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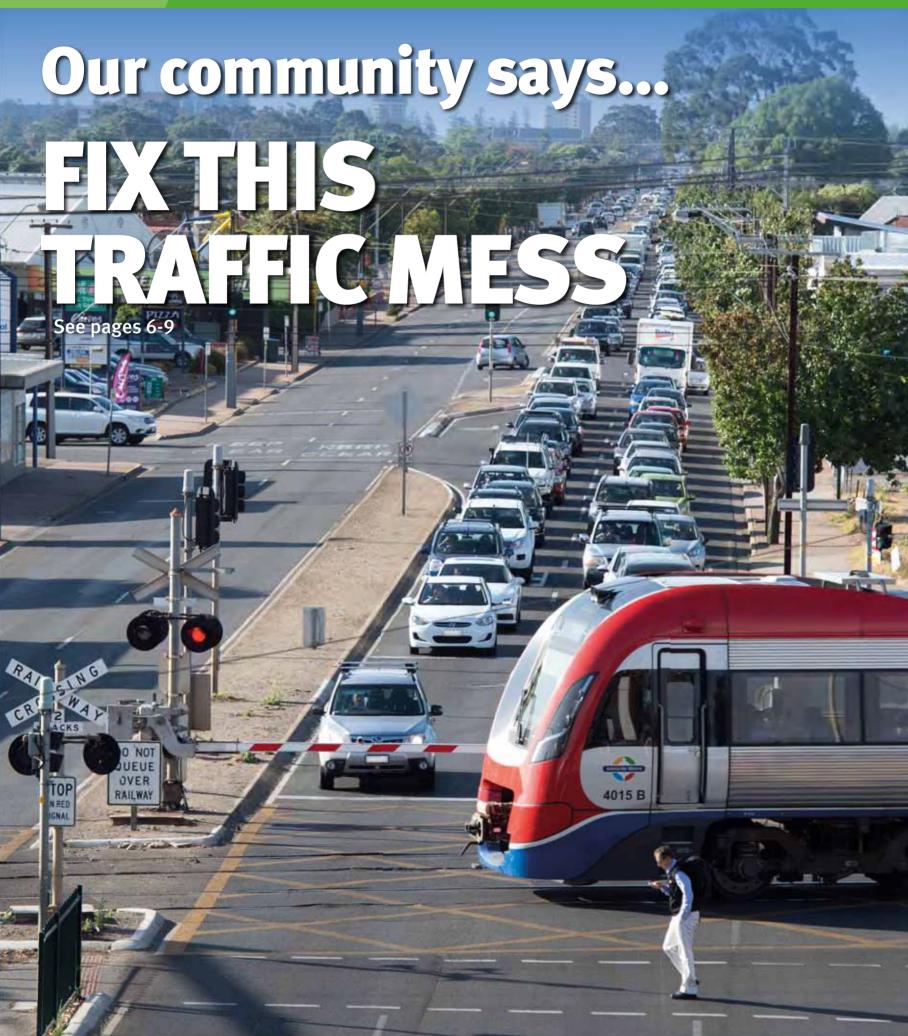
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Fitness and fun for all

More than 450 people a week are flocking to the City of Marion's neighbourhood centres for fitness and fun.

Children, adults and seniors are getting into shape at classes ranging from gentle exercise to high-energy work outs.

Emily McClintock signed up for boxing at Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre at the start of the year. "I took up boxing as it's a great all body work out and a lot of fun," Emily, 18 said.

Lorna Charmichael started exercise classes to improve her health. "I've been doing aerobics and light weights at seniors fitness classes for 12 months and it helps alleviate pain in my knees and hips," Lorna, 66, said.

Aiden Barnard, aged 12, is a black belt in karate. "I train once a week and enjoy learning selfdefence and being fit," Aiden said.

Other activities hosted by centres include tai chi, yoga, Zumba, Pilates, dancing, women's fitness and walking groups.

There are four neighbourhood centres in the City of Marion – Cooinda, Glandore, Mitchell Park and Trott Park.

More information is available on the City of Marion website www.marion.sa.gov.au/ neighbourhood-centres

ALL ACTION

Lorna, Aiden and Emily enjoy fitness classes at Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre.

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WHAT'S NEW?

First dog park for City of Marion



By Richard Watson

The news that the first dedicated dog park in the City of Marion will open soon has been met with a thumbs up from pet owners.

Dogs will run free in a fully enclosed area at Reserve St, Reserve, Trott Park from June.

The 10,000 sq m park will cost \$226,000 with Council providing \$126,000 and the State Government \$100,000.

The park will be surrounded by a 1.8-metre high fence with three airlock gates and located about 30-metres from the nearest homes to alleviate noise concerns.

It will include an irrigated turfed area, two drink fountains and dog bowls, two benches and landscaping.

For local residents Liz and Gem Ali, the day when they can exercise their twin Kelpie's off-lease can't come soon enough.

"It will be so good to take the leashes off our dogs and see them run free," Mrs Ali said.

"There are lots of dog owners in this area, so the park is really needed.

"We were involved in community consultation on the park last year and will be here with our dogs Willow and Shana as soon as it opens."

After being presented with a draft concept plan of the park in May last year local residents madxe it clear they wanted it to be bigger.

Council voted to increase the size of the park from 4150 sq m to 10,110 sq m at a General Council meeting in October.

Work to build the dog park will begin in April.

Reserve Street Reserve includes a playground, barbecue and kickabout area which is separated by the fence around the dog park.

More information is available on the City of Marion website >



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

THUMBS UP

Gem and Liz Ali are looking forward to letting their dogs Shana and Willow exercise off-lease at Reserve Street Reserve.

Marino garden to bloom



By Craig Clarke

The first community garden in Marino will be established next month giving residents the opportunity to grow their own vegetables, fruit and herbs.

The City of Marion is leasing a 1000m sq plot of land at Newland Avenue Reserve to Marino Community Garden Incorporated. Council is also contributing \$22,000.

Mayor Kris Hanna said Marion Council was delighted to support the initiative, which will be the eighth community garden established in the city.

"Community gardens allow neighbours to come together to share a common interest of growing fruit and vegetables," Mr Hanna said.

"I want to congratulate the local community for their initiative."

The garden is wheel-shaped with eight wedges separated by gravel paths. Beds will be progressively built as new members join the group.

Marino Community Garden Incorporated chair Steven Barratt said the group was excited at the prospect of having a garden for families to enjoy.

"We will have enough plots for 20 people initially but we can expand that number if our membership increases over time," Mr Barratt said.

"It has taken more than two years since the inception of the plan to establish the garden and I want to thank Marion Council for their support."

Other community gardens are located at Glandore Community Centre, Trott Park, Mitchell Park, Clovelly Park and three at Oaklands Park which are at different stages of development.

Anyone interested in obtaining a plot at Marino Community Garden should call Steven Barratt on 0408 644 080.

DIGGING IN

President of the Marino Community Garden Steven Barratt is looking forward to starting work on the garden.



OUR OPINIOR





CEO's comment

One of this Council's key priorities is improving our sporting infrastructure. Upgrading ovals, courts, pitches and clubrooms will help people of all ages enjoy the physical and social benefits that access to good quality facilities provides.

We recently submitted an application to the Federal Government for \$4 million of funding to revamp Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Recreation Ground. If the submission is successful Council will match the Federal Government's \$4 million to deliver an \$8 million project and create a modern and exciting sporting and community hub in Edwardstown.

The funding application was a team effort involving Council and members of the site's committee and sporting clubs. We also worked with TAFE SA on ideas for training opportunities.

The site currently includes cricket, football and bowls facilities and a velodrome.

Our aim is to build a more sustainable venue that will serve sporting clubs and the community for generations to come. We'll keep you updated on our progress.

We are also working at improving access to soccer facilities, particularly in the south of the city where there is huge demand, and on a new home for BMX.

On another matter I am regularly amazed and delighted by the contribution volunteers make to our community. It's important to recognise their achievements as people who make our city a better place to live, and one way we are doing this is via the Pride of Marion page on the City of Marion website. Please take a few minutes to find out more by visiting marion.sa.gov.au

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Adrian Skull CEO, City of Marion

Mayor's comment

When people talk about "the Council" it can mean one of two different things.

Technically "the Council" comprises 12 Elected Members and myself. We set the broad directions and goals for our community, including rate levels, budgets, and which projects and services to develop.

Although we receive a healthy allowance, we are essentially "volunteers". Apart from the structured meetings every Tuesday night from late January to mid-December, most of us spend many hours each week meeting with staff, each other, and residents (often responding to resident requests).

I spend about 25 hours each week on Mayoral duties, while still running my own business in the morning. The Mayor is also provided with a car - I insisted on paying for the car when it is used for other than Council business.

The Elected Members of Council only get to direct one employee, the CEO, Adrian Skull. It's his job to employ,

lead and manage the hundreds of paid staff in implementation of the decisions of the elected Council.

