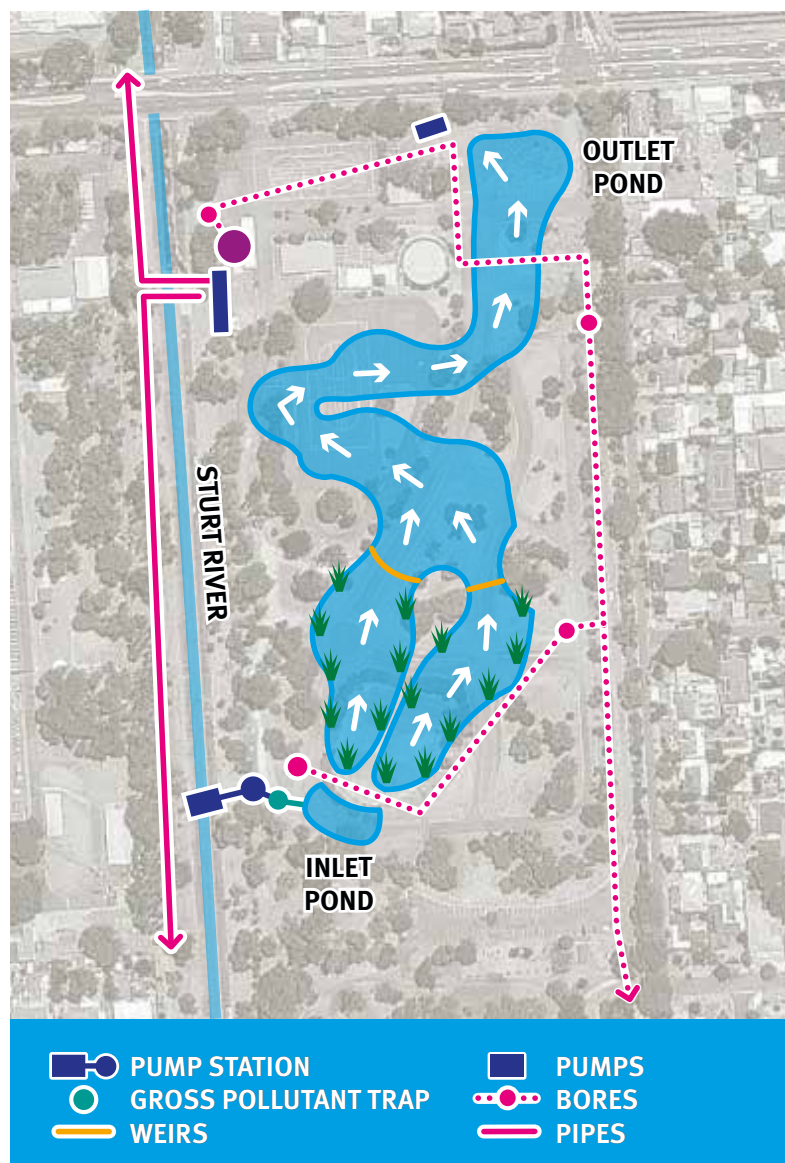
Water is collected in a sump beneath the river and piped to a pump station where it is sent to the inlet pond via a gross pollutant trap (GPT).

The inlet pond captures coarse sediments that pass through the GPT and regulates flow into the area of the wetland where aquatic plants are growing via two weirs.

The weirs slow the flow of water so aquatic plants can clean it by removing particles, metals and nutrients over two to three days before it reaches the outlet pond.

Pumps deliver treated water to bores which pump it to aquifers (reservoirs) 100m below ground before it is then fed to reserves via a network of pipes.

This diagram shows the layout and flow paths of the wetland.



When will it be connected to reserves?

Oaklands Park Reserve and Rajah Reserve have already been connected with more set to follow over the coming years.

What is the recreation plaza?

This 0.5 hectare area will be a high quality, landscaped, multi-use space for all ages and abilities. There will be facilities for BMX, skating and scooters and staged construction will begin later this year.

Plans to update the Oaklands Estate Reserve with an adventure play space have also been developed.

View the plans online at marion.sa.gov.au/parks-and-playgrounds

Can I get involved?

The newly formed Friends of Sturt Landcare are looking for volunteers to plant trees, grow seedlings and build nesting boxes.

For more information, call Glynn Ricketts at the City of Marion on 8375 6600 or email glynn.ricketts@marion.sa.gov.au

Have schools been involved?

Marion Primary School students Chrsi Kasionis and Kimberly Hope won an iPad for their school after winning a competition to design a banner for the wetland.

Schools and universities also tour the site and use it for research.



WE WON

Marion Primary School students Chrsi Kasionis and Kimberly Hope with their prize-winning banner.

COME TO BIOBLITZ!

From Friday, 29 August at 12pm to Saturday, 30 August at 12pm you can join in a survey to help log the vast array of insects, fish, birds, reptiles, mammals and plants at the wetland.

This will be a great way for kids and adults to have fun while learning about nature. There will be night-time activities and a community festival when the sun comes up.

Experts from UniSA, SA Museum, the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges will be there to lend a hand.

FIND OUT MORE ONLINE

Further information and registration details are online at > unisa.edu.au/citizenscience



Race is on for prize to spark new business ventures

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Dietician and personal trainer Denise Betts of Ascot Park and business improvement officer Ben Clark of Dover Gardens are among 24 aspiring entrepreneurs in the running to win a business coaching trip worth \$5000 to the world's start-up hub of Austin, Texas.

The 2014 Venture Dorm prize, which aims to turn business ideas into reality, will be awarded on 19 June as the culmination of 10-week course run by the New Venture Institute, the entrepreneurial arm of Flinders University.

Venture Dorm teams participants with mentors and gives practical tips on how to make a business idea work.

Ben Clark signed up for the course after realising a personal project had commercial potential.

