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COMMUNITY PEOPLE

TIME FOR A CUPPA

Volunteer Dianne Mobbs enjoys a coffee with community care client Georgina Griffin.

Getting out and about

Community care clients can now enjoy social outings, including visiting a relative in a nursing home or hospital and sharing coffee with friends following the launch of an expanded program in November.

The new Community Care Social Support Program focuses on helping people get out and about into the community with the help of volunteers.

It also gives clients a helping hand to get back into their daily routine at their own pace after a fall or operation.

Volunteers can call on clients for a chat if they cannot get out of the house or take them to visit a loved one's grave. Assessment for eligibility is conducted on an individual basis.

If you would like to find out more, call Community Care on 8375 6649.

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Emilie and Hugh
Photography by Catherine Gasmier.

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WHAT'S NEW?



IT'S EASY

Jayden and Muriel get to grips with a smartphone

Get smart with your phone

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Seniors will be shown how to get the most out of their smartphones by primary school students at a new neighbourhood centre class next year.

Get Smart With Your Phone has been specially developed to give seniors "hands on" tuition on managing contacts, texting, using the calendar, emailing and browsing the web.

Classes will be held at Cooina Neighbourhood Centre where seniors will team up with students, including 12-year-old Jayden Hathway.

"I picked up my smartphone and started using it without reading the instructions and found it pretty easy," Jayden said.

"It will be fun helping older people use new technology."

For 80-year-old Muriel Pankoke, the classes can't start soon enough.

"I'm looking forward to using my phone more and think it will be much easier after a practical demonstration," Muriel said.

In addition to teaching practical skills, the classes aim to promote inter-generational learning and are delivered in partnership with City of Marion's neighbourhood centres and COTA (Council on the Ageing) Networking Clubs.

Look out for details about *Get Smart With Your Phone* on the City of Marion website and in neighbourhood centre newsletters in 2013.

Keep your land fire safe

The fire season is now upon us so it is important that all land-owners keep their blocks clear.

It is essential to cut grass and weeds on vacant land as fire can spread through contact from sparks and embers. It is important to check your land regularly as you may need to clear it more than once during the fire season.

The City of Marion prefers to work in cooperation with landowners, but will clear potentially dangerous blocks where owners have not completed work by a specified date. Costs may be recovered and an expiation of \$315 issued.

The City of Marion would like to thank everyone who has already cleared their land and urge anyone who has not to do so immediately.

The fire season ends on April 30, 2013.



MOON ILLUSION

A painting of the moon on the old Marino Boat Ramp.

Moon rises on boat ramp

An illusory and temporary public artwork has been installed on the old Marino Boat Ramp at the end of Jervois Terrace, Marion.

The painting depicts the full moon and is only recognisable when standing on the exact place marked by the artist at low tide.

The anamorphic image can be viewed easily through a camera lens and, if you take a bit more time, the naked eye.

It was created by Aurelia Carbone as part of Place 2012, a series of events held across Adelaide to stimulate conversation about our sense of place in the community.

The painting has been created with environmentally-friendly materials and will fade after about three months.

More information is on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au

Kokobunji anniversary visit

Marion Mayor, Felicity-ann Lewis, has extended an invitation to community members to join her on a self-funded trip to Kokobunji in Japan to celebrate the 20th anniversary as sister cities.

The trip will take place in April 2013 and is an opportunity to experience Japanese culture while strengthening the ties between the City of Marion and Kokobunji.

Kokobunji and the City of Marion have enjoyed a rich history of cultural and educational exchanges involving local schools, community groups and individuals.

The 20th anniversary visit will last about two weeks and include time for personal trips and sightseeing as well as group tours.

Kokobunji is in Tokyo, making it easy to access many significant cultural, tourism and business destinations.

Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis will lead the community delegation and will pay for her own travel and accommodation. The visit is not being funded by council.

To register interest, please contact executive assistant to the Mayor, Carole Johnson, on 8375 6611 or by email mayorea@marion.sa.gov.au

OUR OPINION



CEO's comment

As an organisation, the City of Marion is judged by its achievements and I'm glad to report that we have had a productive year. Most recently, we held a ground breaking ceremony for Oaklands Wetland, a project worth \$8.4 million that will enable us to capture and clean stormwater to irrigate our reserves.

This wetland would not have been possible without our partners, the state and federal governments, and its progress is an important reminder of the work we put into building strong partnerships to deliver major projects that benefit our community.

During the past year we also secured federal funding to progress the \$13.4 million Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre and worked with the Southern Adelaide Economic Development Board to launch a plan to create 14,000 new jobs in the southern region.

I'd like to thank all our partners for working with us to develop our city with these, and many other projects. I would also like to thank the community members who have taken the time to help shape developing projects by getting involved in consultations.

Community consultation captured as part of the *Making Marion* campaign will help shape the future of our city, and we give you a flavor of what to expect and of the scale of your input on pages 6 and 7 of this magazine.

I hope you have an enjoyable and safe festive season and wish you all the best for 2013.

Regards

Mark Searle
CEO, City of Marion



Mayor's comment

As 2012 comes to a close it is important to reflect on our achievements of the past year.

The extensive consultation on *Making Marion*, which you can read more about over the page, has been a great process. We were really excited by the participation of people using all of the options-postcards, social media, and workshops. It culminated in the Elected Members spending a Friday night and the following Saturday sorting all of your comments and suggestions. It was a massive task which allowed us to get "up close and personal" with your ideas. The results will shape the future of our city.

Lots of other exciting things have been happening recently, including the turning of the first sod for the development of the Oaklands Wetland project, a design competition for the redevelopment of the Marion Cultural Centre plaza, finalisation of designs for the Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre and the City Services redevelopment.

Your council has been very busy and looks forward to delivering your vision for our city.

I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy festive season and new year.

Regards

Felicity-ann Lewis
Mayor, City of Marion

Celebrate our city

Make sure you book Sunday, 24 March 2013 in your diary for Marion's biggest community festival, Marion Celebrates.

Featuring an action-packed six-hour stage program of multicultural song and dance, community stalls, food and entertainment for the kids, next year's festival will be bigger and better than ever.

Performers or community groups who would like to get involved should contact City of Marion's cultural development officer, Elizabeth Sykora, on 8375 6713 or elizabeth.sykora@marion.sa.gov.au

MAKING MARION TOGETHER

By Richard Watson
Photography Catherine Gasmier

Marion residents have created the building blocks for a city of the future following the most ambitious review yet of council's strategic planning.

Making Marion was the biggest community consultation undertaken in council's history.

The innovative listening campaign was designed to find out what residents, businesses and community groups wanted their street, neighbourhood and city to look like in 2040 and what services it will need.

Over six weeks, more than 46,000 postcards were distributed and discussion papers produced in the areas of economy, environment, cultural diversity and community life to generate ideas and feedback.

Additionally, council held workshops for the broad community as well as tailored activities for specific groups, including businesses, multicultural and religious groups and the Kaurua community.

For the first time ever, the community was able to have its say on council's strategic planning through social media, including online discussion groups, and be connected with Facebook and Twitter.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the comprehensive engagement was an important step in building a city the community wanted.

"Marion is a listening council and we are committed to working with our community to build a city that will meet their needs for future generations," Mayor Lewis said.

"More than 16,000 pieces of information were provided by the community and I would like to thank the residents, community groups and businesses who contributed ideas at workshops and online forums, completed postcard surveys and used social media to share their views.

"Their ideas and comments are being shaped into a high-level strategic document that will guide council for the next 30 years."

Community involvement in *Making Marion* included:

- › Submitting more than 16,000 separate pieces of information
- › Facebook posts appeared in people's newsfeeds 2759 times
- › 50 new likes of Marion Council Facebook page
- › 4000 discussion papers provided
- › 46 new followers on Twitter
- › 3481 visits to the *Making Marion* website
- › 6400 page views of *Making Marion* website
- › 717 document downloads
- › 863 people attended events and workshops

PIECING TOGETHER THE FUTURE

Marion is building for future and current generations.



46,000

Postcards



16,000

Items received



6,400

Web page views



4,000

Discussion papers



2,759

Facebook posts
in newsfeeds

Information gathered during *Making Marion* has contributed to a draft of the *Community Plan* – formerly called the *Strategic Plan* – which council must review every four years.

The draft plan was written by the Strategic Directions Committee, which includes four independent members and all Elected Members, at a special workshop.

The independent members of the Strategic Directions Committee have expertise in urban ecology and sustainable communities, information technology and business, building planning and design and high-level strategic planning.

Their specialist skills complemented the wide-range of knowledge and close connections to the community provided by Elected Members, Mayor Lewis said.

“The draft *Community Plan* is a collaboration between residents and council with support from independent experts and highlights the community’s vision for our city,” Mayor Lewis said.

“It is clear that people want to be connected to each other and facilities, they care for the environment, value community places and want opportunities learn and work.

“These aspirations are shown in the draft plan which will be used by council to develop specific projects and services to build a city that provides the infrastructure, environment, economy and life the community wants.”

