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HELPING OUT

City of Marion's Community Care assessment officer Megan Andrews works with Tony and Leonie to assess their household cleaning needs.

Short-term cleaning

If you have incurred injury, being hospitalised or are undergoing personal trauma you may be eligible for short-term help in your home with cleaning, vacuuming or shopping.

If you receive an age or disability support pension, or are a carer of someone who does, you may also be eligible for support.

For details, please ring City of Marion's Community Care Team on 8375 6649.

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WHAT'S NEW?



Display to keep art moving at tram stop

A new and innovative outdoor community art display will soon be unveiled at Tram Stop 6, Glandore.

The *Tram Stop 6 Art Wall Project* will be a continually changing outdoor gallery, especially designed to display art created by the community.

The structure will be a fixed frame with removable and portable panels showing artworks from community groups of all ages.

Located under the tram overpass on the south western side of South Road, the *Tram Stop 6 Art Wall Project* aims to reduce graffiti and engage the public in art projects.

Aerosol and stencil artists have already begun creating canvasses to test the display which will be launched in early 2012.

The pilot project is funded by City of Marion's *Art of Respect* program and the Attorney General's Department.



Planning for Marion's future

By Kate McKenzie

Marion Council has set up a new committee to plan for the future of the city.

The high-level Strategic Directions Committee will provide advice to council on strategic planning, development policies, partnerships and community engagement.

It will meet for the first time on February 21 next year.

Chief executive Mark Searle said council was excited about the establishment of the committee and its potential for delivering for the community.

"Council has recognised the importance of having the right skills around the table and has appointed four independent members with skills in economic development, technology, environment and urban planning and design," he said.

The independent members are Chris Daniels, John Bastain, Darren Billsborough and Marty Gauvin.

Committee meetings, held at the council chamber at Sturt, are open to the public.

For dates and times of future meetings, visit the council website marion.sa.gov.au

Australia Day eve community sports festival

Join the City of Marion community celebration of Australia Day.

Date: Wednesday January 25 2012

Time: From 4.30pm

Venue: Marion Sports and Community Club, 262 Sturt Rd, Sturt

Enjoy a fun-filled evening for kids including face painting, a bouncy castle and sports clinics.

Don't miss the SA Athletics League races on the footy oval and a healthy Better Barbie hosted by OPAL.

For more information visit

marion.sa.gov.au



NO STOPPING THEM (TOP LEFT)

Mitchell Hodgkinson, Josh Smith, Georgia Humphreys and Ricky Spier begin work on the *Tram Stop 6 Art Wall Project*.

LOOKING AHEAD (TOP RIGHT)

Marty Gauvin, Chris Daniels, John Bastain and Darren Billsborough are the independent members of council's Strategic Directions Committee.

Marion Matters online

Marion Matters, council's exciting new online community engagement website, has arrived.

The site has been designed so that you, your friends, family and colleagues can contribute ideas and comment on some of the issues being considered by council from the comfort of your own home.

Featuring smart forums, online surveys, photographs, videos and quick polls the site is interactive, dynamic and easy to use.

Marion Matters enables you to discuss what is going on in your community with a wide range of people.

You can see what other community members think about a topic, respond with your own views and engage in discussion.

Sign up for free today and to join in the conversation at marionmatters.com.au

OUR OPINION



CEO's comment

The opening of the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in April and the GP Plus Health Care Centre Marion in May this year saw the realisation of two major infrastructure projects that will provide significant long-term benefits to our community.

The aquatic centre has shown itself to be popular with elite and casual swimmers alike and next March will host Olympic and Paralympic selection trials.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to see Australia's top swimmers, including the legendary Ian Thorpe. The details of how to win tickets for this exciting event are on page eight.

While it is often enjoyable to reflect of the successes of the past year, it is more important to plan for the future. With this in mind council has formed a high-level Strategic Directions Committee and are very fortunate to have secured the services of some highly talented and experienced people.

An important major project set to begin in 2012 is the upgrade of council's City Services site on Marion Road.

The \$9 million redevelopment will include a new building, stores and mechanical workshop to ensure services are delivered long into the future.

It is also an exciting phase for the Oaklands Wetland project with the masterplan now open for community discussion.

Please have a safe and relaxing festive season and enjoy the coming year.

Regards

Mark Searle
CEO, City of Marion



Mayor's comment

As another festive season approaches and as the year draws to a close it is timely to reflect on its major outcomes.

What a great time to become an Elected Member at Marion. Within the first few months both the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre and GP Plus Marion were opened. They have both been embraced by the community and are a fantastic addition to our city. Integration with the Marion Cultural Centre is the next challenge and we are thinking about opportunities for community markets and festivals in the plaza spaces. It will truly be a 'heart' for our community and one that welcomes people with events and activities.

We are therefore very engaged in the Development Application made by Westfield and the YMCA who manage the aquatic centre. This is for the management of timed parking in the precinct. In Westfield-owned areas it will be through the use of boom-gates and tickets and at the government-owned sites, through 'Pay and Display'. This is of great concern for council as it will impact on the surrounding streets that already have parking controls which make it difficult for residents when friends and family visit. The Cultural Centre car parks will also be affected and it will be difficult for council to keep these available for library and gallery users.

Council is very keen to find other solutions to parking management on the site which is important to our community. We want people to come and stay in the precinct- shop, browse the library, surf the internet, go to the gym or the pool, drop in at the Youth Service, visit Gallery M to buy a gift... this is not just a retail precinct. This is our community centre and the current proposal does not enhance the uses that we have promoted and supported in this location.

The application is being assessed by the Development Assessment Commission and council will be making representation to the commission. We will keep you informed. In the meantime, enjoy the festive season and stay safe. Happy free parking!

Regards

Felicity-ann Lewis
Mayor, City of Marion

Council's clean, green, e

By Lizzi Wyly
Photography Simon Stanbury

The City of Marion's revolutionary electric car is on track to save a tonne of greenhouse gas emissions by Christmas.

The i-MiEV (Mitsubishi innovative Electric Vehicle) has covered more than 7000km in its first year of service since October 2010 when the City of Marion became one of the first 40 organisations in Australia to collect keys to the country's first fully electric car.

Since the electric vehicle (EV) entered the car pool for a three-year trial it has helped reduce greenhouse gas emissions to reinforce City of Marion's commitment to clean, green technology.

When compared to other small cars in the fleet, the i-MiEV has saved \$650 in petrol costs and 924,000 g/km in CO2 emissions up until the start of December.

The Community Care unit has been the primary users of the vehicle.

City of Marion's community care assessment officer Karen Peddle said the car has been well-received by staff and the community.

"As part of the Home and Community Care team, I use the i-MiEV to visit residents in their homes," Karen said.

"The car is quiet and very easy to drive. It's comfortable, looks great, plus I don't have to go to the petrol station - I just charge it up.

"People want to know all about the car and I even get asked if I want to plug it in when I visit residents."

The car is also available to other staff for work-related travel.

It is among other EVs in Adelaide run by Adelaide City Council, RAA, ETSA and the State Government.

More are set to join the grid as Mitsubishi recently made the i-MiEV available to the general public.

Chief executive officer of Mitsubishi Motors Australia Genichiro Nishina, said the roll out of the i-MiEV had gone extremely well.

"Last year we brought the first 110 vehicles into Australia, and they were snapped up by forward-thinking organisations like the City of Marion," Mr Nishina said.

"The feedback we have had from our new EV clients has been very positive.



"Our first private clients are now picking up their new EVs and all seem very happy with their new, environmentally friendly transport."

Nine car dealers around Australia have been appointed to handle EV sales with initial public enquiries outstripping availability.

OUT AND ABOUT

City of Marion's Melissa Batt, Stephen Zillante and Kate Abraham with the electric car.

Other environmental initiatives

As well as reducing its carbon footprint with the electric car, City of Marion is cutting water use, installing solar panels, and diverting waste from landfill.

Commitment to improving the environment is an important element of City of Marion's strategic direction.

The i-MiEV is contributing to the City of Marion's Healthy Environment Plan which has a target of reducing the organisation's greenhouse gas emissions by 40 per cent by 2020. With nearly one tonne of emissions saved so far thanks to the electric car, this target is on track.

The City of Marion also purchases 20 per cent of accredited GreenPower for all buildings, facilities and street lighting, as well as solar water heating for the outdoor pool at the Marion Swimming Centre.