We are one third of the way through this term of Council. Last year we achieved huge budget savings. Those savings allowed us to set the lowest annual rate rise we'd had for 15 years, and reduce the debt levels agreed to by the previous Council. We completed the Cove Civic Centre, the City Services building and a playground at Edwardstown. Plans are firming up for improved sports facilities at Edwardstown, Mitchell Park and south of O'Halloran Hill.

I welcome your thoughts on how we are going.

Regards.

KRIS HANNA

Mayor, City of Marion



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The community says - Let's get

Mums and dads, children, new arrivals, commuters, business people, retirees and Councillors have come together in one voice to demand an end to more than 40-years of traffic chaos at Oaklands crossing.

An average of more than 41,000 vehicles a day use the crossing, which is at the intersection of Diagonal and Morphett roads in Oaklands Park and is owned by the State Government.

Marion Council this month launched the *Let's Get Oaklands Crossing Moving* campaign to seek a commitment from State and Federal governments to fund and build the infrastructure that will fix the traffic congestion.

Traffic jams at the intersection are causing motorists to report delays of up to 20 minutes at peak times, adding to the cost of doing business and the time it takes families to travel to work, entertainment and sport.

Mayor Kris Hanna said Council was advocating on behalf of the community to fix the crossing.

"The sight of cars banked up north and south of the crossing and on side roads will get worse unless action is taken," Mr Hanna said.

"It's now time to act to fund a separation of road and rail, creating jobs and connecting people to services, facilities and businesses.

"It is not uncommon for some motorists to be forced to wait for up to 20 minutes in peak hour traffic.

"The community can help end the traffic jam by joining the campaign."

Find out more at oaklandscrossing.com.au

More than 2000 people participated in a community survey in March which showed overwhelming support to find a permanent fix for the crossing.

The crossing's boomgates close about 130 times a day, effectively closing the road to residents, businesses and commuters for an estimated two hours a day.

The Office of the Rail Safety Regulator reports that Oaklands is Adelaide's fifth most dangerous crossing.

In 2012, the South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) released a planning study which assessed four grade separation options and recommended a \$100 - \$110 million rail overpass.

UNITED

Community members join Mayor Kris Hanna and Councillors for a video shoot calling for an end to traffic chaos at Oaklands crossing.



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Oaklands crossing moving...



The problems

Delays

- > People stuck in traffic for up to 20 minutes at peak times.
- > 41,000 vehicles a day gridlocking a busy intersection.
- Crossing gates can close about 130 times a day, closing a main northsouth road to vehicles for an estimated two hours per day.

Business concerns

> Traffic jams turning customers away from local businesses.

Safety

- > The Office of the Rail Safety Regulator reports that Oaklands is Adelaide's fifth most dangerous crossing.
- > SAPOL reported 100 collisions at the intersection from 2010 to 2015.
- Local residents worried about motorists cutting down side streets to avoid crossing.



In 2012, the South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) released a planning study which assessed four grade separation options. They were: rail over road, rail under road, road over rail and road under rail.



DPTI's preferred option at the time was to take the Seaford rail line over Diagonal and Morphett roads by building a 1.1 kilometre rail overpass. The construction cost was estimated at \$100-\$110 million in 2012.

Costs of construction have increased. The longer the delays in fixing the crossing the more expensive it will be.

DPTI said an overpass was cost effective, offered the 'best overall outcome' on transport, social and environmental grounds and avoided the need for acquisition of private property. It would also meet predicted 2031 traffic volumes.

The benefits

- > Strengthen the economy and provide certainty for future investment in the region.
- > Jobs will be created during the construction phase
- Residents, businesses and motorists will have easier access to services and facilities.
- > Support Marion's visitor economy worth \$166 million per annum.

Access will be improved to Marion's main shopping and entertainment precinct which:

- > Attracts 17 million people a year.
- Includes Westfield Marion Shopping Centre \$350 million expansion underway.
- > Is home to the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre, GP Plus Health Care Centre, Marion Cultural Centre.







Oaklands crossing – the community survey



CROSS AT OAKLANDS

Nicole Clark and her family are among the many people impacted by traffic delays at Oaklands crossing. Ms Clark completed the survey in the company of her daughters Madison, Tahlia, Jasmin and partner Mark Galliford.

Users of Oaklands crossing have spoken with one voice: fix this mess

In March 2016, a total of 2198 people responded to a City of Marion survey about their experiences of using the crossing.

The survey ran for two weeks and was available on the Making Marion website makingmarion.com.au

Hard copy surveys were also placed at Council facilities, including the Administration Centre, the Marion Cultural Centre, the Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre and a number of businesses and facilities near the crossing.

Marion Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

What people said:

As part of the survey, people told us about their experiences of using the crossing. Here are some of the comments:

"This crossing needs a serious overhaul. My friends and I have given it the moniker 'the gates of hell'."

Katherine, Seacombe Gardens.

"I (have) lived in this area all my life - 66 years - why has it taken so long to address this problem? Build an overpass!" Wendy, Somerton Park.

"Two major roads merging into one over a train line is ridiculous, especially going to a major shopping centre and aquatic centre."

Sam, Marion.

"This is the worst intersection/bottle neck in Adelaide." Susannah, Warradale.

"Fixing this crossing and the surrounding roads' traffic flow must be a priority."

Louise, Marino.

Oaklands crossing - a brief history

1971

Overpass plans announced.

197

Council is told overpass not justified.

2008

State Govt rebuilds Oaklands train station.

2011

\$12.6 million upgrade of Diagonal Rd, Prunus St and Morphett Rd scrapped in favour of crossing study.

2011

DPTI begin \$2 million study into reducing congestion.

2012

State Govt reveals \$100 - \$110 million plan to build rail overpass.

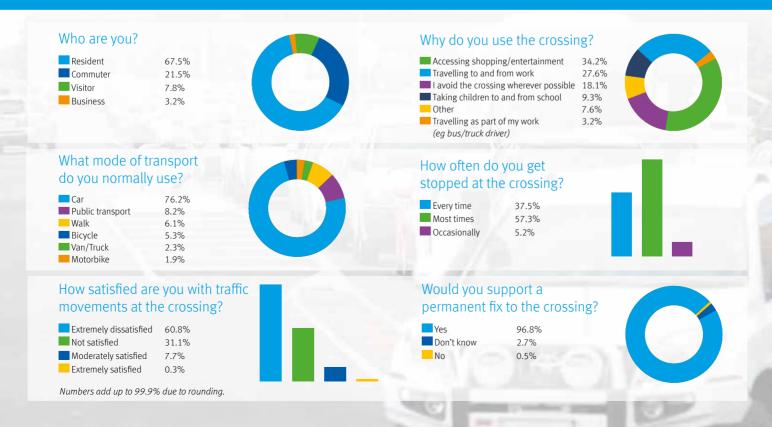
2013 (*February*)

Marion Council launches petition calling on State Government to build rail overpass.

2013 (October)

State Govt launches 30-year Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan Building a Stronger South Australia which includes a grade separation but no timeframe.

Here are the survey results





100-year-old Enid shares her memories

By Richard Watson

Enid Wigglesworth can remember when Marion was a village, a biplane landed in Warradale and listening to the radio was a new and exciting

The oldest and only remaining child of seven, Enid was born in Broken Hill on 19 January, 1916 and celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends at the Southern Cross Care home in Warradale.

Mayor Kris Hanna visited Enid to congratulate her on reaching the milestone.

Enid moved to the Marion Council area at aged seven, living on Diagonal Rd and then Morphett Rd, eventually moving to the care facility in July

"I've seen Marion turn from a country village into a busy city," Enid said.

"I remember one of the Hamilton boys... from Hamilton wines... landing his Tiger Moth where Keynes Avenue in Warradale is now... back then it was a grass paddock.

"The whole area was market gardens, orchards, almonds and farmland."

Enid worked in a women's clothing factory during World War Two and married her husband Frank, who was a market gardener, in 1945.

Enid enjoyed knitting, gardening and travel and toured Australia and visited Asia with Frank and Europe with her daughter Maxine.

Frank died in 2000.

Enid said changes in technology and the local area have been remarkable.

"I remember when radios were new and exciting - now everyone watches television," Enid said.

"My sister and I used to walk to Glenelg Primary School from our house, which is still there near the Warradale Hotel.

"We had lots of little backtracks and secret ways of getting around."

Enid has three children, five grandchildren and six grandchildren.

TREASURED MEMORIES

(LEFT TO RIGHT):

Enid in 1940 with a coat she made herself Enid in 1937, aged 21 Enid on left with sister Gladys on right 1929 Enid with her children Roslyn, Ken and Maxine Online memorial commemorates 650,000 Australians



The lives of more than 650,000 Australian servicemen and women have been commemorated on a special website.

