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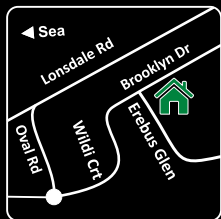
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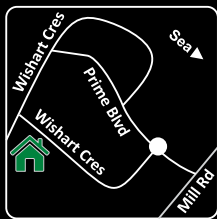


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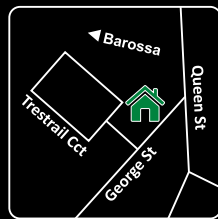
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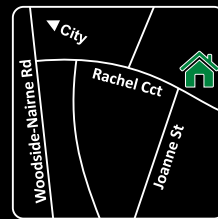
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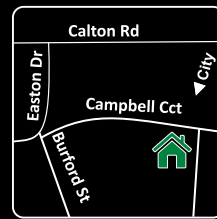
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# Here comes the summer

**By** Richard Watson  
**Photography** Heidi Linehan

Summer is here and there is no better way to cool off and relax than at the outdoor Marion Swimming Centre.

The centre's grassed shady grounds are an ideal place to take the family and unwind while enjoying its eight-lane Olympic size pool and shaded learner and toddler pools.

Pool manager John Henderson said the centre was host to a huge range of activities for families and people of all ages.

"The centre hosts swimming lessons for all ages, aquarobics and fitness classes, has barbecue facilities, a kiosk and is a popular venue for birthday parties," Mr Henderson said.

"We welcome club swimmers as well as those who are starting out, and people who simply want to chill out in the grounds and cool off."

The pool's second community day of the season will be held on Sunday, 16 February. Details will be announced nearer the time.

The water slide is currently unavailable due to maintenance, but giant inflatable water play equipment will be installed soon.

Updates will be available on the City of Marion website [marion.sa.gov.au](http://marion.sa.gov.au)

**Marion Swimming Centre is on Oaklands Road, Park Holme and can be contacted on 8276 4939.**

## TAKING OFF

Harrison, Max, Mitchell and Will celebrate the start of summer at the outdoor pool.

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## FRONT COVER

Tania, David and family enjoy the Coastal Funshop.

Photographed by Heidi Linehan.

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# WHAT'S NEW?

## New chapter in Rotary bookshop

By Richard Watson

Photography Simon Stanbury

Book lovers have a new place to call home following the opening of Edwardstown Rotary Bookshop on the corner of Towers Terrace and Aberfedy Avenue.

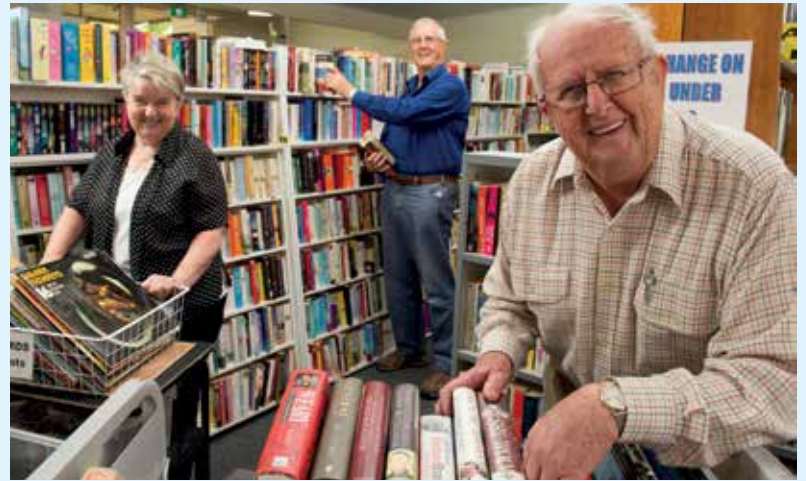
After being based on Sturt Road, Seacombe Gardens for 15 years, the bookshop has moved to Edwardstown and is providing a new and improved service to existing and new customers.

Anyone who wants to enjoy a cup of fresh coffee and browse books, DVDs, CDs and magazines will be guaranteed a warm welcome, senior Rotarian Don Williams said.

"We invite people to come and discover books ranging from fact to fiction and a wide range of films, documentaries and music," Don said.

"Our stock is good quality and we have installed a new coffee machine so people can relax and chat while browsing our packed shelves.

"Funds raised support a huge range of local, national and overseas projects, including donating toys to Daw House Hospice, helping students to attend the Health of River Murray Forum and sinking water bores in Nepal."



### OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Libby Carey, Jeff Hollands and Don Williams keep the shelves stocked.

Since forming 15 years ago, Edwardstown Rotary Club Bookshop has raised more than \$370,000 for charities.

New stock is welcome and customers can exchange their books for half price with other books in the store.

The building is wheelchair friendly and there is free computer use, internet access and parking.

The Edwardstown Rotary Bookshop is in the old Harcourt Kindergarten building on the corner of Towers Terrace and Aberfedy Avenue, Edwardstown and can be contacted on 8371 2992.

## Mural tells story of Mitchell Park



By Richard Watson

Photography Simon Stanbury

A new mural painted by 50 community members has been unveiled at Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre.

The 10 sq m artwork tells the stories of the people who have used the centre over the years and illustrates some of the centre's programs.

Community members worked with professional artists Helen Crawford and Lawrence Wilkes to paint the mural over a week.

Joyce Cullen is a regular user of the centre who worked on the mural.

"It was great fun working with so many people to share and create our stories for the mural – which looks amazing," Joyce said.

The work reflects the many different cultural groups that use the centre, including people from Mexico, Africa, China, India and Iran.

### COLOURFUL STORY

Joyce (front) with Mylan, Greg and Wayne in front of the mural at Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre.

## Glandore goes batty



By Richard Watson

Photography Simon Stanbury

Network 10's *Totally Wild* team dropped into Glandore Community Centre to film a special segment on bat boxes in October.

Hosted by Alissa Smith, the kid's television show will feature local primary school children showing how to make great bat boxes and builds on the centre's successful school holiday programs.

The episode is expected to go to air in early 2014. Details will be posted on City of Marion's facebook page nearer the time.

### BOXING BATTY

Network 10's Alissa Smith gets to grips with bat boxes with Christine and Marco while filming an episode of *Totally Wild*.

# OUR OPINION



## CEO's comment

**As we celebrate the end of what has been a very successful year with significant progress on a range of major projects, including Oaklands wetland and Cove Civic Centre, it is important to reflect on why we have worked so hard to achieve these landmarks.**

Local government exists to serve and develop the community, which is one of the reasons we consult so widely when developing projects and services. The last few years have seen significant community input into projects that are now coming to fruition and I would like to thank everyone for working with us to shape our city. There will be plenty of opportunities to have a say on projects in the coming year, so please keep an eye on our dedicated consultation website [makingmarion.com.au](http://makingmarion.com.au)

The upcoming holiday season is a wonderful opportunity to get out and about with family and friends and enjoy the great outdoors. Marion has some excellent facilities that can be enjoyed for free,

including reserves and playgrounds, cycling and walking trails, the Coastal Walking Trail and history walks. You can also visit the new Marion Heritage Research Centre where you can have fun digging into the past with archives, photographs and online resources. You can find out more and plan some great outings by viewing our website [marion.sa.gov.au](http://marion.sa.gov.au)

I hope you all enjoy the festive season, stay safe and that you achieve your ambitions in the coming year.

Regards

**Mark Searle**  
CEO, City of Marion



## Mayor's comment

**As another year rolls to a close it's important to look back on our achievements. I'm proud to say there are too many to mention in this short column so I will focus on the most notable ones. Building is underway for Cove Civic Centre and it is anticipated it will open in late 2014. This will be a great addition for the south of our city.**

Oaklands wetland is almost complete thanks to funding from state and federal governments. More money is required to develop playspaces and active play areas and we are working hard to secure grants to make these areas available as soon as possible.

We conducted a massive Making Marion consultation to review our Strategic Plan. It saw you deliver 16,000 pieces of information which we have read and discussed. Some ideas were in complete opposition to each other! We considered the policies of our other stakeholders, ie state and federal government

and partners like NGOs, and formed our plan. It was a huge undertaking and I'm pleased to say Marion won the state Project of the Year and Australasian Project of the Year in the International Association for Public Participation Awards for Making Marion. A fantastic achievement.

We also won the KESAB Sustainable Community of the Year award and our Walking and Cycling Strategy won the SA Institute of Landscape Architects Award for Excellence.

It's been a great year, and we will be working hard to progress the redevelopment of City Services and our four major sporting and community hubs in 2014.

Regards

**Felicity-ann Lewis**  
Mayor, City of Marion



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

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

Further details and membership information is online at [erba.com.au](http://erba.com.au)

**Join the fastest growing business association in southern Adelaide.**



# Discover your coast

By Richard Watson  
Photography Heidi Linehan

It is 280 million years old, home to world famous geological formations, rarely seen flora and fauna and stunning cliff top views.

Its seven kilometres feature rugged cliffs, small coves and the Tjilbruke Dreaming Track, providing a unique experience of Kurna culture.

Graced with a scenic walking trail overlooking the sea, Marion's coast extends from Marino in the north to Hallett Headland Reserve in the south and with summer upon us it is waiting to be explored.

In a bid to discover the secrets of this remarkable area more than 350 people descended on Hallett Cove foreshore, transforming it into giant classroom as part of a special community event.

The *Coastal Funshop* at Heron Way Reserve saw families delve into rock pools, learn about local wildlife and create a beach sculpture.

It also featured a guided Kurna heritage and geology walk through Hallett Cove Conservation Park, a photography competition and activities for kids.

The October event was the third in a series of workshops themed *Treasuring our Coast* which aimed to increase awareness of Marion's coastline and identify ways of preserving and enhancing it for future generations.

Tania Macdonald's family was one of many that got involved.

"The ocean breeze and sunshine reset the system and we were left wanting more," Ms Macdonald said.

"I love Hallett Cove and it's hard to find activities for small children so it was really nice to spend the day there.

"The kids really loved storytelling in the inflatable leafy sea dragon and exploring rock pools."

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the workshops, which attracted more than 450 participants, helped council connect with the community while providing a deeper understanding of the coastal region.

"The community has shown they are passionate about the coast and the workshops have drawn support for actions that preserve and improve it, care for marine life and promote revegetation," Ms Lewis said.

"People value the coast for its geology, ecology and open space, which makes it an ideal place to relax, learn and enjoy exercise.

"The *Coastal Funshop* combined entertainment and education, and explanations of Kurna history from Karl Telfer and descriptions of how the landscape was formed by the University of Adelaide's Associate Professor Vic Gostin were fascinating."