Solar panels contribute to generating electricity at the Marion Cultural Centre and have recently been installed at Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre. These panels reduce the environmental impact of these buildings as well as provide cost savings by putting power back into the grid.

Marion has maintained its water consumption at 40 per cent below 2005/06 levels for the past four years. This equates to around 140 megalitres of water saved per year.

The Oaklands Wetland, which is currently being developed, will be able to supply about 200 million litres of treated stormwater each year to City of Marion reserves.

In 2010/11 environmental achievements included:

- > 1227 new street trees and 2353 new shrubs and native grasses were planted. This helps provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, reduce stormwater run off and erosion, make the city more beautiful, and purify the air we breathe.
- > 6850 tonnes of civil waste from council's civic projects has been diverted from landfill through council's Southern Recycling Depot, which includes material such as concrete and clear fill.
- > 81 tonnes of waste has been diverted from stormwater through council's pollutant traps, which filter waste including plastic bags, bottles and cigarette butts before they enter our waterways.
- > 672 tonnes of hard rubbish has been collected from 8466 service requests, which has helped reduce illegal dumping. Residents can have two free hard rubbish collections of up to 1sq m per year.

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i-MiEV

Stats and facts

The i-MiEV features advanced technology to help reduce the impact on our environment.

- > A driving range of up to 150km.
- > A regulated top speed of 130km per hour.
- > Vehicle is 100 per cent electric and produces no drive-time emissions.
- > Has no noise except the whisper of rubber and asphalt.
- > As opposed to a conventional car, there is no clutch between the motor and gearbox, making the design simpler than a conventional internal combustion engine powered vehicle.
- > One-speed fixed gear transmission so you never have to change gear.



- > The battery can be fully recharged in about seven hours using a standard 15 amp household power point.

- > 235 litres of cargo space with four passengers. With both rear seat backs folded forwards there are 860 litres of space.

- > A socket for connecting to a Quickcharge outlet which provides an 80 per cent charge in about 30 minutes.



- > Powered by a 16kWh lithium-ion battery pack consisting of 88 cells, the battery has high energy density meaning it is smaller but more powerful, making it ideal for use in motor vehicles. The battery is located inside the body frame under the floor.

- > No vibration or fumes as there's no petrol.

- > Mitsubishi's tests show the motor to be clean and quiet, producing zero drive-time carbon dioxide emissions.

- > The motor is smaller, lighter and more efficient than a petrol engine and generates 49kW of power and 180Nm, delivering instant maximum torque even at low speeds.



Thorpey leads swim stars to Marion

By Craig Clarke

Superfish Ian Thorpe will lead a cavalcade of elite swimmers competing in Marion for a berth in the Australian Olympic squad.

In the countdown to the 2012 London games, the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre will host the Olympic and Paralympic selection trials in March next year as part of the Australian Swimming Championships.

Thorpe will attempt to win a spot in the team five years after retiring from professional swimming.

Coincidentally, the last time Adelaide hosted the trials was in 1997 – the same year in which 14-year-old Thorpe first donned his goggles to compete in Australian swimming's signature competition.

"Fast forward 15 years and five Olympic gold medals later, and Thorpe will again grasp the blocks and wow the Adelaide crowd as he looks to secure a lane in London in what could be one of the greatest sporting comebacks of all time," said a Swimming Australia spokesman.

The new aquatic centre won the rights in May to host the 2012 and 2013 Australian Swimming Championships.

Over eight days from March 15, the aquatic centre will be the backdrop to not only Thorpe's attempt to resurrect his international career but also that of other swimming legends.

Triple Olympic gold medallist Libby Trickett and dual Olympic gold medallist Michael Klim are both hoping to secure London selection after years out of the professional swimming limelight.

The program also features born-again butterflyer Geoff Huegill as he continues on his amazing path that saw him shed 45kg before winning Commonwealth Games gold last year.

"The next chapter of this inspirational story is set to be written right here in Marion," the spokesman said.

Australian swimming's new boy wonder, James Magnussen, will also descend on Adelaide after winning Australia's first 100m freestyle crown at the Shanghai World Championships in July.

He also led Australia's victorious men's 4x100 men's freestyle relay team.

Triple Olympic gold medallists Leisel Jones and Stephanie Rice also aim to show their supremacy before what is expected to be a capacity crowd.

Heats start daily from 9am and the finals from 6.30pm.

Tickets are priced from \$7 and can be booked online at ticketek.com.au or by calling 13 2849.

More information is available online at swimming.org.au



Win family passes to trials

Swimming Australia and the City of Marion are giving five lucky families the chance to win tickets to the Australian Swimming Championships in Marion next year.

Each family pass is for two adults and two children aged 4 to 16 to the opening night of the Australian Swimming Championships on Thursday, March 15.

The total value of the prizes is \$375.

To enter the competition, write your name, address and telephone number on the back of an envelope and answer the following question: In what month will the 2012 Australian Swimming Championships be held?"

Post entries to Australian Swimming Championships competition, c/o the Communications Unit, City of Marion, PO Box 21 Oaklands Park, SA 5046.

Entries must be received by no later than 5pm on January 10, 2012.

Winners will be notified by telephone and the results published in the Guardian Messenger on January 18.

Families of Swimming Australia and the City of Marion are ineligible to enter. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

HE'S BACK

Ian Thorpe will join a host of swimming stars vying to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.



Family fun by the pool

Marion Swimming Centre on Oaklands Road is throwing open its doors for a special \$2 family day on Sunday December 18.

The discounted entry fee includes free family entertainment and displays including a bouncy castle, face painting and a roving clown show.

Added to this, a raft of come and try activities from sport and recreation clubs will give the community the perfect opportunity to enjoy the benefits of an outdoor pool said Marion Swimming Centre manager Craig Cooper.

"The pool's outdoor setting creates a family-friendly atmosphere where people can enjoy a barbecue or a picnic as well as water-based activities," Mr Cooper said.

"We want families to enjoy all our facilities, including shaded toddler pools, and a 60m water slide while relaxing on the grass which is shaded by trees and shade cloth."

The centre features free barbecue facilities and a kiosk serving hot and cold food.

Family fun day activities will run from 11am to 4pm.

Free car parking is provided.

Marion Swimming Centre is on Oaklands Road on the corner of Hendrie Street, Park Holme and can be contacted on 8276 4939.

FUN FOR THE FAMILY
Families enjoy the Marion Swimming Centre's 60m water slide and barbecue facilities.

Club wins big for community

Marion Sports and Community Club has been officially recognised as one of South Australia's leading facilities of its kind.

The club was presented with four awards by Clubs SA at its annual dinner on November 12.

The awards included most improved club, service to the community and most professional manager for Terry Zajer.

"We only exist to serve the community. The awards are recognition for a huge team effort from everyone associated with the club," general manager Marion Sports and Community Club Terry Zajer said.

The club supports 36 sports and community groups. It also contributed \$125,000 of in kind support to community groups last year.

More information is available on the club's website clubmarion.org.au

The 'cultural heart' of Marion turns 10



The award-winning Marion Cultural Centre has celebrated its 10th anniversary this year with a mega community birthday bash.

The distinctive-looking building, located next to Westfield, is the "cultural heart" of the community with its 280-seat theatre, art gallery, café and library.

More than 2.5 million people have passed through its doors since it opened in 2001.

Anniversary celebrations were held over three days in November to mark the occasion.

David Barrett, Marion Cultural Centre co-ordinator, said the MCC occupied a special place in the community.

"The MCC is an extraordinary building and highly valued by the community," Mr Barrett said.

The building was so innovative at the time that it took two architectural firms - Phillips/Pilkington, and Ashton, Raggatt, McDougall Pty Ltd - to design.

It was officially opened by Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis who led the 10th anniversary event, which included markets, an art exhibition, entertainment and the cutting of a giant cake.

Mr Barrett said construction of the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre had strengthened the precinct and allowed a new generation of visitors to experience the building.

Since it was opened:

- > The MCC has hosted big name entertainers such as Jeannie Little, Barry Crocker, Kamahl, model turned author Tara Moss and children's favourite Dorothy the Dinosaur.
- > About 50 music, drama, dance, cabaret and community events are held at the MCC each year.
- > The library has loaned on average more than 445,000 items a year.
- > Gallery M has hosted 200 local, national and international exhibitions, including the Blake Prize and artist Pro Hart.