The *Community Plan* will guide the development of a 10-year Council Plan which will detail the contribution of council to achieving the community’s aspirations.

The draft *Community Plan* is available online for further feedback and can be found at makingmarion.com.au

The innovative listening campaign was designed to find out what residents, businesses and community groups wanted their street, neighbourhood and city to look like in 2040 and what services it will need.

The draft plan is based on the community’s own words, including:

- › Accessible and affordable public transport to key sites, including the airport, beaches, cross city links and car parking.
- › Bikeways and walkways are linked to transport routes.
- › Car dependence is decreased.
- › Road design is pedestrian friendly.
- › Innovative economic development.
- › Work regionally to source workforces.
- › Attractive business conditions and environment.
- › Help establish micro, small and large business and support existing industry.
- › Increase biodiversity so that Marion attracts more tourism and economic activity.
- › Green streetscapes.
- › Provide welcoming amenities.
- › Develop nature corridors that support walking, cycling and recreational activities.
- › High quality open space near higher density housing.
- › A connected city centre that is alive and active.
- › Mixed housing options, including intergenerational housing.
- › Appropriate infrastructure, including drainage.
- › Access to public transport.
- › Safe and attractive places to walk.
- › Open space, including parks and gardens to complement built form.
- › Plan for demographic change.
- › Support specific needs such as sport and recreation.
- › Arts and events will be in the mainstream.
- › The community will be able to express themselves collectively and individually.
- › People will become engaged by participating and spectating.
- › People have a healthy curiosity about different cultures.
- › Everyone feels valued and at home.
- › Promote unity and stability without compromising cultural diversity.
- › Multiculturalism is valued.



INFORMING DEBATE

Discussion papers were produced to generate ideas and feedback.

Council Christmas and New Year OPENING TIMES

Administration Centre

Friday 21 Dec	8.30am – 12pm
Monday 24 Dec	8.30am – 3pm
Tuesday 25 Dec	Closed
Wednesday 26 Dec	Closed
Thursday 27 Dec	8.30am – 5pm
Friday 28 Dec	8.30am – 5pm
Monday 31 Dec	8.30am – 3pm
Tuesday 1 Jan	Closed

Neighbourhood Centres

All Neighbourhood Centres will close at 4pm on Thursday 20 Dec

Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre
Reopening 9am Monday 14 January

Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre
Reopening 9am Monday 7 January

Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre
Reopening 9am Monday 7 January

Glandore Community Centre
Reopening 9am Monday 7 January

Marion Swimming Centre

Monday 24 Dec	5.30am – 6pm
Tuesday 25 Dec	Closed
Wednesday 26 Dec	11am – 5pm
Thursday 27 Dec	5.30am – 8pm
Friday 28 Dec	5.30am – 8pm
Saturday 29 Dec	7am – 6pm
Sunday 30 Dec	8am – 6pm
Monday 31 Dec	5.30am – 6pm
Tuesday 1 Jan	11am – 5pm
Wednesday 2 Jan	5.30am – 8pm
Regular opening hours then apply.	

Libraries

Sunday 23 Dec	
Marion Cultural Centre	1pm – 4pm
Hallett Cove	1pm – 4pm
Park Holme	Closed
Monday 24 Dec	
Marion Cultural Centre	10am – 1pm
Hallett Cove	Closed
Park Holme	10am – 1pm
Tuesday 25 Dec	
Marion Cultural Centre	Closed
Hallett Cove	Closed
Park Holme	Closed
Wednesday 26 Dec	
Marion Cultural Centre	Closed
Hallett Cove	Closed
Park Holme	Closed
Thursday 27 Dec	
Marion Cultural Centre	10am – 5pm
Hallett Cove	10am – 5pm
Park Holme	10am – 5pm
Friday 28 Dec	
Marion Cultural Centre	10am – 5pm
Hallett Cove	10am – 5pm
Park Holme	10am – 5pm
Saturday 29 Dec	
Marion Cultural Centre	10am – 4pm
Hallett Cove	10am – 4pm
Park Holme	10am – 4pm
Sunday 30 Dec	
Marion Cultural Centre	1pm – 4pm
Hallett Cove	1pm – 4pm
Park Holme	Closed
Monday 31 Dec	
Marion Cultural Centre	10am – 3pm
Hallett Cove	Closed
Park Holme	10am – 3pm
Tuesday 1 Jan	
Marion Cultural Centre	Closed
Hallett Cove	Closed
Park Holme	Closed
Normal hours resume Wednesday 2 Jan	

Mobile Library Service

The mobile library service will be closed on Tuesday 25 Dec and Tuesday 1 Jan.

The mobile library does not operate on Mondays, Wednesdays or the weekends.

Living Kurna Cultural Centre

Friday 21 Dec	Closing at 12pm
Saturday 22 Dec – Sunday 6 Jan	Closed
Monday 7 Jan	Reopening at 10am

Marion Cultural Centre

Friday 21 Dec	Closing at 12pm
Saturday 22 Dec – Wednesday 26 Dec	Closed
Thursday 27 Dec	Reopening at 10am
Monday 31 Dec	Closing 3pm

Signatures Café

Signatures Café will close at 1pm on Monday 24 Dec and reopen at 9.30am on Thursday 27 Dec.

Monday 31 Dec	Closing 3pm
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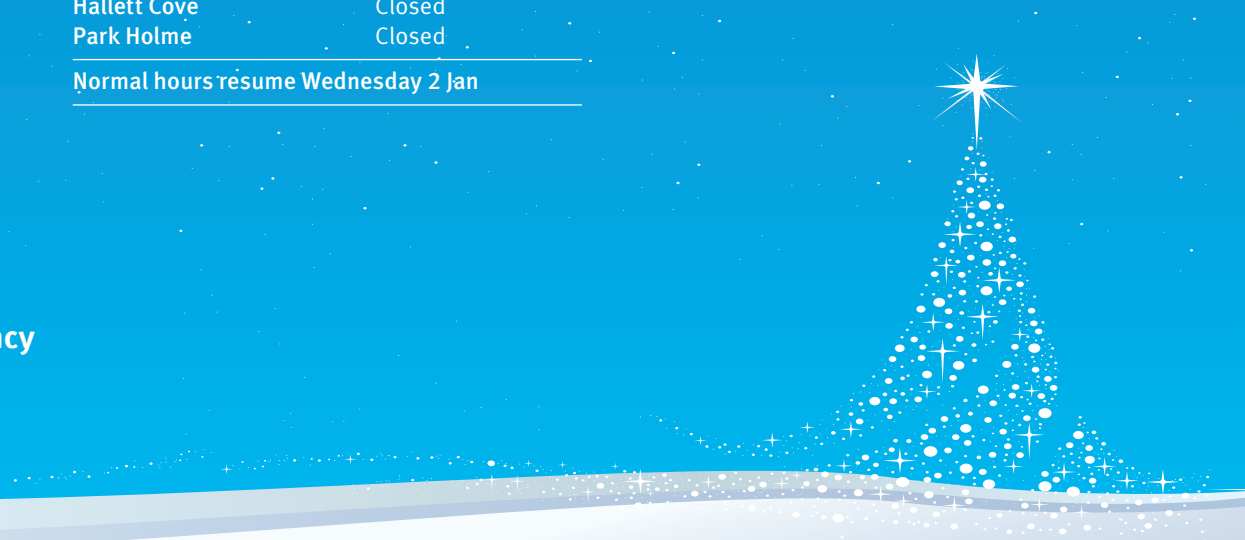
Gallery M

Gallery M will close at 1pm on Monday 24 Dec and reopen at 10am on Thursday 27 Dec.

Monday 31 Dec	Closing 3pm
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Kerbside waste collection

No collections Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Bins will be collected the day after your usual collection day.





Have fun in the sun and swim safe

IT'S FUN MUM

Lisa Jarvis and son Peter enjoy the outdoor pool.

By Chrissy Ackland
Photography Simon Stanbury

Summer has started with a splash at Marion Swimming Centre with an open day in November seeing more than 700 visitors celebrate the start of the outdoor swimming season.

Last season, the pool attracted 95,000 visitors, hosted school holiday activities for 9000 young people and held 15 swimming carnivals.

Since then, the centre has been upgraded with new shade cloths and improved family and toilet facilities.

Marion Swimming Centre manager, Craig Cooper, said after a bright start to the summer he was expecting a bumper season.

"Families have been pouring into the centre to enjoy the water as well as relaxing on the grass, enjoying the shade and a barbecue," Mr Cooper said.

"The centre has an eight lane, Olympic-sized pool, as well as children's and toddler pools and a 60m water slide.

"We are a family-friendly facility and want visitors to relax and have a good time, and also be safe around the water."

To maximise safety, the centre employs qualified life guards and promotes the *Watch Around the Water* program which emphasises the need to have children under 10 closely supervised by an adult

Adults should always be within arm's reach of children under five.

It also emphasises the importance of learning to swim.

"We provide swimming classes for all ages to encourage as many people as possible to enjoy the water and be safe," Mr Cooper said.

"All instructors are accredited by AUSTSWIM and we have classes for adults as well as children.

