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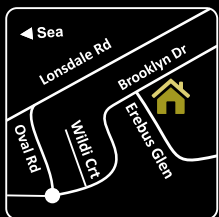


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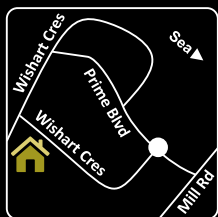
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THE M FILES

GOLDEN GLOW

Nina Bach's winning photograph at Marino.

Marion life launched online

This photograph by Nina Bach was the winning entry in a competition to win an iPad Mini while contributing to a new website showing how people live, work and play in Marion.

The *M Files* features more than 100 photographs and videos and was launched in July as an online social history picture book to give future generations a snapshot of Marion life in 2013.

Nina took the photograph called *Ray of Love* while training for an upcoming trek to Everest on the Coastal Walking Trail at Marino.

"The photograph shows my training partner and reflects my love of the environment, the coast and the trail," Nina, 39, said.

Due to the high level of interest in the *M Files*, images can be uploaded until the end of the year.

View the *M Files* and find out more online at mfiles.marion.sa.gov.au

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Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis and council staff celebrate the ground breaking ceremony for Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre.

Photography Heidi Linehan.

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WHAT'S NEW?

Wartime memorabilia unveiled

By Richard Watson

Hundreds of original documents from World War II including photographs, a pilot's log book, maps, love letters, telegrams and handwritten postcards have been unveiled at Marion Heritage Research Centre.

This is the first time the unique collection, which tells the story of local war hero Colin Phelps, has been made available to the public.

The Colin Phelps Collection traces the wartime experiences of the Lancaster bomber pilot operating from England in vivid detail, said Marion Heritage Research Centre coordinator Danielle Trewartha.

"Handling and reading these personal documents is like journeying into the past," Ms Trewartha said.

"The pilot's log includes hand-written details of training flights and missions, while letters to family and friends give us a real sense of life during wartime."

Colin's plane was shot down on a mission over Berlin on the night of 28 January 1944 and after an agonising wait his family was told he was a prisoner-of-war.

A postcard Colin sent from a prisoner-of-war camp dated 9 June, 1944, revealed: "I've put on a lot of weight since I've been here, I get more sleep and less exercise."

Another, sent on 29 July, read: "The Aussies are shining in the cricket, and one took nine wickets for two runs today. We should be out of here soon."

Colin returned home to Marion and a hero's welcome in late 1945.

The Colin Phelps Collection has been given on permanent loan to the Marion Heritage Research Centre by Grant Tillett, the nephew of Colin and the grandson of Walter Phelps who built the house where the centre is based.

While the collection is still to be fully archived, it can be viewed by appointment.

The centre was recently opened as a hub for community research into local history and cultural heritage and is open Monday, 10am to 4pm and Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 12pm.

Marion Heritage Research Centre is next to the City of Marion Administration Building, 245 Sturt Road Sturt and can be contacted on 7420 6455.



LOCAL HERO

Colin Phelps in uniform during WWII and in the cockpit of a Lancaster bomber.



Marion RAP

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

The City of Marion is now one of only 360 organisations across Australia to make a public commitment to strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people after it recently launched its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The RAP will guide the organisation in playing an active role in reconciliation by encouraging community access and cultural recognition for indigenous people.

Actions include expanding consultation with the Kurna community, using indigenous place names for upgraded parks and acknowledging country on emails and stationery.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the RAP captured the many positive things the City of Marion was already doing to promote reconciliation and introduced new ideas.

"The RAP formalises much of the good work we already do, including flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, acknowledging country at functions and celebrating reconciliation with events such as Kurna Heritage Day," Ms Lewis said.

"It also expands that to acknowledging country on communications materials, using indigenous names for certain reserves and reinforcing our economic and health partnerships that support the indigenous community."

The RAP will be presented to all new employees and is on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au

UNITED

Cultural and education officer Living Kurna Cultural Centre Jamie Goldsmith and cultural entertainer Eddie Peters celebrate the launch of the City of Marion Reconciliation Action Plan.

OUR OPINION



CEO's comment

I had the pleasure of acting as MC at the ground breaking ceremony for the new Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre on August 5. The event encapsulated many good things about the Marion community, particularly the spirit of collaboration that has seen so many diverse groups working together to help deliver this important project.

The centre will be a state-of-the-art facility that will serve the community and businesses for generations to come.

I would like to thank everyone who came to the groundbreaking ceremony – including representatives from business, community groups and local churches – for their support over many years. We look forward to continuing to work with you as this long-awaited building takes shape.

The original concept of a library evolved into something better suited to the southern region following extensive community consultation. This underlines the value of our partnership with the

Marion community and I would like to thank everyone who contributed ideas about what the centre would deliver over many years.

We recently presented 34 *Unsung Heroes Awards* to an inspiring collection of individuals and groups who work to make our community a special place.

The awardees included an off-duty fireman who rescued two teenagers from a burning house and many wonderful volunteers and role-models.

I feel privileged to be working with a community that places such a high value on helping people, many of whom are strangers, and thank them all for their inspiring work.

Regards

Mark Searle
CEO, City of Marion



Mayor's comment

Like many of you, I am very disappointed that the much-anticipated referendum to include local government in the Australian Constitution will not be held at the same time as the Federal election, despite this being supported by 95 per cent of parliament.

The referendum would have taken place provided the election was held on or after 14 September.

This means that local government is again in the position of not having a date to address the issues raised by constitutional lawyers who suggest that direct payments, such as those Marion Council received for the Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre and Oaklands wetland, are at risk of being unconstitutional.

As president of the Australian Local Government Association and Mayor of Marion, I am committed to ensuring our community receives the projects and services it needs – including major infrastructure works, improvements to certain reserves, Roads to Recovery

upgrades and community services – and will continue to lobby hard to ensure these are not jeopardised.

The Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program will give communities a unique opportunity to commemorate the Diggers who fought in Gallipoli in 1915. It will provide funding of up to \$100,000 in each Federal Electorate for the 2015 centenary, and could support public events, memorials or school projects.

You can find out more by contacting your Federal MP – I suggest after the election. Details are also online at www.anzaccentenary.gov.au/grants

Regards

Felicity-ann Lewis
Mayor, City of Marion



Edwardstown Region Business Association (ERBA) is the 'must join' association for businesses in suburbs either side of South Road from Cross Road to Sturt Road.

ERBA offers members, which include businesses of any size and type, an opportunity to network through meetings, professional development seminars, a weekly emailed newsletter, Facebook and a website.

Further details and membership information is online at erba.com.au

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**ON SITE**

Economic development and strategic projects team member Georgie Johnson with manager libraries and cultural development Abby Dickson, manager strategic projects John Valentine and staff on the site where the Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre will be built.

All go for jewel of the south

By Craig Clarke
Photography Heidi Linehan

Construction is set to start on the long-awaited Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre after a ground breaking ceremony was held on 5 August.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis and Councillor Cheryl Connor were joined by Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP, in signaling the start of construction work by turning the first sod.

The official ceremony was attended by more than 50 guests, including representatives from community groups, businesses and local churches.

Electrical and telecommunications work to prepare the site is underway while a tender to construct the \$13.4 million centre will be awarded shortly.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said she was excited at the prospect of work starting on the library, community and enterprise centre.

"The community and council have worked together for 20 years to turn the dream into a reality and I'm excited that construction is about to start," Ms Lewis said.

"The centre will be a jewel in the south for the community and business for decades to come."

Building work is expected to begin soon and be completed by late next year. When completed, the 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.

The centre will be open seven days a week and is anticipated to attract more than 130,000 visitors a year.

Part of Ragamuffin Drive between Ramrod Avenue and Olivier Terrace will be redeveloped to turn it into a shared pedestrian, vehicle and cycle road, creating a bold 'entry statement' to the precinct.

Extra street trees will be planted and cobblestone 'rumble strips' installed while on-street parking will be created.

Ms Lewis said extensive community consultation over many years has helped shape the design and concept of the centre.

"The design has been inspired by the natural features of the coastline," she said.

"It will be a green-friendly building with solar panels to minimise electricity use and recycled rainwater for irrigation and plumbing."

A name for the centre is currently being developed following a community naming competition.

Mayor Lewis thanked all the groups who have worked with council to make the centre possible.

"I would like to thank the local Baptist and Lutheran churches for working with us to provide an excellent solution for car parking as well as past and current councillors for their persistence," she said.

"I'd also like to thank Makris Group who played their part in revitalising Hallett Cove by developing the shopping centre and the Southern Adelaide Economic Development Board for ensuring the centre will meet the needs of thousands of businesses in the region."