AdProp Managing Director, Amanda Blakeley (right) at one of their properties

A Softer Side to Property Investment

While media reports say house prices are softening, there are obvious signs the rental demand is increasing, forcing rental returns higher. This is creating an opportunity for investors to buy now and hold on for the long term capital growth, while the rental income is rapidly increasing to cover all expenses in a short time.

"There are always opportunities to make money through investing, no matter what the market is doing - especially in this softer market" says AdProp Managing Director, Amanda Blakeley.

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Turn your mobile into a chicken

Residents can help families in need by recycling their old mobile phones at the City of Marion Administration Building.

For every two mobiles recycled by January 31, 2012 MobileMuster will give a chicken to families in need through Oxfam Unwrapped.

The national program aims to donate 2000 chickens to families in need in Laos.

Recycling an old mobile also supports environmental sustainability said City of Marion's waste education officer Esther Landells.

"Mobile phones aren't biodegradable but they are nearly 100 per cent recyclable. The recycled materials can be turned into new products such as plastic fence posts, batteries, jewellery and stainless steel," Esther said.

"Research has shown that 40 per cent of Australians have two or more handsets that they no longer use and MobileMuster helps them dispose of them properly at no cost."

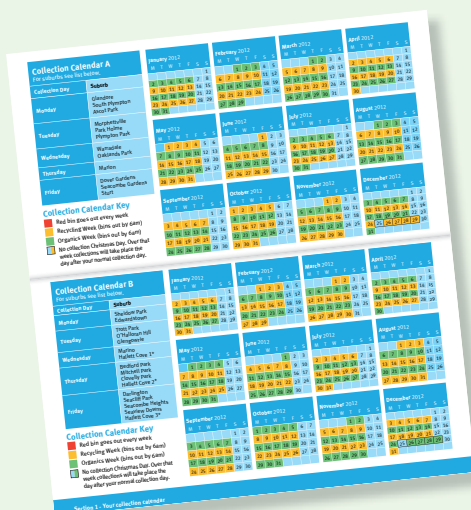
MobileMuster is a not-for-profit program funded by mobile phone manufacturers and network carriers.

Old mobiles can be deposited in the MobileMuster cylinder which is located in the foyer of the City of Marion Administration Building, 245 Sturt Road, Sturt.

ROUND 'EM UP

City of Marion's waste education officer Esther Landells at the mobile phone recycling display.

New kerbside waste collection calendar



The 2012 City of Marion kerbside collection waste calendar will be delivered to your letterbox soon.

In addition to telling you when to put your red, green and yellow bins out the calendar includes important information about what items can go in each bin.

It also tells you how to order a hard waste collection, what to do if your bin goes missing and how to dispose of computers, televisions, oils, paints, mattresses and other items.

The calendar is also magnetised so it fits easily on your fridge.

Some key waste disposal information it includes is that plastic bags should go in the red lidded rubbish bin and rigid plastic, including bottles, go in the yellow bin.

Clothing and packing foam cannot be recycled and should be placed in the rubbish bin.

Illegally dumped rubbish is costing the City of Marion \$132,000 each year in clean up charges.

Residents are urged to keep the city clean by reporting illegally dumped rubbish including old furniture, electrical appliances, timber and mattresses.

City of Marion residents can have up to 1 sq m of hard rubbish collected for free twice a year.

Rather than dump your junk, book a hard rubbish collection and report illegally dumped rubbish by calling council on 8375 6600.

Enter a special quiz for a chance to win Marion Megaplex Gold cinema tickets on the council website marion.sa.gov.au



Christmas lights set to shine bright

By Richard Watson

Westminster School will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a spectacular Christmas light show.

The free community event will be launched at dusk on Thursday 15 December and be open from 8pm to 10pm until Thursday December 22.

Now in its fifth year, the school's light show has attracted a total of 40,000 visitors and with new lighting installed in the chapel this year's event is expected to be even more popular said Westminster School principal Steve Bousfield.

"We are looking forward to welcoming the community to a Christmas event that is a fitting celebration of the festive season and the school's 50th anniversary," Mr Bousfield said.

"The new lighting in the chapel has turned the stained glass window into a magnificent feature.

"Visitors are invited to walk or drive through the school grounds and enjoy the displays and a music program featuring some very talented members of the school community."

The Westminster Christmas Lights show includes themed lighting displays, illuminated trees, Santa's Magic Kingdom, a giant nativity mural and festive music in the chapel from 8pm.

Westminster school is on Alison Avenue, Marion and can be contacted on 8276 0276 for more information.



Now in its fifth year, the school's light show has attracted a total of 40,000 visitors and with new lighting installed in the chapel this year's event is expected to be even more popular.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE



Green roof boosts health and environment

A new garden is flourishing on the roof of the GP Plus Health Care Centre Marion.

The SRF Health Roof Garden has been created for and by people living in local Supported Residential Facilities (SRFs) to promote healthy living and a sense of community.

SRF residents have been involved in the planning, development and ongoing nurturing of the space since its inception, which stems from an award-winning project previously located at Southern Primary Health – Inner Southern, Clovelly Park.

Southern Primary Health Services senior project officer Adam Dwyer said the project has encouraged SRF residents to make healthier lifestyle choices, interact with other community members and to seek health services, information and advice from staff on-site.

"Chronic disease and mental health issues are prevalent in the SRF population, along with high levels of unemployment and social isolation," Adam said.

"They've traditionally disengaged with a healthy lifestyle and have had very low access rates for primary health services.

"The main health messages and activities conducted in the garden are focused on healthy eating, the importance of physical exercise and the dangers of smoking."

Since the garden opened in May, coinciding with the launch of GP Plus Marion, Adam said there had been more than 170 client encounters with SRF residents who have joined the project.

The project has also generated referrals with the SA Dental Service and Community Mental Health, as well as with Primary Health Services which are all based in the building.

Adam said the garden had environmental advantages including noise reduction, enhanced urban biodiversity, pollution and dust mitigation and stormwater run-off management.

HIGH ACHIEVER

Primary Health Services senior project officer Adam Dwyer (right) helps clients to grow and maintain the roof garden.

Oaklands Wetland – share your thoughts

You can now have your say on Oaklands Wetland after Marion Council opened up the masterplan for discussion.

The masterplan conversation kicked off at a drop-in display at the wetland site on November 26.

The masterplan covers the old driver training centre, Oaklands Estate Reserve, and Bombay Reserve.

The wetland will be built on the old driver training centre site, and will see about 200 million litres of stormwater cleaned up and used to irrigate around 30 council reserves each year.

The wetland project will also include the pumps, tanks and pipes at the old driver training centre to move the water around, as well as landscaping and some public reserve facilities around the wetland, and pipes under public roads and footpaths from the wetland to the council reserves.

The masterplan is open for discussion until February 2012. It's displayed at Marion Council Administration Centre, Sturt Road, and on the website. There's also a feedback form you can use to help get your thoughts down in writing.

Construction of the project is expected to start late 2012 and be completed by mid 2013.

The \$8.4 million Oaklands Wetland project is being co-managed and co-funded by the City of Marion and the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, with funding from the Australian Government's Water for the Future initiative through the National Urban Water and Desalination Plant.

To find out more, contact project coordinator Oliver Pfueller at the City of Marion on 8375 6600.

Tonsley Park

More than 700 people attended an open day in July to provide feedback on how the State Government's plans for the former Mitsubishi site have progressed.

Comments gathered at the open day are being used to shape the final masterplan.

The City of Marion also contributed to the masterplan which envisages a mixed use employment, education and residential development that will re-use large parts of the site's infrastructure.

Site design work on the new \$125 million Sustainable Industries Education Centre has started.

The final masterplan is expected to be released soon.

Further information is online at southaustralia.biz/tonsley

Farewell to custodian of Warriparinga

By Craig Clarke

For 30 years, he was entrusted by the Kurna community as the spiritual custodian of the Warriparinga wetlands.

Indigenous leader Paul Dixon, who had been a cultural and education officer at the City of Marion's Living Kurna Cultural Centre for the past nine years, passed away in October after a short illness aged 47.

LKCC co-ordinator Craig Cooper paid tribute to his "friend and colleague", saying Paul devoted his life to Warriparinga at Bedford Park.

"He named the site, his son was born in the old homestead and he brought up his young children there with his first wife who tragically passed away about 15 years ago," Mr Cooper said.