"*Watch Around the Water* information is available at the pool and we urge people to take it home with them and remember its messages, even when they are at a private pool or the beach."

Swim school classes for children are held Tuesday to Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings, while adult classes are held on Wednesday evenings.

VACSWIM swimming lessons will be launched for school children aged five and over in early 2013.

"The centre has an eight lane, Olympic-sized pool, as well as children's and toddler pools and a 60m water slide."

The centre has a lift system to help people with a disability access the Olympic-sized pool. There is also disability access to the changing rooms and toilets.

Lisa Jarvis is a keen swimmer who takes her nine-month-old son Peter to the pool regularly.

"I come to the pool for lap swimming and aquarobics all the time in summer," Lisa said.

"My son Peter loves the toddler pool as it's shaded and shallow and is ideal for getting him used to the water."

Marion Swimming Centre is open 5.30am- 8pm weekdays, 7am- 6pm Saturdays and 8am -6pm Sundays, until 28 March.

For further information contact the pool on 8276 4939 or visit its webpage marion.sa.gov.au/swimming-centre



JOIN US

Bruce Wilson is seeking volunteers for the Friends of Warriparinga.

Green group seeks new recruits

By Richard Watson
Photography Heidi Linehan

Volunteer environmental group the Friends of Warriparinga is calling for new members to help restore native vegetation along the Sturt River.

The group wants to see Silky Tee Trees, tough Cyprus grass and native reeds flourishing along the banks of the river where it runs through Warriparinga as it did in the days before European settlement.

Chairperson of the Friends of Warriparinga, Bruce Wilson, said that bird life and butterflies were steadily returning to the river as a result of their work.

"It's very exciting to see birds and butterflies returning to the river as a result of the weeding, plant raising, seed collecting and water monitoring we are conducting," Bruce, 63, said.

"We're on a mission to ensure that the site continues to thrive and need more volunteers who enjoy getting outdoors and joining in a worthwhile and rewarding activity in good company.

"Warriparinga is a beautiful and peaceful place and people are always amazed when they see it for the first time."

Warriparinga is a 3.5 hectare site on the corner of Sturt and Marion roads, commonly known as Laffer's Triangle. It is home to the Living Kurna Cultural Centre, wetlands and buildings dating back to early European settlement - including Fairford House where the group maintains the grounds.

The stretch of Sturt River that runs through Warriparinga is the only remaining natural aspect of the river on the Adelaide Plains.

The Friends of Warriparinga was formed 20 years ago, has 11 members and meets once a month to conduct rehabilitation work on the site.

It also works with the Kurna community and forms part of the Wetlands Advisory Group, which along with representatives from SARDI, PIRSA, the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board and City of Marion staff, advises council on scientific and technical issues associated with improving water quality in the wetlands.

For more information about the Friends of Warriparinga, call Bruce Wilson on 8296 4077.

Warriparinga photography competition

Congratulations to Angus of Somerton Park and Gary of South Plympton for winning City of Marion's photography competition focused on the Warriparinga Wetlands site.

Angus won with *Rush Hour at Warriparinga* and Gary with *Spirit of Warriparinga*. Both were awarded a \$100 gift voucher.

Rehabilitation work is underway to improve water quality at the wetlands and gates to control the flow of water have been installed.

This will see a reduction in water levels to encourage the growth of aquatic plants which help improve water quality by acting as filters.

Water levels will rise again during the winter to reflect a natural wetland.

If you would like more information about Warriparinga Wetlands, contact City of Marion's water resources coordinator, Glenn Ricketts, on 7420 6416.



PHOTO WINNERS

(Left) *Spirit of Warriparinga*
(Right) *Rush Hour at Warriparinga*



"I was project leader of a team tasked with developing an activity that would benefit the community and was especially motivated by *Midnight Basketball* as I love the sport and my son – who died in an accident eight years ago – was a keen player."

Participation is free and sessions are held at Westminster School from 7pm and include a healthy meal, compulsory life skills workshops and a three-hour basketball tournament ending at midnight.

Dianne is now a volunteer coordinator of the program she helped establish in Marion.

"It took 12 months to get *Midnight Basketball* off the ground in Marion, including securing \$35,000 of funding through the Office of Recreation and Sport," Dianne said.

"The Community Leadership Program enabled me bring a great activity to local youth and I gained a diploma in Community Service Coordination and Certificate 1V in Frontline Management along the way."

Midnight Basketball, the City of Marion, and Uniting Communities also provide funding while sessions are run by volunteers and paid officials.

Further information is available online at midnightbasketball.org.au

Information about the Community Leadership Program is online at marion.sa.gov.au

ON THE BALL

Dianne Casey helped bring *Midnight Basketball* to Marion.

A whole new ball game

By Richard Watson
Photography Catherine Gasmier

Young people in Marion are improving their health, confidence and communication skills thanks to a new program based around basketball.

Midnight Basketball was launched in Marion in October and already has 49 participants who come together on Friday nights to share dinner, attend workshops and compete in a basketball tournament.

The national program aims to improve the lives of people aged 12 to 18 by diverting them from anti-social behaviour with a combination of sport and educational workshops ranging from nutrition, substance misuse and conflict resolution to financial literacy.

It was brought to the local community by Seacombe Gardens resident, Dianne Casey.

"I got involved in *Midnight Basketball* through the City of Marion Community Leadership Program," Dianne, 57, said.

Lions roar to 50

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Four members of Marion and Edwardstown Lions are celebrating a half century of service in the same year as the 50th anniversary of both clubs.

Marion Lions Bob Korotcoff, 77, Dr Bob Coulthard, 77, and Walter Stann, 86, all helped see the club through its formative years and are still active members.

With 53 years' service, Walter is the longest serving Lion in South Australia having joined a club in Orange NSW before moving to Adelaide.

"It was a privilege to be asked to join the Lions and help as you can never achieve the same things as an individual as you can as part of a club," Walter said.

Doug Omond, a member of Edwardstown Lions and past district governor, would like to see more people coming forward to help those in need.

"A little bit of work from many people goes a long way, but both clubs need a new influx of younger volunteers to support local and overseas projects," Doug, 85, said.



"We recently welcomed a new member aged 28, which is very encouraging."

Lions clubs are dedicated to improving the lives of communities throughout the world, especially those who are sick or impoverished.

Local projects for Marion Lions have included buying equipment for Flinders Medical Centre and launching a program to plant 10,000 trees at Morphett Road Reserve over the next 10 years.

Edwardstown Lions worked with the City of Marion to build Active Elders Hall and have sent more than 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses overseas to help improve the sight of people in developing nations.

Marion Lions can be contacted on 8298 1599 and Edwardstown Lions on 8239 0203.

FORWARD TOGETHER

Lions veterans Dr Bob Coulthard, AM, Bob Korotcoff, Doug Omond, OAM, and Walter Stann, AM, are still active members after 50 years of service.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

MODERN FOYER

The final internal designs for the Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre have been based on considerable community consultation.



Tonsley redevelopment works continue

Work is continuing to redevelop the Tonsley site as South Australia's new hub for advanced manufacturing.

Redevelopment of the former Mitsubishi Motors manufacturing site will provide a platform for the state's economic growth, attracting companies with advanced manufacturing capabilities and services that can respond to the needs of the state's growing industries.

The site will bring together industry with the education and research sectors, and offer new residential accommodation and community facilities.

Since the masterplan for the redevelopment was approved earlier this year, Renewal SA and the Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy (DMITRE) have been working together to progress works on site, and to attract investors.

Over the past few months tenders for various works have been awarded including design of the main assembly building, public realm design, civil engineering works, urban design guidelines and economic development planning.

MAIN ASSEMBLY PLANT

(Top to bottom) Visual of interior, interior now, Visual of exterior, exterior now

Preparatory works for the site to be occupied by TAFE SA's Sustainable Industries Education Centre (SIEC) have been completed. This includes removing the old cladding and roofing and stabilising the steel framework of the existing building. Work will now continue on the rest of the site.

Construction of the centre is progressing and is on schedule for completion in late 2013, with first students expected to start studies after it opens in January 2014.

The education arm of Tonsley was further strengthened in August with Flinders University announcing a \$120 million plan to relocate its School of Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics Medical Device Research Institute, Southern Knowledge Partnerships Office and Flinders Partners to the site, as well as providing a presence for the centre for NanoScale Science and Technology.

Flinders' outstanding global reputation will help promote the site on a global stage, providing certainty of stronger opportunities to link manufacturing, education and research projects, on site.

To find out more about what's happening please call 1300 663 707 or visit <http://tonsleypark.southaustralia.biz>

Centre has designs on community and business

By Richard Watson

Visitors to the new \$13.4 million Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre will be welcomed into a spacious foyer where a polished concrete floor, wooden wall panels and a modern reception area are illuminated by natural light.

They will have access to an estimated 35,000 books, magazines and DVDs, community meeting rooms, business training facilities, high speed internet and a children's toy library.

These are just some of the features of the almost 2000 sq m complex that were rubber stamped by council when it signed off on the building's final design in October.