Local environmental groups including the Friends of Hallett Cove Conservation Park, the Friends of Marino Conservation Park, the Friends of Lower Field River and Bush for Life were joined by Reefwatch and Dr Philip Roetman, Research Fellow at the University of South Australia's Barbara Hardy institute, in providing specialist information about the significance of the area.

Dr Roetman, who was part of a live radio broadcast from the site, said:

"It's invigorating to be immersed in such a stunning natural environment."

"With beaches, parks, great scenery and walking trails, residents are lucky to have such a diverse range of places to visit."

Secretary of the Friends of Hallett Cove Conservation Park Penny Rendle said the event was an ideal way to speak directly to families about the 51-hectare park which is a refuge for native plants and wildlife.

"The area is a haven for wildlife, particularly birds that work their way down the Field River, including the heron, ibis and finch," Ms Rendle said.

"It also represents the only chance people have to see original coastal vegetation."

Dr Roetman is working on a citizen science program in collaboration with the City of Marion to help people connect to the natural world. You can learn more and register to be involved online at [unisa.edu.au/citizenscience](http://unisa.edu.au/citizenscience)

Information gathered at the three *Treasuring our Coast* workshops will be compiled into a special report to council.

Details of walking and cycling trails along Marion's coast can be found on council's website [marion.sa.gov.au](http://marion.sa.gov.au)

"The ocean breeze and sunshine reset the system and we were left wanting more."

Tania Macdonald





## Developing the foreshore

Heron Way Reserve is the focal point of a plan to create a spectacular coastal recreation space with a modern play area, amphitheatre and adventure trail while introducing water and environmental management initiatives.

The Hallett Cove Beach Foreshore Master Plan covers an area of 2.7 hectares and was created following 18 months of community consultation, including workshops and surveys.

The site is adjacent to Hallett Cove Conservation Park and is a picturesque section of coastline and includes about 500m of Coast Park (the Adelaide metropolitan coastal walking trail).

The master plan design reflects the natural qualities of the landscape and references astronomy, the connection between day and night and land and sky and Kaurna culture.

Council would like to thank the community for their enthusiasm and input into the plan and is exploring funding opportunities.

The Hallett cove Beach Foreshore Master Plan can be viewed on the Making Marion [makingmarion.com.au](http://makingmarion.com.au)

### STORYTELLING IN ACTION

Lisa Williams kept the kids entertained with environmental storytelling.

## Capture the coast

If you're heading to the Marion coast this summer, don't forget to snap a few photos and share them on [facebook.com/CityofMarion](https://www.facebook.com/CityofMarion)

We held a social media photo competition at our Hallett Cove Coastal Funshop where we asked the community to capture our beautiful coast and post it on Facebook or Twitter using #marioncoast.

Here are some of the snaps taken by the community...



View more photos from the Coastal Funshop  
or post your #marioncoast pic at



[facebook.com/CityofMarion](https://www.facebook.com/CityofMarion)



Leafy sea dragon

## Secrets of the sea

Paul Macdonald has been an underwater photographer for 15 years and has captured some amazing images off South Australia's coast. He regularly leads dives of international photographers and is renowned for his knowledge of the leafy sea dragon. These photographs by Paul reveal some of the secrets of the sea.

More information is on Paul's website:  
[downunderpix.com](http://downunderpix.com)



Left to Right: Giant cuttlefish, juvenile horse shoe leather jacket and short headed sea horse.



**WASTE NOT**

Woodend Primary School students learn to tackle waste.



# Waste warriors march on

By Richard Watson  
Photography Michael Mullan

School students are going to war on waste thanks to a new environmental education program launched by the City of Marion.

*Waste Warriors* teaches children to identify and safely clean up littering hot spots at their school and in their neighbourhood.

The program provides practical tips on recycling, putting waste in the correct bin and litter prevention.

*Waste Warriors* was successfully piloted at Woodend Primary School in Sheidow Park earlier in the year and saw 12 students participate in classroom activities before putting their learning to the test in the school's grounds.

Woodend Primary School teacher Lynda Palmer said students had enjoyed learning about waste prevention and the program built on the school's work recycling 10c containers.

"The kids have learnt a lot about litter prevention and why it's important to put rubbish in the correct bin," Ms Palmer said.

"They have had fun working together tidying up some parts of the school and share what they learn with the school community and at home."

Students are supervised by adults at all times and taught to use safety gloves and tongs when collecting litter.

*Waste Warriors* is delivered by City of Marion's waste education officer who can be contacted for more information on 8375 6600.

## Land deal to create more open space

By Craig Clarke  
Photography Simon Stanbury

Marion Council has bought a large tract of State Government land in South Plympton to create more open space in the city's north.

The 6000sq m of former Housing SA land, the equivalent of six homes, is sandwiched between Jervois Street and Waterhouse Road.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the purchase was an exciting opportunity to overcome a shortage of open space in the area.

"Our Open Space Strategy has long identified a need for more land for the community to enjoy in the north of the city," Ms Lewis said.

"The purchase of the former Housing SA land is a rare opportunity to create open space at a time when most available land is turned into high density housing."

Ms Lewis said a report will be prepared for council outlining how the community will be involved in deciding how they want the land to be used.

"We will be asking the community how they wish the land to be developed so we can consider this in future council budgets," Ms Lewis said.

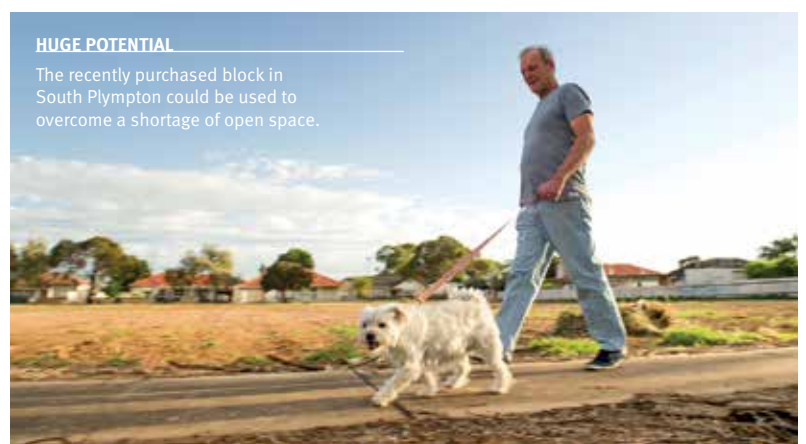
The purchase price of the land is \$2.76 million with council contributing \$1.56 million out of its Open Space Reserve Fund, an account set up to develop open space facilities.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure is contributing the balance through its Planning and Development Open Space Grant Funding Program.

The funding enabled City of Marion to buy the land for the community to enjoy.

**HUGE POTENTIAL**

The recently purchased block in South Plympton could be used to overcome a shortage of open space.





# Community celebration for Australia Day



## FAMILY DAY

The Cordell's celebrate Australia Day as a family. Back: Angela with baby Maya and husband Richard with (front) Trinity and Sienna.

**By** Richard Watson  
**Photography** Simon Stanbury

**Marion residents are invited to join in the country's biggest annual celebration at a free Australia Day event on Sunday, 26 January.**

Hazelmere Reserve in Glengowrie will host the event which will feature the presentation of the City of Marion Australia Day Awards, a citizenship ceremony and family entertainment from 12pm to 4pm.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said presenting the Australia Day Awards in public was a fitting way to say 'thank you' to the people who have made Marion special.

"I invite the community to come together to acknowledge the achievements of the winners of the City of Marion Australia Day Awards," Ms Lewis said.

"This public event is a unique opportunity to welcome new citizens and share what it means to be an Australian with family, friends and neighbours."

For the Cordell family, Australia Day is a chance to remind themselves how lucky they are to live in a country of such rich cultural diversity.

"My husband's family emigrated from the UK and my father's family from Ireland and are now all citizens," Angela Cordell said.

"On Australia Day we gather as a family, celebrate our culture and remind ourselves how lucky we are to live here.

"A public event is an especially enjoyable way for young families to celebrate."

Activities will include native animal display and handling, backyard games and a barbecue.

Full details of the event will be announced nearer the time.

Nominations for the Australia Day awards close on 9 December and are being sought in the categories of:

- › **Citizen of the Year**
- › **Young Citizen of the Year** - a person must be an Australian Citizen and under 30 years of age on January 26, 2014
- › **Community Event of the Year** - for the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year Nominees must be Australian citizens

**Nomination forms are available on City of Marion's website [marion.sa.gov.au/citizen-of-the-year-awards](http://marion.sa.gov.au/citizen-of-the-year-awards)**

## Home library service expands

**By** Craig Clarke

**Aged, frail and mobility impaired residents will benefit from an expansion of Marion Council's home library service.**

From January next year, the service will cover the whole of the city.

A dedicated van is being purchased and volunteers recruited to deliver books, DVDs and magazines directly to residents at home and in aged care facilities.

As part of the improvements, council will decommission its ageing and oversized mobile library service vehicle, which covers only the northern and central parts of Marion on a schedule of designated stops.

Manager libraries and cultural development Abby Dickson said the improvement followed extensive consultation with users.

"The improved service will reach more residents who physically are unable to access their local library and help older people to remain independent in their homes," Ms Dickson said.

"The mobile library truck is too big to easily access newer suburbs and has stairs, making it difficult for customers who are mobility impaired.

"The new service will also help us cater for an increase in demand brought about by an ageing population."

Council is investing \$55,000 in a new, smaller van and expanding the service to include the city's southern suburbs.

Letters have been sent to library users outlining the changes and explaining how they can access the new service.

**Details of the library home delivery service are available online at [marion.sa.gov.au](http://marion.sa.gov.au)**



# Council Christmas and New Year OPENING TIMES



## Administration Centre

Tuesday 24 Dec	8.30am – 12pm
Wednesday 25 Dec	Closed
Thursday 26 Dec	Closed
Friday 27 Dec	8.30am – 5pm
Monday 30 Dec	8.30am – 5pm
Tuesday 31 Dec	8.30am – 3pm
Wednesday 1 Jan	Closed

## Neighbourhood Centres

All neighbourhood centres will close at 4pm on Friday 20 Dec

Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre
Reopening 9am Monday 3 Feb
Glandore Community Centre
Reopening 9am on Monday 13 Jan
Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre
Reopening 9am on Monday 13 Jan
Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre
Reopening 9am on Monday 13 Jan

## Libraries

	Marion Cultural Centre	Hallett Cove	Park Holme
Tuesday 24 Dec	9.30am – 12pm	9.30am – 12pm	9.30am – 12pm
Wednesday 25 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thursday 26 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday 27 Dec	10am – 5pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 5pm
Saturday 28 Dec	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm
Sunday 29 Dec	1pm – 4pm	1pm – 4pm	Closed
Monday 30 Dec	10am – 5pm	Closed	10am – 5pm
Tuesday 31 Dec	10am – 3pm	10am – 3pm	10am – 3pm
Wednesday 1 Jan	Closed	Closed	Closed
Normal hours resume Thursday 2 Jan			

## Mobile Library Service

The mobile library service will be closed on Public Holidays and does not operate on Mondays, Wednesdays or the weekends.