The RSL Virtual War Memorial is a home for the personal experiences of service personnel and includes profiles of those who served in conflicts dating back to the Boer War of 1899 as well World War One, World War Two, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and peacekeeping missions.

Families, students and researchers can submit additional information which will be added to the website once it has been verified.

To view the website, go to >



rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au

The website has a strong focus on education and 16 schools in South Australia are working with the project team and local history groups to capture information.

The RSL Virtual War Memorial an initiative of the South Australian Branch of the Returned & Services League and has received support from the State Government, corporate and individual donors.





Work begins at new \$940,000 reserve

By Richard Watson Photography Pia Vogrin

Mayor Kris Hanna launched construction of a new \$940,000 reserve in South Plympton at a groundbreaking ceremony last month.

The community event began the transformation of a 6000sgm block of vacant land between Jervois St and Waterhouse Rd into a park with a modern play area.

The new reserve will include three-on-three basketball and netball facilities, fitness equipment, a course for trikes, a central oval and a games area with a ping pong and chess table.

There will be junior and senior play areas, a shelter, picnic facilities, trees, landscaping, a barbecue and toilets.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the reserve will provide a much-needed place for families to play.

"It will be exciting to see this block of unused land transformed into a new park with a modern play area," Mr Hanna said.

"The Jervois Street Reserve will encourage children to play in an attractive environment."

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) is providing \$300,000 of funding, Edwardstown Rotary Club is donating \$50,000 and Council is providing the balance.

Member for Elder Annabel Digance joined Mayor Hanna and president of Edwardstown Rotary Club Clair Rhodes in digging the ceremonial first sod.

Marion Council bought the land from Housing SA in 2013 to create more open space in the city's north.

Mayor Hanna thanked Council's funding partners for helping build the reserve.

"I would like to thank DPTI and the Edwardstown Rotary Club for helping Council build this new reserve," he said.

Construction is being undertaken by South Australian company Outside Ideas.

Work is expected to be completed in July this year.

Member for Elder Annabel Digance, Mayor Kris Hanna and president of Edwardstown Rotary Club Clair Rhodes at the groundbreaking ceremony.

history to life



These are some of the 17 volunteers at the Marion Heritage Research Centre who are bringing local history to life by collating thousands of old photographs, newspaper cuttings and documents so they can be enjoyed by the community.

The volunteers, who combine to provide more than 45 hours of service each week, run events, coordinate displays, make presentations and help visitors to the centre research family and local history.

If you have a passion for the past and would like to help bring the City of Marion's rich history to life by volunteering, contact Marion Heritage Research Centre coordinator Danielle Trewartha on 7420 6455.

The Marion Heritage Research Centre is adjacent to Marion Council's Administration Centre, 245 Sturt Rd Sturt. More information is available online at marion.sa.gov.au/heritage-centre

KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE

Back row: Volunteers Glynis Beadle, Avril Pendlebury. Arthur Beales, David Jarman, Jan Fergin. Front row: Elisabeth Westphal, Elaine Beales, Anita Wymer, Jill Mitchell, Bronwyn Bottrell.



MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE



Tonsley boosts innovation and jobs

Tonsley's transformation into an innovation hub is attracting new businesses, creating jobs and drawing interest from interstate and overseas.

The site has recently become home to Micro-X, a company which specialises in the development, manufacture and export of ultra-lightweight medical x-ray products.

Micro-X expects this will create as many as 70 jobs in the local supply chain within three years.

Micro-X Managing Director Peter Rowland said: "For us the big attraction for a move to Tonsley was the vision of co-locating in an open and collaborative environment of like-minded companies."

Hydrix, a Melbourne-based company closely linked to Micro X, has also opened at Tonsley.

In February, Advanced Focus an innovative project solutions business moved to Tonsley. Advanced Focus has worked closely with global giant Siemens on the planning and construction of its \$5 million purpose-built maintenance and repair facility at the site.

Tonsley is also drawing interest from overseas following an investment attraction mission to Europe last year.

This year, Tonsley has hosted eight visits from overseas, including industry and high-level government delegations from Germany, Belarus, Penang and Tianjin in China.

In January it was announced Tonsley had won the 2015 World Architecture News (WAN) Award for Adaptive Reuse. More than 60 projects were entered from around the world, with Tonsley the only project from Australia in the final six.

Since opening three years ago in the former Mitsubishi car assembly plant, the 61-hectare site has grown to host more than 30 companies and about 800 jobs with further growth planned.

TRANSFORMING

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Hayley paints it gold

A female student at Tonsley's TAFE SA campus is making her mark in the male-dominated world of painting and decorating.

Hayley Gladdis, 21, won gold in the painting and decorating category of the South Australian WorldSkills competition in November last year and is now preparing to compete in the nationals in Melbourne in October.

WorldSkills Australia promotes the importance of vocational education and training.

Hayley, who is from Blackwood, is the only female in the final year of her class at TAFE SA, and at C & J Painting in Macclesfield where she works as an apprentice.

Hayley said: "The facilities and training at TAFE SA have given me an edge over other apprentices, learning both basic and specialist techniques and tips of the trade that have furthered my career."

In 2014 and 2015 Hayley won the apprentice category in the South Australian Dulux Accredited Painter of the Year awards.

Find out more about studying construction, painting and decorating at tafesa.edu.au/bc

ALL GOLD

Hayley Gladdis with her WorldSkills gold medal.







Australia Day honours

A volunteer of more than 50 years who is dedicated to revitalising the Marion Historic Village and a teenager who is taking the lead in the fight against cancer were recognised in the City of Marion's Australia Day Awards.

Mayor Kris Hanna presented the awards at a special Australia Day ceremony in front of more than 100 family and friends at the Marion Cultural Centre on Saturday, 23 January. The winners were:

- > Citizen of the Year Peter Stretton
- > Young Citizen of the Year Charlotte Rayner
- Community Event of the Year ANZAC Day Dawn Service
 Lions Club of Hallett Cove
- Sportsperson/team of the Year Rayna Anesbury

Mr Hanna said Peter Stretton, 79, was a driving force behind the transformation of Marion's original village into a destination for people wanting to experience local history.

"Peter is a driving force in reinvigorating the Marion Historic Village by developing walking trails, an award-winning ANZAC Centenary exhibit for the display centre, and championing the area's significance," Mr Hanna said.

"His contribution to our community dates back to 1962 when he volunteered to help build George Street Reserve in Marion."

In receiving the award Mr Stretton paid tribute to his fellow volunteers.

"I am grateful for the award which is recognition for the work of many people who have contributed to projects at Marion Historic Village," he said.

Mr Hanna said Young Citizen Charlotte Rayner, 14, had shown great strength of character after losing two people she loved to cancer.

"Charlotte has responded to tragedy in a courageous and selfless manner," Mr Hanna said.

"After losing her aunt and her mother's partner to cancer she became a Cancer Council youth ambassador and has worked to raise awareness of how to prevent this terrible disease."

Ms Rayner said helping other people brought its own rewards.

"It's rewarding to see people benefit from something you do... I encourage young people to take up leadership roles in their community," Ms Rayner said.

Mr Hanna said winner of Sportsperson of the Year, 12-year-old Rayna Anesbury, was a shining example of what talent and hard work could achieve.



"Rayna is an up and coming star in the world of BMX and cycling. She raised \$2000 by recycling bottles so she could travel to represent Australia in the World Championships in Belgium and has recently been selected for the South Australian Junior Track team."

Mr Hanna said the ANZAC Day Dawn Service organised by the Lions Club of Hallett Cove had brought the local community together to commemorate 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli. The event was held at a new memorial overlooking the sea at Hallett Cove.

 $\operatorname{\mathsf{Mr}}\nolimits\operatorname{\mathsf{Hanna}}\nolimits$ thanked all nominees for their outstanding service to the community.

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

City of Marion's Australia Day winners Graeme Botting representing the Lions Club of Hallett Cove, Charlotte Rayner, Peter Stretton and (inset) Rayna Anesbury.

Our Australia Day winners have volunteered to share their inspirational experiences by speaking to community groups at events.

If you would like more information, please contact the events coordinator, public relations on > 8375 6600.



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City of Marion website

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Making Marion website

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Community transport connects people and places

By Hannah Collins **Photography** Mark Liebich

Sue Nash is one of more than 260 local residents who are living independently at home thanks to the City of Marion's Community Bus service.

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis nine years ago, Sue is confined to a wheelchair but still manages to do her own shopping.

The former social worker said she understands the value of living independently.

"I use the Community Bus to do my shopping at Westfield once a week," Ms Nash said.

"It's a fabulous service that drops me to my door and means I don't have to carry bags which is difficult on public transport.

"I can do my shopping myself, in my time, without having to be dependent on other people."

The Community Bus takes people who have difficulty accessing public transport and do not have access to a private vehicle to libraries, neighbourhood centres and senior citizens clubs.