"I had been working on a product to build websites quicker, which was for my own use, when I realised it could be marketed to web development companies," Mr Clark said.

"While I have some business experience, the course will give me the chance to make my idea work commercially by learning directly from a mentor and networking."



VENTURING FORWARD

Denise Betts and Ben Clark are developing new business ideas.

Denise Betts won a scholarship from the City of Marion to pay for the course.

"Venture Dorm is an opportunity to bridge the gap between a good idea and a successful business," Ms Betts said.

"I've started connecting new dietician graduates to development opportunities with events and winning the prize would be an amazing opportunity to expand the idea outside South Australia."

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Meet Mr Fixit

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Meet Michael Grasel, City of Marion's new home maintenance officer, who is making houses safer for the frail and aged by fitting hand rails, door catches and security locks.

He'll also fix minor plumbing problems, change light globes, fit smoke detector batteries, clean gutters and install handheld showers.

Michael is the latest addition to the Home and Community Care unit who, along with staff and volunteers, visits people in his fully-equipped van to improve home safety.

"It's very rewarding to identify dangers in people's houses and either fix them or find out if we can help in other ways," Michael said.

"I used to be a carpenter and am from a family which had a carpentry business for 100 years, so am happy to share my experience and lend a hand with minor woodwork."

"I really enjoy being part of a team that is doing something good for the community."

The home maintenance service helps people live independently in the community and is available to people who are 65 or over and frail, adults living with a disability and their carers.

The Community Care service includes basic cleaning, social support, gardening and the Community Bus which takes clients to shops, neighbourhood centres and medical appointments. If they wish, clients can also be referred to specialist agencies for support.

For more information, call Community Care on 8375 6600.

See more photos of Michael at work on >
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FIXING IT

Home maintenance officer Michael Grasel with his fully-equipped van.



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MARINO | SEACLIFF PARK | HALLETT COVE

I am watching with great expectation as the new Cove Civic Centre emerges on the corner of Ramrod Avenue and Ragamuffin Drive at Hallett Cove. This much awaited library, community and business complex is creating much excitement and anticipation.

The new precinct, which includes the Baptist and Lutheran Churches, will provide the community with a civic heart. Upon completion, our library will move from its temporary home, which was once a chemist shop, to a place of pride within our community.

Where are you? Come and visit sometime. I know you have chosen me to represent you but I miss you. I need your support. Just seeing you there can be reassuring that I understand your needs for our communities. Community participation is the missing link. I know you don't need an invitation. The door is always open. Please drop in. Council meeting times are available for you online or just ring and find out. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Where we live is one of the most important lifestyle choices that we make. Diverse housing opportunities for now and the future providing the opportunity for aging in place must be considered. I am reminded constantly of the need for smaller homes on smaller parcels of land in the southern suburbs of Marion. Retirement opportunities in southern Marion are very restricted. Council is aware that this issue needs to be high on its agenda.

MARINO | SEACLIFF PARK | HALLETT COVE

Sometimes an opportunity arises that is so exciting it cannot be turned down. For me, standing for election in the state seat of Bright was one of those opportunities. It presented the chance to take my public service to the next level, advocating for my community in our state's Parliament and partnering with local people to get things done.

It was a natural step from my role as your local councillor, a role which has been a great apprenticeship for me and which has taught me so much.

My recent election to State Parliament means that I have now left the City of Marion and this is my last column in City Limits.

My time on council has been very fulfilling. I have achieved many of the things I wanted to when I first stood for election. Coastal Ward is a great place to be at the moment, with lots of projects underway. I'm excited to see the Cove Civic Centre rising from its foundations when I drive along Lonsdale Road and I'm proud that the council's focus on its 8 km of unique and fragile coastline has been bolstered.

In closing I'd like to pay tribute to the leadership and passion of my co-councillor, Cheryl Connor, and our Mayor, Felicity-ann Lewis. Both have shown me so much about what passionate, genuine grassroots leadership is all about. They are strong, inspiring leaders and we are blessed to have them contributing to our community.

I look forward to catching up soon.

GLENGOWRIE | PLYMPTON PARK | PARK HOLME | MORPHETTVILLE

Rate Capping

A policy in support of rate capping, something which takes place interstate in NSW, has been announced by the Liberal Party.

Details are scant at the moment, but it is apparent that an essential services commissioner will oversee the rate.

Between the 2002/03 financial year and 2011/12, councils increased rates by 6.8 per cent in South Australia, according to the Liberal Party.

The Local Government Association of South Australia has come out in opposition to the policy.

LGA acting president Mayor Rosenberg said that the LGA had concerns that the implementation of the proposal "will cause further financial stress to councils with a resulting reduction in service and service delivery to communities."

Despite the association's view, it is a policy I support. I think such a policy will help drive councils to operate in a leaner manner and that there are savings that can be made with negligible impact on the community.

I am also hopeful that whoever wins government will look at abolishing the National Resources Management levy, a tax imposed by the State Government which can add about 2.5 per cent to your rates bill. If the NRM Board is an organisation the State Government thinks worthy of funding, it should do so itself, rather than lump councils and ratepayers with the bill.

By the time you read this column we will know the outcome of the election and hence whether or not the rate capping policy is likely to come to fruition.



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Marion Outdoor Pool

Council has committed to replacing the waterslide at The Marion Outdoor Pool so it is up and running before the season begins in October this year. This was the right time to start considering other long term plans and improvements for this much loved community facility. In February, I successfully moved a motion that council consider funding a master plan for the Marion Outdoor Pool as part of its 2014 budget process. If supported by council in the May budget process, we will finally have a master plan for what is likely our busiest outdoor/sport facility in the council area; yet the only major sporting facility currently without a master plan.