Tuesday 24 Dec	10am – 12pm
Friday 27 Dec	10am – 5pm
Tuesday 31 Dec	10am – 3pm

## Living Kaurna Cultural Centre

Friday 20 Dec	Closing at 4pm
Monday Jan 6	Reopening at 10am

## Marion Swimming Centre

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

Please note, access to the pool will be limited between 8am and 1pm from 6 to 10 January and on 13 and 14 January due to VacsWim lessons.

## Marion Cultural Centre

Box Office and venue hire	
Friday 20 Dec	Closing at 5pm
Monday 6 Jan	Reopening 10am

## Signatures Café

The café will close at 4pm on Tuesday 24 Dec and reopen at 9.30am on Friday 27 Dec.

The cafe will be closed on Wednesday 1 Jan

## Gallery M

The gallery will close at 1pm Tuesday 24 Dec and reopen 10am Friday 27 Dec.

The gallery will close 3pm Monday 31 Dec and reopen at 10am Thursday 2 Jan

Monday 31 Dec	Closing 3pm
Thursday 2 Jan	Reopening 10am

## Marion Heritage Research Centre

Closed from Monday 16 Dec to Sunday 5 Jan  
Re-opening Monday 6 Jan

## Kerbside waste collection

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

City of Marion after hours emergency contact number – 8375 6666





#### STORYTELLERS

Arthur and Elaine Beales recorded voice overs for the signs.

# Talking signs give voice to history

By Richard Watson  
Photography Heidi Linehan

**The history of the Sturt River has been brought to life with new state-of-the-art signs featuring voice recordings, specially commissioned indigenous artworks and rare historical photographs.**

Stories from the community were recorded to create interactive soundscapes at six sites along a 3km stretch of the Sturt Linear Park walking and cycling trail from Warriparinga to Oaklands Reserve.

The signs feature archive images dating back to 1854, photographs, artworks and stories of how people lived and worked along the river.

*The Sturt River – Many Voices* interpretive signage project was developed over 15 months to preserve the area's rich history and provide a dynamic education and tourism tool, City of Marion cultural heritage officer Anita McDonald said.

"The community shared their stories and old photographs with us to create an historical experience for residents, school students and tourists," Ms McDonald said.

"The audio recordings blend voices and atmospheric sounds, including the didgeridoo, Kurna language, old cars, kookaburras, children playing and the river.

"Each of the six signs contains a themed audio episode which can be understood in any order while journeying along the trail."

Sound is activated by an infra-red sensor when people approach the signs.

The audio and sensor are solar powered and recordings are stored on updateable micro SD cards.

The stories and soundscapes were digitally recorded by composer and new media artist Dr Luke Harrauld from the University of Adelaide with technical and artistic provided by James Coulter from River Strategic Design.

One of the many people to contribute to the recordings was local resident Arthur Beales who led a team which designed the South Western Suburbs Drainage Scheme to alleviate flooding in the region, including Marion, Brighton and Mitcham.

Completed in 1971, the scheme saw part of Sturt River converted into a high capacity drain.

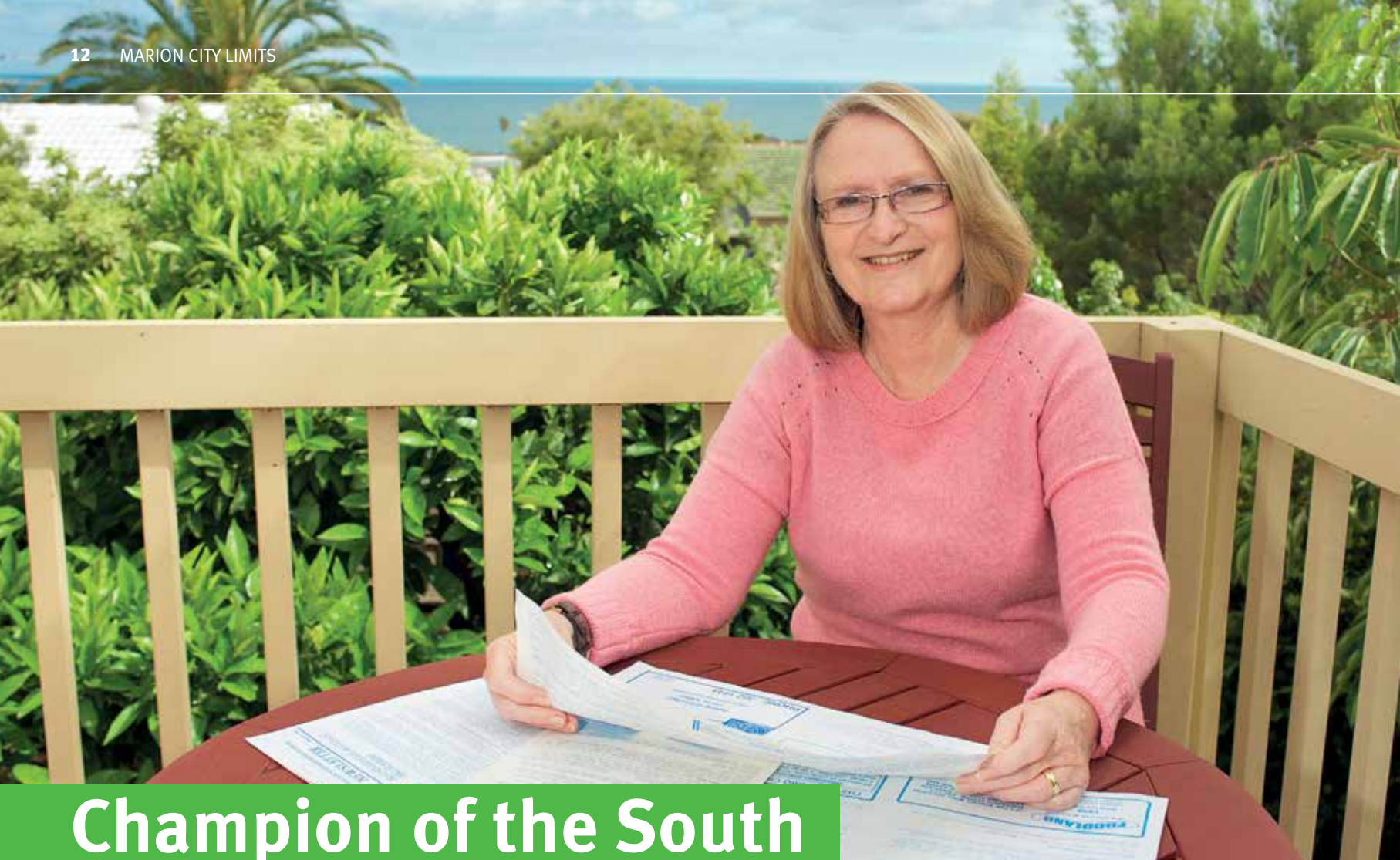
"Sharing the story was fun and challenging, especially compressing a lot of information into a short time span," Mr Beales, 82, said.

"The signage project helps people understand how we got to where we are today."

*Sturt River – Many Voices* cost \$53,000 with \$22,500 provided by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, \$16,000 in kind contribution and \$1000 funding from the City of Marion with the balance made up from other external sources.

**More information about *Sturt River – Many Voices* is on the City of Marion website [marion.sa.gov.au/sturt-river](http://marion.sa.gov.au/sturt-river)**





## Champion of the South

**Photography** Catherine Gasmier

An Elected Member since 1997, Councillor Cheryl Connor has been an integral part of the team that has worked long and hard to deliver the \$13.4 million Cove Civic Centre.

With construction work underway on the newly named centre, she shares her memories along with edited extracts from community publications of a project that has been almost 30 years in the making.

Looking back over old documents reveals the deep and long history of what we thought would simply be a new library, but is now also going to be a community and enterprise centre.

*'Plans for the permanent library on Ramrod Avenue are now in hand and construction may commence this year.'* *Hallett Cove Beach Progress Association newsletter January 1986.*

*'Architects are being engaged to prepare concepts and cost estimates for the Hallett Cove branch library, office and human services centre in Ramrod Avenue. This will bring us closer to the construction of our own library.'* *Hallett Cove Beach Progress Association newsletter December 1987.*

*'Council has decided as the projected cost of our library has escalated to \$2 million it will be necessary to defer construction until 1991/92. In the interim, a shop front library will be established on Zwerner Drive for an anticipated cost this financial year of about \$100,000.'* *Hallett Cove Beach Progress Association newsletter July 1988.*

The early residents of southern Marion had the vision and our journey has taken 27 years. When I was elected to council in 1997, supported by the Hallett Cove Progress Association and my community, my goal was to continue the journey. I didn't think it would take so long.

As a councillor for southern Marion I have worked with many passionate community members, councillors over five terms, supportive staff, and Members of Parliament to build Cove Civic Centre for the people of the south.

I would like to acknowledge the early work of our residents' associations. I am also saddened that some of those who worked beside me are no longer here to see their hard work come to fruition.

I know that many of today's residents in southern Marion will thank them for ensuring their wonderful legacy will be enjoyed by present and future generations.

### VISION REALISED

Councillor Cheryl Connor at home examining early documents outlining the need for what would become Cove Civic Centre.

### PROMOTING CULTURE

Former *Tour Down Under* champion Patrick Jonker with AFL heroes Che Cockatoo-Collins and Gavin Wanganeen.



## Culture ride takes off

**Photography** Heidi Linehan

A three-day cycling event to promote awareness of local Aboriginal culture and raise funds for Kaurna language has raised more than \$30,000.

The first *Cycling for Culture* event saw more than 40 riders set off from Warriparinga on 18 October on a 275km trek that took in the Fleurieu Peninsula and Mount Lofty Ranges before finishing at the native school Pirltawodli in north Adelaide.

Celebrity riders included former *Tour Down Under* champion Patrick Jonker and AFL legends Gavin Wanganeen and Che Cockatoo-Collins.