"Paul had a strong sense of culture and love for plants, animals, wetland birds, fish and biodiversity.

"He led the Native Plant, Bush Tucker and Heritage Tour, sharing his knowledge with thousands of school children, adults and visitors."

Mr Cooper said Paul, whose mother Rose is a respected Kurna elder, used the bush tours to help bridge the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australia.

"Paul often said 'I hope one day indigenous and white Australia meet on the back porch in the name of reconciliation,'" Mr Cooper said.

He said Paul was a calm, caring and quiet achiever who had a wonderfully dry sense of humor.

"His love of sharing knowledge to school children and his commitment to his own children is a testament to the man he was," Mr Cooper said.

"He had a belief in 'caring for country' that he wanted to pass on to everyone who visited Warriparinga."

Paul is survived by his wife Vicki and his children Ayla, Paul junior and Rhianna.



SPIRITUAL CUSTODIAN

The late indigenous leader, Paul Dixon, who was also City of Marion's cultural and education officer at the Living Kauran Cultural Centre, conducting a tour of Warriparinga.

Smart way to track trolleys

Rounding up stray shopping trolleys has become easier thanks to the new Woolworths Trolley Tracker smartphone application.

And any member of the public who reports an abandoned trolley goes into a draw for one of five monthly \$1000 prizes.

Trolley Tracker enables members of the community to report wayward trolleys from Woolworths, BIG W and Dan Murphy's stores on their smartphone by simply sending its location to the collection service via GPS.

The application can be downloaded from the Community tab on the Woolworths website woolworths.com.au

Alternatively, an abandoned trolley can be reported by calling 1800 641 497 or online at trolleytracker.com.au



Spread the joy of good food

Volunteer for Community Foodies and spread the word about healthy food.

Preparing and sharing good food is a fun way to meet people and pass on tips about the benefits of healthy eating.

To find out how more check out the website communityfoodies.com

Register your interest by contacting Kate Abraham healthy communities project officer at the City of Marion on 8375 6887 or email kate.abraham@marion.sa.gov.au

HEALTHY EATERS

Preparing and eating good food can be fun.



Reserve upgrades continue

Harbrow Grove Reserve in Seacombe Gardens is the latest play space to be completed as part of council's commitment to upgrading about 100 reserves.

The reserve's new features include a picnic space with barbecue, public toilet and a central irrigated turf area and landscaping.

The re-design of the western end of the site has included the construction of a rubberised junior bicycle track with skill testing elements.

The central concrete junior bike track has been replaced with turf to improve the recreation activity space.

Other new features include a pond and bridge connecting footpaths on Reid and Cygnet Steets.

Water Sensitive Urban Design collects stormwater runoff for irrigation. A bioretention basin helps manage high stormwater runoffs while the pond encourages biodiversity.

More than 1200 new plants and trees were also planted.

Council would like to thank the local community for its patience during the design and construction process.

The date for a special community launch party for Harbrow Grove Reserve will be announced on council's website. Invitations will be circulated to the local community.

Council has invested \$2.5 million in upgrading playgrounds over the past two years.

The reserve's new features include a picnic space with barbecue, public toilet and a central irrigated turf area and landscaping.

Completed upgrades include:

- > Alison Avenue Reserve, Marion
- > Brolga Place Reserve, Sturt
- > Cadell Street Reserve, Seaview Downs
- > Chatsworth Court Reserve, Hallett Cove
- > Columbia Crescent Reserve, Hallett Cove
- > Dumbarton Avenue Reserve, Edwardstown
- > Elgata / Eurlia Road Reserve, Sheidow Park
- > Hazelmere Road Reserve, Glengowrie
- > Koomooloo Crescent Reserve, Hallett Cove
- > McKay Street Reserve, Dover Gardens
- > Mema Court Reserve, Hallett Cove
- > Nimboya Road Reserve, Marino
- > Olivier Terrace Reserve, Hallett Cove
- > Pavana Reserve, Hallett Cove
- > Ramsay Avenue Reserve, Seacombe Gardens
- > Rosslyn Street Reserve, Clovelly Park
- > Roy Lander Reserve, Seaview Downs
- > Sandery Avenue Reserve, Seacombe Gardens
- > Tilley Court Reserve, Marion
- > Willoughby Avenue Reserve, Glengowrie

Future commitments

Council has committed \$1.8 million for playground upgrades in the coming year. These projects are in the design and consultation stages, with construction expected to begin early to mid 2012 at the following sites:

- > Audrey Street Reserve, Ascot Park
- > Barton Drive Reserve, Trott Park
- > Glade Crescent Wetland and Reserve, Hallett Cove
- > Glandore Oval, Glandore
- > Maldon Avenue Reserve, Mitchell Park
- > Mulcra Avenue Reserve, Park Holme
- > Pavana Reserve, Hallett Cove
- > Reserve Street Reserve, Trott Park
- > Yapinga Street Reserve, South Plympton

NEW LOOK

The revamped Harbrow Grove Reserve in Seacombe Gardens.

Council Christmas and New Year OPENING TIMES



Administration Centre

Friday 23 Dec	Closing at 1pm
Saturday 24 Dec	Closed
Sunday 25 Dec	Closed
Monday 26 Dec	Closed
Tuesday 27 Dec	Closed
Wednesday 28 Dec	8.30am - 5pm
Thursday 29 Dec	8.30am - 5pm
Friday 30 Dec	Closing at 3pm
Monday 2 Jan	Closed

Neighbourhood Centres

Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre

Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre

Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre

Glandore Community Centre

The centres will close at 12pm on Friday 23 Dec and reopen on Monday 9 Jan.

Marion Swimming Centre

Monday 19 Dec	5.30am - 8pm
Tuesday 20 Dec	5.30am - 8pm
Wednesday 21 Dec	5.30am - 8pm
Thursday 22 Dec	5.30am - 8pm
Friday 23 Dec	5.30am - 8pm
Saturday 24 Dec	7am-6pm
Sunday 25 Dec	Closed
Monday 26 Dec	11am - 5pm
Tuesday 27 Dec	11am - 5pm
Wednesday 28 Dec	5.30am - 8pm
Thursday 29 Dec	5.30am - 8pm
Friday 30 Dec	5.30am - 8pm
Saturday 31 Dec	7am - 6pm
Sunday 1 Jan	11am - 5pm
Monday 2 Jan	11am - 5pm
Tuesday 3 Jan	5.30am - 8pm
Wednesday 4 Jan	5.30am - 8pm

Living Kaurna Cultural Centre

Wednesday 21 Dec
- Sunday 8 Jan

Closed

Reopens 9 January.

Libraries

Marion Cultural Centre, Hallett Cove, Park Holme

Friday 23 Dec	10am – 1pm
Saturday Dec 24	Closed
Sunday Dec 25	Closed
Monday Dec 26	Closed
Tuesday Dec 27	Closed
Wednesday Dec 28	10am - 5pm
Thursday Dec 29	10am - 5pm
Friday Dec 30	10am - 5pm
Saturday Dec 31	10am - 4pm
Sunday Jan 1	Closed
Monday Jan 2	Closed

Normal business hours resume on Tuesday 3 Jan. Contact any library for mobile library opening times.

Marion Cultural Centre

Friday 23 Dec	10am – 4pm
Saturday 24 Dec	Closed
Sunday 25 Dec	Closed
Monday 26 Dec	Closed
Tuesday 27 Dec	Closed
Wednesday 28 Dec	9.30am – 5pm
Thursday 29 Dec	9.30am – 5pm
Friday 30 Dec	9.30am – 5pm
Saturday 31 Dec	10am-4pm
Sunday 1 Jan	Closed
Monday 2 Jan	Closed
Reopens Tuesday 3 Jan	

Signatures Café and Gallery M

Signatures Café is open 9.30am-4pm weekdays and 10am-4pm Saturdays.

Gallery M is open 10am-4pm weekdays and 12pm-4pm Saturday.

Kerbside waste collection

As Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday, bin collection times will remain the same.

City of Marion after hours emergency contact number – **8375 6666**



Display centre brings history back to life

A new historic display centre has been launched bringing to life Marion's past with memorabilia, photographs and maps.

The Marion Historic Village Display Centre opened in early October and features maps from when the village of Marion was founded in 1838, photographs showing the area's agricultural past and a farm hoe from the 1940s.