The master plan will provide the basis to improve and modernise the facility, provide opportunity for grants (to reduce costs for ratepayers), assist with long term budgeting and most importantly give the community a chance to have a say in how we can enhance this great facility for decades to come.

Council has also recently finalised a marketing plan for the Marion Outdoor Pool to further promote this excellent, affordable, family friendly, outdoor facility.

Clean Up Australia

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to assist with Clean Up Australia Day 2014 on 2 March. After volunteering at various sites in Marion in the past I registered a site for the first time at Duncan Avenue Reserve, Park Holme. Registering a site is easy to do and a great way to meet other community minded locals.

The year got off to a great start in January with Australia Day celebrations featuring a citizenship ceremony and the naming of Marion's Citizen of the Year.

Congratulations to the winners, who were: Citizen of the Year – Maria Macalalad, Young Citizen of the Year – Blake Derer and Community Event of the Year – *Welcome to Australia*. It was a wonderful celebration at Hazelmere Reserve. I would like to welcome the new citizens and congratulate everyone nominated for an award.

The awards highlighted the wonderful work done by volunteers throughout the City of Marion and there are countless others who work tirelessly, and we are always grateful for their willing contributions.

I am very proud that our, Mayor Dr Felicity-ann Lewis, was named 2014 Australian of the Year for South Australia for her dedicated work on behalf of the community. She went to Canberra to join other nominees to hear the announcement of who would be named Australian of the Year. The title, as we know, was awarded to Adam Goodes. It was a great achievement for Mayor Lewis to be amongst the national nominees.

The Mayor's success was celebrated at Marion Cultural Centre in February. It was a privilege to share her joy with her many friends and colleagues who had travelled from throughout South Australia to celebrate with her. I spoke with many of them, and they all expressed how deserving she was to be acknowledged at the highest level.

Councils get their powers and responsibilities passed to them by state governments and NSW have had rate rise capping at 4.4 per cent for many years. SA has no rate rise capping and this has resulted in big variations in rates and services across councils.

In Marion, a family pays \$ 1431.60 on a \$400,000 home (\$400,000 x 0.003579) but in Holdfast Bay another family only pays \$1058.80 (\$400,000 x 0.002647). This gap has been widening and will continue to do so unless different rates and services are provided by either or both councils.

For last year's five per cent rate increase see General Council Minutes GC280513 pages 7 and 8 on the Marion Council website. The average over 10 years has been 5.075 per cent.

Rate setting is very complex for councillors, and in my view, a capped increase imposed by our State Government would help move our focus to savings and revenue sources. Savings can be identified and achieved, for example, the privatisation of the operation of Signatures Café.

Revenue sources could come from stimulated growth (the average over 10 years has been only 1.5 per cent per year), rezoning to improve house valuation, sale of unwanted assets, and jobs creation.

With increasing interest in "social media" I have moved my website to a new service provider. The site now contains over 6000 words and receives 400 reads per week. A typical query using Google still has the same form (Frank-Verrall KEYWORD). Popular keywords are "home" "your suburb name" "playground" and "desalination". To contact me please leave a comment.

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Hello neighbours and fellow ratepayers!

Our community is only as good as the contribution each of us make to it. And down on Rajah Street, Oaklands Park, there are a great many people making their neighbourhood a safer, happier and friendlier place to live. They do this through a range of ways, but essentially by getting together for a weekly meal.

Similarly, only a few suburbs across Marion, there is another group working to make their neighbourhood better by fundraising for a shade sail for a nearby park.

At council, our job is to support and foster such positive community activities. So, if you have an idea of what we can do to make our City of Marion the best it can be, then get in touch with your ward councillor and/or start taking action now.

Local Government elections are also fast approaching and might just be your chance to help shape our community in a different way

Not being one to shy away from the big issues, the proposal to cap council rates deserves discussion, so I would like to expand the conversation.

Firstly, one could say that the same could apply to State Government taxes being capped by the Federal Government, unlikely? Should ratepayers have a right to voice what level of services they would like to contribute to? My pragmatic outlook is that there are many opportunities for reform to save ratepayers a lot of money such as with executive salaries etc, so as to get more bang for your rate buck and keep your rates lower.

But the reality is service improvements require increased funding and long term financial plans require certainty as to how we fund the many budget items. There is a growing expectation for better parks, reserves, playgrounds and sporting facilities, to name a few.

So, how much would you be prepared to pay in rates and what does rate capping mean for you in real terms?

Over the many years I have tried to assess the council amenity you desire and your capacity to reasonably pay. It would seem that long term financial plans could be in jeopardy and the new council in November may have to rapidly adapt to a new way of things?

With regard to the next council election, why not consider standing for the position of Councillor or even Mayor? Remember, the best council has gender, age, academic and life experience balance. Those who intend to live in Marion are particularly encouraged to nominate.

Thanks to the concerted effort by council staff and the committee of the Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club, the club has been successful in obtaining a grant of \$200,000 from the Office for Recreation and Sport which, together with matching funds from council and \$5000 from the football, rugby and sports clubs, will get the hub programme off to a flying start; the beginning of the planned major upgrade to the sporting/community facility for the Mitchell Park area and a great start to the year.

Thank you to all the stakeholders from the four hubs who have put your names down to be part of the advisory committee formed to access funding for the programme; your input is vital to the ongoing success of the programme and much appreciated.

If junk mail is being delivered despite the "no junk mail" sticker on your letterbox you can lodge a complaint with the Australian Catalogue Association which governs junk mail distribution and register on www.catalogue.asn.au which should put an end to the unwanted deliveries; political, religious, charitable or educational deliveries are exempt. Stopping nuisance telephone calls can be achieved by ringing 1300 792 958 and whilst this is valid for eight years, charities, political parties and market researchers are exempt.

My motion to ensure mandatory compliance by developers that existing properties are secured and residents notified when fences are removed during redevelopment has gone to the April LGA General Meeting for discussion with the government; watch this space!