"The event encouraged me to train and get fit again," Cockatoo-Collins said.

Also in the ride was chair of event organisers Building Cultural Bridges, Graham Lewis.

"The event gave riders a richer understanding of Kaurna history and culture and there is a lot of enthusiasm to repeat it next year," Mr Lewis said.

"The stories that we shared around campfires along the way were moving and educational and there were some wonderful moments."

City of Marion staff members John Valentine and Craig Cooper also completed the ride.

**More information about *Cycling for Culture* is online at [cyclingforculture.com.au](http://cyclingforculture.com.au)**





# SA firm builds Cove Civic Centre

**By** Craig Clarke  
**Photography** Heidi Linehan

A South Australian builder has won the contract to construct the \$13.4 million library, community and enterprise centre at Hallett Cove.

Construction began in late October after Marion Council awarded the tender to the Mossop Group, based at Hindmarsh.

The builder's appointment coincides with council selecting the name Cove Civic Centre for the facility from among a raft of suggestions from the community.

Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the decisions were a major step forward in realising a more than 20-year dream to construct the complex in the southern suburbs.

"Mossop Group has 30 years' experience in building some of most recognisable structures in South Australia," Ms Lewis said.

"The Cove Civic Centre will soon be added to their list of achievements and we're looking forward to working with them. We expect construction will start this month and be completed late next year."

Ms Lewis said council selected the name of the new centre from 21 entries in a community competition, which included a mix of historical and indigenous names.

"The Cove Civic Centre reflects the fact that the facility is more than a library, community and enterprise centre but will be our heart in southern Marion," Ms Lewis said.

"Its name will soon be as familiar as so many of our local facilities."

Mrs Lesley Taylor, who has lived at Hallett Cove for the past 27 years, submitted the winning entry – receiving her inspiration from the name of the Canberra CBD: Civic.

"It's extremely exciting to think that each time I'll go past the Cove Civic Centre I know I'll have named it," Mrs Taylor said.

"This is a wonderful honour and I'm looking forward to using the library and all it has to offer."

In addition to naming the facility, Mrs Taylor will also be invited to the opening ceremony and, together with the Mayor, will be the first to officially enter the new building.

When completed in late 2014, the Cove Civic Centre – which will be the jewel of the southern suburbs – will feature:

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

About 130,000 people a year are expected to use the Cove Civic Centre, which will be open seven days a week.

Along with serving a growing community in the southern suburbs, the centre will provide 8000 small businesses with access to quality information and facilities to enable them to compete more effectively and drive jobs growth.

The existing Hallett Cove library will remain open while its replacement is being built. Council is looking at options for the future of the old library.

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

**"This is a wonderful honour and I'm looking forward to using the library and all it has to offer."**

[Lesley Taylor](#)

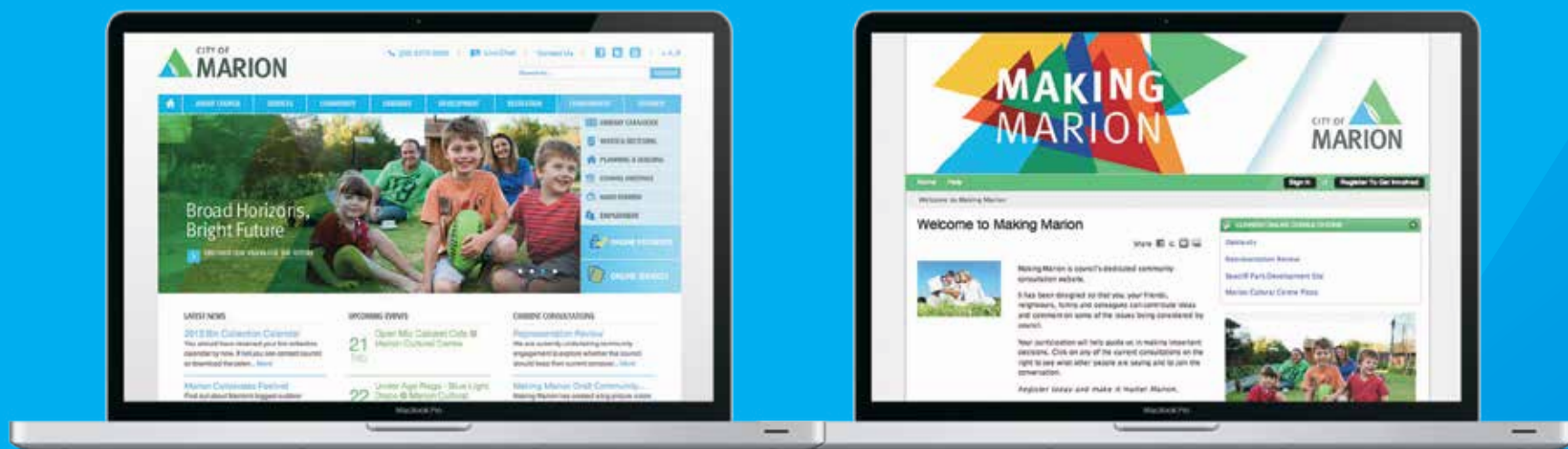
## WINNER NAMED

Lesley Taylor from Hallett Cove won the competition to name Cove Civic Centre.



# Connect with us online

We are connecting with our community using a range of online tools including our website, social media and email newsletter. We also offer a range of online services to allow you quick and easy access to certain council services.



## City of Marion website

Our website offers a huge range of information and online services, enabling you to make a payment, request a service, book a hard rubbish collection, explore our parks, playgrounds and events, plus lots more...

› [marion.sa.gov.au](http://marion.sa.gov.au)

## Making Marion website

Making Marion is council's dedicated community engagement website where you, your friends, neighbours, family and colleagues can contribute ideas and comment on some of the issues being considered by council.

› [makingmarion.com.au](http://makingmarion.com.au)



## Email newsletters

Sign up on our website to receive council and library email newsletters.



## Mobile site

Accessing our website on your smartphone? We have a special mobile optimised site.

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# MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

## Secrets of \$9 million wetland revealed

School students and community groups are discovering the secrets of the \$9 million Oaklands wetland thanks to a newly launched series of guided tours.

Visitors can learn about the inner workings of a wetland, including its pumping infrastructure, electrical control equipment and the aquifer injection and extraction process.

The tours also explain how water flows slowly through aquatic plants that remove nutrients and sediment after which treated water is stored in underground reservoirs (aquifers) reaching almost 100m below ground.

Treated stormwater will then be used to irrigate about 30 council reserves.

City of Marion water resources coordinator Glynn Ricketts, who conducts the tours, said visitors had a unique opportunity to experience the wetland before it was fully operational.

“Oaklands wetland is developing rapidly and the tours allow people to appreciate the extent and complexity of its infrastructure,” Mr Ricketts said.

“It is already proving to be an important site for environmental education.

“We recently hosted Year 11 students from Westminster School who were gathering information for a competition to design a logo and poster to illustrate how stormwater will be used to irrigate reserves.”

The wetland is also being used for scientific research by Flinders University.

Oaklands wetland is expected to be fully operational in 2015.

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

Information about tours is available from City of Marion’s water resources coordinator, Glynn Ricketts, on 8375 6600.

### BRIDGING THE KNOWLEDGE GAP

Westminster School students on a tour of Oaklands wetland.

## Tonsley Urban Design Protocol wins excellence award

Adelaide design firm Oxigen has been awarded a Planning Excellence Award for its work on the Tonsley Urban Design Protocol at the 2013 Australian Institute of Landscape Architecture Awards.

The judges recognised the Tonsley Urban Design Protocol for its ability to guide public and private development at the former Mitsubishi site.



### TAKING SHAPE

A visual of Tonsley which is being transformed into a collaborative and high-value industry, education and residential precinct.

The South Australian Government is currently developing the 61- hectare site as the lynchpin of the state’s high-value manufacturing future.

Renewal SA project director at Tonsley, Vince Rieger, congratulated Oxigen on the award.

“Through the Tonsley Urban Design Protocol, Oxigen has established an important framework which honours the site’s rural and industrial history and points to its future of innovation,” he said.

Tonsley is planned as an integrated development that reflects best-practice design and a commitment to world-leading social, economic and environmental benchmarks.

Informed by the Australian Government’s national policy Creating Places for People – An Urban Design Protocol for Australian Cities – the Tonsley Urban Design Protocol follows the national model by articulating broad principles for urban design that factor in the project’s unique characteristics.

The protocol guides the development of Tonsley’s public and private buildings, streetscapes and landscapes which include:

- › A commitment to the use of low-carbon and climate-resilient systems and materials
- › A high quality built environment which is efficient, vibrant and supportive of Tonsley mixed use nature
- › Open spaces incorporating walking and cycling paths that promote health and wellbeing through physical recreation and outdoor living;
- › Vegetation that will be chosen to support the site’s sustainability targets.
- › Storm water and recycled water use and energy-efficient buildings.

For more information visit the website [tonsley.com](http://tonsley.com)



# Beautiful Marion judged state's best

By Richard Watson  
Photography Simon Stanbury

Marion has been judged South Australia's most sustainable city in a prestigious state award.

The Keep South Australia Beautiful (KESAB) award highlighted the City of Marion's work in improving the environment, standard of living, and quality of life in the community.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said she was delighted council's hard work in building a community that could be enjoyed by present and future generations had been recognised.

"Winning the KESAB Sustainable Cities award is a major achievement," Ms Lewis said.

"Our winning submission profiled environmental initiatives, including Oaklands wetland, promotion of healthy lifestyles with the Healthy Communities Initiative, and our success at involving residents in developing projects and services.

"I would like to thank the community, state and federal governments, schools, organisations, and local businesses for working with us to make Marion sustainable."

The KESAB Sustainable Cities award adds to the City of Marion's other successes in winning the International Association for Public Participation Project of the Year for both Australia and Australasia for the Making Marion campaign, and the South Australian Institute of Landscape Architects awards for excellence for its Walking and Cycling Strategy.

KESAB environmental solutions executive director John Phillips said:

"The City of Marion prepared an extensive submission highlighting the complexity and diversity of managing a council specific to environmental sustainability and community health and well-being."

As state winners, the City of Marion represented South Australia in the national Keep Australia Beautiful awards and hosted a tour by National judge Cameron Little in September.

The results of the Keep Australia Beautiful competition were not available at time of going to press.

## CLOSE INSPECTION

Keep Australia Beautiful judge Cameron Little with Friends of Warriparinga's Bruce Wilson.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Emma Hale is asking the community to sign up for Clean up Australia Day.