Mayor Lewis said the state-of-the art facility would be a focal point for community and business when it opened in mid-2014.

"The centre will be open seven days a week and is expected to attract about 130,000 visitors a year and give 8000 small businesses access to information and training facilities," Mayor Lewis said.

"The internal designs – like the overall concept for the facility – have been based on the needs of the community following extensive consultation."

The centre will include flexible activity rooms that can expand into a community hall for 280 people.

Dedicated training rooms will have the latest in audio visual support and there will be high-speed internet access throughout the centre.

In addition to using natural light, ventilation and solar panels to minimise electricity costs, the centre will recycle rainwater for toilet flushing and irrigating its grounds, including a grassed amphitheatre.

The Hallett Cove library, community and enterprise centre is being funded with \$3.4 million from the Australian Government under the Regional Development Initiative and the City of Marion which is investing up to \$10 million.

Consultation about services and programs provided at the centre will begin in 2013 and details will be available online at makingmarion.com.au



DIGGING DEEP

Presiding member for the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, Professor Chris Daniels, and Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis get work underway at Oaklands Wetland.

Ground broken at Oaklands Wetland

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis launched construction of the \$8.4 million Oaklands Wetland in front of more than 50 guests at a community ground breaking ceremony on November 26.

The wetland will harvest more than 400 million litres of stormwater to irrigate about 30 council reserves.

Mayor Lewis said it was exciting to be moving into the construction phase of the project and thanked the community for their input into the final designs and the state and federal governments for their support.

"I'd like to thank the community for their enthusiasm and contribution to the design of the wetland, which will be a hugely significant project, not only for Marion, but the region," Mayor Lewis said.

"I would also like to thank my state and federal colleagues for supporting the project."

The wetland will cost about \$8.4 million with the City of Marion and the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Management Board each contributing \$2.36 million.

The Federal Government is providing \$3.73 million through the Water for the Future initiative.

Presiding member for the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, Professor Chris Daniels, said wetlands provided a dual benefit to the community.

"In addition to capturing and cleaning stormwater, wetlands revitalise the natural environment, helping to recreate biodiversity hot spots," Professor Daniels said.

"Oaklands Wetland will be a major drawcard for the region, bringing people to see native bird and plant life, and helping them have closer contact with nature."

Construction of the wetland will be completed by the middle of next year and be fully operational when aquatic plant life has been established.



Blood donations save 38,000 lives

The Marion Blood Donor Centre is celebrating its first birthday and the best gift has gone to patients in need of blood who owe their lives to donations made at the centre.

Blood donations at Marion over the past 12 months have saved the lives of more than 38,000 patients.

Local resident Michelle Hanlin has made 16 donations at Marion in the centre's first year.

"I have a medical background and have seen how crucial blood products are when patients are unwell," Ms Hanlin said.

"I donate because it's a worthwhile and simple task which takes virtually no time at all but saves the lives of others."

The generosity of Ms Hanlin and other local blood donors has exceeded the expectations of Marion Blood Donor Centre manager Colin Rotherham.

"It's been an exciting 12 months at Marion and since opening our doors we have collected over 13,000 donations," Mr Rotherham said.

"I encourage anyone who has thought about donating to make an appointment at the Marion Blood Donor Centre as we need more dedicated donors because the demand for blood is expected to double in the next decade."

"I donate because it's a worthwhile and simple task which takes virtually no time at all but saves the lives of others."

The Marion Blood Donor Centre is at 1 Milham Street, Oaklands Park, behind the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre and above Service SA.

To donate, call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE

Michelle Hanlin, who has made 16 blood donations this year, with nurse Susan Kellett.



Rescue 2012

Competitors from 42 nations flooded into the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Christies Beach and Glenelg to vie for medals at *Rescue 2012*, the Life Saving World Championships which ran from November 7 to 18.

The City of Marion ran a range of targeted events as part of the championships and the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre helped coordinate the opening ceremony.

City of Marion's Craig Cooper, who is coordinator of the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre and Marion Swimming Centre, took out gold in the masters boards category.

About 15,000 spectators and athletes made the trip to Adelaide for the event, which was being held in South Australia for the first time in its 57-year history.

TOUGH COMPETITION

Athletes from 42 countries competed in *Rescue 2012*.



Blak Nite to shine on Marion

Photography Ben Searcy

Warriparinga will be transformed into a giant performing arts space when South Australia's only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth arts festival kicks off next March.

Blak Nite 2013 will see more than 100 performers take to the stage as part of an exciting 11-hour showcase featuring live music, dance, comedy and visual arts.

This will be the first time that Australia's longest running Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth arts festival has been held in Marion and is a unique opportunity for the community to enjoy what promises to be a brilliant event, *Blak Nite* artistic director, Deon Hastie said.

"Next year's *Blak Nite* festival will be the first time it has been held on Marion's doorstep, and I invite the entire community to come and be part of a great show on March 2," Mr. Hastie said.

"In addition to traditional and contemporary dance, bands and soloists, people will be able to enjoy workshops in drumming, circus skills, visual arts, weaving, stone knapping (tool making), and punu (wood carving and decorative burning).

"There will also be a feature performance of about 70 dancers, bush tucker and traditional cooking demonstrations."

As well as local artists, *Blak Nite 2013* will feature young performers from the Riverland, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Ceduna, Yalata, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, and the Torres Strait Islands, all who have been participating in Kurruru's year-long Regional Workshop Program.

"Blak Nite is a celebration of identity and culture, and combines performances and activities from urban and traditional cultures, including workshops in traditional practices. This is a creative and dynamic event, highlighting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth arts in Adelaide and Australia."

The festival is in its 15th year and has built a reputation as a high-quality event, attracting crowds of up to 3000.

Holding the event at Warriparinga will give people the chance to learn about the history of the site and the significance it has for the Kaurna people, Mr Hastie said.

"We're looking forward to performing at Warriparinga as it is a beautiful setting and home to the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre," he said.

"Blak Nite is a celebration of identity and culture, and combines performances and activities from urban and traditional cultures, including workshops in traditional practices. This is a creative and dynamic event, highlighting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth arts in Adelaide and Australia."

"Blak Nite is the only platform dedicated to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to express and share their culture with an audience, and this is reflected in the high energy and creativity they bring to their performances."

Living Kaurna Cultural Centre cultural education officer, Jamie Goldsmith, said Warriparinga is the ideal venue to host the festival.

"This place has been used as a gathering place for thousands of years and this is where we are gathering for the next *Blak Nite*," Mr Goldsmith said.

The festival is produced in association with Carclew Youth Arts and presented by Kurruru Youth Performing Arts in partnership with the City of Marion.

Sponsors include The Advertiser, Bank SA, Derringers, Rankhart Designs, Wavals Party Hire and Renae Strugnell.

Blak Nite 2013 will be held at Warriparinga, off Sturt Road, Bedford Park, on Saturday, March 2 2013 from midday until 11pm. Entry is free.

More information will be available online in early 2013 at kurruru.org.au and marion.sa.gov.au

DANCING PROUD

Members of the Kurruru Dance Ensemble



IN PLACE
One of the "chain figures" installed on Mike Turtur Bikeway.

Artworks get moving on bikeway

Photography Don Brice

Thirty new artworks, including life-size three dimensional "chain figures" constructed from laser cut steel, have been recently installed along the Mike Turtur Bikeway between Cross Road and South Road as part of a public art and place making project.

The specially engineered figures were developed to reflect the importance of cycling and walking.

In addition to the sculptures, signs based on giant bicycle badges were installed.

When complete, the Mike Turtur Bikeway will be a 9.8km shared pedestrian and cycle path from the centre of Adelaide to Glenelg.

Construction of Stage 4 of the bikeway is underway and will link Marion Road to Winifred Avenue and is scheduled to be completed by February 2013 while Stage 5 will be completed by the middle of the year.

Keep the pathways clear

It is important to cut back overhanging trees, shrubs and groundcover from properties to keep pathways safe for pedestrians.

Additionally, overhanging vegetation can make it difficult for people to see clearly when backing their car out of a driveway.

The City of Marion receives a number of complaints about overhanging vegetation, particularly from people with restricted vision, in wheelchairs or gofers and parents out walking with pushchairs.

Here are some tips to help you keep the paths near your house safe:

- › Remember that the whole footpath must be kept clear of vegetation at all times
- › When planting near property boundaries, allow enough space for plants to go so they do not need regular pruning
- › Vertical clearance over a footpath should be 2.5m and 4.5m over a road
- › Thorns and sharp branch stumps can be dangerous to pedestrians and should be cut away
- › Prune groundcovers away from roads and footpaths regularly
- › Prune hedges regularly.

Under Section 254 of the Local Government Act 1999 (hazards on lands adjoining a public place) council can request vegetation to be cut back.

Access on footpaths can also be maintained by retrieving your kerbside waste collection bins as soon as possible once they have been emptied.

For further information, please contact Customer Service at the City of Marion on 8375 6600.



Premier drops in

Premier Jay Weatherill dropped in on Cove Youth Service recently as part of a tour of southern Adelaide.