The bus made 14,420 door-to-door trips last year. Trips cost \$2 each way.

The service is funded by the City of Marion and supported by volunteers.

To find out if you are eligible for the Community Bus, call the City of Marion on 8375 6600.

Your other transport options

There are a range of other community transport services available to connect City of Marion residents with services and facilities.

Neighbourhood Centre Transport is a Commonwealth Government funded taxi service for residents who are unable to use the Community Bus.

The service takes people to activities at all four of the City of Marion's neighbourhood centres.

The Inner Southern Metro Community Passenger Network is a one-on-one service for transport disadvantaged residents needing to travel to destinations outside the City of Marion, including the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Central Market and Rundle Mall.

Eligible clients are provided with a funded taxi service.

The City of Marion is currently seeking volunteer drivers to deliver the service.

The network is also available to residents of the cities of Holdfast Bay and Mitcham. It is jointly funded through Commonwealth and State Government grants.

Social Support is a volunteer assisted service that transports clients to and from medical appointments, activities, shopping and social outings.

Volunteers also visit people who are isolated and housebound to provide company, emotional support and to help them complete non-legal forms and letters.

Some services require a referral from My Aged Care. More information is available on the website www.myagedcare.gov.au

To find out more, please visit the City of Marion website www.marion.sa.gov.au or call 8375 6600.

GOING SHOPPING

Sue Nash boards the Community Bus with help from volunteer David Rathmann.



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Community connections

By Hannah Collins Photography Hannah Collins and Pia Vogrin

In a world increasingly driven by technology, stories of people connecting with each other face-to-face are becoming increasingly rare.

This feature shows how staff from the City of Marion are working with local people to help them learn new skills, increase their chances of finding employment and get to grips with new technology in a supportive environment.





Shweta and Cathlin discuss some event photography as part of the Community Leadership Program

Shweta Sharma and Glandore Community Centre coordinator Cathlin Day

Shweta Sharma started volunteering as an English as a Second Langauge and Everyday Literacy tutor at Glandore Neighbourhood Centre late last year to boost

"I've had difficulty finding work in media, which was my preferred profession, and

"I'm now doing my certificate IV in training and assessment so I can teach classes here at the centre and elsewhere which is something I never thought I would do.

"When I came to Adelaide from India I didn't know anyone but thanks to the

Shweta participates in the City of Marion's Community Leadership Program which helps people develop project management, communication and presentation skills to take an active role in their neighbourhood.

Shweta will photograph events as part of the leadership program.

"Shweta came to us when she was missing her family and unable to get a job and is on the way to gaining a formal qualification," Cathlin said.

Glandore Community Centre is at 25 Naldera St, Glandore and can be contacted on 8371 1139.

Activities include reading, social and walking groups, arts and crafts and yoga.

GETTING WACKY

Carmell and Eileen prepare for the Wacky Wednesday activity group.

Carmell Cardall and Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre officer Eileen Phan

When Carmell's husband died five years ago she was in danger of becoming isolated at home so headed to Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre which is where she first met Eileen Phan.

"It was hard to make that first step, but I knew if I stayed at home alone I would be very unhappy,"

"Eileen introduced me to many people and activities and the centre has become my second home."

Eileen, who now runs the centre, first visited it in 1987 as a client.

and get out of the house so I came for a playgroup," Eileen said.

"I ended up running the playgroup and eventually gaining employment at the centre."

Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre is at 1 Cumbria Court, Mitchell Park and can be contacted on 8375 6804.

Activities include playgroups, senior social programs, English as a second language and computer tuition.





FRENCH TIME

Julie and Yvonne look over text books in preparation for French class.

Yvonne Jeffery-Angenois and Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre officer Julie Collett

Yvonne has been taking painting and exercise classes and French lessons at Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre since it opened 30 years ago.

"I come to the centre at least four times a week because I love the activities and the people," Yvonne said.

"Julie keeps us coming back... it's more than a place to learn new skills."

Julie Collett has worked as Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre's officer for 15 years.

"I enjoy the sense of community and the stories about how people have overcome obstacles to get here," Julie said.

"It's rewarding to see people learn something new, get involved in fitness classes and become part of their community."

The Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre is at 34 Hessing Crescent Trott Park and can be contacted on 8387 2074.

Activities include playgroup, exercise, language classes, a woodwork shed, community gardening and cooking.



Lyn Boyce and Park Holme Library Customer Service officer, Debbie Gill

"Our programs are a great way to get your head around the people can put that to use in a way that they understand."

Park Holme Library is at 1 Duncan Avenue, Park Holme

In addition to providing books, CDs, DVDs and magazines, the library offers school holiday programs and weekly activities for babies and children.

The Library@Home service, which delivers materials to

More information about the City of Marion's libraries and neighbourhood centres can be found online at >

marion.sa.gov.au





Hooked on pegs

By Richard Watson

A business in Tonsley has achieved international recognition by producing an award-winning clothes peg and defying the trend for offshore manufacturing by shifting its production back to South Australia from China.

Hegs Australia's rapid rise began when founder and CEO Scott Boocock was hanging his wife's cocktail dress on the clothes line at their McLaren Flat home in March 2012 and was confronted with a problem – how to secure the dress with a peg without leaving a mark.

Finding a solution set Mr Boocock on a new career path, adding to his work as an agent for entertainers and key note speakers by inventing and manufacturing the heg – a clothes peg with two hooks on it that can hold multiple items without leaving marks.

An appearance on Channel 10's Shark Tank reality business show last year saw Mr Boocock secure investment from entrepreneur Naomi Simson, paving the way to international success.

Ms Simson's visit to Hegs to check on their progress will air on *Shark Tank* in May.

Now exporting to 18 countries, including Canada, the USA, Japan, South Africa and Europe, the company is ramping up its output in a bid to produce 53 million pegs this year which will find their way into more than 1630 Australian shops and 10,000 supermarkets and camping stores internationally.

Mr Boocock attributes the company's success to innovation and marketing.

"I created the heg to fill a gap in the market, be good quality and easy to use, and then built the brand and secured distributors, the first of which was Drakes Supermarkets," Mr Boocock said.

"The heg was initially made in China but I moved production to South Australia, saving money and time in shipping costs.

"I chose orange as the colour as a tribute to my first car which was an orange 1983 Datsun 120Y."

View more photos on Facebook >



City of Marion



More information about Heggs is available at > heggs.com

The heg is made from injection moulded plastic and is UV stabilised, designed to be weather resistant and shatter proof and to last years.

More than 50 people from nine local companies are involved in producing the product which is assembled by disability support organisation Orana.

Mr Boocock said he was preparing to launch a new clothes line.

"I enjoy bringing a product to market and we will launch a new eco-friendly clothes line in six months," he said.

"Tonsley's ideal to work from as it's close to the airport, major roads, the CBD and is an innovative space.

"If you can market a heg to the world... what else can you do?"

Hegs won the 2015 SA Telstra Business of the Year award and the 2014 International Good Design award.

PEGGED FOR SUCCESS

Hegs Australia CEO Scott Boocock with a shipment of his groundbreaking pegs.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE City of Marion





Keep the footpaths clear

This article explains how you can help people who live with a disability move about the city by keeping the footpaths clear.

Retired medical doctor, David Squirrell, who is legally blind, has been campaigning for more than five years to make it easier for people who live with a disability to access services and facilities.

Dr Squirrell has lived in the City of Marion for 18 years.

"You can feel very vulnerable while walking a footpath that has overgrown vegetation or is obstructed by bins or badly parked cars," Dr Squirrell said.

"Simple considerations such as cutting back vegetation, prompt removal of bins and taking care when parking cars improves safety for vulnerable people.

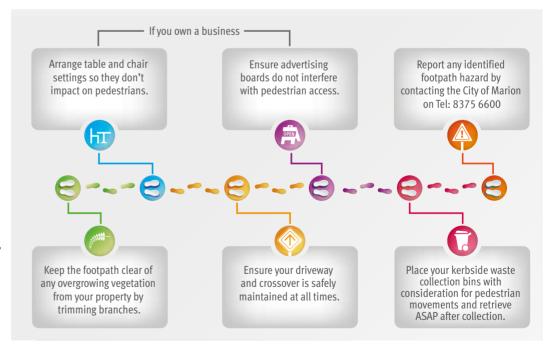
"You have to put yourself in other people's shoes and imagine how you might feel if the situation was reversed."

Dr Squirrell said the same considerations would help non-impaired people.

The graphic opposite shows some tips to keep footpaths near your house clear which will help people who are vision impaired, use a wheelchair or a gopher.

MAKING THE STREETS SAFE

Dr David Squirrell and his seeing-eye dog Abbie enjoy a walk in Hallett Cove.



Abandoned shopping trolleys can be a hazard. Remember to always return your trolley to the shopping centre from where you collected it.