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Local Government elections are in November this year, and as we commence the final months of this term of council I have spent some time reflecting on the past 3.5 years.

Firstly, time has certainly passed quickly, with many successes and challenges along the way. I have also thought about those of you who have contacted me with your issues and concerns; upon which I can honestly look back and feel I have served our community to the standard I would expect from a council representative.

Having a practical mindset as well as being in touch with community expectations have been crucial for me to make the 'right' decisions by you (although at times the final decision may not go that way).

I think this is the time to size up your council, are the representatives going in the direction you would expect? Have your representatives been there and supported you? These are the questions I asked myself before deciding to run, and I challenge you to do the same.

My platform was to deliver tangible benefits; there is now a solid plan for street tree planting and I still hold out for the verge and streetscape policy. I am also proud of my persistent role in establishing the Marion Heritage Research Centre, which for many years had been unsuccessful in securing a location and funding.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be your representative and if I choose to stand again I look forward to your support.

I was recently fortunate enough to be appointed as the elected member representative on the City of Marion Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is responsible for ensuring our resources are used efficiently and effectively, through the incorporation of appropriate financial management, risk management and internal processes. My role on the committee has already given me more in depth knowledge and a greater understanding of our council's operations and how this directly impacts on the community. I seek to suitably represent other elected members, and in turn the community, through this effective platform.

At the last Audit Committee meeting we discussed the next budget process and how to appropriately fund future service requirements. This is crucial to ensuring that we maintain and improve existing services for the community. As with every year, the budget will be open to consultation from the community so I encourage you all to get involved and have a say on how we spend your rates, particularly as the local government elections approach in November!

In news from the Woodlands Ward, in December I successfully sought funding to commence a consultation process about what to do with our recently purchased land in Jervois Street, South Plympton. A large number of you have told me that you would like to have a say in this so I will let you know as soon as this consultation process will commence, which is soon I hope. In the meantime don't hesitate to contact me via phone or email.

In my role as a councillor and Deputy Mayor I get the opportunity to meet some amazing members of our local community. It is a privilege to meet so many volunteers and groups that contribute to the improvement of society.

A group that I have had the pleasure of having some involvement with is the South Road Cricket Club (based at Edwardstown Oval). Over the course of a few years, the club has strengthened their financial position and increased memberships.

At the same time, the club started extensive fundraising. This fundraising was not to support their own operations, but to support charity. The club has focused on a few charities, including the Leukemia Foundation and the Flinders Medical Centre Paediatric Clinic. This charity work has strengthened the team ethic amongst members and also translated to on-field success.

I recently attended the Adelaide and Suburban Cricket Association Twenty/20 Grand Final. Not only did South Road win the grand final, but they also raised approximately \$6000 on the day for the Leukemia Foundation. Over the last few years these guys have raised many thousands for numerous charities, while also improving on field. I commend their brilliant efforts, which are making a real difference in the community. Go the Roads!!

April, May
June & July
2014

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Adelaide born duo String Fever return home for a very special show of some fast paced music, comedy and wild fiddle playing. Back by popular demand.

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EVENING SHOWS

All Soul'd Out

Friday 9 May 8pm



All Soul'd Out bring a little bit of rock, a little bit of funk and a whole lot of soul. The 10-piece soul band that comprises four-piece rhythm section, five funky horns and one soulful voice.

\$30/\$25 concession

A Tribute to the Seekers – by The Beggars

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The Seekers Tribute celebrates the great Australian pop/folk group's fiftieth anniversary. From the Melbourne cafe scene in 1962 to London, the swinging centre of the 1960s pop universe, The Seekers had hit after hit after hit! Presented in stunning 4 part harmony by Adelaide's own international vocal group The Beggars.

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Songs My Mother Taught Me – Libby O'Donovan

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Friday 4 July 8pm

Join nationally acclaimed Cabaret performer, Libby O'Donovan, for a night of stunning arrangements, stories, laughter and an eclectic collection of songs sung by mothers across the globe. Songs include; Que Sera Sera, Morningtown Ride, All the Pretty Little Horses, Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep, Mairzy Doats, and many more.

\$30/\$25 concession



CHECK IN TO THE MARION
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SPECIAL EVENTS

SYTE presents William Shakespeare's Macbeth

Friday 13 June 8pm

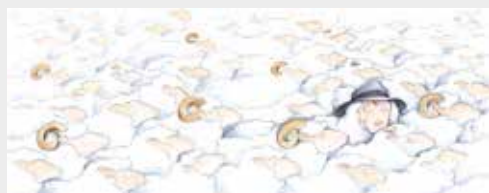
Southern Youth Theatre Ensemble (SYTE) is presenting William Shakespeare's Macbeth. Macbeth is Shakespeare's shortest tragedy, and tells the story of a brave Scottish general named Macbeth who receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that one day he will become King of Scotland.

Tickets \$15/\$10 concession

Monkey Baa Theatre Company present Pete the Sheep

Based on the picture book by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley

Thursday 3 July 6.30pm



Pete the Sheep is a brand-new 50-minute musical, based on Jackie French and Bruce Whatley's quirky and quintessentially Australian picture book. Hilarious and imaginatively told by four performers, it explores the challenges and rewards of being an individual and honouring your own spirit and strength while working with the flock.

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Highway of the Lost Hearts

Tuesday 29 July 1pm



A woman. A dog. A campervan. And 4500km of wide open road.

Mot wakes up one morning to find that her heart is missing from her chest. With her dog enlisted as co-pilot, Mot heads down the Highway of Lost Hearts in search of it, venturing into the deepest core of the Australian outback. And the further Mot drives, the more she realises that those around her seem to be broken too. But where there is loss, there is also hope. And what Mot finds will surprise even you.