The Premier shared a game of table tennis and pool with Members of Marion Council's Youth Advisory Committee and chatted to young people and staff.

He was also given a guided tour of building, which includes a wide-range of recreational facilities and artworks created by local youth.

Cove Youth Service provides support services and activities for young people in the Marion Council area and is based on Zwerner Drive, Hallett Cove.

Further information is online at marion.sa.gov.au

GOOD GAME

Premier Jay Weatherill tried his hand at table tennis with Jeremiah Morton.

**GOOD RECYCLING**

Esther Landells shows Suscha Benson the new Kitchen Organics Bin.

Your 2013 waste collection calendar is here

The 2013 kerbside bin collection calendar is included in this edition of *City Limits*.

In addition to providing details about when you should put your bins out, the calendar includes important information about what items should go in which bin, tells you how to book a free hard waste collection and how to safely dispose of hazardous waste.

The calendar also includes top recycling tips, including:

- › You can recycle aerosol spray cans, tomato plummets, plastic lids (placed in a plastic bottle) and all cardboard and paper in your recycling bin
- › You can't put old clothes in the recycling bin
- › You can't recycle packing foam in the recycling bin – it must go in the rubbish bin.
- › The triangle with the number in the middle on packaging is not a recycling triangle. It's a plastic identification code and does not mean the object is recyclable.

E-waste

Electronic waste, including televisions, computers and screens can now be recycled free of charge. Details are on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au/electronic-waste

For further information about any of these initiatives, contact City of Marion's waste education officer on 8375 6600.

New bin to help gardens grow

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

The City of Marion has launched a new kitchen recycling bin to divert food scraps from landfill and turn them into compost and mulch for parks and gardens.

The Kitchen Organics Bin is a small caddy, designed to make it quick and easy for people to fill it with food scraps while cooking rather than contaminate the garbage bin by mixing them with general household waste.

Food waste accounts for about 35 per cent of what is placed in garbage bins and the Kitchen Organics Bin will not only reduce landfill but help parks and gardens grow, City of Marion waste education officer, Esther Landells, said.

"The Kitchen Organics Bin helps people dispose of food scraps neatly in the kitchen, before placing them in the green kerbside organics bin after which they will be converted into compost and mulch and used on council's reserves," Ms Landells said.

"Special corn starch bags are provided with the bin, alternatively people can line it with newspaper or wrap scraps in paper.

"Every household in the Marion Council area is entitled to a free Kitchen Organics Bin and one roll of bags."

What can I put in the Kitchen Organics Bin?

- › All food scraps
- › Dairy products including cheese and yoghurt
- › Bread, cake and rolls
- › Fruit and vegetables
- › Tea bags and coffee grounds
- › Meat scraps – cooked and raw
- › Seafood – cooked and raw
- › Bones
- › Egg shells
- › Shredded paper
- › Hair

What can't I put in the Kitchen Organics Bin?

- › Plastic bags
- › Cigarette butts and ash
- › Cans or metals
- › Kitty litter
- › Liquids
- › Cling wrap or glad wrap
- › Nappies
- › Glass or ceramics
- › Vacuum dust

Residents with photographic identification showing that they live in the Marion Council area can collect their Kitchen Organics bin free of charge from the City of Marion Administration Building, 245 Sturt Road, Sturt.

The City of Marion will also give residents a \$20 refund on worm farms and compost bins, subject to certain conditions.

COUNCILLORS' VIEWS



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MARINO | SEACLIFF PARK | HALLETT COVE

Summer is upon us and outdoors is the place to be. Marion has provided many playspaces for residents to visit and enjoy. The council spends a lot of time and energy consulting with residents before designing and building playgrounds. It is great that residents take the opportunity to spend leisure time with their families and friends by making use of parks.

Pavana Park in Hallett Cove is always a busy space. It has become a much loved area by many. It makes my day to see the council facilities used and enjoyed.

Building work on Glade Crescent adventure playground is about to commence. I appreciate the input by residents during the consultation phase. This playground will be the first part of a unique community space. The future adjoining wetlands will create an environment that many will want to visit and experience.

Hallett Cove Beach is another project that council is excited to be working on. This unique area requires something really special to compliment the surrounding spectacular environment that welcomes many to our community. Consultation is providing much needed direction to the future of Heron Way and Grand Central reserve. For the coastal communities of southern Marion, local destinations are becoming the places to visit.

Go for a walk, ride your bike or take a drive to your local park. Marion is your place to play. Enjoy these spaces, they belong to you - the community.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy 2013. Keep safe while you enjoy the festive season.



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MARINO | SEACLIFF PARK | HALLETT COVE

Finally, progress on Seaclyff Park's 'Cement Hill' site. For years this derelict site has languished, an unwelcoming 'gateway' to Marino. But recently there has been positive movement which we hope will see this land rehabilitated to become our newest coastal community.

The private landowner and the Cities of Holdfast Bay and Marion have received state government go-ahead to investigate rezoning to enable residential development.

It's early days and there's a lot to be done, but some progress is better than none and the community seems excited to hear that there's movement. In November, we held two community workshops to bring the ideas of locals into this process. These workshops were well attended with over 70 at each.

I'm interested in many aspects of this site, including:

- › densities of housing, should we have a mix of apartments and traditional dwellings?
- › could the area support a 'village' retail development?
- › open space and what it will look like
- › contamination, stormwater and traffic management, including the Scholefield/Brighton Road intersection
- › the boundary between Holdfast Bay and Marion which awkwardly divides the site.

My role is to work with the council and the community to ensure that any future development is of high quality. We're involving the community early and I can assure you that we'll be calling for your ideas and opinions throughout. The more we plan, the better the end product.

I hope you have a wonderful, peaceful Christmas and I am looking forward to working with you to make our community great in 2013.



MULLAWIRRA WARD

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GLENGOWRIE | PLYMPTON PARK |
PARK HOLME | MORPHETTVILLE

What is the role of local government and government generally?

Is it the role of government to simply provide everything that the community wants? Or should government merely provide essential services and leave it up to individuals to obtain others from the market themselves?

These are questions that councillors need to face up to every time they vote on new service provisions, or the extension of existing ones. And they are questions that are becoming increasingly relevant as governments at all levels expand into areas that were once unthinkable.

Who would have thought that councils would ever become responsible for health, for instance? That's the case now, if you didn't already know – your rates are used to pay for immunisations.

Recently, the Local Government Association called for councils to increase the provision of youth services, including as The Advertiser reported, "hosting a Youth Development in Local Government conference."

Councils already offer youth services, but apparently, so the argument goes, they need to do more.

The concern with this is that it means councils will spread themselves even thinner. It also means more of a burden on ratepayers.

Best for councils to stick to the essentials and leave it individuals to decide how they want to spend their own money rather than have centralised decision-makers doing so on their behalf. Those who earn will always spend money in a more responsible way than those that tax.



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GLENGOWRIE | PLYMPTON PARK |
PARK HOLME | MORPHETTVILLE

The holiday period creates a great opportunity to relax and spend time with family. Council can help by providing areas where families and friends can congregate and this is why council began the play space (reserve) upgrade during the previous council term.

Residents have been asked to give feedback on what they would like to see in their local parks and I was encouraged on how many people took the time to come and do just that.

Based on what residents have been telling me about our reserves and play spaces, I will be looking into how council can increase the provision of seating and shading in future play space/reserve upgrades and in already upgraded facilities.

Residents can see the good work the play spaces upgrades team has done in the parks section of the City of Marion website. Reserves that are being or have been upgraded are listed here, where anyone can see all the designs, including those for McKellar Terrace, Morphettville and Aldridge Avenue and Plympton Park reserves which are based on recent community consultations.

Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre

In June 2011 I successfully moved a motion that the construction of disability access shower and toilet and a family room in the Marion Outdoor Pool be brought forward from 2019 to 2012. I am happy to see this was completed in time for the opening of the Marion Outdoor Pool in October.

Finally I wish all residents a relaxing and safe festive season and a happy and healthy new year.



SOUTHERN HILLS WARD

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SEAVIEW DOWNS | TROTT PARK |
SEACOMBE HEIGHTS | DARLINGTON |
O'HALLORAN HILL | SHEIDOW PARK

Once again, the festive season is just around the corner, and we all wonder with amazement how fast - yet again - the last year has gone by.

I wish all residents of Marion a happy festive season. Enjoy it with your family and friends, and renew your energy to bring you forward in the New Year.

You will have seen the progress, new initiatives, and enhanced use of social media that has taken place over the past year at the City of Marion. I am sure many of you follow the posts on City of Marion Facebook and Twitter accounts.

However useful, and a means of speedy communication in this modern world of technology, as your local councillor, I still revert to the "old-fashioned" method of communication with face-to-face visits to you in your homes to discuss whatever issues you wish to address and learn about problems first hand. I can then advocate on your behalf with council. Hopefully the two can continue to merge, and a satisfactory outcome is still the result, regardless of which method of communication is used.