A dedicated page on makingmarion.com.au has been set up to help keep the community informed about progress of the construction.

The City of Marion has contributed \$10 million towards the centre while the Federal Government has directly invested \$3.4 million towards the construction via the Regional Development Initiatives program.

Centre for the future



ENTRY STATEMENT

Design showing entry to Ragamuffin Drive from Ramrod Avenue.



CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

This plan shows the location of the almost 2000 sq m Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre.

“The community and council have worked together for 20 years to turn the dream into a reality and I’m excited that construction is about to start.”

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis



LOOKING FORWARD

Brenton Cornish and pastor Richard Jansen of Hallett Cove Baptist Church discuss plans for the new centre at the ground breaking ceremony.



TIME TO DIG

Councillor Carol Bouwens, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis and Councillor Cheryl Connor at the ground breaking ceremony.

Councils sign up for \$23m plan to combat flooding

By Craig Clarke

Two suburban councils have joined forces to release a \$23 million, long-term plan to protect the community from the risk of flooding.

Holdfast Bay and Marion councils last month officially endorsed the joint Stormwater Management Plan.

The plan aims to reduce the risk of flooding from one-in-five year and one-in-100 year rain events across the coastal catchment area by upgrading the drainage network and addressing long-term planning issues. It also seeks to promote stormwater reuse and improve water quality.

Implementation of the plan will be subject to funding, and both councils will hold discussions with the state and federal governments.

The plan targets the 35 square kilometre coastal catchment area from Glenelg to Marino that spans both council areas and is bordered in the north and east by the Sturt River.

The use of state-of-the-art technology has enabled detailed flood modelling to ensure that drainage infrastructure is upgraded where it is most needed. Flood maps have also been prepared to show the outlook in 30 years if improvements are not made.

Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said all residents and businesses in the catchment area have received an outline of the plan.

"I urge our communities to view the plan and consider the available information, as working together is the best way to prepare for and manage the possibility of a flood," Mayor Lewis said.

"This is a large-scale project that will be implemented in a staged process over the next 10 to 20 years.

"The joint Stormwater Management Plan underlines the commitment of both councils to becoming 'Water Sensitive Cities', minimising the risk of flooding, harnessing the potential of stormwater and improving the quality of our waterways."

An executive summary of the plan is available online and copies of the full plan are available at customer service points in each council. A series of drop-in information sessions were run by both councils last month.

Holdfast Bay Mayor Dr Ken Rollond said developing and implementing the Stormwater Management Plan in partnership with Marion Council was the most effective way to protect the community.

"Water doesn't stop flowing at the different council borders so it's important that we address flood risk and stormwater management collaboratively," Dr Rollond said.



"The joint Stormwater Management Plan underlines the commitment of both councils to becoming 'Water Sensitive Cities', minimising the risk of flooding, harnessing the potential of stormwater and improving the quality of our waterways."

"The plan prioritises drainage work in the areas that have been identified as most prone to flooding in the case of a very severe weather event in a coordinated, staged schedule of works."

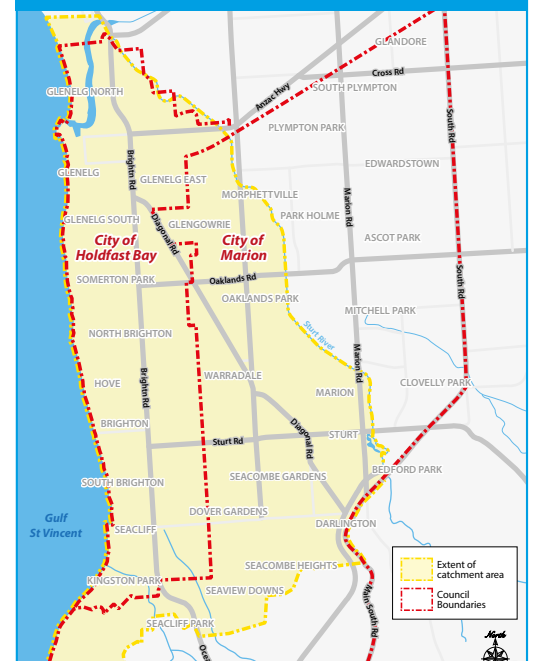
Each council has launched webpages detailing the project and featuring detailed flood-modelling maps which demonstrate the potential effects of some severe rainfall scenarios in the catchment area.

Marion residents can visit makingmarion.com.au and marion.sa.gov.au/stormwater.

The community can also view the full plan at both councils' customer service points or call Marion Council on 8375 6600 for more information.

The joint Stormwater Management Plan was developed in conjunction with the Stormwater Management Authority, the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Natural Resources Management Board and leading stormwater management and drainage system company Tonkin Consulting.

Stormwater Management Plan Catchment Area



Marion salutes its community heroes

By Richard Watson
Photography Heidi Linehan

An off-duty fireman who saved two teenagers from their burning home, a Marion City Band volunteer of 40 years and a Meals on Wheels volunteer of 24 years are among 34 recipients of this year's *Unsung Heroes Awards*.

The awards pay tribute to individuals and groups for their community spirit, bravery and contribution to sports, arts and culture.

The awards were presented by Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis at a special ceremony at the Marion Cultural Centre on 17 July.

Mayor Lewis said the event recognised people who make the community a better place.

"This year's *Unsung Heroes Awards* saluted people who have given their all to make Marion a better community by volunteering for a huge range of projects," Ms Lewis said.

"It was an honour to present a unique award to Tony Mills of the Metropolitan Fire Service who saved the lives of two teenagers while off-duty."

Bernice Heaven, who has been volunteering as a tea lady for Marion City Band for 40 years, was among those presented with an award, as was Meals on Wheels volunteer Alan Vowels while fireman Tony Mills was given a special award for bravery.

A senior Metropolitan Fire Services firefighter with 35 years' experience, Tony was returning home from a shift when he noticed smoke billowing from a house and raced to the scene.

Hearing screams from inside, he smashed a window and pulled a 17-year-old boy and 14-year-old girl to safety.

"Rescuing those kids was the pinnacle of my career as a fireman," Tony said.

"It turned out they were the children of a woman who used to cut my hair 10 years ago.

"I didn't expect to receive an *Unsung Heroes Award*, but was very proud to be given it and share the experience with so many terrific community volunteers."

The awards ceremony featured a presentation from five-time Paralympic gold medalist, Kieran Modra of Hallett Cove, about what it takes to be a champion despite being sight-impaired since birth.

Awards were also presented to volunteers who have dedicated themselves to sports clubs, removing graffiti, Neighbourhood Watch, teaching woodwork and supporting people with an intellectual disability.

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Our Unsung Heroes

The full list of *Unsung Heroes* and the categories they were awarded in are:

Bravery

- › **Tony Mills**, fire fighter, Metropolitan Fire Service

Business

- › **Paul Williams**, Edwardstown Region Business Association

Arts and culture

- › **Bernice Heaven**, tea lady, Marion City Band
- › **Beverly Whittington**, arts volunteer and member of Red House Group

Role model

- › **Glen Forgan**, volunteer woodwork teacher

Sport

- › **Shaun Krutli**, president, South Road Cricket Club

Community spirit

- › **Jonathan and Nayellin Elizalde**, salsa dance class volunteers
- › **Allan Wright**, Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Recreation Ground Committee life member
- › **Elaine Turbill** Schools volunteer
- › **Tom Kimber**, president, Lions Club of Hallett Cove and District
- › **Pat Mundan**, Cooina Neighbourhood Centre volunteer
- › **Ross Bowles**, area coordinator, Morphetville Neighbourhood Watch
- › **Vicki Johnson**, graffiti removal volunteer
- › **Pauline Newman**, Green Thumbs gardening volunteer
- › **David Tapley**, Green Thumbs gardening volunteer
- › **Bill Jolley**, volunteer woodwork teacher, Glandore Community Centre
- › **Sharon Jupp**, Adult Community Education program volunteer
- › **Ann and David Pope**, Warradale Meals on Wheels volunteer
- › **Pamela Rippin**, Warradale Meals on Wheels volunteer
- › **Fay Quinn**, Meals on Wheels, Warradale
- › **Alan Vowels**, Warradale Meals on Wheels volunteer
- › **Michelle Cartwright**, for organising a community Christmas party
- › **10 volunteers** from Abbeyfield House

LOCAL HERO

Mayor Lewis presents fire fighter Tony Mills with his *Unsung Heroes Award* for bravery.



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**ON SONG**

Vocalize Choir's Kerrie Polkinghorne, Anthony Little, Heidi Shutz, Larissa Bailey tune up for rehearsals with the group's new electronic keyboard.