If you see an abandoned trolley please contact Trolley Tracker on **1800 641 497.** Alternatively, for Coles group of companies call **1800 876 553** and for Foodland Castle Plaza call **8277 6733** and they will arrange for collection on behalf of the relevant shopping centre.

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MARINO, SEACLIFF PARK (PART), **HALLETT COVE (PART)**

This year will provide a number of challenges and opportunities which could make a real difference to our community. With controlled spending and sound decision making Council should deliver a rate rise lower than 2.9%.

Investigations last year revealed that Council owns a large number of mostly rundown buildings. We now have the difficult task of making decisions around renewal or disposal of these assets. Any funds raised from the disposal of surplus assets can be used to upgrade others. Council recently explored ways to reduce our ongoing electricity costs. We have agreed to invest \$600,000 to reduce our electricity usage. After the initial payback period (3-5 years) the project will deliver significant ongoing savings which will directly impact on the rates we pay. We continue to explore further cost saving strategies including the development of a solar farm.

Coastal Ward

I am pleased to announce that Council has agreed to fund the first stage of the Glade Crescent wetlands at Hallett Cove. The project, to commence this year, will not only prevent coastal damage but should provide water harvesting opportunities once all the stages are complete. The reserve will be beautified with wetlands, walking trails and indigenous plantings.

Another thank you to the Hallett Cove Lions who are organising the ANZAC day service at the Hallett Cove foreshore. I am hoping for decent weather. Please remember to support this community event.

Feel free to contact me if you are concerned about rates or any Council services.

MARINO, SEACLIFF PARK (PART), HALLETT COVE (PART)

Dear residents

We are now well into the second year of the new Council term and gee our new Council and management team is starting to make a difference in lifting services and quality of life in our City, whilst at long last containing the runaway rates collection increases.

My batting for better streetscaping is aimed to make an ugly duckling develop into a graceful swan. We're beginning to stand back from the canvas now to create a 'picture' effect rather than simply banging in trees here and there.

Rates is another favourite 'baby' of mine. My motion for a total revision of the rates system is planned for April, as this edition is reaching you. My reckoning is that if your property is being valued at much more than 80% of its market value, you're probably paying too much in rates.

In my own Ward, Hallett Cove is now receiving a 'kick-up' with improving soccer facilities, but sadly my five years of effort to address the grotty presentation of the entrance to Marino at Schofield Rd is still met with a selfish 'thumbs down' from property developers, Gasparin and Brazzale.

Gentlemen, please bear in mind we ratepayers have long memories!

My thought for this quarter: I visited the outstanding 'Spirit of Anzac' exhibition recently and felt that a way in which we might 'salute' the many fallen and their families is to do that much more to aid a community member in need.

PARK HOLME, MORPHETTVILLE

Rates

Council will soon be voting on its Annual Budget and setting rates for the coming financial year. I am firmly of the view that given the rate increases well in excess of inflation over most of the past ten years that the increase should be no more than the rate of inflation. I strongly encourage you to contact your Councillors and let them know your thoughts on the matter.

NRM Levy

You may have noticed when you get your rates bill that you are charged a National Resources Management (NRM) levy. That's because in 2004, the State Government passed legislation enabling the establishment of an NRM Council and boards to, as the name suggests, "manage" the State's resources.

But the State Government had a small problem. It wanted the NRM Council and its boards, but it didn't want to pay for them. Hence, we have the current situation where councils are forced to slug ratepayers. A question on notice I placed in January of this year revealed that the City of Marion has been forced to charge ratepayers \$11.069 million in the past ten years.

For this reason, I submitted a motion for consideration at the Local Government Association (LGA) General Meeting that the body lobby the State Government to abolish the levy. We will have to wait to see the result. If LGA members are not prepared to stand up for ratepayers in this regard, Council will have one more reason to cut ties when it considers whether to remain a member of the organisation later this year.





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PARK HOLME, MORPHETTVILLE

Marion Outdoor Pool

The master Plan for the Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre will soon come to Council. It contains suggested improvements based on ideas from the community, users and aquatic leisure experts: along with information on how these can increase enjoyment, accessibility, efficiency, patronage and revenue.

Council will consider the master plan with various options such as a splash pad area, better change rooms, hydrotherapy equipment, heating improvements and extra slide. The plan is likely to recommend staged improvements to allow Council to focus on other community priorities.

Park Holme Library

Did you know the Park Holme Library on Duncan Avenue was opened on the 7 February, 1959 and was called the Pitman Library? It offers the same activities as all Marion Council libraries and the only toy library apart from the one at Cove Civic Centre. It provides a quiet space with easy parking, especially for residents who have limited mobility and parents with pushers.

After almost 60 years, locals love Park Holme Library. Since July 2014 it has attracted 29% (237,053 of 816,329) of all library visits in Marion and 32% (457,169 of 1,427,258) of all borrowings.

I am proud to be part of a Council that values all our libraries - this was demonstrated by Council opening the \$13.4 million Cove Civic Centre last year. Libraries are important for learning, activities, events, reading and are free to use.

Check out Marion's libraries whether it's Park Holme, the Marion Cultural Centre, Cove Civic Centre or our Library at Home service. Libraries have something for everyone.

SEAVIEW DOWNS, O'HALLORAN HILL (PART), TROTT PARK, SHEIDOW PARK (PART), SEACLIFF PARK (PART), HALLETT COVE (PART)

Well here we are, 18 months into our term in Council and I am pleased to announce that the following has been achieved.

Our new committee structure is underway, there are now 5 committees:

- Finance and audit
- People and culture
- Infrastructure
- Strategy
- **Urban Planning**

Construction of the dog park in Reserve St Reserve is about to begin.

The Davenport and Seacombe Rd intersection after 12 months of discussion finally had its dedicated left turn applied (this was requested by many people during the election process, and I am pleased it has finally been achieved).

The BMX Club is part of a feasibility study - we are eagerly awaiting the results so we can move on.

The long awaited fence at the southern end of the Cove Sports and Community Centre has been erected. This was a joint effort between Council and the BMX club, Council paying for the equipment and the BMX club providing labour. Thanks must go to the BMX club for all their efforts and in particular Trevor Wigg.

Progress is being made on increasing soccer facilities for the southern Wards.

March saw a visit from Marion's Sister City in Japan – Kokubunji's Tokyo Keizai University. It's great hearing how impressed the students are by the Marion area. They always comment on our World Heritage listed Hallett Cove Conservation Park, the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre and our open spaces, views and beach.

SEAVIEW DOWNS, O'HALLORAN HILL (PART), TROTT PARK, SHEIDOW PARK (PART), SEACLIFF PARK (PART), HALLETT COVE (PART)

Well, I now have a presence on YouTube and Facebook, where I'll share information and comment. Just search for "Nick Westwood Councillor".

I have attended various events, including the Mayor's Multicultural Forum where we were treated to some interesting and entertaining international music and dance performances; really worthwhile being there.

Council has been overseeing various projects, while keeping an eye on the budget. A number of Councillors focussed on 'reducing rates' in their election campaigns. It is an appealing idea, but a 1% to 2% reduction in rates only comes to less than one dollar per week per household, which won't buy much. I want to moderate the annual rise in rates, and to make sure we spend that money effectively on our residents.

I aim to support, or initiate, the improvement of our many buildings and associated facilities, so that our residents can have the benefit of better change rooms, for instance, and improved playing fields and courts, and a reasonable standard of air conditioning.

Too many of our sporting and community facilities have deteriorated to a point where we now need to spend some money on bringing them up to a reasonable standard.

I would also like to reduce barriers to residents using facilities to achieve a healthier lifestyle. We need increased capacity to cope with the many children and others who are on waiting lists, and hopefully reduce the fees that community organisations are paying to the Council.

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WARRADALE, OAKLANDS PARK, DOVER GARDENS, SEACOMBE GARDENS, MARION (PART)

Advocacy is a big part of a Councillor's job specification and as the Federal election looms closer, we intend to advocate big time. Shall we say that we intend to ensure that the "squeaky wheel gets the most grease" with no less than two marginal Federal seats in Marion. Apart from Federal funding for the Mitchell Park Sports and Community Hub and the Edwardstown Sporting Hub there is that elephant in the room.

You guessed it:- the Oaklands Crossing!

For over 30 years we have been awaiting a bridge/ tunnel solution at the intersection of two major roads and a rail corridor. I am chuffed to advise that the Marion Council has a significant budget put aside to campaign/lobby on your behalf to finally bring about an engineering solution to this dreadful rail crossing.

The campaign includes paid radio and newspaper adverts, a billboard at the intersection, letterboxed leaflets and a social media blitz to name a few strategies. Any self-respecting Federal candidate is on notice that we mean business on this issue.