Tickets \$15/\$10 concession

YOUNG ONES – APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Amazing Drumming Monkeys

Monday 14 April 11am

Australia's favourite kids show is back at the Marion Cultural Centre.

Tickets \$9

Hocus Pocus

OOTS*

Thursday 17 April 11am

Mia thinks she's a normal little girl until she discovers something mysterious in her Nonna and Poppa's market garden. Follow Mia's spell binding discovery that leads her to find out that she is no ordinary little girl.

Tickets \$9

Would You Believe It Show?

Wednesday 23 April 11am

An engaging, interactive show performed by Mighty Good Kids. Enjoy singing and while learning interesting facts. All ages.

Tickets \$9

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Details will be online in October at marion.sa.gov.au

FREE EVENTS

MINGLE

Friday 4 April, 9 May, 6 June,
4 July 5.30pm

Support local artists playing live in the cafe and visit the exhibition opening in Gallery M.

FREE

OPEN MIC CABARET

Thursday 17 April, 15 May, 19 June,
17 July 6.30pm

Share your talent with the world at the Open Mic Cabaret Cafe! Come along and enjoy local talent taking the mic... or maybe even sing a tune or tell a joke yourself.

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4 April – 4 May

Artwork in various media by Marion Art Group

Boskenna Art Studio

4 April – 4 May 2014

Artwork in various media by Colleen Bohonis, Gus Clutterbuck, Adele duBarry, Joy Levins and Margaret Russell

KnowHow

9 May – 1 June

Artwork in various media by members of the Red House Group Inc

City of Marion Reconciliation exhibition

9 May – 1 June

Artwork by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists

New Life

6 June – 29 June

Contemporary mixed media by Annika Robertson

Once upon a time...

6 June – 29 June

Paintings by Susanne Morizzi

Haciendas

6 June – 29 June

Encaustic paintings by Sheila Whittam

Transformation / Improvisation

4 July – 27 July

Contemporary woven textiles and collage by Katharina Urban and Bev Bills

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4 July – 27 July

Contemporary textiles by Joy Harvey

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4 July – 27 July

Drawings and paintings by Alison Main

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GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

Isla and Antonella Jarvis enjoy outdoor exercise.



Life's brighter outside

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Statistics tell us that seeing families throwing a frisbee, kicking a ball or running around a park together has become an increasingly rare sight.

Planet Ark has revealed 87 per cent of children in Australia spend more time playing indoors than outdoors.

According to CSIRO, children spend an average of four-and-a-half hours sitting in front of a screen each day, compared to less than two hours playing outside reported by Planet Ark.

Many health concerns raised by lack of exercise can be easily addressed, however, simply by stepping outside.

For Antonella Jarvis and her daughter Isla, Marion's reserves, footpaths and walking trails are one big exercise park.

"You don't need to be involved in structured exercise with a sports club to be fit as there's so much fun to be had running around in a park, hopping on a scooter or walking to school with the kids," Antonella said.

"We love taking the dog to the park, trying out walking trails and going to the beach.

"Incidental exercise is great for your body and mind and all you have to do is get outside."

Life Looks Brighter Outside is the 2014 theme for City of Marion's obesity prevention and lifestyle program, OPAL.

The health initiative has revealed a raft of easy-to-follow exercise tips that families can enjoy together, including holding playgroups and healthy picnics in parks, planning outings along bike trails and rediscovering outdoor games such as chasey and hide and seek.

GET MORE INFORMATION ONLINE

Find out more about
OPAL online >
marion.sa.gov.au/opal



Find a local park online >
marion.sa.gov.au/parks-and-playgrounds



See more photos on >
facebook.com/CityofMarion



AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TRAINING

Free training is available this April to help understand and support people with autism. Workshops will be held for volunteers, people who manage volunteers, and anyone who has friends or family on the autism spectrum.

Workshops are run by Autism SA. All sessions are FREE

Session times are online at marion.sa.gov.au
For more information and to register call: Vanita Holt on 8375 6636 or email vanita.holt@marion.sa.gov.au

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DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

New rules to improve pool safety

After the hot summer many people will be thinking about installing a swimming pool over the coming months. This article contains important information about changes to the State Government's Development Regulations to improve safety for anyone planning to build a pool.

Changes to Development (Swimming Pool Safety) Variation Regulations 2013 were introduced at the start of the year and will see councils inspect new domestic pools to ensure permanent safety fences and barriers have been correctly installed.

A compliant temporary swimming pool safety barrier is permitted for a maximum of two months from when the pool is filled with water, after which the permanent barrier must be installed.

The Variation Regulations introduce an inspection fee of \$170 which is payable to council when a Development Application is lodged. This also applies to alterations or additions to a swimming pool or spa, safety barriers and fences.

The changes also require the pool owner or builder to notify council when:

- › The pool has been completed, and before it is filled with water
- › The pool safety fence or barrier has been completed
- › Any other building work relating to pool safety has been completed.

Councils may expiate owners or builders with a \$210 fine for failing to comply with notification requirements.

Details of building work involving a swimming pool or spa pool, or associated safety fence or barrier, must now accompany the application for Building Rules Consent.

The South Australian Government is currently working on further proposals for:

- › Regular inspections of swimming pools
- › Registration of swimming pools
- › Existing swimming pool safety barriers to be upgraded to comply with current standards within either five years or at change of property owner or tenant
- › Mandatory warning notices/CPR signs to be displayed near swimming pools
- › In line with the Variation Regulations, the City of Marion has developed a swimming pool inspection policy which aims to ensure:
 - › At least 80 per cent of swimming pools constructed over the course of a year are inspected within two weeks of council being notified of the completion of the pool, or at the completion of the of the permanent safety barrier
 - › The remaining 20 per cent of swimming pools are inspected within two months of construction being completed.