The centre was funded by a \$5000 Community Grant from the City of Marion and community donations to help cover the material costs of renovating a building behind the Uniting Church Chapel on Township Road, Marion.

Volunteers with a passion for the past conducted the actual work on the building said Marion Historic Village Display Centre group chairman Peter Stretton.

"We had a wonderful bunch of volunteers who completed internal repairs and painting, built screens around the internal walls, laid carpets and replaced curtains," Peter said.

"The feature item is a giant aerial map of Marion Village from 1949 but we are on the lookout for old photographs and memorabilia from the area and ask anyone to contact us with items of interest."

The Marion Historic Village Display Centre is located behind the Uniting Church Wesleyan Chapel on Township Road, Marion. It is open from 2pm to 4pm on Sundays and is also available for special tours. Entry is free.

For further details, contact Peter Stretton on 8296 5736.

SHOWCASING HISTORY

Marion Historic Village Display Centre volunteers David Jarman, Max Bowden, chairman Peter Stretton, Marg Seager and Graham Watts.

New author pens twists in the tale



By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

When Glenys Brokenshire mentioned to a publisher at a book launch that she was an aspiring author she received a bored look and a mumbled invitation to send in some stories – which she immediately did.

Two days later she received an email from the publisher who asked if there were any more stories she would like to submit.

That was in late 2010 and on November 20 this year her first collection of short stories for adults *Yum Yum Pig's Bum* was launched.

Blending fact and fiction with many twists in the tale, Glenys began writing the stories while attending a Flinders University of the Third Age creative writing course at Park Holme Library.

"I always liked telling stories but it was the creative writing course that gave me the opportunity to get them down on paper and share them with other people," Glenys said.

"The works are mainly fiction but often based on real life experiences. A common theme is not to judge people by first impressions."

A former teacher who taught English in China, Glenys also volunteers as a home visitor for the Daw House Hospice Foundation which will receive a percentage of the book's proceeds.

The title, *Yum Yum Pig's Bum*, was inspired by a children's chant but only Glenys' tenacity ensured it wasn't called something else.

"The publisher wanted to call it *Grandmother's Tales*, which sounded so boring," Glenys said.

"I insisted on my original version."

A Marino resident for 22 years and member of Marion Art Group, Glenys also illustrated the front cover.

As well as preparing another collection of short stories Glenys is working on a novel set in the Greek islands in the 1850s.

Yum Yum Pig's Bum is available from Gallery M at the Marion Cultural Centre and Ginninderra Press online at ginninderrapress.com.au

TWISTING TALES

New author Glenys Brokenshire with her book of short stories.

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MULLAWIRRA WARD Councillor Jerome Appleby

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Marion is about to create an "Adventure Playground". Glade Crescent wetland project will be preceded by an exciting playspace. This will transform a degraded landscape into a beautiful community interactive place. The wetlands will ensure much cleaner water flows to the ocean. Thank you to the community and the local school for their input into the design. Local residents are keen to play a role. Trees for life are planting in preparation for the future wetland development. So watch this space.

The Hallett Cove Library and Community Centre is an ongoing council commitment to the communities of southern Marion. Federal Government and State government continue to be briefed on the much-needed community facilities which our communities deserve. The services and facilities that are available to other communities have not been forthcoming for this community.

My commitment to the community in 1997 was to encourage the council to develop community facilities for the growing suburbs in the south. For almost 15 years I have put your case. Our need is even greater now. The local population has almost doubled in that time and continues to grow. How long must we wait? The council is committed. We need some help. Again we will apply for grants from the Federal Government. Maybe this time they will listen!

I would like to thank the residents of Marion for their continued support of their city and council.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a happy New Year.

Representing Coastal Ward is a privilege. This is a great place to live and I hope that my work with council can make it even better.

Marion is a coastal city with some 7 km of stunning coastline. I'm a passionate environmentalist and I see the coast as Marion's greatest natural asset. I want to preserve it, revitalise it and allow as many people as possible to enjoy what it has to offer.

A couple of months ago I asked council to establish a series of coastal workshops which will see the council partner with the local community to develop a plan for the coast. Together we'll explore how we look after the coastline and how we can balance our natural, heritage and community assets.

If you're interested in joining the workshops, please contact me and I'll make sure you're involved in shaping the future of our coast.

An exciting future project is the plans for Hallett Cove's Heron Way Reserve. Soon a masterplan will be developed for this area to enable it to reach its full potential. This reserve could become an exciting focal point for our community: a village green of sorts where people come together to celebrate family and community events; where there's shade and play equipment; public artwork and interpretative information. This is just one project that the coastal workshops can help shape.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and during the holidays take some time out to enjoy our beautiful coastline.

The Local Government Association recently sent correspondence to councils across South Australia seeking feedback on the draft Sex Work Bill 2011.

The proposed legislation would have a significant impact on Marion residents.

Put forward by Member for Ashford, Steph Key MP, whose state electorate takes in parts of the City of Marion, the Bill seeks to legalise the sale and purchase of sex. Not only will the Bill legalise the operation of brothels, it will create a special class of brothels that can be situated anywhere in your neighbourhood, and the council will be powerless to stop them.

These brothels, defined as having three or less prostitutes, are referred to as "small (worker-based) sex businesses." As long as there are no more than three sex workers employed at any one time, there will be no restriction on where they can be located. Even the near vicinity of schools and kindergartens will not be considered 'off limits'. Someone who wants to establish such a premises in your street need simply fill out a Development Application form with the council and within 10 working days the council must give its seal of approval. You will not even be notified of the proposal. The Bill will also remove offences relating to soliciting for sex in public (streetwalking) and procuring (enticing a person to become a prostitute).

It is much easier to stop these things before they are legalised rather than to try and wind them back after, so I encourage you to speak to friends and family about this proposal and help ensure it does not become reality.



MULLAWIRRA WARD Councillor Jason Veliskou

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Council is currently conducting community consultations around some of its playgrounds as part of planned upgrades to 89 playgrounds in the Marion Council area. These upgrades began about two years ago and have included inviting residents from surrounding areas to informal chats to get an idea of what they want in their local parks.

During this process it has become clear to me that the funding allocated for these 89 upgrades is not going to be enough. Meanwhile, council has included \$6 million to refurbish the council Administration Building in the next few years as a spending option in the Long-Term Financial Plan. This is something that many residents (including myself) believe is not a pressing priority. While this money cannot be spent without council support, I would prefer the funds to be spent on basics such as parks, playgrounds, footpaths, roads and drainage.

I have seen recent playground upgrades in the City of Marion bring new life to parks with nearby residents telling me "it's brought the children back to the park". With children doing less physical activity, council can play a vital role in providing decent, safe and appealing outdoor recreation areas which encourage kids to get off the couch and Playstation and out into the fresh air and sunshine.

Speaking of fresh air and sunshine, don't forget about the Marion outdoor pool at Park Holme. It's a great place to spend the day with family and friends, have a dip and enjoy the tranquil natural surrounds and parking is free.



SOUTHERN HILLS WARD Councillor Kathleen Allen

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I wish all the residents of Southern Hills Ward, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Thank you, once again to those of you who have contacted me throughout the year, it has been a pleasure to follow up your concerns, and to work to achieve satisfactory outcomes.

It was disappointing to learn that our application to the Federal Government for funding for the Hallett Cove Library and Community Centre was knocked back. However, council has committed \$10 million to the \$13.5 million library, and we are hopeful, our next bid will be successful. In the meantime we can continue to enjoy the new shopping centre, with the hope the area will become a hub of activity, when the new library gets the go ahead.

A designated dog park is also being considered at Reserve St Reserve at Trott Park. I think it is a badly needed facility in Marion's Southern Hills Ward, and I have fully supported it, and the petition that residents in the surrounding area have submitted to council.

The decision for Westfield, GP Plus, and the YMCA Marion to apply to have paid parking is something I am very much in opposition to. And indeed, a protest rally took place on 29 October at Marion Shopping Centre. Many people turned out to protest against it and voice their concerns.

If you have any concerns you wish to discuss, please contact me.



SOUTHERN HILLS WARD Councillor Frank Verrall

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This year our Murray Darling Association AGM was held in Dalby Queensland. The amalgamation (2008) of five small Shires created the Western Downs Regional Council with a population of about 40,000 and an area of 38,039 sq. km. All of which has coal and water under it.