Thank you to all of you who have contacted me throughout the year, it has been a pleasure to meet you and address your concerns. I will continue to represent you in the best way possible in the future.



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O'HALLORAN HILL | SHEIDOW PARK

I recently accepted an invitation to attend the Advantage SA Regional Awards dinner in Mt Gambier. The Sports award winner was the Blue Lake BMX club.

In 2012 they hosted the Australian national BMX championships, coordinating a community effort, and drawing on assistance from state and local government, local businesses and individuals. With more than 5000 people attending, an estimated \$12 million was injected into the local economy.

The Health award winner was the Keith Hospital Action Group. The group was established to raise awareness of the Keith and District Hospital. Its primary aim today is fundraising and supporting major projects at the hospital. In the past 12 months the group has held many events including a car rally, a ute muster and a high tea, raising more than \$400,000. They have also secured commercial agreements with local suppliers to donate a percentage of their business to the hospital and have released a cookbook featuring many celebrities.

The Tourism winner was AUSTimber 2012 for hosting the international timber conference and expo which is held every four years. It attracted 7000 tourists, and contributed \$12 million to the Limestone Coast economy.

Thanks to those of you who have contacted me for assistance, or to offer advice, over the past two years. Thanks also to the many volunteers who contribute so much to our community. I hope you have a happy Christmas period and a great New Year.

COUNCILLORS' VIEWS



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WARRADALE | OAKLANDS PARK |
DOVER GARDENS | SEACOMBE GARDENS

Merry Christmas neighbours and fellow ratepayers! This time two years ago, you cast your vote for those you wanted to represent you on council. Now being half way through our term, I think you deserve to be provided with a mid-term report card. I believe some of our best achievements are:

- › Supporting the redevelopment of our City Services Depot – the hub where core services like open space planning, traffic and engineer, and waste management are made possible for you, as ratepayers.
- › Committing and allocating funds to the development of Hallett library, community and enterprise centre.
- › The launch of the *Making Marion* website which is dedicated to providing opportunities for you to have your say.
- › The series of workshops that have ensured we are listening to you as the residents and shaping our strategic plan based on your feedback.

The list of achievements is far greater than can be presented here.

To finish, no report card would be complete without also highlighting opportunities for growth. For us at Marion, some of the opportunities for 2013:

- › Exploring the possibilities for the creation of Warracowie Way (the street between the aquatic centre and cultural centre) and the surrounding plaza area as a vibrant, exciting community space.
- › Continuing to resal footpaths as required, beautifying our streets with trees and responding to your requests.

Of course, you are probably best placed to tell us our opportunities for improvement. Please do not hesitate to call and let me know!



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WARRADALE | OAKLANDS PARK |
DOVER GARDENS | SEACOMBE GARDENS

For Warracowie Ward there are two dominant council projects. The Oaklands Wetland and aquifer recharge, which has progressed to the construction phase, and the Marion Domain Plaza Development, which is subject to funding. The wetland will provide the trigger for immense local amenity for the Oaklands Reserve. But equally, the valuable water drawn up from meters down in the rock will be distributed to reserves kilometres away greening our city. The only concern that I do have is what to do with the old two-storey Dept. Transport round building, your thoughts?

With the Domain Plaza, once again, what are your thoughts? The project got off to a great start due to social media, with a chance tweet that I sent to Mr Tim Horton the SA Integrated Design Commissioner. Tim needed no encouragement to my invitation and has provided valuable guidance to the process now proceeding to select a design for public consultation.

So please have your say on both these great projects by writing, emailing, using social media or attending consultation meetings. I would be particularly interested in your views on traffic management around the CBD of Marion.

I very much look forward to what 2013 brings, please stay safe and Merry Christmas to you.



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

I'm delighted to report on the excellent progress of the proposed upgrades to our four community hubs: Mitchell Park Sports, Marion Sports Club, Edwardstown Oval and The Cove Sports Club. We are encouraged in our endeavours by the very positive feedback we have received from the community, which recognises that the time is certainly ripe for a much needed upgrade of these facilities to bring them in line with changing community needs and demographics.

Results of the public consultations should be collated by early 2013 so that the next steps of concept design can be commenced. These are really exciting and timely projects which I am really looking forward to seeing completed.

Another long-awaited project is the Marion History Centre; the refit of the Red House and employment of the appropriate staff, is nearing completion and it is now hoped that the official opening will take place early in the new year. If you would like to volunteer your skills and enthusiasm by being part of this new venture you will be welcomed with open arms; just give Olaf a ring on 8375 6732 to have a chat.

Congratulations to Marion Lions Club who celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. If you want to be part of this very worthy group, where you will be made most welcome, give Bob a ring on 8298 1599.

As always at this time of the year I wish you a safe and happy holiday season and all the very best for 2013.



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

Hello again, it is now the half-way point of our term as your council. It would be great to hear how you perceive our progress. Each ward councillor is here to receive feedback on how you feel things are progressing at Marion, so if you haven't spoken with your councillor on issues that concern you please do so, it's our role.

The *Making Marion* campaign to seek community input into the direction of council received the highest number of responses for some time. From a community of about 85,000 residents, council received just over 1000 hardcopy replies as well as many more online. Council spent many hours looking at responses as well as considering a number relevant internal and external papers relating to trends, issues and policies. After a weekend of intense group workshops, we were able to derive themes that will inform where council's focus will be for the not just the next year, but also beyond our term. The themes derived will be available for public verification, as it's important to make sure council has heard you correctly.

The process could be strengthened, particularly if we could receive a greater response rate and hope next year you can take the time to respond. It's your responses that provide council with the framework of where to focus the activities and ultimately spending of your rates.

I wish you and your families a very safe and enjoyable festive season and look forward to supporting you in 2013.



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SOUTH PLYMPTON | GLANDORE | ASCOT PARK |
EDWARDSTOWN

We are now halfway through the council term and it is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved so far. In the Woodlands Ward alone there are several projects currently in progress. This includes, but is certainly not limited to, the Glandore laneways, master planning for Edwardstown Oval, landscaping along our transport corridors, such as the Mike Turtur Bikeway, and the continued upgrade of our play spaces.

Despite these achievements we need to do a lot more to provide the best infrastructure and facilities to our community. In particular, I would like to see even greater improvements to our parks and reserves, better use of some of our community halls and greater support to our community groups. These are the areas that I intend to focus on for the remainder of the council term.

Speaking of community groups, I would like to give a special mention to the Active Elders Association. They were recently the recipients of the COTA SA Networking Clubs in the Community Member Clubs Award for Excellence in the metropolitan area. Congratulations Active Elders! You are a tremendous organisation in the City of Marion. I certainly appreciate all your tireless efforts to provide activities and services to the elderly and your support to the considerable number of users of the Active Elders Hall in Ascot Park.

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

Have a wonderful holiday season everyone!



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SOUTH PLYMPTON | GLANDORE | ASCOT PARK |
EDWARDSTOWN

The clock is telling me that it is 1:47. It is light outside, so it must be 1:47 in the afternoon. I have no idea what the date it is. I am a proud new (sleep deprived) Dad!!

My wife and I were lucky enough to welcome our second son (Angus Philip Pfeiffer) into the world last week. We are absolutely over the moon and Harry (our three-year old son) is ecstatic to have a little brother.

Having this new little man in my life has made me stop and think about the future. These thoughts have then led me to think about what Adelaide and the City of Marion will look like in 31 years, when Angus is my age.

Marion Council has recently pulled together a long term *Community Plan*. This plan will affect everything that we do, including our future budgets.

While we have consulted extensively on this plan in the last few months (you may have seen a feedback postcard in your letterbox), I'm keen to keep the conversation going. Email or call me and tell me what you want to see council do in the future. I'm determined to see that Marion gets it right and is delivering great infrastructure and services for future generations.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Jan Hedger heralds the start of the Active Elders' modified Olympics.

Excellent elders win again

By Richard Watson

Photography Heidi Linehan

Marion's Active Elders has won a prestigious state award for excellence, capping off an action-packed year highlighted by the success of its own version of the Olympic games.

The group was presented with the Council on the Ageing (COTA) Networking Clubs for Excellence Award for the second time in three years at a gala function in October.

Active Elders treasurer, Jan Hedger, said the award recognised the club's success in encouraging older people to build friendships while being active.

"Our events and outings are designed to make members want to get out of the house, have fun and meet new people," Jan, 69, said.

"We celebrated the Olympic games with our own, modified, event, which drew 60 members to Active Elders Hall in Ascot Park to participate in an opening ceremony, compete for medals and share a great meal."

The Active Elders Olympics saw members dress up in national costumes for an opening parade, compete in events including discus (paper plate throwing), archery (darts) and hammer throwing (a sock stuffed with paper).

The group also celebrates Australia Day, St. Patrick's Day and the Commonwealth Games and organises outings including boat trips on the River Murray, bus trips, lunches and vaudeville shows.

New members aged 50 and over are welcome and can join for \$15. The eldest member is 92.

Meetings are held every Wednesday at Active Elders Hall, corner of Charles and Albert Street, Ascot Park. Contact Jan Hedger for details on 8277 6096.