The State Government spent \$2 million on a study, plenty of Poli speak and those staged meetings, we now want a financial commitment to

Please help us help you! Contact your candidates of all political persuasions in the seats of Boothby and Hindmarsh and ask them to commit to funding this project and join in with us by attending events planned during this Federal campaign.

Remember, the squeaky wheel gets the most grease?

WARRADALE, OAKLANDS PARK DOVER GARDENS, SEACOMBE GARDENS, MARION (PART)

As the scientist of the group I have been very happy with our progress lately, with Council resolving to place a large sum of money in next year's budget for energy related initiatives. These range from LED lighting and building efficiency, to solar infrastructure for some of our buildings.

The first part of this initiative was to investigate reducing the amount of power we consume, through optimisation of our lighting, heating and cooling. Payback periods range for these items between two and five years and we will be going ahead with several of them at several different venues throughout Council.

For solar, the numbers are large but this is a good investment for our Council. Paybacks of the order of six years have been indicated and I believe that this is essential if we are to ever look at significantly reducing our power bills. Our figures show that somewhere near 30% of Adelaide has some form of solar infrastructure and it is about time Marion stepped up in this space. It is my to intention try to use a local provider for this infrastructure to further support SA.

We have also kicked off our new committees and of particular significance to me is the Urban Planning Committee. I am interested in receiving feedback on how residents think Marion should look going forward, as we are currently debating this and have a few progressive ideas I would like to test.

BEDFORD PARK (PART), CLOVELLY PARK (PART),

Tonsley is bursting with opportunities, for the suburb of Tonsley will be on the new South Rd, on the train route to Flinders, and be a major technology and business hub. With 2,000 students at Flinders Computing, Engineering and Science Building, and TAFE having 800 tradespersons, there is a base for growing high technology. Siemens sits beside many pod commercial buildings. Come in and walk this new Tonslev!

Clovelly Park South students and business people are being included in the Tonsley suburb. Residents of Tonsley suburb will need to change their addresses, but they may benefit by having their home identified as being near the Tonsley work hub. The Tonsley train will travel above Sturt Road and South Road to the Flinders Medical and Flinders University main campus. There will be walking and cycling paths beside the train-line. With the Darlington Expressway upgrade being such a huge project, at the Community Liaison Group I continue to express my disappointment at the felling of significant gum trees. I shall also check the designs of the South Road seven metre deep channel for accessibility of local people over the connecting bridges at Flinders Drive, Sturt Rd and Mimosa Drive. Soon the busiest stretch of road in South Australia, from the Southern Expressway to Ayliffes Road, will be under construction. During construction, the digging of the South Road channel will divert cars down our residential streets for a while.

I look forward to seeing you at an event during South Australia's History Festival.

My best wishes, Raelene



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MARION (PART), MITCHELL PARK (PART), STURT, BEDFORD PARK (PART), CLOVELLY PARK (PART),

Many happy (belated) returns for the New Year! Council has been off to a very active start to the year, commencing with a weekend planning day in January, which set out a clear path forward on a number of activities.

Recently Council established four additional committees to address critical issues such as: urban planning, infrastructure, people & culture as well as our holistic strategic approach. Council has been particularly blessed to have four independent members who bring many years of expertise in their respective fields, and who I believe will coach and guide us to achieve realistic and tangible outcomes - my personal mantra.

Additionally Council has also activated a working group of interested members, myself included, to address the long standing matter of our streetscapes. The working group will be looking at: street trees, footpaths, verges, water collection and irrigation matters. The goal of the working group is not only to have a policy on each element, but also to re-set the budget allocations for these fundamental services. The fruits of this work will take many years to realise, but the benefits should start flowing over the next financial year as we seek to lift our standards.

Budget time is nearly upon us again and it is critical we drive down the inflationary pressure on household incomes. Council must do its part in reducing the financial burden and at the same time deliver new infrastructure and deliver essential services better - a challenge I am up for.

Warm Regards, Luke.



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SOUTH PLYMPTON, GLANDORE (PART), ASCOT PARK, EDWARDSTOWN, MITCHELL PARK (PART), CLOVELLY PARK (PART)

Dear residents.

Once again as budget time approaches the inevitable rate rises are on the table.

I will continue to lobby and agitate to keep rates low.

I strongly believe that the residents of Marion simply cannot afford rate hikes over cpi.

In times when there are massive hikes in emergency services levy, increased water rates and electricity prices and recent talk of a 50% hike in the gst, which was killed by the electorate, Marion ratepayers simply can't afford large rate rises, especially pensioners and self-funded retirees.

I would also like to advise that after months of planning Council has approved an application to the regional grants commission for a \$4 million project for the upgrade of the Edwardstown Oval.

Councillors overwhelmingly voted for the project at a special general meeting on the 8th March.

I would like to congratulate members of the working party of the Edwardstown Oval for months of hard work and planning.



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SOUTH PLYMPTON, GLANDORE (PART), ASCOT PARK, EDWARDSTOWN, MITCHELL PARK (PART), CLOVELLY PARK (PART)

Everyone needs space to live and breathe.

It doesn't matter if you like to kick a footy, walk the dog, go for a jog, let the kids loose at a playground or sit and watch the world go by, you need space to do these things.

Parts of Marion Council have had significant population increases from infill in recent years, with further increases expected over time. Along with this population increase, comes shrinking backyards, which amplifies the necessity for quality public open space.

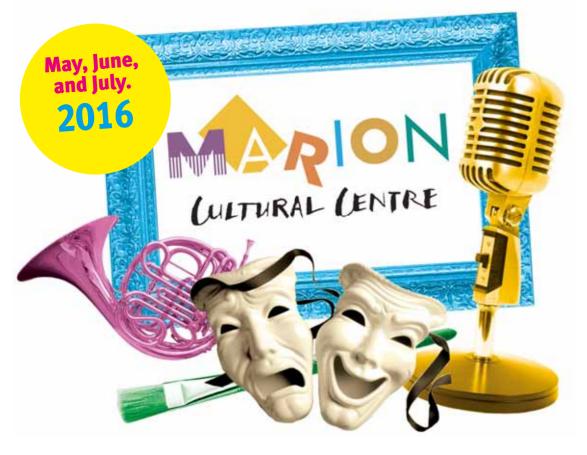
Edwardstown, South Plympton and Ascot Park are specific suburbs that are experiencing these issues. A few years ago, we developed a masterplan for redeveloping the brilliantlylocated but rather tired Edwardstown Oval, which sits between these suburbs. The masterplan was good, but it was a bit of a wishlist.

We have recently gone back, sharpened the pencils and revised the scope of this Council priority. The result is a proposal that is substantially cheaper, while still delivering on major needs of the sporting clubs and local community.

In March, we lodged a Federal funding application based on the revised plan. If successful, the Federal Government will fund \$4m towards the redevelopment and Council will fund \$4m.

The result will be a revitalised Edwardstown Oval that suits the needs of the area both now and into the long term future.

I am confident in the strength of our application and can't wait to hear how we go!



EVENTS DIARY

Visit the Box Office for bookings and tickets or call **8375 6855** Monday to Friday, 9.30am – 5pm.

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CHECK IN TO THE MARION
CULTURAL CENTRE ON FACEBOOK

MATINEE SERIES

Have you met Miss Jones





Tuesday 10 May 11am

Deborah Caddy features as Miss Jones as she tells her tales of lost love and near-stardom through the melodic and vibrant music of Rodgers and Hart, including such memorable songs as Manhattan, It Never Entered My Mind, My Funny Valentine, Bewitched, Ten Cents a Dance, My Romance, and many more gems.

Tickets \$17

The Boswell Project

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Tuesday 12 July 11am

"The Boswell Project" are Kylie Ferreira, Louise Messenger and Valeska Laity - three jazz vocalists from Adelaide. Strong, sassy and funny women whose musicality, vocal blend and dynamic onstage energy captivates their audiences and leaves them calling out for more!

Tickets \$17

Actors, Drunks and Babies Never Hurt Themselves OOTS*



Tuesday 14 June 11am

Broadcaster, actor, director, lounge act, raconteur Peter Goers will share amusing stories of show business lore from his 44 years of participation, theatergoing, observation and memories.

Tickets \$17

EVENING SHOWS

Sweet Dreams + In Vogue



Friday 13 May 8pm

Acclaimed cabaret performer Michael Griffiths IS Annie Lennox and Madonna. Musical direction by Michael Griffiths. Written and directed by Helpmann award winner Dean Bryant (Best Director – Sweet Charity). Adelaide Fringe Winner – Best Cabaret 2014.

\$33/\$28 concession

The Legends Show



Friday 10 June 8pm

A Tribute to the Legends; Rod Stewart, Van Morrison & Joe Cocker.