Community Grants hit right note

By Richard Watson
Photography Heidi Linehan

A community choir is hitting all the right notes thanks to an electronic keyboard it bought with a \$2000 grant from the City of Marion.

Vocalize Choir won the Community Grant in June this year and immediately bought the portable keyboard to improve its rehearsals and shows.

Choir director and conductor Kerrie Polkinghorne said the grant had enabled them to develop as singers and boosted their performances.

"They keyboard has given our performances a new dimension and has helped expand our repertoire," Ms Polkinghorne said.

"We do not have auditions and welcome anyone who loves to sing and have fun performing a diverse range of music ranging from 1920s jazz, hits from the 60s and selections from musicals.

"Our numbers have doubled to 36 since we formed in April last year and we are still seeking people who would like to come and sing with us and put a smile on the face of the community."

Vocalize Choir performed at *Marion Celebrates* earlier this year and is currently rehearsing for a number of festivals.

The second round of Community Grants for 2013 recently opened and will run until 23 September.

Grants help non-profit groups to develop new projects for community benefit.

The City of Marion provided \$75,000 of Community Grants last year, which were worth almost \$320,000 when taking into account the 5300 volunteer hours they generated.

The grants supported activities in arts and culture, sport and recreation, the environment and community development.

For more information about Community Grants contact Rachel McCaskill, community development officer, on 8375 6600, or go to the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au

Details about Vocalize Choir are online at vocalize.com.au

Referendum shelving 'disappointing', says mayor

By Craig Clarke

The decision to shelve a referendum on recognising local government in the Constitution is "disappointing", according to Marion Council Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis.

The timing of the federal election on September 7 means the referendum is unable to proceed, despite having the support of the majority of federal MPs and councils around Australia.

The earliest possible date for the referendum to occur would have been September 14.

Ms Lewis said: "It is very disappointing that the much anticipated local government referendum is not going ahead at the time of the election".

"Local government is again in the position of not having a date to address the issues raised by constitutional lawyers who suggest that direct payments, such as those Marion Council has received for the Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre and the Oaklands wetland, are at risk of being unconstitutional."

She said the small but necessary change to the Constitution would have fixed the anomaly and enabled councils to continue to receive direct federal funding for much-needed community projects.

"Our preference would have been to hold the referendum alongside the election as our research tells us that Australians are in support of a 'yes' vote and agree it's time for the Constitution to be updated to recognise the role of their local council," she said.

She said councils will continue to lobby for the change on behalf of their communities.

Marion has benefited from more than \$15 million in direct Federal Government assistance in recent years.

This has included money for new roads, flooring at the Marion Cultural Centre, and upgrades to reserves.



TIME TO GIVE

Edwardstown Football Club's Aaron Parsons, nurse Leila Skeldon and Southern Football League president Craig Warman with Quinton McCallum of Marion and Scott Paterson of Morphettville Park football clubs.

Footy rivals to bleed this season

Photography Heidi Linehan

Rivals on the footy field are competing in a new challenge by battling to see who can donate the most blood this season.

The Southern Football League Blood Challenge has kicked off and will see the league's 15 clubs compete off the field to save the most lives by donating blood.

The Cove, Edwardstown, Marion and Morphettville Park football clubs from are among those competing in the challenge.

League president Craig Warman said the clubs took up the challenge after learning there is a high demand for blood but only one in 30 Australians donate.

"With one in three people needing blood in their lifetime it could be a team mate who needs a life-saving treatment," Mr Warman said.

"The competition between rival teams is fierce- blood is sure to spill this season."

Australian Red Cross Blood Service enrolled nurse Leila Skeldon said cancer and trauma patients and burns victims were among those who rely on lifesaving blood donations.

"While the players are competing to donate, the real winners will be patients in need of blood," she said.

"Donate blood and in just one hour you will save three lives and help your club reach the top of the ladder."

The challenge runs until 30 September and is open to players and members of the public who can nominate which team they want their donation to support.

Donations can be made at Marion Blood Donor Centre, 1 Milham Street, Oaklands Park.

To make an appointment or join the challenge, call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au/clubred

Green plan sees action

By Richard Watson

Photography Michael Mullan

A local environmental group is leading a key initiative in a joint action plan between the City of Marion and the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board.

Our Mutual Agreement addresses environmental issues in a practical manner and includes major infrastructure projects, education programs and support for community action.

The Friends of Lower Field River are working to restore natural biodiversity to Cormorant Reserve in Hallett Cove.

Additionally, they are caring for the lower portion of the Field River estuary and nearby sand dunes.

Chair of the Friends of Lower Field River David Greenhough said the naturally beautiful area had a lot of potential.

"Lower Field River is one of the most unique natural watercourses in metropolitan Adelaide and we are working hard to protect it by weeding, planting native species and acting as an advocacy group," Mr Greenhough said.



"We have about 60 registered volunteers who are helping to protect the area and encourage native biodiversity."

Major projects in *Our Mutual Agreement* include the new Joint Stormwater Management Plan between Marion and Holdfast Bay councils and the Oaklands wetland stormwater reuse scheme.

Actions in *Our Mutual Agreement* are part-funded by the NRM levy.

GREEN ACTION

Chair of Friends of Lower Field River David Greenhough wants to encourage native biodiversity.

The NRM Levy is a state tax used to fund environmental and conservation projects and is commonly calculated either on a fixed charge or on the value of rateable land.

More information about the Friends of Lower Field River is online at fieldriver.org

Community celebrate \$9 million wetland



DESIGNS EXPLAINED

Environmental engineer Dr Robin Allison from Design Flow explains the design of the wetland to visitors.

By Richard Watson
Photography Heidi Linehan

More than 350 visitors were given a special preview of Oaklands wetland at a free community event on 11 August.

Guided tours of the wetland gave guests a unique insight into the civil engineering and infrastructure that will see it capture and clean up to 400 million litres of stormwater each year.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the award-winning \$9 million Oaklands wetland would provide major environmental and recreational benefits for the entire community.

"I am delighted that Marion now has a significant new resource to capture, clean and reuse stormwater and revitalise the natural environment to create a biodiversity hot spot with native birds and plant life for people to enjoy," Ms Lewis said.

"In addition to harvesting our most precious resource – water – Oaklands wetland will give families the chance to enjoy outdoor activities in a high quality open space surrounding the wetland and provide an important venue for education and scientific research.

"I would like to thank the community, especially Oaklands Estate Residents' Association, for their input into the project over many years and state and federal governments for joining us to provide funding."

Treated water from the wetland will be used to irrigate 31 council reserves.

The wetland covers 2.2 hectares and will be the centerpiece to the new Oaklands Reserve Precinct – a 13 hectare site that will come alive with native birds and plants and feature an adventure play space and walking trails.

The City of Marion has been presented with an Excellence in Community Engagement by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia for how it involved the community in designing a plan for the site.

The community day also included environmental displays, a photographic exhibit, Kurna crafts and entertainment for kids.

Mayor Lewis was joined at the event by Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation and Water, the Honourable Ian Hunter, and Parliamentary Secretary for Environment and Urban Water, Member for Kingston, the Honourable Amanda Rishworth MP.

The wetland cost more than \$9 million, with the City of Marion and the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Management Board each contributing \$2.66 million. The Federal Government provided \$3.73 million through the *Water for the Future* initiative.

The wetland is expected to be open to the public by October this year and be fully operational by 2015.

More information about the Oaklands wetland is available online at marion.sa.gov.au/oaklands-wetland

Community feedback on plans for Tonsley



Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club was transformed into an ideas hub as the community shared its views at a joint Tonsley and City of Marion Engagement Day in June.

About 300 visitors discussed plans for the redevelopment of the 61-hectare former Mitsubishi site, which is set to become an integrated precinct for high-value manufacturing and education combined with a new residential community.

Local residents, families and children provided feedback to the design of key aspects of the site, building on earlier engagement on the Tonsley Masterplan. These were re-use of the Main Assembly Building, proposed public and recreation areas and plans for pedestrian and vehicle connections.

In addition, the City of Marion sought feedback on design options for the Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club Draft Masterplan.

Community members submitted over 90 written responses to the plans on aspects ranging from interactive spaces to cafes and greenways.

Project director at Tonsley, Vincent Rigter, said the joint engagement day was an overwhelming success, allowing the community to provide valuable feedback.

"Indoor recreation facilities were a clear favourite, with exercise and play equipment ranking highly," he said.

"The vision for a bustling Tonsley community resonated strongly with activities such as markets and live performances in the town square also popular."

Mr Rigter said community engagement was essential to informing the design.