Building our future – City of Marion 2011/12 Annual Report

A raft of major projects worth more than \$30 million is set to provide residents with a new state-of-the-art library, pump stormwater to reserves and boost the delivery of core services to the community.

These are some of the achievements outlined in the recently released City of Marion 2011/12 Annual Report.

Council secured \$3.4 million of Federal Government funding to add to its own commitment of up to \$10 million to build a new library, community, centre and enterprise centre at Hallett Cove.

Council also rubber stamped the master plan for the \$8.4 million Oaklands Wetland which will see the construction of a wetland capable of irrigating up to 30 reserves by mid-2013.

Additionally, the report outlined the progress of the \$9 million redevelopment of council's City

Services site to improve the delivery of infrastructure, open space and waste management services.

It also showed how council worked with key stakeholders to help launch a plan to create 14,000 new jobs in the region and contribute to the \$1 billion redevelopment of Tonsley Park.

Illegal dumping was cut by 17 per cent following a waste education campaign with 52 tonnes less rubbish dumped on streets and reserves than the previous year.

The report also revealed the annual cost of key services per resident, which included:

- › Waste collection \$70.05 per annum
- › Libraries \$39.62 per annum
- › Open space \$59.58 per annum
- › Footpaths \$23.39 per annum

A full copy of the City of Marion 2012/13 Annual Report is online at marion.sa.gov.au



WORKING TOGETHER

The Annual Report showed how council worked with key stakeholders to help launch a plan to create 14,000 new jobs.



DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Decks and swimming pools

With summer upon us, many people will be thinking about installing pools on their property. This article provides important information about the approvals needed before starting work.

The majority of swimming pools require development approval. Spas need approval if capacity exceeds 680 litres, as does most decking constructed around above ground pools or spas.

If a deck is more than 500mm above natural ground level - or closer than 900mm to a boundary of your property - it will require council approval before being built.

If you're thinking about installing a new swimming pool or spa and decking that is not within this criteria, you must include details of the decking in your application to council.

When council assesses applications for decking, consideration is given to the view that will be provided into neighbouring properties to ensure that a reasonable level of privacy is maintained.

Council will also assess the structural adequacy of the deck and ensure that the stair and balustrade designs meet the Building Code of Australia.

It is important that decks are designed to withstand the weight of people, outdoor furniture and barbecues. They must also be designed to prevent people accidentally falling from the deck or stairs and be resistant to weather deterioration.

For more information about pool and decking building requirements, contact the City of Marion's Development Services on 8375 6685 or email council@marion.sa.gov.au

	Conditions for exemption (council approval not required)	Where exempt rules do not apply (council approval required)
Decks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › No higher than 500mm above natural ground level; and › No closer than 900mm to a boundary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › State Heritage places or areas › Local Heritage places › Coastal Zone or Coastal Conservation Zone › Hills Face Zone
Swimming pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Depth not exceeding 300mm; and › Does not incorporate a filtration system (in the case of an aboveground or inflatable swimming pool) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › State Heritage Places or Areas › Local Heritage Places › Hills Face Zone › Watercourse Zone › Flood Zone or Flood Plain
Spa pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Capacity not exceeding 680 litres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › State Heritage places or areas › Local Heritage places



December
– March
2013

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
(just north of Westfield Marion)
E mcc@marion.sa.gov.au
W marionculturalcentre.com.au

MATINEE SERIES

MetSO

OOTs*

Tuesday 15 January 11am



The MetSO Palm Court Orchestra reprises their most successful concert 'music from Titanic' with a scripted narrative describing the individual members of the Titanic's band and playing music known to have been performed on the ship.

Tickets \$15

**Adelaide Youth Strings
Community Concert
– Conductor Martin Butler**

Sunday 24 March 2pm



Presented by The Adelaide Youth Orchestras Inc. and Marion Cultural Centre.

Each year our youth strings ensemble presents energetic outdoor performances around Adelaide, giving audiences a warm glow. Continuing this tradition, they return to present a short one-hour recital of delightful classical, folk and world music.

Free event – Bookings essential

Bookings open: Monday 14 January 2013
8233 6256 / www.adyo.com.au
Duration – 1 Hour

Photo: Adelaide Youth Strings / Credit: Tony Lewis

The Three Singing Mexicans

OOTs*

Tuesday 19 March 11am



Bring your sombrero, nachos and spicy salsa and enjoy the Mexican experience with well known songs like Guantanamera, La Cucaracha, La Bamba and more. Introducing the Three Singing Mexicans: Joselito, Carlos and El Guapo (the cheeky one).

Tickets \$15

Cabaret Review

OOTs*

Tuesday 12 February 11am



Mathew Carey will present 6 of the newest stars from the Adelaide Cabaret scene, who have been groomed during the Australian Summer Cabaret School.

Tickets \$15

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Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm
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Sunday 1pm – 4pm

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Fairies are Saving the Planet

Tuesday 18 December 11am



Join the Bush Fairies and Windy the Wombat on an adventure in the secret garden to help save their home from disaster. Ages 3 to 9 years.

Tickets \$8

Hail Hail Rock 'n' Roll

Tuesday 22 January 11am



Hail Hail Rock 'n' Roll is a musical tribute to the pioneers of music. Bluegrass, blues, rock 'n' roll, soul, funk, hip hop and heavy metal. With songs from Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Smoky Robinson, James Brown, 25cent, Jimi Hendrix and much, much more. All ages.

Tickets \$8

Magician George Stas

OOTs*

Thursday 24 January 11am



George doesn't just perform magic – he creates it! Unique tricks, props & illusions. Ashow for all ages.

Tickets \$8

EVENING SHOWS

The Borderers

Friday 8 February 8pm



If you and your whole family want a fun and entertaining evening out, then boy is this the night for you. The band's original music is very eclectic but his show will also include songs that you know like Hallelujah, You Take the High Road, You're My World, Danny Boy and many more.

\$30/\$25 concession

MINGLE

Friday 11 January, 8 February,
8 March 5pm



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

17 January, 21 February,
21 March 6.30pm



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.

Free Event

GALLERY M – EXHIBITIONS

Annual Christmas Community Art Exhibition

Now Open

The 11th Annual Christmas Community Art Exhibition is now open.

The exhibition features works from about 150 local artists, including juniors, hobbyists and professionals.

Artwork includes paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculpture, photography, textiles, glass and basketry. Most artworks are for sale, providing an ideal Christmas gift.

The Gallery M shop also has a wide-range of hand-crafted items for sale.

The Annual Community Art Exhibition has been held every year since the Marion Cultural Centre opened in 2001.

Mixed Messages

11 January – 3 February

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

Elements of Nature

11 January – 3 February



Abstract expressionism by Lisa Dalla Rosa

From the Gallery Walls of the Imagination

8 February – 3 March

Paintings by Uta Mooney

Pastel Strokes

8 February – 3 March

Artwork by members of the Pastel Artists of South Australia

Open Space

8 March – 7 April

Contemporary artwork by Anne Best, Margie Hooper & Peter McLachlan

GALLERY M

Monday – Saturday, 10am-4pm
Sunday, 1pm-4pm

T 8377 2904
w gallerym.net.au

Christmas lights show

The annual Westminster School Christmas lights show will brighten the festive season from Friday, December 14 until Sunday, 23 December.

The lights will be switched on at dusk until about 10pm.

This free community event includes Christmas carols in the chapel from 8pm.

Features include:

- › A light display on the chapel's stained glass window
- › Thousands of fairy lights
- › Santa's Magic Kingdom
- › A 17m nativity mural
- › Christmas café
- › Walking trails and drive through viewing

Parking is available for a gold coin donation.

Westminster School is on Alison Avenue, Marion and can be contacted on 8276 0276 for details.

Christmas card winner

Jamie Brazier, a Year 5 student at Westminster School, won a competition to design City of Marion's Christmas card with this healthy lifestyle themed illustration, which is printed inside the card.



Local vineyard toasts 105th anniversary

PROUD TRADITION

Patritti Wines' James Mungall is caring for the 105-year-old vines at Marion Vineyard.

By Richard Watson
Photography Michael Mullen

The oldest fruit-producing vineyard in southern Adelaide has celebrated its 105th anniversary with the release of its second vintage under the label of Marion's only winery.

Patritti Marion Vineyard Grenache Shiraz was released in early December, grown on the same vineyard first planted by the Hamilton family in 1907 from cuttings brought from Europe a few years after the arrival of the First Fleet.

Patritti Wines took over management of the 2.5 acre Marion Vineyard, which is on land owned by Marion Council, in 2006 to preserve its rich history.

Located on Oaklands Road, Park Holme, it is one of the few remaining and oldest suburban vineyards in the world.

Chief winemaker James Mungall is the grandson of founder Giovanni Patritti who planted vines in Dover Gardens soon after arriving in South Australia from Italy in 1925.

"In 2006 there was only a small crop, suitable for fortified wine, but in 2007 we spent a lot of time nursing the vines back to health and have now released the second vintage of the Marion Vineyard Grenache Shiraz, which already has a cult following," James said.