## Keeping our city clean

By Richard Watson  
Photography Heidi Linehan

Plympton Park woman Emma Hale has called on the community to keep Marion tidy by signing up for Clean up Australia Day.

The flagship environmental event sees hundreds of thousands of Australians come together to remove rubbish from their neighbourhoods each year and will be next held on Sunday, 2 March 2014.

Participants identify an area they think needs cleaning up and register it on the Clean up Australia Day website where they can promote it to their family and friends and connect with other people looking to help out.

Ms Hale, who is a graffiti removal volunteer with the City of Marion, said she hoped the community would get behind the event.

"I'm keen to increase the number of people involved in Clean up Australia Day by raising awareness among community groups so that they form their own volunteer parties at different sites across the city," Ms Hale said.

"Being part of a group that gets together to remove rubbish, graffiti and weeds in public areas can be a lot of fun and very satisfying."

The Clean up Australia Day campaign includes a business clean up day on Tuesday, 25 February and a schools clean up day on Friday, 28 February.

More information about Clean up Australia Day is online at [cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://cleanupaustraliaday.org.au)



**IT TASTES GOOD**

Maxwell and Mikaela tuck into fruit muffins overseen by OPAL's Danielle Clarke.



## Cooking makes a splash with kids

**By** Richard Watson  
**Photography** Simon Stanbury

Young children are cooking up a storm in between swimming, tackling an aquatic obstacle course and learning to dive thanks to a new school holiday activity.

The junior cooking class is teaching kids how to chop, grate, whisk and bake healthy food as part of the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre's holiday program.

More than 200 children from five to 13 have learnt food safety, hygiene and cooking skills since the class was launched earlier in the year by City of Marion's OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) team.

The classes show children that cooking healthy and tasty food can be easy and fun, said OPAL's project support officer Danielle Clark.

"Kids learn about food safety and hygiene while preparing some great recipes in the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre café as part of a full day of activities in and out of the pools," Ms Clark said.

"Fruit muffins, vegetable cold rolls, healthy muesli bars and oat pancakes are firm favourites."

Six-year-old Mikaela Barr gave the class the thumbs up.

"I thought it was really good because we got to cook blueberry and banana muffins that were totally yummy," Mikaela said.

If you would like to find out more about the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre's school holiday programs, contact the centre on 8198 0198. Details about OPAL are online at [marion.sa.gov.au/Opal](http://marion.sa.gov.au/Opal)

**"I thought it was really good because we got to cook blueberry and banana muffins that were totally yummy."**

Mikaela Barr

**GETTING IN TUNE**

Stage manager Jasmine Persse and roadie Michael Jefferies get ready for the Live in the South music event.

## We will rock you

**By** Richard Watson  
**Photography** Michael Mullan

Local youth were treated to a feast of live folk, hip hop and rock music at Cooina Neighbourhood Centre in October.

*Live in the South* saw four bands take to the stage as the culmination of a program to promote alcohol and drug free entertainment while teaching young people event management skills.

The festival was designed, marketed and staged by eight 14 to 23 year olds, including Jasmine Persse who gained employment and industry experience as a direct result of working on the event.

"I got work loading equipment in and out at the Cirque du Soleil Michael Jackson gig at the Entertainment Centre through contacts I made during the program," Jasmine, 20, said.

"I am studying stage management and taking on that role for *Live in the South* taught me a lot."

Other participants in the eight-week course learnt the essentials of working as roadies, providing band liaison and event marketing.

*Live in the South* was a joint venture between the City of Marion and Music SA.

The event was part of the Southern Collective Response to Binge Drinking which works with young people to provide alcohol free events and use interactive media to encourage healthier attitudes towards drinking and safer choices. It is supported by the Australian Government.

Details of council's youth events are available online at [marion.sa.gov.au/youth-services](http://marion.sa.gov.au/youth-services)



# COUNCILLORS' VIEWS



## COASTAL WARD

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HALLETT COVE

Have you seen them? Everywhere within our everyday lives they are there. They don't appear to be an endangered species. Thankfully they seem to be increasing and it's great to see them bobbing up in all sorts of places.

Recently in southern Marion they have been seen in large numbers. We had a wonderful Coastal Funshop at Hallett Cove beach. They were there to show us how important it is to care for our magnificent coastal environment. Looking after our local natural environment provides the whole community with a legacy for all to enjoy. The friends of our conservation parks, Field River and Trees for Life were there showing ongoing commitment to all of us.

The following weekend we had Cove Family Fun Day at the Cove Sports. There they were again. On this occasion they were looking out for our social needs – bringing us together for a day of music, food and fun. Friends and families were enjoying the day with their local community. Thanks to Hallett Cove Lions and the Cove Sports Club and their hard work, a fantastic day was had by all.

All over Marion they appear. They beaver away doing those things that make our communities great places to live. Sometimes they are hardly visible, but you will find them if you look closely. Watch out for them.

**VOLUNTEERS!** 'Thank you' for helping one another and all of us.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year.



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My favourite council events are our regular citizenship ceremonies. They're an opportunity to welcome people from every corner of the globe into Australian citizenship and a chance to reflect on what our country is all about, what we can contribute to advance our nation and a chance for a little shameless patriotism (Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, oi, oi, oi! as Mayor Lewis concludes each ceremony!).

Australia is built on the ambition and hard work of migrants and in Marion we are proud of our increasingly diverse citizenry. In Hallett Cove we have some of the largest groups of British and South African migrants of anywhere in South Australia, while in the central areas of Marion (Oaklands Park, Seacombe Gardens, etc) we have growing numbers of new arrivals from east African countries such as Eritrea, Sudan and Ethiopia.

With so many differences it is citizenship which unites our eclectic heritage and creates a common foundation.

On Thursday 3 October, I had the privilege of being part of a ceremony which saw 38 new citizens from 12 different countries pledge allegiance to Australia. This was a particularly special ceremony for me, because as I delivered the welcome speech to the new citizens, I was welcoming my Mum and youngest brother into citizenship as well.

It was an opportunity to publicly thank my parents for taking the huge risk in 2002 to bring us kids to the other side of the world to begin a new life, something I will be forever grateful for.



## MULLAWIRRA WARD

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GLENGOWRIE | PLYMPTON PARK |  
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Councils across Australian are spending a great deal of money combating global warming, and worldwide, governments are contributing to a total spend of a billion dollars a day. But are they justified in doing so?

A look at the science and some recent developments suggests not.

Earlier this year, UK Meteorological Office global temperature data confirmed that the world has not warmed in the past 15 years.

Not long after that, leading global warming proponent and head of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Rajendra Pachauri acknowledged the pause.

Despite predictions about melting ice caps, in October of this year it was revealed that sea ice cover in Antarctica has grown to its largest extent since satellite records began.

Even the IPCC is downgrading the doom and gloom. In its latest report it has revised down predictions of extreme weather events.

And all of these things are happening in spite of climate models that predicted otherwise. The phrase junk in, junk out comes to mind.

Clearly it's time to think twice about all the money being spent on global warming.





## MULLAWIRRA WARD

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#### Getting our priorities right.

Council has allocated a total of over \$7 million to upgrade 89 playgrounds/parks between 2008 and 2023 and, based on feedback received, it appears that this will be inadequate to complete all these upgrades to the standard our community expects. The council's plan to upgrade the Domain Plaza has potential costs in the order of \$6.7 - \$7.1 million. I don't see the Domain Plaza as enough of a priority to pursue such an expensive plan; Council could use the savings made from leasing the Marion Cultural Centre café to make more modest improvements. Such a large sum of ratepayers' money is better spent improving our parks, footpaths, drains and roads; if indeed it should be spent at all.

#### What makes a Happy Christmas?

We mustn't let the chaos and commercialisation that surrounds Christmas distract us from its true meaning. Christmas, like other holy occasions for various faiths, is a time where we are reminded to be more thoughtful, friendlier and more generous towards others. It can be giving one's time to help somebody, kind words to brighten someone's day, or if affordable, a donation to charity or a gift for a total stranger under a wishing tree. Our acts of kindness will be rewards in themselves.

Best wishes for the festive season and a happy and healthy New Year to you and your family.

PS. Don't forget it's Clean Up Australia Day on March 2, 2014; why not volunteer and help keep our community beautiful  
[www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au)



## SOUTHERN HILLS WARD

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#### Hi residents of Southern Hills Ward.

The festive season is looming close once again and we all stand back and say, "Where did that year go?"

I hope you all have a very peaceful and happy time with family and friends.

Many of you have been in touch during the year, and I find it reassuring that we can try and work together for good outcomes to any issues that have been reported by your good selves. The big items are taken care of, but it is sometimes the smaller problems that get overlooked. These are the important ones to our residents.

We often hear criticism of councils and their staff, but I would personally, as an Elected Member, like to thank the staff at City of Marion - particularly staff at City Services and the crews - they have been instrumental in addressing the many issues you have set them a task on. I thank them also for their quick responses when I advocate on your behalf. The team effort is so vital to finding an agreeable solution that suits everyone involved. I know that we can't always act on some of the problems, but we do our best to reach a compromise.

It has been very satisfying to come and visit many of you in your homes to see the problems first hand, and as many of you have stated, it is a pleasant change to feel one is being listened to in this busy world of ours.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss, please give me a call.



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O'HALLORAN HILL | SHEIDOW PARK

The City of Mandurah WA hosted the International Cities Town Centres and Communities Society 2013 conference. Mandurah had won the 'World's Best' marina development in both the General and Design categories. For every \$1m invested it leveraged \$80m from government and private investors.

#### The most impressive presenters were:

**Greg Bruce of Townsville City Council.** He participated in the IBM Smarter Cities Challenge and the Cities Summit in New York. As GOOGLE leads the world in artificial intelligence, IBM are challenging for the lead in innovation excellence. Their CEO supports a high turnover of staff: "Get the place changing or it won't change".

**Marcus Westbury, founder of Renewaustalia.org.** His innovative urban renewal processes and company have created more than 100 successful enterprises: "Failure to fail is failure. Therefore, make failure cheap".

**Stuart Harker, a Global Retail and Consumer Goods Advisory Leader.** Shopping centres are replacing falling rents with leisure and recreation opportunities. Manufacturers are adding strategically placed retail outlets for their products. Grocery stores are using 'the cloud' for online shopping and home delivery.

**Dave Donaldson and Peter White of Takapuna Beach Business Association.** Their innovation was to match the naysayers with three positive groups (under 26 years, under 66 years and everyone else) to plan the redevelopment of their beach front village.

After the conference I was able to revisit the transport oriented development at Subiaco.