Further information about Development (Swimming Pool Safety) Variation Regulations is online at sa.gov.au

Alternatively, call City of Marion's Development Services on 8375 6685

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ON THE GROUND

PLANNING AHEAD

Open space and recreation planners Alice Ralph and Renee Pitcher at Warradale Park Reserve.

\$590,000 upgrade for playgrounds

By Richard Watson

Photography Michael Mullan

Three of Marion's most popular playgrounds are set to be upgraded in a \$590,000 overhaul.

Work at Linear Park Reserve, Hallett Cove and Warradale Park Reserve, Warradale has already begun, while construction is scheduled to begin at York Avenue Reserve, Clovelly Park, in May.

The revamps add to the completion of \$300,000 worth of improvements at Rajah Reserve, Oaklands Park in conjunction with the Roger Rasheed Foundation.

A new swing, slide, rope and climbing structures will be installed at Linear Park Reserve along with sand and water features and a three-on-three basketball court.

New features at Warradale Park Reserve will include a special play unit for toddlers, a bitumen cricket pitch, barbecue and walking path.

York Avenue will also benefit from a range of new equipment, including a double swing.

Open space and recreation planner Alice Ralph said the new playgrounds would be exciting for families.

"The new playgrounds will be exciting for families and have been designed to encourage children to get outside and have fun," Ms Ralph said.

"Designs reflect the needs of the local community and were developed during extensive consultation.

"I would like to thank everyone who had their say through on-site meetings, online surveys and social media."

Upgrades to Linear Park Reserve will cost \$250,000, Warradale Park Reserve \$220,000, and York Avenue Reserve \$120,000, and are expected to be completed by June this year.

More than 30 playgrounds have been upgraded in the past four years as part of a long-term strategy to upgrade 90 reserves by 2023.

The improvements aim to provide high quality play areas that deliver long-term health and social benefits to families.

View the plans online by selecting the reserve you want from the list >

marion.sa.gov.au/parks-and-playgrounds



Grants to kick off \$1.5 million revamp of sports clubs

Work will soon begin on a \$1.5 million upgrade to three of Marion's biggest sports and community hubs after Marion Council was awarded \$760,000 in grants by the State Government.

Grant funding of \$310,000 was announced in January by the Office for Recreation and Sport for improvements to Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club and Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Recreation Ground.

This followed the announcement of a \$453,215 grant for upgrades to Cove Sports and Community Club.

Grant funding will be boosted by almost \$720,000 from Marion Council and \$54,500 from clubs.

Upgrades to Cove Sports and Community Club are worth \$906,430 and will improve facilities for many sports, club manager Keith Noble said.

"The improvements are very exciting and include lighting for the oval and BMX, change rooms, umpire rooms and disability access toilets," Mr Noble said.

The total funding allocated is \$1,534,503 and work is expected to be completed in 2015.



BUSINESS WORKS

ZEN makes bright move to Tonsley

By Richard Watson
Photography Heidi Linehan

Leading solar energy and storage company ZEN Energy Systems is moving to Tonsley, adding to the rush of investment in the 61-hectare site which aims to become a hub for industrial innovation.

ZEN joins other South Australian businesses, including Basetec Services and Signostics in relocating to the former Mitsubishi plant.

Over the coming months, ZEN will bring its head office, administration, research and development, technical support, manufacturing, warehouse, and distribution operations from Norwood and Woodville to the newly opened TAFE SA Sustainable Industries Education Centre in the heart of Tonsley.

ZEN founder and chief executive officer Richard Turner said combining its operations in a state-of-the-art facility was an exciting step forward.

"Moving into a campus with other advanced businesses and educators will help our business grow and increase the skills of our workforce while fostering greater innovation," Mr Turner said.

BRIGHT FUTURE

ZEN chief executive officer Richard Turner on the roof of Tonsley TAFE with recently installed solar panels.

"Our vision is to collaborate on campus with tertiary institutes and aligned smart businesses in South Australia to form a world class 'centre of excellence' in Adelaide.

"Tonsley is an ideal location as it's close to the airport with a road link to the port and also has the potential to lift the profile of southern Adelaide and create employment in the region."

ZEN employs 35 staff and is one of the largest solar providers in South Australia.

Established in 2004, it supports a network of 250 installers and franchises in South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and New Zealand.

In addition to designing and manufacturing solar panel systems, ZEN is a world leader in energy storage technology.

Its PowerBank system lets householders, businesses and utilities store energy generated by solar or wind power for later use.

The innovation that has led the company's development has the potential to be further accelerated at Tonsley Mr Turner said.

"It's important to stay ahead of the technology curve and being based at Tonsley will enable us to continue investing heavily in research while having good grass roots conversations with other innovative operators," Mr Turner said.

"We will be supporting and working with TAFE's renewable energy and thermal schools and have already installed solar panels and plan to spread them across the entire roof."

ZEN's operations cover home and commercial energy and utilities, enabling the use of smart energy storage systems to optimise and support the power grid.

Despite the reduction in subsidies for homes and small businesses, these markets remain strong and have enormous potential, Mr Turner said.

"The cost of ZEN's solar systems are now one third of what they were 10 years ago, which balances out the loss of subsidies," he said.

"There are 50,000 villages in China that need power and 56,000 in India, so there are huge potential markets."

In 2012, ZEN was identified as Australia's fourth fastest growing business by BRW business magazine.

More information about ZEN is available online at >
zenenergy.com.au



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Wednesday 12th March 2014
Noarlunga
Sunday 16th March 2014
Wednesday 19th March 2014
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Sunday 23rd March 2014
Wednesday 26th March 2014

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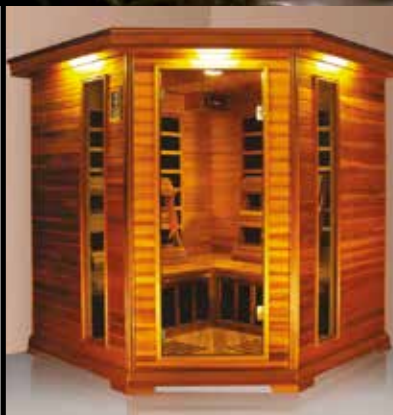
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English conversation group

T 8293 6680

For people with English as a second language who want to improve their skills. Ascot Community Uniting Church.