Tonsley will be home to high-value and innovative manufacturing companies as well as TAFE SA's Sustainable

Industries Education Centre (SIEC) and Flinders University's building for Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics.

Detailed designs are being informed by community feedback to the masterplan, which envisages the sustainable mixed-use precinct will provide employment and economic growth through industrial and commercial opportunities and the construction of about 1000 homes for 1500 residents, accommodation for 6300 jobs and \$1 billion of private sector investment over 20 years.

More information on the Tonsley redevelopment is online at tonsley.com

TONSLEY TOWN SQUARE

Tonsley's Town Square will become a vibrant community hub (artist's impression).

Council nurses 32 students

By Richard Watson

Photography Simon Stanbury



Nursing students from Flinders University have been honing their skills by teaming up with staff from Marion Council's Community Care Unit and neighbourhood centres.

In a first for council and the university, 32 students from the School of Nursing and Midwifery (SONM) shadowed staff to learn how they interacted with clients as part of a special community placement.

In addition to picking up important communications tips, they gained first-hand knowledge of the support services provided by council which will help them in their careers, first year nursing student Say Leng said.

"I learnt a lot about how to communicate sensitively by visiting people's homes with council's Community Care Unit and observing them as they speak to clients on the phone, Ms Leng, 28, said.

"I now know there are services council provides so people can live independently at home and have gained a better understanding of the factors affecting people's health.

"I have also broadened my assessment and observation skills and gained practical experience for the future."

Eight students were placed with the Community Care Unit and 26 at Mitchell Park, Cooina and Glandore neighbourhood centres where they observed and joined in activities with visitors.

Marion Council chief executive officer, Mark Searle, said the professional experience placements would help build a better system of health and wellbeing in the community.

"The students will bring the knowledge and experience gained during the placements back into the community," Mr Searle said.

"The scheme also supported council's commitment to the international Healthy City initiative which aims to improve the wellbeing of communities in a collaborative and holistic manner."

The pilot scheme ran during May.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Say Leng was one of 32 student nurses to gain experience of working with the community at Marion Council.

Survivor peddles for cancer cure

Photography Heidi Linehan

A 50-year-old Glengowrie resident is training for a 200km bike ride to raise money for cancer research a year after being diagnosed with the disease.

From November 30 Julieann Ames Meredith and thousands of other South Australians will cycle more than 200 km over two days as part of the inaugural *Ride to Conquer Cancer* to raise funds for Flinders Medical Centre Foundation.

Last August Julieann was diagnosed with breast cancer but is determined to beat the disease.

"I have had to overcome many obstacles in my life and I have become a better person for it," Julieann said.

"Having being diagnosed and treated at the Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer, anything I can do to assist the fantastic staff to find a cure and to assist in the treatment of people such as myself, is very worthwhile."

About 9300 new cancer cases are diagnosed each year in South Australia according to the director of Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer, Professor Ross McKinnon, who is also participating in the ride.

"The latest figures show an increase in diagnoses but also a decrease in cancer mortality," Professor McKinnon said.

"This shift has been happening over the past decade as screening techniques and treatments improve, which is where the Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer is leading the way."

For more information about registering and donating to The Ride to Conquer Cancer call 1300 34 7433 or visit the website conquercancer.org.au

MOVING FORWARD

Julieann Ames Meredith is determined to overcome cancer and raise money to fight the disease.





End 40 years of traffic snarls

By Craig Clarke
Photography Simon Stanbury

Nearly 700 people a week have signed a petition calling on the State Government to end 40 years of traffic snarls at Oaklands crossing.

The stunning result demonstrates the strong community demand for the government to fund the construction of a rail over/underpass at the intersection of Diagonal and Morphet roads.

A State Government study last year found an overpass was long overdue and would ease traffic congestion at the intersection, choked with up to 41,000 cars a day.

The estimated \$110 million to fix the intersection is yet to be included in state or federal budgets.

Marion Council launched an eight-week petition in February to gauge the community's interest in solving the traffic issue.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the message from the community was clear.

"Over an eight week period, about 5528 people signed our lightning petition calling for an end to the traffic congestion at Oaklands crossing," Ms Lewis said.

"It was a fantastic result in such a short time which demonstrates that a solution needs to be found for this troubled intersection.

"I'm pleased that we have a plan to deal with the traffic issues but the next challenge is for the state and federal governments to find \$110 million to build this long-awaited rail infrastructure."

Ms Lewis formally handed the petition to Member for Mitchell Alan Sibbons at Oaklands crossing in June in the hope that funding would be included in the State budget.

On receiving the petition, Mr Sibbons said: "I congratulate the Marion Council for joining my campaign to fix this nightmare intersection once and for all".

The crossing is a significant north-south transport route for region-wide small business and a solution would reduce waiting lengthy times at the intersection.

Ms Lewis said she remained hopeful that the infrastructure would be funded in the future.

"With elections looming, it would be wonderful if both parties could see the benefits to the community of funding this infrastructure," she said.

"The petition will enable council to continue advocating on behalf of the community for an over or underpass.



PLAN TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW

Top – Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis hands over the petition to revamp Oaklands crossing to Member for Mithchell Alan Sibbons.

Above – A concept design to improve Oaklands crossing with a rail over/underpass.

"Marion Council will push for funding through discussions with the community and the government and we're supportive of any other initiative that helps the construction to go ahead."

Construction of the infrastructure would complement the recently-completed State Aquatic and Leisure Centre and the planned expansion of the Westfield Shopping Centre.

The Marion Cultural Centre plaza is also being redesigned, which is part of a wider plan to rejuvenate the area.



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Upgrades improve access

By Richard Watson
Photography Heidi Linehan

Three community facilities have been upgraded to meet disability access standards in the past financial year as part of Marion Council's \$2.6 million commitment to making its buildings more user-friendly over the next decade.

Park Holme Community Hall, Marion Swimming Centre and Clovelly Park Community Hall have been upgraded at a combined cost of almost \$220,000.

Work included installing ramps, automatic doors, disability access toilets and handrails.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said council had made a long-term commitment to improving access to buildings for people with a disability.

"We are working hard to give anyone with a disability the opportunity to play an active part in the community by being able to access our facilities easily," Ms Lewis said.

"Disability access upgrades are factored into council's long-term financial planning and we have a schedule of works to continue improving our buildings to meet the needs of the entire community."



Caretaker of Park Holme Community Hall, Val Dangerfield, said the work had transformed the venue.

"A wide-range of people use the hall for everything from exercise classes to social groups and it's now much easier for them to enjoy the facilities," she said.

Earlier this year council signed off on \$190,000 worth of work to make Southbank and Clovelly Park tennis clubs Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant in the 2013/14 financial year.

Forty-one of council's 71 buildings currently meet DDA standards or are being upgraded.

Council's Disability Management Plan prioritises work for maximum community benefit and takes into account the condition of buildings that will be upgraded as well as the age and ability of users.

BETTER ACCESS

Caretaker of Park Holme Community Hall Val Dangerfield on the new disability access ramp.



One Card a winner

By Richard Watson
Photography Heidi Linehan

Members of Marion Libraries have given the thumbs up to South Australia's *One Card* system, notching up almost 820,000 transactions since it was launched in May last year.

One Card gives users access to millions of books, DVDs, CDs and magazines from participating libraries throughout South Australia.

The system enables people to order from a massive online catalogue and borrow and return items to any library that is part of the network.

One Card has opened up new business resources for Merydith Willoughby.

"*One Card* is fantastic, it gives me access to books and resources I didn't have before," Ms Willoughby said.

"It's ideal for finding books on leadership for my business as well as pursuing my personal interest in history."

Marion's 48,488 library customers have accounted for more than 10 per cent of the 7.7 million borrowings recorded since *One Card* was launched and placed 127,131 reservations.

More information about Marion Libraries is online at marion.sa.gov.au/libraries

One Card gives users access to millions of books, DVDs, CDs and magazines from participating libraries throughout South Australia.

BIG FAN

One Card has given Merydith Willoughby access to more books and resources.

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MARINO | SEACLIFF PARK |
HALLETT COVE

The City of Marion has a unique coastal environment. The coastal trail along the cliffs of Marino and Hallett Cove is a walk enjoyed by many locals and visitors. Hallett Cove beach foreshore is the beachside area of Hallett Cove. The opportunity to beautify Hallett Cove beach has been embraced by the community who have attended coastal workshops to offer their thoughts and ideas for the future development of the precinct. The Hallett Cove Beach Foreshore draft master plan is almost ready and will soon be available for community consultation. Watch out for your chance to comment.