Twenty one of the 23 towns rely on water from the Artesian basin. Dalby has a reverse osmosis plant taking water from three bores, powered by one of three natural gas (methane) generators that feed into the western grid. The main business of council is protecting prime agricultural land, the great artesian basin, and rebuilding infrastructure after the floods of January 2011.

The massive deposit of fossil fuel is exploited for coal and methane (natural gas, coal seam gas, and LNG). The other major fossil fuel oil (petrol, diesel, AV-gas, LPG) has not been found in the deposit. The variation in the cost of extracting and manufacturing an appropriate fuel to produce electricity is large. For each one ton of carbon in the fuel three tonnes of carbon dioxide (greenhouse gas) is emitted.

For example, a large petrol powered vehicle (12.4 L/100km and 296 G/km) uses about one tonne of carbon to produce 2.39 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

To me a "carbon" tax of \$10 is more acceptable than an "emissions" tax of \$23.90.

Thanks to everyone who has contacted me and to those who have responded to council through its community consultation processes.

Have a Happy Christmas and spare a minute to catch up on my web site frank-verrall.com.

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Hi neighbours and fellow ratepayers! The summer months are here, Christmas decorations have made their appearance in our stores and the festive season is upon us. No doubt the end of year comes with its own pressures, mad rushes and some stresses.

However, for all of you my Christmas wish is that you consciously take time to do what you enjoy, appreciate those around you, and above all, do something new and different, or something adventurous, fun and exciting right here in our great neighbourhood. For example, visit our Cultural Centre (across from the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre) and check out Marion's very own art gallery (Gallery M); or hear Ray Martin speak about the stories behind personalities like Prince Charles and Madonna. (See Marion Council's website for details); or you could hold your very own Christmas street party and get to know the people you live near.

We live in a great council area, in a great state and an incredible country so let's toast to that this Christmas with our friends and family, and enjoy your city.

Finally, as your councillor, I look forward to 2012 and working hard to represent your views, address concerns and ensure our City of Marion is the best it can be.

Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime regarding what matters to you in our community.

I would like to pay tribute to the life and contribution to our city by the late Cr Joan Herraman OAM. It is befitting to acknowledge Joan and the great work that she did in what was East Ward, working tirelessly to represent the ordinary person, she was generous to a fault. Joan was responsible for the improvements in environmental management of factories in Edwardstown – from air quality to appropriate management of potential contaminants – just to name a few of Joan's achievements locally and globally. Joan you are truly missed.

In Warracowie Ward the elephant in the room is the news that Westfield and the YMCA, the operator of the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, have jointly applied to introduce paid 2hr car parking. The SA Government promised free car parking for the aquatic centre, so just six months after the opening we have a broken promise. As for Westfield I am just as disappointed given that Cr Habib and I regularly meet with Westfield management. Westfield never discussed paid car parking with us in those meetings. This is not the way to do business.

I am particularly concerned about the traffic management around the centres and the surrounding streets becoming a parking lot. Every other independent car park will be affected by this. For those committed folk who attended the recent rally against paid car parking, thank you! Contribute to the online petition.

Merry Christmas to you all and have a wonderful 2012

The response to the survey regarding Tonsley Hall and the proposed hub area at the Mitchell Park Sports Club is being collated, Tonsley Hall being dealt with first with a view to a decision on outcomes prior to Christmas. The hub proposal requires considerable further community consultation and will be dealt with in the new year.

The uptake on the additional rate rebate for qualifying pensioners is proving beneficial to a considerable number of residents. This is a one-off trial, conducted only by Marion Council, in an effort to assist our residents in these difficult financial times. Applications can be received at any time during this financial year. So if you think you qualify, or require further information, please ring customer service on 8375 6600.

I am very excited about the formation of our new Strategic Directions Committee (mandated by Government) which includes four eminent independent members, not from local government, who will assist us to ensure that our planning for the future of our city is in line with best practice, thus achieving maximum benefits for our residents. The 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide presents many challenges and we need to be sure that we are thinking proactively for Marion.

Cr. David Speirs, from Coastal Ward, will be Deputy Mayor for the next year, my year being concluded. I have enjoyed my time as Deputy Mayor and the community interaction and support, as always, has been heartwarming. Enjoy the Christmas break, with good health and prosperity in 2012.



WARRIPARINGA WARD

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Hi all, it has now been approximately a year since the elections, meaning we are a quarter the way through our term on council, I would really appreciate any feedback on issues affecting you and how the current is measuring up and, of course, what we could do better.

The council has well laid plans on a number of fronts, such as our depot refurbishment to bring services to you more effectively and efficiently. Other areas that council has been chipping away at include providing new services or service improvements such as, the Hallet Cove Library, Community and Business Centre, Glandore Laneways, and lobbying on your behalf on issues like the Oaklands Train Crossing to the state government, the Tonsley Park redevelopment and Westfield Marion paid car parking.

Another project that has required council input has been the Edwardstown/Castle Plaza redevelopment, to which I had the pleasure of chairing the community consultation on the rezoning of the site. The passion for one's local area was evident and as the developer prepares their final submission for consideration I am sure the concerns raised will be addressed.

As always please contact me with any issues, ideas or concerns you have and I will do my very best to assist with an outcome, after all that's why I am here. I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas, Holiday Season and a positive start to 2012.

To see what I am up to regularly follow me:
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WOODLANDS WARD

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The past year has certainly been a steep learning curve as a new councillor. My particular focus throughout this time has been the improvement and greater provision of community facilities in the Woodlands Ward.

At a council meeting back in May I requested a report on a council owned property in Edwardstown, to see if it could be used as a community facility, possibly a campus of the Glandore Community Centre. The council has since resolved to seek a feasibility study of the types of facilities required by residents in Edwardstown and South Plympton. It is my hope that the study will effectively recognise if there is a need for a community centre facility. I will undertake consultation with residents about this matter over the next few months.

I am happy to note that Yapinga St Reserve in South Plympton and Audrey St Reserve in Ascot Park are currently receiving a play space upgrade. I have met with a large number of residents who want to ensure these parks provide us with exceptional equipment and space. The plans for the upgrade are currently being drawn up and I will seek further feedback from residents before they are approved.

I am also very pleased that an upgrade of the Glandore Oval playground has already commenced. I look forward to seeing the finished product.

I value your continued feedback on community facilities in the City of Marion. Please contact me.

Have a wonderful holiday season everyone!



WOODLANDS WARD

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I'm generally a happy-go-lucky kind of guy, however there are a few things that make me see red. One of these things is graffiti. Graffiti really has become one of the most significant blights in our streets.

There seems to have been a recent spike in graffiti vandalism. This form of vandalism is nothing short of disgusting and disrespectful. If you see someone in the process of vandalising property, call the police. While council cannot legally remove graffiti from private property, we do supply free graffiti removal products (call: 7420 6408) and our ever-brilliant graffiti removal volunteers may also be able to provide assistance (call: 8375 6600). Council can however remove graffiti from council-owned infrastructure (call: 8375 6600). Current research suggests that the most effective way of managing graffiti is to remove it as soon as it appears. While this offers little comfort to property owners, it often will break the cycle.

I am keen to give a fresh push and tackle this issue head on. Council's existing graffiti policies and services do work, however more is needed in order to respond to the recent spikes and to take control of the issue. I would like to step outside the square and look at new and innovative ways of managing this issue – to do this, I need your help. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

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DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Making your pool toddler safe

The tragedy of toddlers drowning in backyard pools is an all-too-real aspect of the Australian summer.

This article gives essential safety tips and legislative information aimed to help make your pool safe.

A swimming pool safety barrier (fencing or other similar barriers to entry) is necessary to stop young children gaining access to a pool.

A swimming pool safety barrier is required to comply with the Building Code of Australia and AS 1926.1. These codes require a pool fence/barrier to surround a pool so that young children are prevented from entering the area. The barrier can take any of the following forms:

- > A purpose-built pool safety fence that entirely surrounds the pool area.
- > A purpose-built pool safety fence used together with existing boundary fences (that are at least 1.8m high and meet AS1926.1) and/or the wall of the house or other building that has no windows or doors in it.
- > A purpose-built pool safety fence used together with existing boundary fences (that are at least 1.8m high and meet AS1926.1) and/or the wall of the house or other building which has no doors in it, and any windows in that wall are made "child resistant".

Note: Any gates that open into the pool enclosure must open away from the pool, self-close and self-latch.