Glandore Community Centre

T 8371 1139

Computing, playgroups, adult literacy and numeracy, community garden, hall hire, exercise, community lunches, woodwork, art, walking, disabled adults social group.

Hallett Cove Youth Choices Program

T 8177 3478

An education and training program for young people (16+) who have left school without SACE and have no immediate employment, training or education options.

Marion Art Group

T Jan 8277 5896 or Glenys 8298 8264

Members work on projects in their medium of choice and regular workshops are held with local artists. Monthly portraiture and still life groups. Meets Mondays at Marino Community Hall, 44 Newland Avenue, Marino, 10am - 2pm.

Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre

T 8375 6804

Adult literacy and numeracy, senior social groups, disabled adults social groups, sewing, walking, playgroup, weight watchers, line dancing, yoga.

Picket Fence Community Centre

T 8374 2522

An outreach of St Mary's Anglican Church, open to people of all ages. Monday, Thursday and Friday 11am-3pm.

The Project Centre

T 8276 5793

Woodwork and sheet metal work two-hour sessions (\$3).

Southern Cross Adelaide Line Dancing

T 8277 0583

For beginners and experienced dancers.

Steed House Art Gallery

T 0407 893 042

Learn the art of appreciation.

Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre

T 8387 2074

Kindergym, playgroup, men's shed, French, cooking, zumba, seniors fitness, pilates, yoga, light weights, karate, tai chi, art classes, kids fit dance.

University of the Third Age (U3A)

T 82013068 www.u3afinders.org.au

For retired people interested in informative talks by guest speakers in addition to book, film, travel and walking groups. No qualifications required.

INTEREST GROUPS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander playgroups

T 8296 2686

For children 0 to pre-school. Cultural storytelling, music and dance, craft and toys, health checks. Families welcome. Lunch and transport provided. 11.30am-1.30pm Mondays during school term. Darlington Kindergarten.

Arthritis Foundation SA

T Margaret 8272 3840 or email alfred.osborne@y7mail.com

Marion Branch meetings held monthly at 1pm, 4th Friday of each month at Marion Church of Christ, cnr Marion Rd and Alawoona Ave, Mitchell Park. Guest speakers and information about arthritis. All welcome.

Ascot Park Scout Opp Shop and garage sales

Opp shops held every Thursday 9.30am - 1.30pm. Nothing over \$2. Garage sales every 10 weeks during school holidays. 51 Sixth Avenue, Ascot Park.

Community Philatelic Society

T 0421 367 665 or 8296 9697 or Lindaw3456@gmail.com

Meetings held on the first and third Friday of each month, Fridays 7.30pm, Marion Bowling Club - in the former ladies facility. Displays and stamp sales at every meeting.

Friends of Glenthorne

T Alan 8340 5509 or 8381 2708

Help the environment through working bees and monthly meetings.

Friends of Hallett Cove Conservation Park

T 8381 8029

Help preserve the geological and botanical aspects of the park. Guided walks, re-vegetation, education, plant identification and geological tours for school and community groups. Working bees Thursdays, 9am - 12pm.

Friends of Lower Field River

T 8387 5227 or www.fieldriver.org

A land care group established by Hallett Cove residents to protect and care for the lower portion of the Field River and its environs. Includes Cormorant Reserve, the river's estuary at Hallett Cove Beach and nearby sand dunes.

Friends of Marino Conservation Park

Regular working bees for revegetation, weed control, seed collection, propagation and planting. Working bees 2nd Thursday of the month and last Sunday of the month at 9am. Meet at Nimboya Rd car park.

Greenfield Community Club

T 8298 4863

Activities and outings for older people looking for new friends.

Marion Historical Society

T 8298 5585 or 8277 9511

Interested in local history? Want to preserve Marion's heritage? Meet 7.30pm, third Wednesday each month at Cooinda (behind Council Chambers).

Marion Table Tennis Club

T 8296 2233

Every Thursday 7pm till late. Everyone welcome regardless of skill level. Coaching and automatic practice machine, bats and snacks available. A great way to have fun and exercise. Cost \$3. Contact Eddy.

Probus Club of Marion

T 8322 0306

For retired and semi-retired men looking to keep their minds active, expand interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends. Meets 10am on the first Monday of most months.

Retirees and Friendship Club

T 8293 8626

Make new friends and have fun with games and entertainment every Thursday at Park Holme Community Hall 1.15pm - 3.30pm.

SERVICES

Alzheimer's Australia SA

T 8372 2100 or www.alzheimers.org.au

Provides services for people living with many forms of dementia and memory loss as well as support for their family carers.

Community Visitor Scheme

T 7425 8200

Would you like to be a friend to a lonely person in a nursing home? This scheme aims to break the isolation of aged care residents through volunteers who can share time and interests.

Employment Plus

T 8329 9800

A committed team of professionals offering a free recruitment service to employers.

Finding Workable Solutions - Clovelly Park

T 8374 2356 www.fws.org.au

Disability employment service provider with access to career development services, training and support to gain and maintain meaningful employment in the open market.

Hallett Cove Baptist Community Centre

T 8322 6469

Games, coffee, quizzes, darts, carpet bowls, table tennis, pool, pre-school activities, computer courses, Cove Crowd Youth Group (meet new high school age friends), activities alternate Tuesdays. Gold coin donation.