As a member of the Metropolitan Seaside Councils Committee, Marion works with neighbouring seaside councils to address a range of issues. Working together helps achieve a more integrated way of managing our coastal environments. Advisory members of the committee contribute considerable knowledge of coastal management.

Surf Life Saving SA members of our committee offer their services and encourage us to see another side of our coast. A national signage manual has been developed by Surf Life Saving Australian to achieve a common signage policy along the Australian coast. Some coastal councils have already taken up the initiative. Marion's budget this year has allowed for an audit of our coast by Surf Life Saving SA. This will not mean a proliferation of signs - it may actually reduce the number of signs. A coordinated approach to our coastal signage across all councils will enable us to become a more knowledgeable and safer coastal community.



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MARINO | SEACLIFF PARK |
HALLETT COVE

At this time of year I have the privilege of attending handover dinners, presentation nights and AGMs for many volunteer organisations around Marion.

These events remind me that our community would be nothing without the volunteers who partner with the council to build our city into the place it is.

Volunteers are a vital part of life. No level of government can do it all alone – nor should it be expected to. To get the sort of community we want, we need to put our hands up to be part of things we want to shape.

A famous African proverb says that 'it takes a village to raise a child'. This comes from the idea that we are only able to reach our potential when we are immersed in a community, sharing skills, resources and ideas. In the same way, our council could never be without the many volunteers who pitch in to our work.

In Coastal Ward I think of our environmental groups who care for the Field River and Marino and Hallett Cove conservation parks. Our school; church and sporting volunteers; the people who scrub off graffiti and those who drive the community bus. They are part of our 'village'.

In May I spoke at our annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner where we acknowledge the amazing contribution of our city's volunteers. I used my speech to give heartfelt thanks to those who give their time and skills to make Marion great. You can read my speech at: www.davidspeirs.com.au



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GLENGOWRIE | PLYMPTON PARK |
PARK HOLME | MORPHETTVILLE

Mullawirra residents may have noticed that a couple of reserves are taking shape, rather quickly.

McKellar Reserve at Morphettville is currently being upgraded, as is Aldridge Reserve at Plympton Park.

It is a credit to council staff how swiftly these projects proceed once started and I'm sure you will agree that they enhance their respective areas.

Marion residents (and those who commute using Marion Road) might also be pleased to know that council recently passed a motion expressing the city's desire to see something done about the site which was formerly the Skorpos petrol station.

When it was operating, it was never the most aesthetically pleasing sight. Being unoccupied and subjected to graffiti hasn't improved its beauty.

Lastly, council recently passed its annual budget for the 2013/14 financial year.

As part of the budget, council resolved to support a rate increase of five per cent. That is something I did not support as it is well in excess of the rate of inflation.

As always, if you need any assistance with council issues, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm only a phone call away.



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GLENGOWRIE | PLYMPTON PARK |
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Volunteering in Marion

Are you looking to give something back to your community?

There is plenty of need for volunteers in the City of Marion (the volunteer development officer can be contacted on 8375 6600) and I know that Neighbourhood Watch areas in my ward are looking for more community minded people to get involved (even just to help deliver newsletters) as they provide a valuable service to the community. If you want to find the nearest neighbourhood watch area to you, please call Sturt Police Crime Prevention Section 8207 4820.

Budget 2013

You may have read the recent discussions about setting rates in our last budget. I have always been supportive of keeping rates at the lowest possible level to provide the services residents expect and being as efficient as possible in delivering them with your money. Therefore I have successfully moved for council to sit down and discuss where we think savings should be made way before the next budget gets to council for consideration. That way we can identify areas we think need to be reviewed, determine the impact of any cuts, implement more savings and thus reduce the impact on your rates in a process that can achieve more than mere headlines.

Street Trees

Finally, I urge all residents who want (or wish to enquire about) a street tree planted in front of their property or, to adopt-a-tree, to contact council on 8375 6600 as soon as possible to ensure they fall into the current tree planting season.



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SEAVIEW DOWNS | TROTT PARK |
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I cannot praise our volunteers enough and was delighted to see their dedication and hard work celebrated at City of Marion's annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner earlier this year.

It was a great pleasure to see so many enthusiastic and passionate volunteers representing the many diverse organisations from our city.

This year a special award was given to those who had reached a long service target. Deputy Mayor David Speirs thanked the audience for their contribution for giving their time to help others.

There was a tremendous amount of prizes given out at the raffle, and staff involved in the organisation of the event are to be commended for its success.

One of the volunteers, Vernon Roberts, a member of the Mens' Shed at Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre, was presented with a 10-year Recognition Award. He hopes to collect another one in 10 years - when he is 93!

Thank you once again to all our volunteers, no matter how big or small your contribution, for your tireless work. It is very much appreciated by staff and Elected Members.

Another event I enjoyed was the official opening of the Marion Heritage Research Centre which brought back memories of Bob Donnelly. Bob worked enthusiastically with Marion Historical Society for many years until his sad passing. He leaves a wonderful legacy, and was a great example of selfless volunteering for the community.



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Are you happy?

A recent Report by Professor Robert Cummins of Melbourne's Deakin University has revealed the "golden triangle of happiness". A good intimate relationship, up to \$100,000 of household income, and a social activity that gives us a reason to get up in the morning with a sense of purpose, are the three elements of the triangle. After, 29 surveys and over 12 years of research, he has found that non-catastrophic health issues and mild levels of being overweight do not have a major effect on our happiness/mood. He recommends that doctors should start thinking more about their patients' overall happiness than focussing solely on high blood pressure and cholesterol problems. If you live within the golden triangle, temporary interruptions to relationships, income, and social activities are usually overcome in a short time. For further reading reference Ben Pike "Health and Fitness" news.com.au

Building the Education Revolution (BER)

These Commonwealth grants came via the State who charged a significant fee for assistance with the design and financial management of each project. The schools chose their buildings wisely and achieved an excellent outcome on each campus. I was fortunate to be able to make a private tour of each facility last year. Seaview Downs Primary School built a junior gymnasium and immediately introduced a netball competition. Seaview High School built a four classroom language centre for their French, Japanese, and Chinese classes. Sheidow Park Primary built a junior gymnasium and the cricket club booked a time. Woodend Primary School built a classroom complex. Our schools have benefitted enormously from BER funding and the facilities can be available to the public – contact the schools for details.

COUNCILLORS' VIEWS



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WARRADALE | OAKLANDS PARK |
DOVER GARDENS | SEACOMBE GARDENS

Hi neighbours and fellow ratepayers!

It is exciting times for all of us living in Marion with the number of community consultations that have recently taken place and are currently underway. I strongly believe in the importance and necessity of providing everyone with the opportunity to have their say and help shape the public places where they live and visit.

I have enjoyed attending recent consultations regarding master planning for our major sports hubs; and hearing what the users of these facilities want and need. The projects are yet to be allocated funding but completing the master plan better positions us to seek and/or allocate required funding in the future. If you would like to have your say or share your ideas regarding the master planning for any of the four major sports hubs (Club Marion, Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club, Edwardstown Oval and Hallett Cove Sports) please visit marion.sa.gov.au/sports-and-community-facility-master-plans

Alternatively, call Amy Liddicoat for information about Cove or Mitchell Park and Sean O'Brien for details about Marion or Edwardstown on 8375 6600, or contact your ward councillors.

Other projects we have recently consulted on include: Warradale Park Reserve; Linear Park Reserve; York Avenue Reserve; Future composition and structure of council; Volunteer recognition; Oaklands reserve/wetlands; Our community plan and business plan (including rates!).

If you are interested in keeping up-to-date, contributing your ideas, or commenting on some of the issues being considered by council, I encourage you to register your details on the Making Marion website or contact council via phone or post.



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WARRADALE | OAKLANDS PARK |
DOVER GARDENS | SEACOMBE GARDENS

Manifesto reminder and update:

- › I will continue to lobby for the provision of a rail under/overpass for the Oaklands Crossing. Action – moved motion for campaign including petition.
- › I support the Oaklands wetland aquifer recharge project. Action – moved motion for additional funds to expand water distribution network to many more council reserves.
- › I support the Oaklands recreation plaza being a \$650,000 grant funded skate board facility adjacent to wetland. Action – attended and supported young/older residents at consultation.
- › I support the Domain/Marion Cultural Centre plaza project. Action – moved additional budget allocation for final design brief.
- › I oppose the proposed pedestrian underpass at the Marion Station. Action – moved the motion that council object to this underpass but unfortunately was not supported by council.
- › I will continue to monitor/review council's financial performance including executive salary packages and use of consultants.
- › I will continue a quest to "green Marion", its streets and buildings. Action, lobbying for street trees on medium of arterial roads and moved motion for additional budget funding for Biophilic Project with UniSA.
- › I will continue to support the Greenways (off road bikeways) in Marion, being Mike Turtur (tram line), Ascot Park and Tonsley (rail lines).
- › I will continue to support reserves and playground upgrades.
- › I do not support any road closures or speed bumps in the Oaklands Park area; I do believe a 40 kph speed limit could be applicable.
- › I will continue to lobby for community gardens and apiary sites in Marion.