Generally speaking, the effective height of a fence made of solid material (i.e. with apertures less than 13mm) must be 1.2m (this does not include a boundary fence which is required to be at least 1.8 m high).

Vertical fencing members must be spaced at no more than 100mm apart. Horizontal members must be spaced at least 900mm apart and the top surface of the highest lower climbable member must be at least 1m below the top of the fence. Gaps between the bottom of the fence and the ground can be no bigger than 100mm, and the ground below the fence must be solid.

The fence or barrier must be at least 900mm clear of any structures, trees or overhanging projections that could be used to climb or jump the fence. For boundary fences, a non-climbable zone of 900mm must be located on the inside of the fence. Fences built on sloping surfaces require special consideration to ensure compliance.

It is recommended that the fence is located a suitable distance away from the pool to discourage diving and jumping from the structure into the pool. If space is available between the fence and the pool, the space can then be used by adults when supervising children in the pool.

Where possible, sheds, barbeques and clothes lines should be located outside the fenced pool area. If these items are located within the fenced area, there is an increased risk of self-closing gates being propped open to make access easier (for example, people will be likely to prop open a gate while they carry a load of washing to the clothes line or take the lawnmower out from the shed). Any balcony projecting into a pool area must also comply with AS1926.1.

In accordance with the *Development Act 1993*, swimming pool fencing requirements apply to all swimming pools and swim spas with a depth exceeding 300mm (including inflatable pools). Some of these pools/spas may not require approval, however they are all required to have a swimming pool safety fence or barrier.

For more information contact council's Building Department on 8375 6685.



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February,
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EVENTS DIARY

Visit the Box Office for bookings
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JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2012

Animals Anonymous Wildlife on Wheels
Monday 16 January 11am & 1pm

Wondered what the most dangerous spider in the world is? Or why Geckos lose their tails? Find the answers and be entertained with our wildlife show — featuring Australian animals such as crocodiles, gliders, goannas, potoroos, pythons and more.

Tickets \$7

The Amazing Magic Mike Magic Show
Wednesday 18 January 11am & 1pm

The Amazing Magic Mike returns! An amazing blend of comedy, cool modern magic tricks, classical illusions and large colourful props. Wonderful entertainment for children and grown ups.

Tickets \$7

The Outer Space Collector
Friday 27 January 11am

A purple space ship lands on stage and the performers are confused as to why it's there ... it's not part of their show. Suddenly an alien emerges from the tiny craft and takes us on an adventure to know more about the planet we live on. For 3 -10 year olds.

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EVENING SHOWS

Satisfaction - The Stones Show
Friday 10 February 8pm

Rarely does musical talent come together to enable a tribute to the World's Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band - The Rolling Stones. Playing all the hits; Satisfaction, Jumping Jack Flash, Start Me Up, just to name a few.

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Flaming Sambucas Yellowbrick Road
Friday 30 March 8pm

The Flaming Sambucas band presents a cabaret tribute show to Elton John, his life and music, featuring a white grand Piano.

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Mingle
**Friday 17 January, 10 February,
5pm - 7.30pm**

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

Free Event

Open Mic Cabaret
**Thursday 19 January, 16 February, 15 March
7 - 10pm**

Share your talent with the world at the 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. Café open from 6.30pm.

Free Event

MATINEE SERIES 2012

Single tickets available for purchase
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Summer Symphonies
Tuesday 17 January 11am

The Australian Retired Persons Association (ARPA) present a program of popular symphonies with special guest performers.

Tickets \$15

Mathew Carey's Cabaret Confessional
Tuesday 7 February 11am

Highly sought after pianist, arranger and musical director Mathew Carey offers you SA's newest cabaret stars. Come and enjoy Matt's Cabaret Confessional graduates on their maiden cabaret voyage. Who knows - maybe there's a new Liza Minnelli in the making?

Tickets \$15

The M Girl
Tuesday 6 March 11am

A Mini Musical with Dolly Lee playing the role of Marilyn Monroe in the last four interviews she gave to Life Magazine. The show features the iconic clothing, and songs Marilyn introduced to the world.

Tickets \$15

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Two exhibitions

Raw

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Delivering for the community – Marion Council 2010/11 Annual Report

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS
The SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre opened in April.

A \$300 million building boom combined with a commitment to keeping council rates low headlined the City of Marion’s achievements in 2010/11.

Council’s annual report, tabled in November, provided a snapshot of the city’s performance over the past financial year.

The long-awaited opening off the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in April has transformed Marion into the home of international swimming, the report says.

Together with the neighboring GP Plus, it represented a \$120 million investment in the community by Federal, state and local government.

At the same time, council approved more than 1880 developments, worth nearly \$170 million.

The building boom coincides with council applying an average rate increase of 4.8 per cent, giving Marion the ninth lowest rating level out of 18 metropolitan councils.

Marion has a population of about 85,400, living and working in 37,110 properties.

The report found that work is progressing on the \$8.4 million plans to turn the disused Oaklands driver training centre into a wetland capable of capturing 200 million litres of stormwater each year.

Community consultation is underway on the 6.6 hectare site.

The report found that during 2010/11:

- > 7150 tonnes of household waste was recycled.
- > 3580 trees and shrubs were planted.
- > 969,000 library items were borrowed.
- > 36,900 customer service requests resolved.

The report also found that volunteers made a significant contribution to the community during the year.

They provided 50,390 hours of service valued at more than \$1 million.

Marion Celebrates, a bi-annual cultural festival, occurred in March and attracted more than 7000 people.

Parking correctly and safely

Adhering to parking regulations helps keeps drivers and pedestrians safe.

This article illustrates a parking issue that has been highlighted within the City of Marion. It also describes relevant legislation.

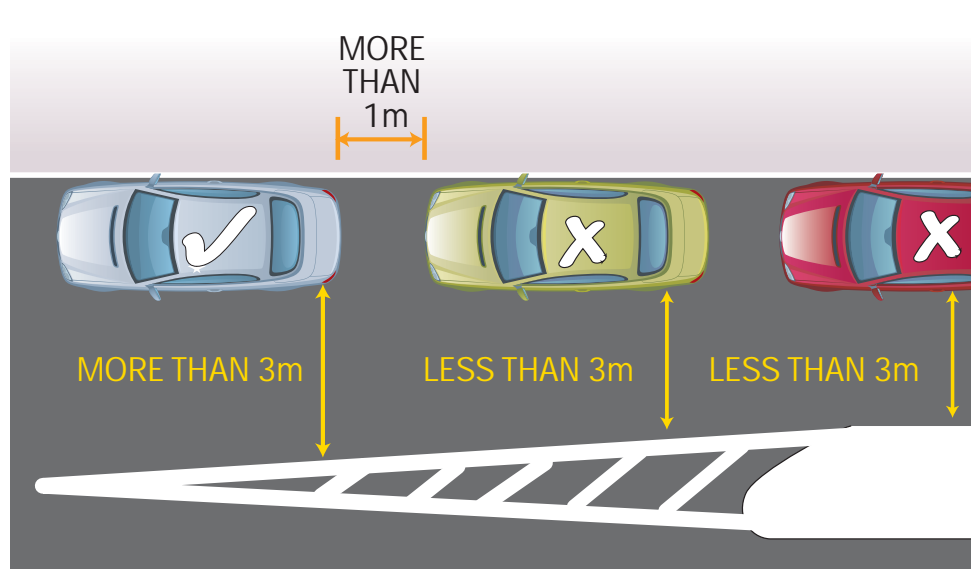
The white line rule

Section 208 (part 6) of the Australian Road Rules states that: “If the road has a continuous dividing line or dividing strip, the driver must position the vehicle at 3m from the continuous dividing line or dividing strip”.

This means that if you can not leave at least 3m between your vehicle and the continuous white line you are parking illegally.

This applies to any continuous white line, whether it is a line along the centre of the road or if its part of a traffic control device, island and/or median.

Please park correctly and safely.





\$1.5m plan to combat flooding

DIGGING DEEP

City of Marion staff excavate and lay pipes on Calstock Avenue, Edwardstown.

The risk of flooding to homes and businesses in Edwardstown will soon be reduced with the completion of a \$1.5 million stormwater drainage system.

In the biggest project of its type, Marion Council is in the final stages of building a more than 700m long system capable of handling up to one in 100 year floods.

The stormwater drain will run from Yanyarrie Avenue to Adelaide Terrace, passing Calstock Avenue and Deloraine Road.