\$33/\$28 concession

Stand Up Comedians: Mark Trenwith & Jason Chong Followed by Damon Lockwood's Horsehead

Friday 8 July 8pm



In Francis Ford Coppola's 1975 groundbreaking film The Godfather, the head of a prize horse is savagely cut off and placed in the bed of a hotshot Hollywood film director for the refusal of a favour... ever thought about the two guys that had to put it there? A whip-cracking tale of two men (The Fonzie Brothers) given this viciously gruesome task to ensure their future with the mob.

\$33/\$28 concession

Quick Fix



Friday 5 August 8pm

QUICK FIX is an entertaining accessible dance theatre work. It is like a flicking video clip of stories, questions and parodies depicting the overloading nature of our modern world, with the intention to provoke personal questioning, ie Where do you place yourself in all this? What are your morals and ethics amongst the continuous stimuli? What do you choose?'

\$33/\$28 concession

YOUNG ONES SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

www.marion.sa.gov.au/ whats-on-at-the-MCC

Mr Snot Bottom's Stinky Silly Show



Monday 11 July at 11am

Meet the horrible Mr Snot Bottom, a deeeesgusting kids comedian brimming with all the gooey, smelly and yucky topics kids love: boogers, bottoms, pop-offs and smells! Perfect for kids aged 4 to 10 years.

for more school holiday events see www.marionculturalcentre.com.au

Tickets \$10

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15 April – 8 May WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

Things Called Art

Artworks in various media by members of The Artist's Voice IncArtwork in various media by members of the Red House Group Inc.



13 May – 5 June TWO HALF GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Drawn In

Artworks in various media by members of the Red House Group Inc.

Reconciliation - a journey through art

This exhibition explores the stories and meaning behind Marion's public and community art, reflecting on traditional and contemporary Aboriginal culture.

10 June – 3 July TWO HALF GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Twenty / Twenty

Artworks in various media by artists associated with Burra Regional Art Gallery.

Mosaic

Artwork in various media by the 'Artsparks Collective' – 6 artists linked through studies at the Adelaide College of the Arts.



8 – 31 July TWO HALF GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

With Words / Without Words

Artworks in various media by members of the Dialogue Group – Mem Graham, Andie Marten, Isobel McGarry & Wendy Wright.

Fine Art Photography

Traditional & abstract photography by Leonid Olijnyk.

5 – 28 August WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

Contemporary Art Prize 2016

With \$4,500 in prizes, this is an exciting opportunity for South Australian contemporary artists to exhibit. This inaugural prize exhibition is an initiative of Gallery M and Century 21 Bayside Brighton.

For more information go to www.gallerym.net.au

GALLERY M

Mon-Sat: 10am-4pm, Sun: 1pm-4pm Closed public holidays

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FREE EVENTS

MINGLE



Friday 13 May, 10 June, 8 July 5.30pm

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

FREE EVENT

OPEN MIC CABARET



Thursday 12 May, 16 June, 21 July 7pm

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

FREE EVENT



 These performances are proudly presented in conjunction with OOTS, a network of Adelaide suburban arts centres.



Sign up for new playground

By Richard Watson
Photography Hannah Collins

A concept design for the City of Marion's first playground for children of all abilities has been revealed at Hendrie St Reserve, Park Holme.

The visual features on a newly installed sign and is the latest step in the plan to transform the reserve by building a \$900,000 playground including swings, a carousel, slides, water and sand features, balancing equipment and a trike track.

The playground will cater for children of all ages and abilities, including those with a range of disabilities such as mobility, vision and hearing impairments, and autism.

The project is a partnership between the City of Marion, the Touched by Olivia Foundation (TBOF) and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

City of Marion landscape architect Brett Grimm designed the playground following extensive community consultation.

"The design is based on the history of Marion and features representations of a street layout and Marion village settlement from 1922, which includes Morphettville Racecourse, Sturt River and orchards," Mr Grimm said.

"The concept incorporates principles of inclusive play, which means that there will be something for everyone, although not everyone will be able to use every piece of equipment.

"It's exciting to be working on a project that will bring the community and children of all abilities together."

The design is now being refined to incorporate further community feedback.

The project is expected to cost \$900,000. DPTI has committed \$250,000 while the City of Marion has committed \$250,000 and design and construction management services. TBOF is working to raise \$400,000 through donations and sponsorship.

Anyone interested in contributing to the project is invited to contact Touched By Olivia Foundation executive officer Bec Ho on 0414 506 606 or email bec@touchedbyolivia.com.au

The final design is expected to be considered by Council in mid-2016.

More information about Hendrie St Reserve is available on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au/parks-and-playgrounds

DESIGNS ON THE SIGN

Landscape and open space planner Renee Pitcher and landscape architect Brett Grimm at Hendrie St Reserve.

New 370-metre stormwater drain nears completion

Work to build a new 370-metre drain to reduce flooding in the south-west of Glengowrie is expected to be completed in late April.

The drain cost \$280,000 and aims to remove excessive stormwater from Panton Crescent and Whiteleaf Crescent and the junction that brings together St Peters Way and Chalfont Way.

Staff from the City of Marion have been responsible for surveying the site, designing the system and began building the drain January.

The project is part of a long-term joint Stormwater Management Plan developed in conjunction with the City of Holdfast Bay to reduce the risk of flooding to homes and businesses across shared catchment areas.

The City of Holdfast Bay has contributed \$86,000 towards construction costs as it hosts about 90-metres of the drain.

The system includes six side entry pits which remove water from roads.

More information about the joint Stormwater Management Plan is available on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au



May business events

Local businesses can increase their skills and knowledge at a series of workshops and presentations ranging from making the most out of the web to tax essentials.

Former Premier of Victoria Hon Jeff Kennett AC, is the star attraction at a breakfast presentation covering mental health in the workplace at the Adelaide Convention Centre on May 10, which is discounted for Edwardstown Region Business Association (ERBA) members.

Check out these events and see what could help your business.



HEADS UP - MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

(Sponsored by beyondblue and SafeWork SA)

Guest speakers will provide insights into managing mental health following an address by Hon Jeff Kennett AC over breakfast.

When:	Tuesday 10 May, 7.15am - 10.30am
Where:	Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide
Cost:	ERBA members \$20 Non-members \$30, (includes breakfast)
Bookings essential:	www.trybooking.com/KMZF

WEB SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS

Learn practical ways to grow your business using the web, including Cloud Accounting, Business Cloud Solutions and social media.

When:	Thursday 12 May, 5pm-7.30pm
Where:	Cove Civic Centre, 1 Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove
Cost:	FREE
Bookings essential:	www.websolutionsforbusiness.eventbrite.com.au

HALLETT COVE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NETWORKING

A relaxed evening to join with other businesses and network. For all those in the southern suburbs and beyond.

When:	Monday 16 May, Monday 20 June
Where:	Cove Sports and Community Club, Lonsdale Highway, Hallett Cove
Cost:	FREE
Bookings essential:	www.hcba.eventbrite.com.au

TAX ESSENTIALS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN TAX OFFICE

Learn about business structures, record keeping, reporting online and business life cycles.

When:	Tuesday 24 May, 9am-12pm
Where:	Cove Civic Centre, 1 Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove
Cost:	FREE
Bookings essential:	www.eventbrite.com.au/o/australian-taxation-office-

Local business can find out about support services on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au/business-support-services





F Business Marion



Students are enjoying Westminster School's new early learning and leadership centre.

Westminster School reveals early learning and leadership centre

Westminster School has revealed a new two-storey early learning and leadership centre named after a former student and long-time employee.

Former student Stephen Mathwin and his wife Nikki - who worked at the school for 26 years – opened the centre in March.

The ground floor of the Mathwin Centre has been designed as an Early Learning Centre for students aged three to four and includes a demonstration kitchen and dining room and provides access to an adventure playground.

The first floor is the Year Seven Leadership centre and features flexible learning areas which can be converted into a large meeting room.

Tour details and further information is available on the school's website www.westminster.school

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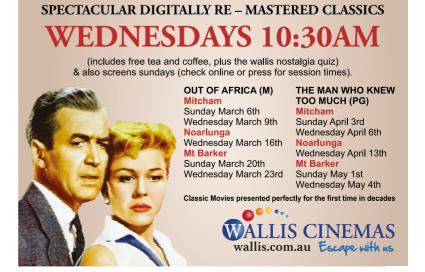


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DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Major retailers invest big in future

Major retailers in the City of Marion are showing their faith in the future of the economy by investing hundreds of millions of dollars in new developments.

Defying the popularity of online shopping, retailers remain the city's biggest employer, providing around 4800 jobs - 22.4 per cent of all jobs based in the City of Marion.

Businesses throughout the City of Marion generate an estimated \$5.6 billion of sales each year with about \$490 million of that figure coming from retailers.

Here, we look at four recent and current developments which are increasing economic activity, creating jobs and providing more choices for consumers.

The figures shown reflect development costs lodged with Council and do not include furnishings or fit outs.