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MARION | MITCHELL PARK | STURT |
CLOVELLY PARK | BEDFORD PARK

Information gathering on the requirements of Marion's four sports/community hubs (Mitchell Park Sports Club, The Cove Sports Club, Plympton Park Sports Club and Marion Sports Club) is proceeding well, with great input from the stakeholders from the various groups. As you know, this consultation work is only the beginning of a long process which will provide sufficient information on which to start planning for the most appropriate locations for all of our sporting and community facilities across the entire city; if all goes to plan, council should be able to go to the community with some initial plans for discussion prior to Christmas.

There will be several opportunities for community discussion before we settle on a completed master plan and once this has taken place we can then begin sourcing funding to assist in bringing our plans to fruition. I am immensely heartened by the way our community has embraced our proposed plans which will benefit both current and future generations and thank you all for your input and ideas which are vital to the success of this programme. Amy Liddicoat will be pleased to answer queries about Cove and Mitchell Park and Sean O'Brien about Marion and Edwardstown and they can be reached on 8375 6600 or you can visit the council website on marion.sa.gov.au/sports-and-community-facility-master-plans

Thank you also to everyone who signed our petition for an overpass at Oaklands Railway station; we gave it our best shot but unfortunately no funding was available in the current State Government budget for this work.



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MARION | MITCHELL PARK | STURT |
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While the weather gets colder, the temperature warms up with the community and sporting master plans! The fantastic four (Marion, Mitchell Park, Edwardstown and The Cove) are all coming along well, with concept proposals still out for public consultation. I personally attended the Mitchell Park open day which drew a large crowd interested in offering their opinions on the site and also its interface with the evolving Tonsley site. It was fantastic to see that level of interest.

Another significant consultation has been the local traffic management study undertaken between Diagonal, Sturt, Marion roads and the train line. The second meeting drew a record attendance, with more than 120 residents filling the chambers to air their concerns regarding traffic flow and volume passing through the side streets. A complex issue, which certainly divided views, will conclude with a traffic engineers report to council in the near future.

On another note, with the draining political talk at the moment I thought I would add to it and remind you that if you care for your community, neighbourhood or believe you can offer new perspectives consider yourself for council in November 2014.

Until next time, keep up to date with me on twitter or facebook @luke4marion



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SOUTH PLYMPTON | GLANDORE |
ASCOT PARK | EDWARDSTOWN

Greetings to Marion residents, I hope you are having a great winter and keeping warm during this cold weather!

The past six months have been very busy in the Woodlands Ward. Many of you may have noticed the ongoing works on the Mike Turtur Bikeway between Marion Road and Glandore Tram Stop, providing safe access for cyclists and landscaping the transport corridor. Plans have been available on the proposed redevelopment of Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Recreation Ground during consultation with the community. Renovations to Active Elders Hall are continuing while they celebrate their 45th birthday. Special congratulations to the Active Elders Association for this milestone achievement.

I recently attended the National General Assembly for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) where I gained an excellent insight into local government in Australia. I was particularly impressed with the leadership displayed by South Australian representatives, such as our very own mayor as the ALGA president. I was also pleasantly surprised to learn that Marion rates highly in its service provision for residents.

I acknowledge that despite our achievements there are still many things that we can improve on in Marion. With this in mind, I will be running street corner meetings in August and September to seek your feedback on what else we can achieve for your community. Keep a look out for leaflets in your letterbox or follow my Alice Campbell twitter account.



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SOUTH PLYMPTON | GLANDORE |
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There's swings and roundabouts associated with living in any area. Down my way in Edwardstown, we're lucky to be a few kilometres from the city and a few kilometres from the beach. However, we unfortunately don't have much public open space. This is further compounded by the fact that our population density is increasing and the size of our backyards is shrinking. We therefore need to make the most of every bit of public open space that we do have.

We are therefore drawing up a masterplan for the redevelopment of Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Recreation Ground. This is being done in close consultation with the relevant sports clubs and local community. While the masterplan is not yet complete, it will likely include brand new community buildings, car parking, a new playground, landscaping and a general tidy up of all the facilities.

The site is currently a rough diamond. It has huge potential and could be truly brilliant, but it needs to be carefully cut and polished first.

It won't be a quick, simple or cheap redevelopment, but it is necessary for us to do the job right in order to support our current and future populations in the coming decades.

More information about the masterplan for Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Recreation Ground is online at marion.sa.gov.au/edwardstown-soldiers-memorial-recreation-ground-master-plan

For more regular updates, search:
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SMELLING THE ROSES

Valda Ingram's garden is kept safe with City of Marion's Home Maintenance program.



Gardening service puts safety first

By Richard Watson
Photography Heidi Linehan

Residents struggling to keep their garden safe and manageable could be eligible for a helping hand from City of Marion's gardening service.

Cutting back small shrubs, spraying weeds and clearing paths of obstacles are part of a service designed to help eligible residents.

Valda Ingram of Edwardstown has been using the gardening service since 2009.

"I love my roses and but can't get out in the garden as much as I would like due to a leg injury", Valda, 85, said.

"The 'boys' as I call them do a great job, keeping it tidy so people don't trip over shrubs or branches."

The gardening service is part of the Home Maintenance program. To be eligible, residents must be frail and aged 65 and over, living independently in the community, be adults living with a disability and/or carers of either group and in receipt of a full pension or equivalent.

The program also includes replacing tap washers, light globes, installing battery operated smoke detectors - as well as changing batteries - and fitting fly wires and key safes.

A gutter cleaning service can be provided once per financial year.

Services incur an hourly fee and the cost of materials is passed on to the client.

For more information, contact the Home and Community Care Unit on 8375 6649.

Culture ride to start at Warriparinga

Warriparinga will host the start of a bike ride featuring a former *Tour Down Under* champion and four AFL legends that aims to promote awareness of local Aboriginal culture and raise funds for Kurna language.

2004 *Tour Down Under* winner Patrick Jonker and former AFL stars Gavin Wanganeen, Byron Picket and Che Cockatoo-Collins will depart from Warriparinga, off Sturt Road, Bedford Park with about 30 other cyclists on Friday, 18 October at 10am.

A Welcome to Country ceremony will be held prior to the race at 9.30am.

Cycling for Culture - A bike ride through Kurna Country will see the riders travel 275kms, taking in the Fleurieu Peninsula, Mount Lofty Ranges and northern metropolitan Adelaide.

The ride will finish at the native school, Pirltawodli, by the Torrens Weir, north Adelaide on Sunday, 20 October.

More information and details of how to sponsor a rider are online at cyclingforculture.com.au

**DEADLY MOB**

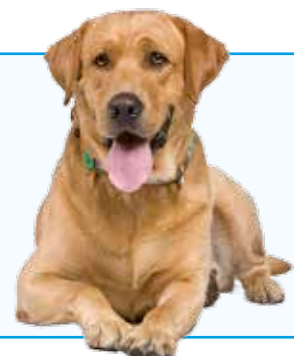
The Deadly Mob cycling group stop for a break by the Kurna Aboriginal Art mural at Outer Harbour Railway Station on a training ride for the *Cycling for Culture* event.

DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

Dog registrations expired on June 30 and payment is due by August 31.

It is important to register your dog so that if it becomes lost it can be returned quickly.

Payment details are online at marion.sa.gov.au





DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Regulated and significant trees

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a regulated and significant tree?

A “regulated” tree is any tree that has a trunk with a circumference of two metres or more, whereas a “significant” tree has a trunk with a circumference of three metres or more. The trunk must be measured at a point one metre above ground level.

In the case of trees with multiple trunks, the total circumference of all trunks should be measured. The average circumference of the trunks must be at least 625mm for the tree to be regulated or significant.

Council approval is required in order to prune or remove regulated and significant trees.

In late 2011, State Government announced a range of species exempt from regulated and significant tree controls. The trees include exotic species, those considered to have a high risk of limb failure and infrastructure damage, and common trees in urban areas.

Exempt species include Box Elder, Camphor Laurel, Monterey Cypress, Monterey Pine, Weeping Willow and Peppercorn trees. A full list can be obtained by contacting Development Services – details are at the bottom of this page.