MarionLIFE Community Services

T 8277 0304 www.marionlife.org.au

Emergency relief services, Adult Community Education: money management courses and cafe mentoring program. Community building groups and programs Monday - Thursday 9am-12pm

Moving through suicide grief

T 8322 6469

Individual and group support for anyone experiencing loss of a loved one through suicide. Confidentiality and sensitivity assured with trained and experienced counsellors.

Safer Communities Australia

T 8373 0818 www.safercommunities.asn.au

Responsible adults can apply to have their houses or businesses registered as Safety Assist premises. Police and community checks are conducted on all applicants.

Southern Mental Health

Services for Older People

T 8374 5800

Advice, consultation and treatment for people aged 65+ (45+ for indigenous people) with mental health problems who are living in the south. A multidisciplinary team provides a flexible and holistic service to clients and carers in their own environment.

SPORT AND ACTIVITY GROUPS

Active Elders

T 8276 9294 or 8277 6096

People over 50 welcome to join us for fun and fellowship. Lots of activities so no need to be lonely. 12-4pm Wednesdays.

Atlantis AUSSI Masters Swimming Club

T 0438 802 594 www.atlantis.aussisa.org.au

For adult swimmers of all levels - training, competitions, awards and social activities.

Bicycle Institute of South Australia

T 8411 0233 www.bisa.asn.au

A voluntary, not-for-profit, community organisation representing all cyclists in South Australia.

Hallett Cove Little Athletics Centre

T 0452 194 252 www.hclac.org.au

Whole family fun and fitness - new members welcome.

Indoor bowls

T 8276 6430

Relax and enjoy this all-weather sport for all ages and make new friends. 7.30pm Wednesdays at Clovelly Park Memorial Community Centre.

Keep walking

T 8298 1321

Walks for a range of fitness levels with accredited leaders. Bushwalking and near-city walks, Scott Creek, Mount Crawford, Belair, Kuitpo Forest and others. Starting times: Sundays 10am, weekdays 9.30am. Cost \$9 for three and four hour walks. \$8 for two hour walks. \$2 off for concession holders.

Marion Arthritis Branch

T 8357 6273 or 0411 448620

Meets at 1pm fourth Friday each month except December. Talks and questions answered.

Marion croquet

T 8296 2353

Play either croquet or golf croquet. Coaching and introductory help provided.

Marion Mall Walkers

T Pat 0418 854 209 or Leonie 8293 6098

Meet Monday, Thursday and Friday at 7.20am for warm up exercises. Walk until cool down at 8.20am. Start at information counter adjacent to Charlesworth Nuts. All welcome, all weathers. Walk at your own pace. Great exercise followed by a social chat over coffee.

Out and About

T 8375 6804

A social and recreational group for people with a disability aged 18+. Activities include ten-pin bowling, crafts, barbeques, cinema, lunches.

Over 50s Travel and Social Club

T 8387 0352

Meet new friends and share your travel stories. 1.30pm first Friday each month except in January. Membership: \$10 and entry fee \$5.

Youth vigil to honour 100 years of sacrifice

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Local youth will gather at Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Garden on Thursday, 24 April to honour the people who fought for their country at a public ceremony which will also mark 100 years since the outbreak of World War 1.

Representatives aged 13 to 18 from service organisations, including the Australian Air Force Cadets, Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club and Plympton/Kurralt Park Girl Guides will stand guard in 30-minute shifts throughout the night leading up to the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

In addition to recognising 100 years since the beginning of what became known as the "War to end all Wars" which claimed the lives of more than 60,000 Australian and over 18,000 New Zealand service personnel, the event will acknowledge the sacrifice of those who have fought in subsequent conflicts ranging from Vietnam to Afghanistan.

The ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil will begin with an official ceremony at 8.30pm featuring the mounting of the Honour Guard, an address by a representative from the armed forces, the laying of tokens of remembrance, the reading of the Ode and the Last Post.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the vigil, which is in its sixth year, is a moving event that highlights the positive qualities of young people.

"The ceremony and overnight vigil is an important opportunity for young people to honour the men and women who fought for their country," Dr Lewis said.

"I invite everyone to participate in what will be a moving ceremony and pay tribute to the ANZACs while supporting the young people standing vigil."

Cadet Warrant Officer Liam Ricketts and Cadet Under Officer Samuel Chidley from the Australian Air Force Cadets are among those working on preparations for the vigil.

"The vigil helps young people connect with the ANZAC legacy and get a greater appreciation for their role in our history," Mr Chidley, 17, said.

"The Australian Air Force Cadets will be helping other service groups form an Honour Guard in rotation throughout the night.

"This will be my second all-night vigil and it's a privilege to be involved and join in an event with so many young people from other service groups."

The event will have special significance for 17-year-old Abbey Holland of Plympton/Kurralt Park Girl Guides.

"My grandfather fought in New Guinea so I feel I am doing something for him by standing vigil," she said.

"Being part of the vigil is a wonderful way to respect the ANZACs and I will put the experience of it towards my Queen's Guide Award."

The ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil is being organised by Marion Council in conjunction with the Australian Air Force Cadets, Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club, Plympton/Kurralt Park Girl Guides, St John's Ambulance, Darlington Scouts, the City of Marion Youth Advisory Committee and Edwardstown RSL.

ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil

VENUE: Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Garden (next to the bowling club), Raglan Parade, Edwardstown

DATE: Thursday, 24 April

TIME: Ceremony from 8.30pm to 9pm

View photos of last year's vigil >
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More information about the ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil is online >
marion.sa.gov.au/anzac-day-youth-vigil



HONOURING ANZACS

City of Marion Youth Advisory Committee member Mel Phiryathorn, Brighton Surf Life Saving Club's Lucy Burns, Cadet Under Officer Samuel Chidley of the Australian Air Force Cadets and Abbey Holland of Plympton/Kurralt Park Girl Guides prepare for the ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil at Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Garden.



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