Thank you for your support and have a happy Christmas and New Year.



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### Merry Christmas neighbours and fellow ratepayers!

Christmas can be a busy time of year. It's easy to get so caught up in all the Christmas shopping and preparations that we can forget to relax and be in the moment, consciously creating memories and traditions that bring us happiness.

Growing up, my family had lots of Christmas traditions and celebrations. One tradition that I especially enjoyed extending beyond my family to include all of our neighbours was our Cromwell Drive street party. It was fantastic: the whole street would come together and everyone would take time to reconnect. I think for many of us today this would stand in stark contrast, with people regularly telling me they don't even know their neighbours.

I am passionate about creating and strengthening our sense of community. Each and every one of us has a role to play in our communities to make them great: so if you don't normally get involved in your local community why not take the opportunity this Christmas to do something different? It's as easy as attending a Christmas event organised by one of your local groups (such as Neighborhood Watch). Or perhaps you could organise your own street Christmas party if there isn't one already and start a new tradition!

I have been honoured to have met many people who are already involved in shaping our community – thank you! Another year almost passed and the City of Marion wouldn't be what it is without the more than 43,000 hours of volunteer service.



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Our Community Safety Inspectors carry out very important tasks indeed, be it to enforce legislated regulations or our local By-Laws. They have a critical regulatory and education function in our city. But I need to ask the constituency if you think they are visible enough? Are their uniforms and vehicles easily recognised so as to note your rates at work as they frequent your streets, reserves and car parks? Unlike surrounding cities our inspectors wear a very nondescript uniform and drive equally nondescript, almost unmarked vehicles. For example, if you were to shop at Westfield Marion, would you like to easily identify our roving inspector to seek his/her advice about parking arrangements or even about your dog registration? Please let me know.

Very soon we will have train services running again on the Adelaide to Seaford line and at its peak every seven minutes a train will pass through the Oaklands Crossing, closing the railway gates and stopping vehicular traffic. Can you imagine the traffic disruption that awaits us all as we attempt to negotiate this bifurcation of two major roads at this busy rail crossing? Thus far, council has been unsuccessful attracting the attention of government to fund a grade separation crossing. As we move closer to the state election, I ask you all to lobby all candidates to appropriately fund the grade separation of this crossing to address what is a pending crisis in Warracowie Ward.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2014.



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CLOVELLY PARK | BEDFORD PARK

After 12 months dedicated work the four sports and community hub proposals are ready for discussion by council with a view to deciding what goes where, prioritising actions and beginning the search for funding. This will be a major task and one we have been looking forward to, as the provision of first class sporting/recreation/community facilities for current and future users is of prime importance for the health and wellbeing of our community.

I would take this opportunity to reiterate that this is a major project which will take many years to complete and any work commenced in the reasonably near future will be dependent on being able to source funding from Federal, State and peak body sources. I would like to commend the staff and the stakeholders who have participated with such enthusiasm in what has been a marathon effort and look forward to sharing the outcome of our deliberations in due course.

It is disappointing to see recent the upsurge in illegal dumping of rubbish which does so much to spoil our city; if you are unable to take your unwanted hard rubbish to the landfill it is a simple matter to ring the council on 8375 6600 and book in for a hard rubbish collection, so I urge you to take advantage of the two free collections available per year to all residents of Marion.

It only remains for me to wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season and all the very best for 2014.





## WARRIPARINGA WARD

Councillor Luke Hutchinson

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MARION | MITCHELL PARK | STURT |  
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Following the recent master planning process of our four major sporting hubs, council's attention has shifted to asset management more broadly. In particular, how will council fund such large scale redevelopments without large rate increases and extending debt further?

During these discussions a refreshing concept emerged - What assets and infrastructure mean the most to ratepayers and residents when they walk out of their front door?

To each of you this will be very different, to some this will be verges, street trees, footpaths, roads, bikeways, the local park, sporting club or community centre. The answer should be that all are priority worthy, however I believe the immediate impact is what you want to see.

When I stood for council I wanted each ratepayer and resident to be able to sight the tangible benefit council has delivered to their lives. I still stand by this. This quarter I want you to let your ward councillor know what is important to you from the list above.

My goal now is to ensure Marion has appropriate policy around these areas. I had been particularly keen to see a verge policy based around increasing the standard of our verges. I still hold out hope that our public servants can deliver this in a timely fashion. Additionally, I would like see greater investment for those who adopt-a-verge and are committed to maintaining it; which subsequently provides impact for the entire street and neighbourhood.

I wish you all a safe and joyful festive break!



## WOODLANDS WARD

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SOUTH PLYMPTON | GLANDORE |  
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The festive season is well underway so I'd like to take this time to celebrate some council projects in the Woodlands Ward.

I am ecstatic about our recent purchase of land in Jervois Sreet South Plympton to provide much needed open space in the northern part of Marion. I look forward to the subsequent community consultation about how to best utilise the space – I urge you all to get involved!

I am delighted with the huge success of the Rotary Book Exchange and Community Centre on Towers Terrace in Edwardstown. If you haven't managed to visit this place yet, I highly recommend that you do. A massive thanks goes to the Rotary Club of Edwardstown for their brilliant use of a council building and their continued hard work in providing a wonderful community service.

The council has approved the Master Plan for the Edwardstown Recreation Ground for public consultation which should now be complete. This plan was drafted through extensive discussion with the Edwardstown sports clubs and members of the local community. Thank you to everyone for your involvement. I am excited to be considering your input.

It has been marvellous to see cyclists and pedestrians frequenting the Mike Turtur Bikeway. I can't wait to see the final product when all the landscaping is complete.

Even with all this celebrating I'm aware that there is still so much more we can do.

Have a wonderful holiday season!



## WOODLANDS WARD

Councillor Tim Pfeiffer

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SOUTH PLYMPTON | GLANDORE |  
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### New Open Space in South Plympton

For generations, council has been aware of the serious shortage of public open space in northern Marion (especially South Plympton). Population density has steadily increased in this area, meaning backyard sizes have shrunk, putting further emphasis on the need for quality open space. To address this, council has been putting away small amounts of money for two decades, knowing that one day a great opportunity would arise. That day has finally come!

It has taken two years of negotiations and a State Government grant to bolster funds, but we have managed to purchase 6000sq m of vacant land in South Plympton. It has been a hard slog but with the help of our amazing staff, we got there.

This large block is sandwiched between Jervois Street and Waterhouse Road in South Plympton. The redevelopment will take a while because it will be vital to talk with locals and properly understand the open space needs of the area. I can't wait for the next phase of this project.

### Edwardstown Book Exchange and Community Centre.

It has taken a lot of work, but we managed to get Edwardstown Rotary Book Exchange moved from their old premises on Sturt Road into the former kindergarten on Towers Terrace, Edwardstown. The club has also named the site a 'Community Centre' and is keen to develop the building and garden into a focal point for the area. Drop in and buy a cheap book – all their profits go into community projects!

Facebook: Councillor Tim Pfeiffer

Twitter: @CrTimbo





## Band in tune with success

**By** Richard Watson  
**Photography** Simon Stanbury

**Marion City Band is celebrating a triumphant 2013 after becoming Australia's newest and South Australia's only 'B' grade band.**

Victory in the National Band Championships in Perth in April propelled Marion to its highest ranking in its 44-year history.

The band's 'C' grade placed first at the championships for the second consecutive year guaranteeing them promotion to the next tier.

Musical director Veronica Boulton said the entire band was excited its hard work and dedication had been rewarded.

"Everyone is thrilled at the prospect of playing 'B' grade next year as it's something we've been working towards for a number of years," Ms Boulton said.

"The success reflects on all members of our four bands which include experienced players, young people and those who are starting out."

Marion's banding organisation comprises about 80 members in Marion City Band (B Grade), Warriparinga Brass (D Grade), Warriparinga Youth and a training band for people completely new to brass band music.

Warriparinga Brass was set up as a training band in 2004 and next year will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

### HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES

Marion City Band with musical director, Veronica Boulton, third from right front row.

Ms Boulton said all the bands were continually improving.

"All our bands are improving through the continuous development of players and the recruitment of new ones," she said.

"We welcome new and experienced players and have opportunities for people to develop their skills, whatever their level of expertise.

"Our members are aged from four to 71 - it's like being in a musical family."

**More information about Marion City Band is online at [marioncityband.org](http://marioncityband.org)**



## Christmas lights to shine in Marion

Westminster School is set to dazzle once again with its annual Christmas lights display from Sunday, 15 December.

More than 100,000 people have visited Westminster's Christmas lights show since its inception in 2005, firming it up as one of Adelaide's most popular seasonal events.

Now in its ninth year, families can expect an impressive variety of colourful light displays, festive decorations, Santa's magic kingdom and a music and carols sing-along.

The lights will be switched on at 8pm every evening until around 10pm from Sunday, 15 December to Sunday, 22 December.

### BRIGHT DISPLAY

Westminster School's Christmas lights will be switched on from Sunday, 15 December.

The event will feature:

- › A light display in the school's magnificent stained glass window
- › Nightly music and carols sing-a-long in the chapel from 8pm
- › A huge range of colourful light displays and festive decorations
- › Santa's magic kingdom
- › An original 17-metre nativity mural
- › A café and refreshment area
- › Walking trails and drive through viewing

Westminster Christmas lights is a free community event.

The school is located at Alison Avenue, Marion and parking is available for a gold coin donation.

**For further details call Westminster School on 8276 0276 or visit the website [westminster.sa.edu.au](http://westminster.sa.edu.au)**





# DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

## You and your neighbours

**We all know life is a lot easier when we get on well with our neighbours. For a variety of reasons relationships with those next can become strained, sometimes around planning and development issues, which is when people often call their council for advice.**

This article clarifies what council can do to help – but remember, there's no substitute for good communication with your neighbours.

Fencing and boundary issues are often civil matters and regulated under common law. A council's power under the Development Act 1993 does not normally allow them to become involved in civil matters, which are generally referred to the Legal Services Commission of South Australia.

The best way to resolve a dispute between property owners is by parties working together or seeking mediation.

A council may inspect a site when an enquiry or complaint is received to ensure no unauthorised building work has been undertaken, or to check there is no unauthorised land use and there are no safety concerns.

If a council considers the development is legal and safe and the complainant is still aggrieved they will be referred to the Legal Services Commission – or they may seek independent legal advice.