Additionally, all trees located within 10 metres of a dwelling or in-ground swimming pool are exempt, unless it is one of the following species:

- › *Agonis flexuosa* (Willow Myrtle)
- › *Eucalyptus* (any tree of the species)

In order to determine the species of a tree, we recommend you seek advice from a qualified arborist.

If an application is submitted to remove a regulated or significant tree, council will assess the tree’s health and overall contribution to the area.

If approval is granted to remove a regulated or significant tree, property owners are required to plant replacements of an appropriate species in a suitable location.

Two replacement trees must be planted for every regulated tree that is removed and three trees for each significant tree removed.

The cost of planting and maintaining replacement trees is the responsibility of the land owner. These trees need to be protected and maintained for the entirety of their lives, with any dead, dying or diseased trees replaced within a reasonable time frame.

An alternative to planting replacement trees, land owners can make a payment into council’s Urban Tree Fund which is used to plant and maintain new trees in local parks and reserves.

Payments are set at \$160 for the removal of a regulated tree and \$240 for a significant tree.

For further information, please contact Development Services on 8375 6685 or visit council’s website marion.sa.gov.au

August –
December
2013

MARION
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EVENTS DIARY

Visit the Box Office for bookings
and tickets or call **8375 6855**
Monday to Friday, 10am – 5pm.

Marion Cultural Centre
287 Diagonal Road
E mcc@marion.sa.gov.au
W marionculturalcentre.com.au

MATINEE SERIES

Leading Men I'll Never Play OOTS*

Tuesday 10 September 11am

Leading Men I'll Never Play is a lighthearted romp that sees actor/singer David Gauci and pianist/cabaret performer Matthew Carey reunite to present a show that celebrates those magic characters in music theatre - neither of these boys was ever meant to play on stage.

Tickets \$15



The 60s Down-under OOTS*

Tuesday 12 November 11am



Join us for a New Year's Eve 1969 live TV recording of the GO BEAT Show! Join our host Reg E Might, while we interview and enjoy guest tribute performances by pop icons from the decade of Peace and Love.

Tickets \$15

Dukes of Jazz OOTS*

Tuesday 8 October 11am



If you like toe-tapping music you'll love this eclectic group of Adelaide musicians who will set the stage alive with the hits of the jazz age.

Tickets \$15

Hard Knocks to Local Hero OOTS*

Tuesday 10 December 11am

Jonathon Welch AM, well known and loved for his Choir of Hard Knocks, is also considered one of Australia's finest tenors of his generation. Jonathon will take you on a musical journey, threading the amazing story of his life with beautiful songs and stories.

Tickets \$17



EVENING SHOWS

David Goldthorpe's Chet Baker: Like Someone in Love

30 August 8pm



A mesmerising story with superb live jazz. Caution: This production contains coarse language, simulated drug use and electrifying live jazz.

\$30/\$25 concession

Let It Be Beatles OOTS*

27 September 8pm

Let it be Beatles takes you on a musical journey from the early years to Beatlemania. Hear all the hits that made the Fab Four household names.

\$30/\$25 concession

Open Mic Cabaret

**Thursday 15 August, 19 September,
17 October, 21 November, 19 December
6.30pm**

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

Free Event

Isaac Lomman – Hypnotist with special guest James James The Tartan Trickster OOTS*

25 October 8pm

A World of Enchantment – real hypnosis, real volunteers, real fun! A variety of hilarious hypnotic phenomena guaranteed to leave you in fits of laughter.

\$30/\$25 concession



That Jones Boy

Friday 29 November 8pm



Greg Hart is That Jones Boy. A tribute to the life and music of Tom Jones.

Tickets \$30/\$25 concession

Mingle

Friday 30 August, 27 September, 25 October, 29 November 5pm and Sunday 24 November at 1pm

Come for the friendly atmosphere and conversation whilst listening to live acoustic music in Signatures Café. Bring a friend or two and stay for the opening of the latest art exhibition in Gallery M.

Free Event

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YOUNG ONES – OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Daniel's Music and Laughter Show

Tuesday 1 October 11am



A show packed with fun songs, audience participation, music games, talking puppet animals, live singing and guitar. The show introduces music concepts such as pitch, tone and rhythm. Sing and dance with the all-juggling Dr Nickerbocker.

Tickets \$8

Dinosaurs Down Under OOTS*

Thursday 3 October 11am

Dinosaurs Down Under is a reminder of the importance of learning about our own Australian stories. For many years it was expected that you would have to travel overseas to learn about dinosaurs and other pre-historic life. Not any more!

Tickets \$8

Katie Info Lady

Thursday 10 October 11am



Watch Katie as she does many mad tricks and juggles up to four clubs, goes crazy on the unicycle, spins hoops on her feet, her knees, her neck and controls up to 18 hoops at the one time all while making the audience laugh.

Tickets \$8

DECEMBER/JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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

GALLERY M – EXHIBITIONS

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30 August – 22 September

Artwork in various media by Sandy Kumnick, Desma Kastanos, Julie Strawinski & Samantha Mott (half gallery).

The garden and the jewellery box

30 August – 22 September



Non-traditional paintings by Karyn Stevens (quarter gallery).

Windows & Guests

30 August – 22 September

Paintings by Liza Merkalova (quarter gallery).

Dare to Differ – 2013

27 September – 20 October

Contemporary quilts presented by the Quilters' Guild of South Australia.

Cross Culture

25 October – 15 November

Artwork by Ian Willding investigating his Aboriginal heritage and the ongoing impact of colonisation.

Untitled

25 October – 15 November

An exhibition of artwork in various media by artists associated with GROW.

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24 November – January 2014

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The volunteer service has raised over \$12.9 million, including numerous grants for equipment and support for patient care and staff development at Flinders Medical Centre, and now boasts a team of more than 600 volunteers.

During 2012, the volunteers pitched in almost 130,000 hours across a range of areas including the Café Bar, Coffee Shop, Tea Bar, Guide Service, Gift Shop, weekly barbecues, ward service, crisis care and special services.

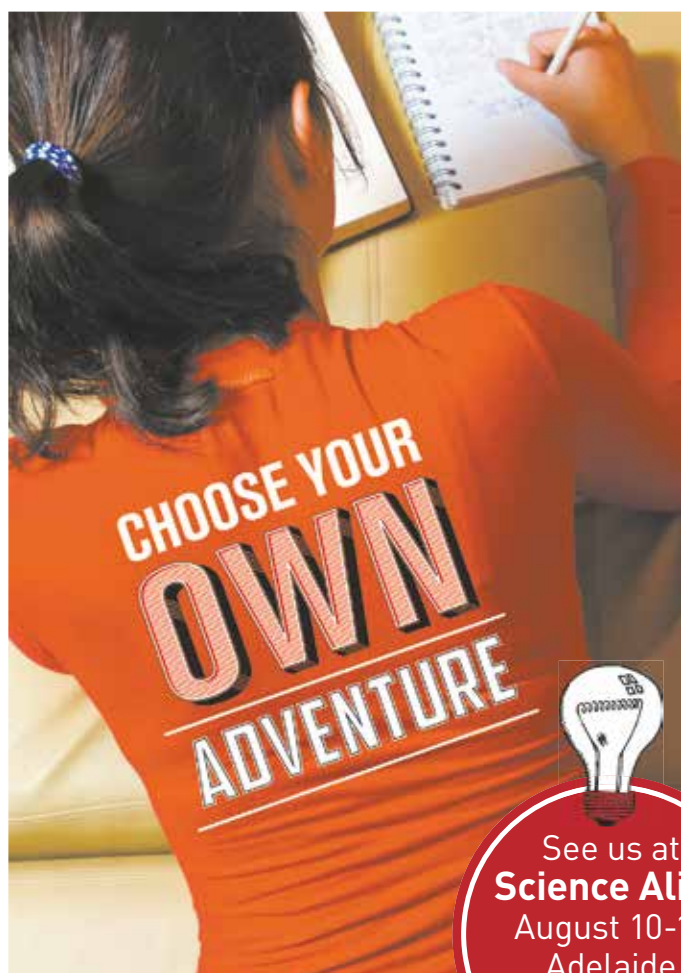
In 2012, the FMC Volunteer Service also:

- > Made more than 300 cups of coffee each day
- > Served more than 420,000 customers throughout the retail areas
- > Visited more than 10,000 patients
- > Cared for more than 3,500 children in the playroom
- > Assisted more than 91,000 people with the Volunteer Guide Service.