Westfield Marion Shopping Centre

South Australia's largest shopping centre attracts about 15.5 million visits per year and is set to become even bigger.

Work began in November last year on a five-year \$350 million redevelopment which will increase the floor area of the centre from 132,222 sqm to 151,435 sqm.

The upgrade is expected to add 65 shops across two levels, 10 restaurants and cafes and more than 1000 parking spaces.

The first stage includes a new fresh food precinct and a branch of the Aldi German discount chain.

Castle Plaza Shopping Centre

The City of Marion granted planning consent in October last year for a \$14 million addition to Castle Plaza Shopping Centre.

The development will be on the northern side of the centre and includes an extension of the mall and a new entrance adjacent to Raglan Avenue.

Hallett Cove Shopping Centre

Aldi opened a \$2.5 million supermarket at the centre in February this year. This adds to the centre's major expansion in 2008.

Park Holme Shopping Centre.

The City of Marion granted planning consent for a new \$200,000 retail tenancy of 158 sqm on the south-western side of the shopping centre in December last year. This builds on the centre's \$2.3 million expansion in 2012.

STILL SHOPPING

Retailers are investing heavily in developments that will attract shoppers.

Online tracking

The City of Marion's online tracking system will enable you to check the progress of a development application from the comfort of your own home.

The Development Application Tracking System displays milestones in the progress of applications and decisions made.

Applications may be tracked by entering either the application number, date range, application type, description or by address details.



and development, visit the City of Marion website

marion.sa.gov.au/planning-and-building

Alternatively, you can speak to staff at the planning desk at the City of Marion Administration Centre, 245 Sturt Rd. Sturt or call Development Services on 8375 6600.





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Enjoy art classes (beginners - advanced). Workshops Discount supplies. Art tours (local, interstate, overseas). Guest artists and movie nights. Studio overlooks the sea at Marino.

Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre

T 8375 6703

Exercise, cooking, computing, crafts, indoor bowls, Posso Tempo, Australian friends group, bingo, table tennis, snooker, ballroom dancing, English conversation.

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 6699

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

Playgroup, woodwork shed, French, cooking, zumba, seniors fitness, pilates, yoga, light weights, katate, tai chi and art classes.

University of the Third Age (U3A)

T 82013068 www.u3aflinders.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

Annie Doolan's Cottage

Γ7127 5346

This historical cottage is open to the public on the fourth Sunday of the month, 2pm – 4pm. George Street, Marion, behind St Ann's Chapel, Finniss Street. Free entry.

Arthritis Foundation SA

T Margaret 8272 3840 or

mail 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.

Community Club @ the Corner

T 8350 5400 www.thecorner.org.at Second Tuesday each month at 7.30pm. 93 Oaklands Road, Warradale

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 Croquet Club – in the former ladies facility. Displays and stamp sales at every meeting.

Friends of Glenthorne

T Alan 0411 595 910

Enjoyment days are held on the third Sunday morning of each month, starting at 10am. Come along and help the environment at the farm.

Friends of Hallett Cove Conservation Park

T8381 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. Email hallettcovepark@hotmail.com

Friends of Lower Field River

T 0466 529 538 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

T Alan 0499 933 331

Local volunteers who hold regular re-vegetation working bees, including weed control, seed collection, propagation and planting. Working bees 2nd Thursday and last Sunday of the month, 9am -12pm. Meet at Nimboya Rd car park. Email waughson2@bigpond.com

Friends of Sturt River Landcare Group

T Samantha 0435 017 334 (Tuesdays best contact time)

A volunteer group working to protect and nurture the environment along Sturt River, including Oaklands wetland. email friendsofsturtriver@gmail.com

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 Historic Village Display Centre

T 8296 5736 or 8298 4763

Learn about the history of the village, the people and their stories through changing exhibits. Township Road, behind the Wesleyan Chapel. Open every Sunday 2pm - 4pm and by appointment. Free entry.

Marion Historic Village Heritage Walking Tours

T 7127 5346 or 0417 801 562

Take an easy one-hour walk around the historic heart of Marion. Group guided tours by appointment.

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 \$4 per night \$\$-\$2 with annual subscription. Contact Eddy.

Marion VIEW Club

T 8377 2095 view.org.au

Voice, Interests and Education of Women. A valued part of The Smith Family, unlocking opportunities for disadvantaged Australian children through education. For fun and friendship we meet for lunch at Marion Hotel, 11am, third Friday each month.

Novar Gardens Combined Probus Club

T 8297 7329

Mature men and women are invited to enjoy guest speakers, outings and fellowship. New members welcome. Meetings held last Friday of month, 10am, Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street, Plympton.

Probus Club of Marion

T 8322 030*6*

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

T8293 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

Finding Workable Solutions – Clovelly Park

T 8374 2356, w

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

T8322 6469

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

New Neighbours Settlement Support

T 8269 9300

A free service for people who with a refugee or family visa and have been citizens of Australia for less than five years. Assistance with documents, case work, referrals, life skills sessions and support for isolated women is provided.

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.

Edwardstown Guided Walk

Tuesday 3 May at 10 am to 11.30 am

Begins at the Maid of Auckland Hotel car park, 926 South Road Edwardstown, past the Messines Avenue memorial trees, to Edwardstown Railway Station, and station master's home. Past of History Festival free events. Bookings len Vincent T 82977393.

Hallett Cove Little Athletics Centre

T 0452 194 252 www.hclac.org.au Whole family fun and fitness – new members welcome.

Hallett Cove Over 50s Travel, Social Club

T Jim on 8376 1315 or Christine on 7007 1770
Meet first Friday of each month at 1pm at the Lutheran
Church, Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove. Meet new
friends, enjoy entertainment and afternoon tea.
Membership \$10 and entry fee \$5.

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. (NEW PHONE)

Keep Walking

T8298 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 \$10 for three to four hour walks. \$8 for 2 to 2 ½ hour walks. \$2 off for concession holders.

Light Pace Exercise Class

T Julie 0438 407925

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Suitable for all fitness levels, sitting or standing. Under the guidance of qualified Older Adults Instructor Julie Coles you will increase muscle and bone strength, improve flexibility and posture and feel younger.

Refreshments and a chat afterwards. Fridays, Park Holme Community Hall, Wallala Ave, call to check

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 235

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

Marion Mall Walkers

Daphne 0414 611 038 or Jan 8387 1661

Meet Monday, Thursday and Friday at 7.15am for warm up exercises. Start at information counter adjacent to Charlesworth Nuts. All welcome, all weathers. Walk at your own pace. Great exercise followed by a social chat

Out and About

T 8277 8435

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

TALL POPPIES



By Hannah Collins **Photography** Simon Stanbury

DEDICATED TEAM

 ${\it Geoff Nottle with \ his \ dog \ Leo \ at \ Scarborough \ Terrace \ Reserve.}$

Volunteer takes fight to weeds

An 84-year-old man from Dover Gardens is waging a war against weeds at his local reserve.

Geoff Nottle has dedicated his spare time over the past 11 years to sprucing up Scarborough Terrace Reserve by pulling out weeds, replanting and watering seedlings and reporting graffiti.

Mr Nottle first took an interest in the reserve when walking his dog.

"It started when I was walking my dog and noticed a burr clover patch," Mr Nottle said.

"I began removing weeds by hand, and later used a tool while sitting on a small kindergarten chair my sons used to use... my wife made me a cushion for the seat."

Mr Nottle's contribution adds to work undertaken by Council's Open Space Operations team who maintain the reserve during fortnightly visits.

View more photos on Facebook >



City of Marion

Mr Nottle and his wife Paquita moved to Darlington in 1962 where they raised twin boys.

In 1996 they relocated to a then new development in Dover Gardens where they still live.

A former English teacher, Mr Nottle writes poetry about his dog, ageing, bowling and weeding.

In recent years he has been revegetating a plantation strip in Dover Court behind Pattriti Wines.

"The strip is in almost constant shade with clay soil on sloping ground and had become rundown and needed some work," Mr Nottle said.

"Passers-by speak favourably of its improved appearance and encourage me to continue."

Well-known to Council staff and local residents, Mr Nottle volunteers about 10 hours per week, except when temperatures are too high or low.

"Both projects give me a purpose each day and are beneficial to my state of mind and body," he said.

"Now that I'm older I don't have quite the same motivation but I will go on while I can.

"I think the reserve and its surroundings are an asset to the community and a credit to the Council."

Scarborough Terrace Reserve includes a playground, cricket nets, exercise equipment, running track, a shelter, public toilet, seating and barbecue facilities.

Submit your suggestion for Pride of Marion

We'd like you to help us celebrate people like Geoff who are making Marion a better place to live. All you have to do is submit details of their achievements on an easy to complete form on the City of Marion website.

Our web page will display a profile and photograph of a person who is the Pride of Marion. Full details are available on the City of Marion website on >

marion.sa.gov.au