The following guidelines highlight the obligations property owners have to their neighbours:

- › You must ensure that storm water does not enter adjoining properties from your property, whether from gutters, downpipes or surface water runoff
- › You must not alter/remove/replace the boundary fence without the consent of your neighbour
- › You must not build up soil against the boundary fence
- › You must not excavate deeper than 600mm at the property boundary without first notifying your neighbour
- › If you alter the level of your land you must generally ensure the change in level is held by a retaining wall or similar
- › You should not allow any structures on your property to encroach on or over your neighbour's property
- › If you and your neighbour have a shared common wall between your houses it may well be a required fire wall. You must both ensure the wall is maintained in good condition all the way up to the underside of the roof cladding

- › If your neighbour has a wall on the property boundary you are responsible for ensuring that:

- › Soil is not built up against the wall
- › The wall can be easily inspected for termites
- › You do not fix anything to the wall or alter the wall in any way without the consent of your neighbour

Following these guidelines is an important step in staying on good terms with your neighbour.

**The Legal Services Commission of South Australia can be contacted for further information on its help line: 1300 366 424 (telephone advice is available Monday to Friday from 9am-4.30pm).**

### SHARING PLANS

Discussing development plans with neighbours can help avoid misunderstandings.



December  
January and  
February  
**2013**

**MARION**  
CULTURAL CENTRE



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W [marionculturalcentre.com.au](http://marionculturalcentre.com.au)

## MATINEE SERIES

### Hard Knocks to Local Hero OOTS\*

Tuesday 10 December, 11am



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

**Tickets \$17**

### The BordererS OOTS\*

Tuesday 14 January, 11am



The BordererS are back with original music and songs that you know like *Hallelujah*, *You Take the High Road*, *You're My World*, *Danny Boy* and many more.

**Tickets \$15**

### Duo at the Piano OOTS\*

Tuesday 11 February, 11am



Guaranteed to take you back in time and touch your emotions, the show includes songs from Johnny O'Keefe of the 50s to Fleetwood Mac of the 80s, songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber's musicals and from The Flaming Sambucas' Abba and Elton John tribute shows.

**Tickets \$15**

## EVENING SHOWS

### The Desirables Show

Friday 7 February, 8pm



Meet and mingle with the stars of Show Biz as Pulse band present The Desirables Show. Elvis, The Beatles, Neil Diamond, Whitney Houston, Shirley Bassey, Buddy Holly and more. A spectacular evening of entertainment.

**\$30/\$25 concession**

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



**FREE EVENTS****Summer Series****December 2013 and January 2014**

Live performance on the plaza every Sunday 1pm to 4pm in December and January.

**Free Event****Outdoor Movie Events****Thursday 19 December**Open Mic Night from 6.30pm  
Movie *Gremlins* at 9.45pm**Friday 10 January**Free live entertainment from 5pm  
Gallery M exhibition opening from 6pm  
Movie *Nim's Island* at 8.45pm**Free Event****Mingle****Friday 10 January, Friday 7 February  
from 5.30pm**

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

**Free Event****Open Mic Cabaret****Thursday 19 December, Thursday 16  
January and Thursday 20 February  
at 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.

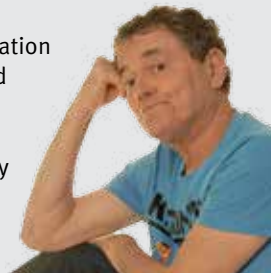
**Free Event****YOUNG ONES –  
DECEMBER/JANUARY  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS****Ticklish Allsorts Xmas****Tuesday 17 December, 11am**

Ticklish Allsorts are cheeky, cheerful with colourful characters, including Ali Gator the croc who loves to rock; Bruce and Bluey a pair of Aussie rapping dogs; Alistair Bear a Scottish teddy bear; and the coolest dudes on the block, the Banana Brothers. Singing well known Christmas songs as well as some originals.

**Tickets \$8****Peter Combe in  
Wash Your Kids in Orange Juice****Tuesday 21 January, 1pm**

Peter Combe is one of Australia's best loved children's songwriters, entertaining young and old since 1976.

Capturing the imagination of both young and old Australians with his funny, inspirational and irresistibly catchy songs for children.

**Tickets \$8****The Curious Case of Benjamin Hutton**  
OOTs\***Thursday 23 January, 11am**

From the streets to the stage, this time travelling vagabond is a very clever chap. He is a man who lives in his own world. A world where nothing means everything and down is always up. Did he just step into your world...or were you pulled into his? Ben's highly original magic act will engross, charm and delight even the most sophisticated of audiences. Do not miss!

**Tickets \$8****GALLERY M – EXHIBITIONS****12th Annual City of Marion  
Community Art Exhibition****24 November – 3 January 2014**

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

Artwork in all media by residents of the City of Marion.

**Twenty****10 January – 2 February 2014**

HALF GALLERY EXHIBITION

Artwork in all media by members of the Red House Group celebrating the groups 20th anniversary.

**Masked or Unmasked?****10 January – 2 February 2014**

HALF GALLERY EXHIBITION

Photography by Julia Thomas.

A series of images centered around empowering women and shedding light on domestic violence.

**Memories****7 February – 2 March 2014**

QUARTER GALLERY EXHIBITION

Contemporary paintings by Erlend Smidt Lysaker.

**Out of Africa****7 February – 2 March 2014**

QUARTER GALLERY EXHIBITION

Photography by David Woolaway and jewellery by Maria Woolaway.

**Colourful Life****7 February – 2 March 2014**

HALF GALLERY EXHIBITION

Mosaics and ceramics by Stephen Johnson and paintings by John Hamilton.

**Merry Christmas**

The Gallery M shop is filled with unique hand-made items created by local artists.

If you're looking for that special Christmas gift, or something for yourself, call into the Gallery M shop.

**Gallery M hours****Mon-Sat: 10am-4pm, Sun: 1pm-4pm****Closed public holidays****T 8377 2904****E info@gallerym.net.au****www.gallerym.net.au**





#### RESCUING FOOD

OzHarvest founder and CEO Ronni Kahn and celebrity chef Adam Swanson celebrate the expansion of the program in the south.

## Food rescue charity to feed south

By Craig Clarke  
Photography Heidi Linehan

More than 180,000 meals a year will be served to people in need after food rescue charity *OzHarvest* announced it will be increasing its services in Adelaide's inner southern suburbs.

Cities of Marion and Holdfast Bay used Anti-Poverty Day in October to announce they have teamed up with *OzHarvest* to expand the reach of the service in the region.

*OzHarvest* founder and CEO Ronni Kahn, Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis, SACOSS CEO Ross Womersley and celebrity chef Adam Swanson celebrated the partnership in front of more than 100 people at the Marion Cultural Centre.

*OzHarvest* SA state manager Hayley Everuss said the expansion was the next step in helping the community and saving good food from landfill in Adelaide's south.

"It's extremely exciting that the City of Marion with support from the City of Holdfast Bay has provided us with an opportunity to introduce our food rescue program to about 200 food businesses in the inner south," Ms Everuss said.

"I expect we'll save at least 50 tonnes of food in this region throughout the next year which will be used to make 180,000 meals for charitable agencies in southern Adelaide."

Founded in 2004, *OzHarvest* is a national, non-denominational charity that rescues excess food from landfill and redistributes it to other charities supporting vulnerable people.

The charity currently rescues quality food from 300 Adelaide food businesses and redistributes it to 50 charities in suburbs from the CBD to Gawler – providing meals for 60,000 people a month.

Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said: "I want to welcome *OzHarvest* to the region and the important work it does to help reduce hunger and limit waste to landfill."

"Council will use its contacts to help connect *OzHarvest* to the local food industry and community agencies."

Healthy Communities Initiative has collaborated to support *OzHarvest* in the south and facilitate linking business and community agencies. This initiative is funded by the Australian Government.



## Stay safe this summer

Summer is a wonderful time of year, but as we enjoy the warm weather it's important to take steps to protect our health and property, especially in extreme weather.

These simple tips, contact numbers and websites could keep you and your family safe.

#### Fire prevention

Fires can spread rapidly in and out of the home so remember to:

- › Cut back long grass and other vegetation
- › Keep a fire blanket or extinguisher in your home
- › Do not leave cooking unattended
- › Avoid using equipment that could cause sparks near dry weeds
- › Never smoke in bed
- › Prepare and practice a home fire and emergency survival plan

In an emergency call 000.

Further information is available on these websites [mfs.sa.gov.au](http://mfs.sa.gov.au) and [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au)

#### KEEP IT SHORT

Cutting back long grass reduces the risk of fire.

#### Surviving a heatwave

Extreme heat can have severe impacts on your health and wellbeing.

Remember to:

#### Use your common sense

- › Drink two to three litres of water a day, even if you don't feel thirsty
- › Avoid fizzy drinks, alcohol and caffeine and only take salt tablets after consulting your GP
- › Dress appropriately in loose fitting, cool and comfortable clothing
- › Stay indoors if you can and make use of air-conditioning
- › If you have to go outdoors, wear a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses

#### Think of others

- › Check on sick or elderly relatives and neighbours
- › Check regularly on children and babies
- › Consider the safety of your pets

For medical advice phone Health direct Australia on 1800 022 222 and for immediate medical assistance call 000

A heatwave information guide is available from the SES website [ses.sa.gov.au](http://ses.sa.gov.au)





## Water plan to protect reserves

**By** Richard Watson  
**Photography** Simon Stanbury

**Marion Council is working to secure the future quality of parks and reserves by improving the way it waters its open spaces.**

Water will continue to flow at reserves designed for sport and recreation, while low maintenance landscaping will improve the appearance of open space that does not warrant irrigation.

The changes are part of a comprehensive plan to improve the quality of reserves while balancing the rising cost of water.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the draft Irrigation Management Plan had been specially developed to improve the quality of open space by more efficient watering.

“The draft Irrigation Management Plan aims to ensure the community gets maximum benefit from open space by making it ‘fit for purpose’ – whether that is as a cricket oval, athletic field or picnic area,” Ms Lewis said.

“The plan uses scientific data to ensure Marion’s parks and reserves get the maximum benefit from available water.

“It is a wide-ranging document that will guide for staff in setting irrigation schedules, turf management, and landscape design.”

After water restrictions were introduced in South Australia in 2007 the number of reserves irrigated in Marion fell from 144 to 26.

That has now risen to 71 with the number set to rise even further when Oaklands wetland is fully operational in 2015.

The draft Irrigation Management Plan embeds Water Sensitive Urban Design principles to protect and conserve the water cycle, complies with SA Water regulations, and encourages the use of alternatives to mains water.

Ms Lewis said the plan also formed part of council’s response to the drought and changes in rainfall patterns.

“The plan continues our response to the drought and ensures reserves benefit from stormwater reuse through the new \$9 million Oaklands wetland,” she said.