If you would like to join this team of dedicated and motivated volunteers, please call the Volunteer Service for Flinders Medical Centre administration office on (08) 8204 3009 or niki.burton@health.sa.gov.au



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For more information regarding the ASMS Open Night on Thursday 15 August from 7pm, call 8201 5686



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New play space opens in south

By Richard Watson
Photography Michael Mullan

A new \$795,000 playground with a flying fox, BMX bike track, embankment slides, sand pit and bird's nest swings has been opened in Hallett Cove.

Glade Crescent Reserve play space is a precinct level facility providing picnic settings, barbecues, toilets, shelters, lighting, shade, landscaped areas and walking paths.

A substantial revegetation program featuring native grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees has also begun.

City of Marion landscape architect Brett Grimm said the community had helped shape the reserve during an extensive engagement program.

"We ran a wide-range of community engagement activities from late 2011 to mid-

2012 to ensure the site would meet the needs of the people who will use it," Mr Grimm said.

"Design workshops with schools used characters from *Wind in the Willows* to draw out information which led to the development of active, imaginative, social and quiet play areas and helped detail the required infrastructure.

"There are site-specific references to the natural environment and cultural character of Hallett Cove, including the skin of a blue tongue lizard which is common in the area."

The play space incorporates a miniature train acknowledging the old Marino to Willunga rail corridor and a model dinosaur bone in the sand pit which refers to the discovery of a prehistoric fossil in the region.

TEAM EFFORT

Top – City of Marion's coordinator of biodiversity Jerry Smith, water resources coordinator Glynn Ricketts and landscape architect Brett Grimm all worked on the development of Glade Crescent Reserve play space.

Left to right – Climbing equipment inspired by the scales of a blue tongue lizard, a train for toddlers referencing the Marino to Willunga rail corridor and artwork depicting a blue tongue lizard.

Mr Grimm said the site had been designed to encourage people to stay and enjoy the reserve, while links to the Coast to Vines Rail Trail and Capella Reserve would increase community use and re-vegetation would encourage native fauna.

It also features a large open space which can be used for passive recreation such as informal ball sports and events.

The play space is part of an estimated \$5.5 million development which will see the 13-hectare site revamped with wetlands and a network of walking trails.

There are plans to grow the reserve further with biodiversity corridors that will ultimately link to the wetlands.

The reserve is home to a rare and valuable piece of grassy woodland, City of Marion coordinator of biodiversity Jerry Smith said.

"Glade Crescent Reserve has some of the rarest pre-European vegetation in Australia including the Vanilla Lilly, Bulbine Lilly and White Goodenia, which are thriving largely due to the weed removal Bush for Life is undertaking on the site," Mr Smith said.

"It's worth exploring the reserve in spring to see these colourful flowers in all their glory."

Construction of the play space began in January this year and it was designed and planned by City of Marion staff.

Glade Crescent Reserve play space was funded by the City of Marion and an Open Space Grant of \$290,000 from the Department of Planning and Local Government.



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LOOKING FORWARD

Next Steps participant Julie Bryant at a workshop with HR Development's Bridget Hogg.

BUSINESS WORKS

Stepping towards employment

By Richard Watson
Photography Michael Mullen

A new free training program is putting job seekers in Marion on the pathway to employment.

Next Steps has been specially developed to help people get their careers on track by planning ahead and honing skills at workshops ranging from resume writing and networking to job searching using computers and social media.

Next Steps was recently launched in the southern suburbs following the success of a pilot program which saw 147 out of 150 participants either find a job or move towards employment by securing a place on a training course or getting work experience through volunteering.

The program is run by HR Development at Work principal consultant, Bridget Hogg, who said participants could select from a range of workshops to suit their needs.

"Being unemployed is very tough and *Next Steps* recognises that some people are not ready for a job, so we help them work out the support they need, which can include confidence building, identifying potential employers, accredited training courses, or improving job search skills," Ms Hogg said.

"People can 'cherry pick' workshops that suit them and we provide one-on-one support and career guidance as they move through the program at their own pace.

"Participants have worked as process workers, executives and labourers, or have been self-employed, and come together to learn, share experiences and support each other."

"The job market used to seem like a minefield, but now I'm feeling good about applying for work and am open-minded as to what I might do."

Julie Bryant from Hallett Cove was one of the first people to sign up for *Next Steps*.

After 20 years in banking, she found herself unemployed and unsure about how to find work.

"I had never been unemployed before and did not know what to do to find meaningful work until I started *Next Steps*," Ms Bryant, 51 said.

"I learnt how to answer interview questions using positive language, revamped my resume, began to feel more confident and took Business Administration Certificate 3 and a medical terminology course as I am interested in working in health.

"The job market used to seem like a minefield, but now I'm feeling good about applying for work and am open-minded as to what I might do."

There are currently 220 vacancies for the remaining *Next Steps* workshops which run until November.

Workshops are held across southern Adelaide and are open to people of all ages from Marion, Holdfast Bay, Mitcham and Onkaparinga council areas who are unemployed, underemployed and not studying full-time or in school.

Ms Hogg said there were plans to involve employers in a workshop so job seekers could meet them and find out exactly what skills they needed.

"We are very keen to hear from organisations in the southern suburbs who want to speak directly to job seekers and explain what skills they are looking for and what skills might be needed in the future," she said.

"There are a lot of highly-qualified and experienced people in *Next Steps* and this will be a great talent-spotting opportunity for businesses."

More information about *Next Steps* is online at developmentatwork.com/hr-development-next-steps.html and on Facebook at [facebook.com/groups/NextStepsInSAAdelaide](https://www.facebook.com/groups/NextStepsInSAAdelaide)

Alternatively, call Bridget or Abbie at HR Development at Work on 8322 4855 or email bh@developmentatwork.com

Next Steps is an initiative of the Government of South Australia and is a *Skills for All in Regions* project delivered in partnership with the Cities of Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mitcham and Onkaparinga.

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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.

Linedancing for Beginners

T 8277 5896 or 8296 4908

Exercise and make new friends. Step-by-step instruction.

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 8277 8435

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

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University of the Third Age (U3A)

T 82013068 www.u3aflinders.org.au

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INTEREST GROUPS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander playgroups

T 8296 2686

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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.

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.

Moving through suicide grief

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Safer Communities Australia

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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

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Atlantis AUSSI Masters Swimming Club

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

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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

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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 8277 8435

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.

Volunteers dance to community beat

By Richard Watson
Photography Heidi Linehan

A volunteer salsa teacher, sewing club and support class for children with Asperger's Syndrome have been recognised for their exceptional community achievements at a special presentation in front of more than 300 guests.

The groups were presented with the 2013 *Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteering Service* at City of Marion's annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner earlier this year.

Salsa teacher Jonathan Elizalde approached the City of Marion about volunteering two weeks after arriving from Mexico City with his wife Nayellin last November and by February was hosting salsa dance classes at Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre.

"Dance is an international language so I could demonstrate the basics, even though I couldn't speak much English at the time, and now have 15 people coming to classes who are originally from countries as diverse as Russia, Italy, Ukraine, Korea, England and, of course, Australia," Jonathan, 38, said.

"We came to Australia after reading that volunteering was part of society here as we wanted to live in a good community that puts people first.

"I also teach Mexican art at Glandore Community Centre."

An industrial psychologist in his native Mexico, Jonathan is working as a cleaner, while his wife Nayellin – a qualified doctor – is studying so she can practice in Australia.

"I volunteer in neonatal support at Flinders Medical Centre and recently started helping at salsa classes where we share our passion for dance with some wonderful people," Nayellin, 31, said.

Jonathan and Nayellin were among 34 recipients of a recent City of Marion *Unsung Heroes Award*.

Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre's *Boys Under Construction* class and its sewing group were also presented with the *Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service*.

For Lisa Francis, who runs *Boys Under Construction*, a class that supports children with Asperger's Syndrome, the award felt very special.

"I set up the class to support my 10-year-old son and other boys with Asperger's as they need help developing friendships and social skills," Lisa, 43, said.

"They made friends and learnt about completing tasks by playing table tennis, board games and making Lego models.

"We ran a survey and my son said everyone in the class was his friend."

Sixty-seven-year old Julie Widham is one of six members of Mitchell Park Sewing Group who is helping refugees and migrants settle in Australia by coming together to make clothing and quilts.

"We have people from many different countries including Palestine, Africa and Afghanistan and they often need help learning English and developing social skills," Julie said.

"I have learnt a lot about other cultures and the whole experience is very rewarding."

A total of 10 local individuals and groups were recognised for their achievements at City of Marion's annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

The City of Marion has 381 volunteers whose financial contribution to the community was last year valued at more than \$1.2 million.



SALSA TIME

Volunteers Jonathan and Nayellin Elizalde are teaching salsa.