"We are proud to have custodianship of such an historic site and to run suburban Adelaide's last family-owned winery"

Patritti Wines also produces an extensive range of non-alcoholic juices and is based at their original site on Clacton Road, Dover Gardens.

Supported Employment Opportunities

Minda's Commercial Enterprises have a number of vacancies for Supported Employment across its range of work sites.



To be eligible for Supported Employment you will need to be:

- 16 years of age or older
- Eligible for or have a DSP (Disability Support Pension)
- Able to work more than 8 hours a week

Opportunities exist across horticultural nursery, garden maintenance, packaging services, process and assembly work, furniture production, catering, café operations, laundry and cleaning services.

If you or someone you know with a disability is eligible, please register by contacting Aaron Byrne on 8422 6223 or Andrew Ramsey on 0400 992 982.

For more information about Minda, please visit www.mindainc.com.au



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**YOUR SPACE**

City of Marion's landscape architect, Brett Grimm, at the new Mulcra Reserve play space that was designed following extensive community consultation.

Come out and play

By Richard Watson
Photography Simon Stanbury

Marion is becoming the place to play for young families with Mulcra Reserve in Park Holme the latest site to get a facelift.

A new play space costing \$175,000 was recently unveiled following the completion of a 12-month community engagement, design and construction program.

The play space includes a bus springer, carousel, embankment slides, climbing net and tennis and basketball courts.

City of Marion landscape architect, Brett Grimm, said extensive consultation with the community helped ensure that the completed play space met local needs.

"We met with residents on site to discuss how the space could be developed and conducted a survey which enabled us to better understand what people would like to see in their local reserve," Mr Grimm said.

"The concept design was then distributed to local residents and also featured on the City of Marion website for comment.

"It's very rewarding to see the work completed, knowing that it reflects the views of residents, enhances the area and provides a focus for social interaction and community pride."

Mulcra Reserve was upgraded as part of City of Marion's 15-year Play Space Strategy which aims to provide well-maintained and good quality sites for the community.

Upgrades will soon be completed at reserves on Maldon Avenue, Mitchell Park and Barton Drive and Reserve Street, Trott Park.

Community consultation on play spaces is underway at reserves on Aldridge Avenue, Plympton Park, McKellar Terrace, Morphettville, Kenton Avenue, Oaklands Park and Spinnaker Circuit, Sheidow Park.

New-look signs are also being installed in upgraded reserves to provide a positive entrance statement and information.

"We met with residents on site to discuss how the space could be developed and conducted a survey which enabled us to better understand what people would like to see in their local reserve."

Glade Crescent takes shape

Work will soon begin on a \$720,000 upgrade of Glade Crescent Reserve which will see it transformed into an adventure playground with a flying fox, BMX track, climbing structure, sand pit and barbecue and picnic facilities.

This will be a precinct level open space and the first phase of an estimated \$5.5 million overhaul of the reserve that aims to see the development of a wetlands.

A wide-ranging community consultation program involved the City of Marion's Youth Advisory Committee and students from Hallett Cove R-12 and site walks with local residents.

Innovative engagement with young people saw them identifying themselves with personality traits from characters in *Wind in the Willows* to map the play space and functional qualities of the site.

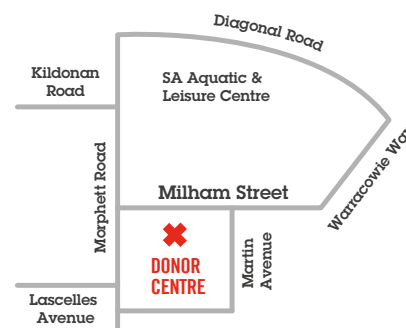
A survey of 2000 nearby properties was also conducted.

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BUSINESS WORKS

SHINING EXAMPLE

Heatlie Barbecues' managing director Andrea Mead is committed to quality and service.

Family business puts heat on barbecues

By Richard Watson
Photography Michael Mullen

Australian troops serving overseas are cooking up a taste of home on barbecues designed and manufactured by a family-owned business in Edwardstown.

Heatlie Barbecues may not have taken on the export market, yet its products are being used by Australian forces far and wide, including Afghanistan and East Timor.

Managing director Andrea Mead said the quality, sturdiness and versatility of its barbecues meant they were used for an increasingly wide range of applications.

"We have supplied barbecues to the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Navy which have been used overseas and at bases at home," Ms Mead said.

"Our success is based on making niche products and last year we launched the Island Gourmet Elite barbecue which drops into bench tops and has enabled us to make inroads into the outdoor kitchen market.

"Last year we sold more than 3000 barbecues through retail outlets which included products for the hire, catering and domestic markets."

"Our success is based on making niche products and last year we launched the Island Gourmet Elite barbecue which drops into bench tops and has enabled us to make inroads into the outdoor kitchen market."

A late rush of orders with the onset of summer is good news for local suppliers as well as Heatlie's 12 staff.

With 80 per cent of its suppliers based on its doorstep in Edwardstown, including specialist parts suppliers and machining services, Heatlie is committed to contributing to the local economy.

It has built its reputation on a successful make-to-order system and the vast majority of manufacturing is done in house.

"Having good relationships with our clients and suppliers is helping the business evolve and makes it easier to improve products," Ms Mead said.

"As a supplier of niche products we rely on a skilled and stable workforce, primarily from metal trades backgrounds, including two staff who have trained with us to become fully qualified trades people."

Established in 1976, Heatlie was bought by Ms Mead and her husband in 2004.

Ms Mead, who has 17 years experience of running engineering companies, said that training and development was the key to success.

"It's important to keep moving a business forward with staff training and by finding new ways of working," she said.

"One of our most successful products has been the Park Barbecue which is designed for national parks, playgrounds and sports clubs and we will be relaunching it next year with new tamper-proof and other improved features."

Heatlie is a member of the Edwardstown Regional Business Network which Ms Mead said was an ideal platform for local networking and sharing new ideas.

More information about Heatlie Barbecues is online at heatlie.com.au

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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

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Marion Art Group

T Jan 8277 5869 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

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University of the Third Age (U3A)

T 82013068 www.u3afinders.org.au

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INTEREST GROUPS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander playgroups

T 8296 2686

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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 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 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

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Hallett Cove Baptist Community Centre

T 8322 6469

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Moving through suicide grief

T 8322 6469

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

Safer Communities Australia

T 8373 0818 www.safercommunities.asn.au

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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

T 8276 9294 or 8277 6096

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Atlantis AUSSI Masters Swimming Club

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

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

Bicycle Institute of South Australia

T 8411 0233 www.bisa.asn.au

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Hallett Cove Little Athletics Centre

T 0452 194 252 www.hclac.org.au

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Indoor bowls

T 8276 6430

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Keep walking

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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.

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LOCAL HERO

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Our golden champion

By Richard Watson
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When Kieran Modra was lying in hospital with a fractured vertebrae in his neck and lower back a year ago he told nurses he had “broken my back, broken my neck and broken the world record,” but for the champion cyclist the dream of competing in a seventh Paralympics was fading fast.

Modra, 40, of Hallett Cove was released from hospital last Christmas Eve and immediately began a grueling rehabilitation program that saw him win his fifth gold medal at the London Paralympics.

Modra’s London gold was won with pilot Scott McPhee in the 4000m pursuit and was his third consecutive title in the event.

Vision impaired since birth, Modra had sustained the injuries, including about 160 stitches in his forehead, after colliding with a stationary vehicle while cycling.

During the subsequent month he spent in hospital he began to doubt whether or not he would be able to compete in London.

“I wondered if my body would recover in time as I could not balance when I came out of hospital,” Modra said.

“I had to work hard to get back to competitive training, which included three 2 ½ hour gym sessions each week, and a lot of intensive cycling.

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Modra had got used competing in near silent velodromes, but in London 200 spectators would cheer the cyclists round the track during training.

Modra’s first Paralympic Games was Seoul 1988 where as a 16-year-old he competed in athletics, after which he took up swimming to aid the recovery of a knee injury, winning two bronze medals in backstroke at the 1992 games in Barcelona.

He then took up cycling “as a mode of transport” and won individual and tandem gold at the 1996 Atlanta Games where he was piloted by future wife, Kerry Golding, with who he now has three children.

Modra broke world records at the Athens Games in 2004 and while competing in Bordeaux in 2007.

Even after more success with gold and bronze medals at the Beijing Games in 2008, winning old with Kerry remains his best-loved achievement.

“Kerry was injured and kept battling through the pain, race after race, it made us both more determined than we already were,” Modra said.

“We rode together until we had our first child in 2000 and I’ve been trying to retire since then.”

Working as a school support officer, Modra provides guidance for students and acts as a role model.

At his regular visits to schools, Modra shows students his London Paralympics medal which he described as his favourite of all.

“It is the heaviest and the most artistic of the Paralympic medals I have won,” he said.

“I cycle 100kms three days a week to keep fit, and although I felt after London it was my last Paralympics, Rio 2016 could still make my ‘maybe list’.”