The draft Irrigation Management Plan was available for comment on council’s website in October.

**The draft plan can still be viewed online at [marion.sa.gov.au/irrigationmanagement-plan](http://marion.sa.gov.au/irrigationmanagement-plan)**

### **FIT FOR PURPOSE**

Improvements to the way council waters its open spaces is designed to make reserves ‘fit for purpose’ whether it is to be enjoyed by families or for sport and recreation.



### **LOW MAINTENANCE**

Not all open space needs to be irrigated.



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# BUSINESS WORKS

## Edwardstown united

### EDWARDSTOWN CHAMPIONS

ERBA co-chairs Paul Williams and Kosette Lambert (front) with local business representatives, back left to right: Kelly Keates Zonge of Engineering, Russel Atwell, Apprenticeship Broker at Hamilton Secondary College, Helen Kranitis of Comace, Kathy Hill of Intax Consulting and Tim Nielsen of Brazcom

**By** Richard Watson  
**Photography** Catherine Gasmier

**Business leaders in Edwardstown have issued a rallying cry to 4000 local companies to join them in working together to boost the regional economy.**

Additionally, they are calling on companies to band together to share research, develop skills and win new clients.

Edwardstown Region Business Association (ERBA) co-chair Paul Williams said the area's large and diverse industrial base stood to gain by working collaboratively.

"There are about 20,000 people employed in the ERBA catchment area in a range of manufacturing, construction, scientific, professional and retail businesses that operate locally, throughout Australia and overseas," Mr Williams said.

"By working together businesses have a unique opportunity to acquire new skills, expand client and supplier bases locally, and lift the profile of the region.

"To support this, ERBA has developed a special program to bring business people together to exchange ideas and gain professional development at monthly networking events – we are also liaising with state and local government to maximise opportunities for our members."

Members are kept informed through a weekly electronic newsletter *The Bulletin*, a comprehensive website, updates on social media and a business directory.

ERBA currently supports almost 100 companies in the Edwardstown region, including Bedford Park, Ascot Park, Clovelly Park and Mitchell Park.

Current member organisations include metal, oil, and canvas goods manufacturers and service providers in mining, financial and human resources.

Mr Williams, who runs the commercial joinery firm Comace, said Edwardstown blended industrial, retail and residential premises to make it a prime business destination.

"Edwardstown is an ideal place to work as it is close to the developing Tonsley precinct, within easy reach of the airport, well-connected by road and a short drive from McLaren Vale, which is ideal for entertaining clients," he said.

Mr Williams is joined on the ERBA board by 11 local business champions, including Tim Nielsen and Kosette Lambert.

As managing director of Brazcom Imports, Mr Nielsen distributes clothing, beauty and pharmacy products around Australia and the globe.

"From our office in Edwardstown we provide lingerie, hosiery and shapewear to clients in countries as diverse as Indonesia, Norway and the United States," Mr Nielsen said.

Highlighting the economic diversity of the area is Kosette Lambert, joint ERBA co-chair and manager of process engineering consultants Manufacturing Focus which services the manufacturing sector and has undertaken projects for the mining industry in Western Australia, Gahna and Namibia.

"Edwardstown is a vibrant economic hub with a huge range of businesses from sole operators to large manufacturers," Ms Lambert said.

"ERBA's networking events help members build business relationships and share knowledge, and I am frequently told they have led to people discovering new clients and suppliers who are literally on their doorstep.

"Connecting with neighbouring businesses through ERBA can open up new horizons for companies of any size."

ERBA is supported by the City of Marion.

**Further information about ERBA is online at [erba.com.au](http://erba.com.au)**



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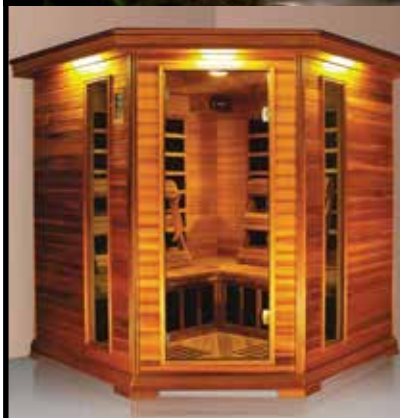


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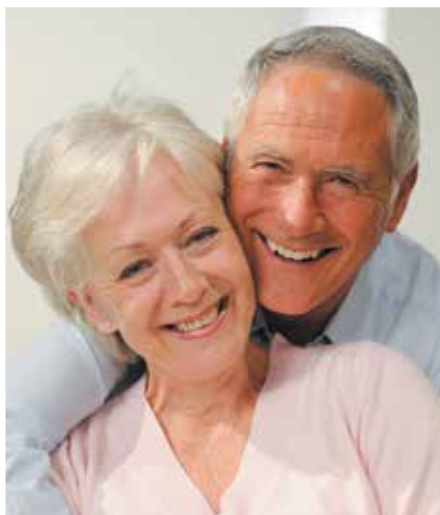
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## COURSES AND CLASSES

### Art at Splashout Studios

T 8296 3859, [art@splashout.net.au](mailto:art@splashout.net.au), [www.splashout.net.au](http://www.splashout.net.au)

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

### Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre

T 8375 6703

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

### English conversation group

T 8293 6680

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

### Glandore Community Centre

T 8371 1139

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

### Hallett Cove Youth Choices Program

T 8177 3478

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

### Marion Art Group

T Jan 8277 5896 or Glenys 8298 8264

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

### Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre

T 8375 6804

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

### Picket Fence Community Centre

T 8374 2522

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

### The Project Centre

T 8276 5793

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

### Southern Cross Adelaide Line Dancing

T 8277 0583

For beginners and experienced dancers.

### Steed House Art Gallery

T 0407 893 042

Learn the art of appreciation.

### Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre

T 8387 2074

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

### University of the Third Age (U3A)

T 82013068 [www.u3afinders.org.au](http://www.u3afinders.org.au)

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

## INTEREST GROUPS

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander playgroups

T 8296 2686

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

### Arthritis Foundation SA

T Margaret 8272 3840 or email [alfred.osborne@y7mail.com](mailto:alfred.osborne@y7mail.com)

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

### Ascot Park Scout Opp Shop and garage sales

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

### Community Philatelic Society

T 0421 367 665 or 8296 9697 or [Lindaw3456@gmail.com](mailto:Lindaw3456@gmail.com)

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

### Friends of Glenthorne

T Alan 8340 5509 or 8381 2708

Help the environment through working bees and monthly meetings.

### Friends of Hallett Cove Conservation Park

T 8381 8029

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

### Friends of Lower Field River

T 8387 5227 or [www.fieldriver.org](http://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](http://www.alzheimers.org.au)

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

### Community Visitor Scheme

T 7425 8200

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

### Employment Plus

T 8329 9800

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

### Finding Workable Solutions - Clovelly Park

T 8374 2356 [www.fws.org.au](http://www.fws.org.au)

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

### Hallett Cove Baptist Community Centre

T 8322 6469

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

### MarionLIFE Community Services

T 8277 0304 [www.marionlife.org.au](http://www.marionlife.org.au)

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

### Moving through suicide grief

T 8322 6469

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

### Safer Communities Australia

T 8373 0818 [www.safercommunities.asn.au](http://www.safercommunities.asn.au)

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

### Southern Mental Health

#### Services for Older People

T 8374 5800

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

## SPORT AND ACTIVITY GROUPS

### Active Elders

T 8276 9294 or 8277 6096

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

### Atlantis AUSSI Masters Swimming Club

T 0438 802 594 [www.atlantis.aussisa.org.au](http://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](http://www.bisa.asn.au)

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

### Hallett Cove Little Athletics Centre

T 0452 194 252 [www.hclac.org.au](http://www.hclac.org.au)

Whole family fun and fitness - new members welcome.

### Indoor bowls

T 8276 6430

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

### Keep walking

T 8298 1321

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

### Marion Arthritis Branch

T 8357 6273 or 0411 448620

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

### Marion croquet

T 8296 2353

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

### Marion Mall Walkers

T Pat 0418 854 209 or Leonie 8293 6098

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

### Out and About

T 8375 6804

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

### Over 50s Travel and Social Club

T 8387 0352

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





## Hard yards made easy

**A volunteer gardening group is cutting overgrown yards down to size and putting a smile on the face of the community.**

*Hard Yards* is a group of 20 volunteers determined to weed, cut grass and trim trees to make backyards manageable for people who cannot do the work themselves through ill health, age or a disability.

Formed in May last year by Josh Smith from local church members, *Hard Yards* has so far blitzed 15 backyards from O'Halloran Hill to Marion.

Using their own mowers, whipper snippers, chainsaws, rakes and wheelbarrows, the group responds to cries for help from the community Josh said.

"We love to take on big projects where we can help people who are older, have a disability, or are unwell and cannot cope with their garden," Josh, 29, said.

"It's wonderful to see the looks on people's faces when we transform their garden, often within three or four hours, so it's neat and tidy and easy to care for.

"The work is free and the smiles people give us is more than enough reward."

The idea to start the group came to Josh when he suggested to Stephanie, who he married this October, that they should do something to help people.

Stephanie's response, "Yes, why don't you?" was all the motivation he needed.

Despite being in the final stages of studying for a Phd in medical science and delivering pizzas to earn a living, Josh decided to make time to help others by tidying up their gardens so they were safe and could be enjoyed.

A member of the C3 Church Marion, he contacted other local churches looking for more volunteers and was soon joined by Marion Christian Church.

He also met City of Marion's volunteer development officer who provided advice on how the group could improve its operations.

"I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for the project and many people brought energy, ideas and a willingness to work so we were soon up and running," Josh said.

"Although I'm not a gardener, I grew up on a 60-acre property so know the basics of what's needed to keep a garden tidy.

### BACKYARD HEROES

*Hard Yards* volunteers Tom Edwards, Chris Williams and Josh Smith are helping people tidy up their backyards.

"There have been some unusual projects, like spending two days cutting up a huge pile of wooden beams that someone dumped in a man's yard."

News of *Hard Yards* is spreading fast and the group is seeking to swell its ranks from churches and the wider community as it tackles new projects, including work at Abbeyfield House in Edwardstown which provides accommodation for adults with an intellectual disability.

Josh said volunteering brings many rewards.

"It's very satisfying to know you've made someone's life a bit easier – one lady cried she was so grateful for the work we did," he said.

"Our youngest volunteer is aged eight and the oldest 74, and everyone gets a buzz out of helping people."

Josh was presented with a *Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteering Service* earlier this year.

**Hard Yards can be contacted on**  
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