Marion Council Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the major initiative would help home owners and businesses in Edwardstown.

"Council is concerned about the flooding risk in Edwardstown, which is why we are spending \$1.5 million upgrading the area's stormwater drainage system," Ms Lewis said.

"It's a massive project that will take pressure off the existing drainage network and provide peace of mind to residents.

"Once completed, the system will capture the heavier downpours and help prevent homes and businesses from being flooded."

Construction work by council field staff began in November 2010 and is expected to be finalised in the coming months.

"Council is concerned about the flooding risk in Edwardstown, which is why we are spending \$1.5 million upgrading the area's stormwater drainage system."

Trenches were dug more than 2m deep along the route with pipes laid ranging from 900mm to 1200mm to cope with the heaviest rainfall.

Council's civil and engineering services were the primary work areas involved in the project.

Staff were responsible for informing residents of details of the project and how it would impact on them, relocating services, cutting bitumen, building seven new junction boxes, backfilling around the pipe and reinstating the bitumen.

Ms Lewis thanked residents for their support while the drain was being built.

"The residents of Edwardstown are to be thanked for their patience and assistance during the construction period," she said.

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BUSINESS WORKS

Healthy start to new venture

By Richard Watson
Photography Catherine Gasmier

A young mother from Hallett Cove is leading a new breed of 'mumpreneurs' by making a flying start to her home-based business while successfully juggling the needs of family life.

When Allison den Dryver launched the allied health staffing agency Nikula in October she had an idea, a husband, a 16-month-old daughter and a \$2000 scholarship from the City of Marion.

After just two months of operation, Allison has secured a contract with Anglicare and is gearing up to recruit her first staff member in January.

It was when the former manager of allied health services for Jobfit became a new mum in May 2010 that she began planning to own her own business - but her first day of work came sooner than expected.

"Anglicare called for a locum podiatrist which I found using my contacts," Allison said.

"They liked my efficiency and offered me a contract and suddenly my business was up and running, even though I had expected to be in the planning phase for a while longer.

"I had gone from mum to 'mumpreneur' with one phone call."

Allison recruits physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, social workers, podiatrists, radiographers and speech pathologists to the health industry.

She aims to provide both locum and full time-placements to hospitals, community services, residential care facilities, private and occupational health sectors.

Her business Nikula was born from an idea to fill a gap in the highly competitive recruitment market.

"When I worked as a manager in allied health I used specialist interstate recruitment agencies or generalist South Australian companies to find skilled staff," Allison said.

"There was an opportunity to create a South Australian staffing agency and as I spoke the language and understood the roles, the next step was obvious.

"Fortunately I won a scholarship from the City of Marion to support young entrepreneurs through the SA Young Entrepreneur Scheme which is providing me with mentoring and advice on everything from marketing to bookkeeping."

With the health market continuing to expand and an ageing population, resourcing continues to be a challenge for health providers.

For Allison, one of the sternest tests is going to be sourcing and providing the health industry with the skills it needs.

In addition to building a profile on social media including Facebook and LinkedIn, she will be targeting female professionals who want to work in a flexible environment.

"I would love to encourage mums who have left the workforce to come back to a role in health. Locum and contract work is well paid and offers the flexibility mums need," she said.

"Starting and managing a new business is terrifying but rewarding - especially the thrill of making a great placement.


"Some days can be a bit mad with phone calls, meetings and getting my daughter to childcare and I work beyond the regular hours of nine to five. But I also have the flexibility to be a mum and develop a business I love for the family."

The business is called Nikula after a family name.

Further information can be found online at nikula.com.au

FORWARD THINKING

Allison den Dryver is looking to expand her business after only two months of operation.

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English conversation group

T (8277 7842)

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, community market, disabled adults social groups.

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 (8281 4767 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, phone.

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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Splashout Studios Art

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Steed House Art Gallery

T (0407 893 042)

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Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre

T (8387 2074)

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

INTEREST GROUPS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander playgroups

T (8296 2686)

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

Australian Retired Persons Association

T (8277 0174)

Every Wednesday 10am-3pm, Glandore Community Centre.

Community Philatelic Society

T (8260 3352 or 8296 9697)

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 last Sunday of each month, 9am-12pm.

Friends of Lower Field River

T (8387 5227 or visit 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 5400)

Activities and outings for older people looking for new friends.

Marion Historical Society

T (8296 5769 or 8277 1974)

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

Probus Club of Marion

T (8297 5948)

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.

Square Eyes

T (8375 6891)

Are you an emerging artist still looking for that important break? Be seen and heard at the Marion Cultural Centre's Square Eyes display. Contributions of animation, music, film, or multi-media welcome.

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.

Childhood assessment workshops

T (8277 2488)

Development delay can impact on a child's attention, hand skills, play, sensory processing and self-care abilities.

Community Visitors Scheme

T (8277 2488)

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.

Do you have kids under 5?

T (8276 8578)

If so Mitchell Park Kindergarten Playgroup is the place you need to visit. We meet on Fridays during school term 9.30am – 11.30am. Please call the Kindy for details.

Employment Plus

T (8329 9800)

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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

T (8322 6469)

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

Safer Communities Australia

T (8373 0818 or 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 (83745800)

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.

SPORTS 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 or www.atlantis.aussisa.org.au)

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Bicycle Institute of South Australia

T (8411 0233 or www.bisa.asn.au)

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

Del Sante All Ability Gymnastics Club

T (8244 5146)

All abilities and disabilities welcome. Excellent for improving balance, co-ordination, mobility and social skills.

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 (8298 8265 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 (Margaret 8296 9088 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.



The Marion Learning Scholarship is an annual grant offered by the City of Marion as part of the Marion Learning Festival. It is open to all residents of Marion Council where a \$1000 contribution is awarded to one winner to support an educational program of their choice.

Lifelong learning at its best

By Lizzy Wylly
Photography Catherine Gasmier

Three people with a passion for learning. That's what Kate, Varda and Tony have in common. When given the opportunity to enhance their future and achieve their ambitions through a learning activity, they were lucky enough to win a grant that helped them do just that.

The Marion Learning Scholarship allowed each of them to develop themselves and improve their lives or the lives of others in the community, without concern of financial constraints.

"Winning the scholarship will enable me to work in an area I am truly passionate about; helping women and their families during childbirth," said 30-year-old Kate Sieber who recently won the 2011 scholarship.

"I will use the grant to study the nationally accredited Certificate 4 in Doula Support Services, as I would love nothing more than to be able to help empower, guide and support women towards the birth experience they hope for."

A doula is a birth attendant who offers non-medical support and information to parents during pregnancy, childbirth and the post-natal period.

Kate, who is pregnant with her third child, said the scholarship will go a long way in helping her achieve her dream.

"Being a stay-at-home mum of, soon to be, three under five year olds means it's difficult on one wage to afford the study. So winning the scholarship is a huge help and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity," Kate said.

Forty-three-year-old Varda Ohayon-Hughes, a single mother, is another woman who is thankful for the help the 2010 scholarship has given her in undertaking further study.

"As a mother of two autistic sons, I am using the scholarship to improve the lives of my beautiful boys, by studying autism at TAFE," Varda said.

"This is an exciting journey that is having many long-term benefits, as I am determined to learn as much as possible about autism so that I can give my sons the best possible life."

Varda is enjoying the course which is improving her understanding of autism – a developmental disorder that can severely degrade a child's behavioural, social and communication skills.

Another beneficiary is the 2009 scholarship winner 57-year-old Tony Fogerty who used the prize to further his knowledge of counselling to help with his volunteer work at Tortt Park Neighbourhood Centre's Men's Shed.

"I was working with men's groups at the shed and found a lot of guys wanting to discuss certain things with me that I just wasn't qualified for. I wanted to be able to talk with them and help them," Tony said.

The scholarship helped Tony with a counselling course at the University of South Australia. As well as the valuable learning from this study, winning the scholarship also gave his self-esteem and confidence a boost after a recent illness.

"After a break-down from depression and anxiety, the scholarship gave me my self-esteem back. It gave me the confidence to get back in the classroom and give it a crack," Tony said.

The Marion Learning Festival and is open to all residents in the council area. The \$1000 grant is awarded to one person to support an educational program of their choice.

The scholarship is funded by Marion Council and SA Works and supports a variety of courses including TAFE, university and vocational education.