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Record investment

Marion's \$7m
playground boost



Community People



Thanks to the volunteers

These are some of the City of Marion Community Care volunteers and staff who give their time to help the frail aged and people with a disability maintain an independent lifestyle within their homes and the wider community.

Community Care provide a door to door bus service as well as a one on one service taking clients shopping and to medical appointments.

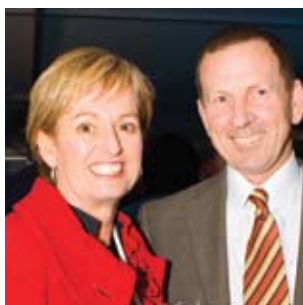
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Front Cover *Amy, Bella and Cooper* by Simon Stanbury



Happy to be involved Alek Atem displays her artwork.

Culture on display

Residents have created a mural of 34 artworks as part of council's review of the Cultural Plan.

The community art project titled *Fabric of Marion* was designed to bring people together to illustrate their cultural identity.

Residents created handmade images of activities that are important to them before supervising artist Annabelle Collett assembled the pieces into one large artwork.

The artwork is on display in the Marion Cultural Centre café.

For more information about the City of Marion Cultural Plan go to www.marion.sa.gov.au/goto/culturalvitalityplan



Too many cooks? Tony Coulter, Wayne Granger and Peter Duck lend a hand in Cove Sports' new kitchen.

Facilities upgraded

Three City of Marion facilities have been given a helping hand from the Federal Government's \$250m Community Infrastructure Program.

Cove Sports and Community Club, Marion Swimming Centre and Harbrow Grove Reserve have all made improvements totalling \$325,000 courtesy of grants from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

Cove Sports supplemented the grant with its own funding and donations from businesses to upgrade its kitchen and install a new floor to help cater for the growing southern community, secretary Wayne Granger said.

"We now have a kitchen to match our sports

facilities. We can provide a better service to the 1300 sports people who use the venue as well as those who hire it for functions," he said.

"The club is in an expanding region and prides itself on extending a warm welcome to everyone, especially new residents for who sport is an important entry into the community."

A new pump was fitted at Marion Swimming Centre to improve the filtration system and reduce energy consumption. The funding also kick started the first stage of civil works for the redevelopment of Harbrow Grove Reserve.



I see a celebration, family, friends, presents... wait... I see a date... does December 25 mean anything to you?

Pauline O'Brien

Our Opinion

The Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis



It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. As always it has provided lots of things to reflect on. It has been a difficult year for me personally as my father passed away in May on the eve of the trip I took with Ministers Holloway and Conlon to look at Transport Oriented Development in Europe and the US. This came just a few weeks after I was inducted as the new President of the Local Government Association - a first for Marion.

We were recently saddened by the loss of my predecessor, Colin Haines. We did, nonetheless, celebrate his long and substantial contribution to Marion.

On a positive note we recently 'turned the first sod' for the new State Aquatic Centre

and GP Plus. What a fantastic result for our community. \$100m worth of development on a landmark site that could have had caryards and bulky goods as the Domain legacy. It has taken 10 years but I'm sure it will be worth the wait.

Of course this area will continue to grow as it has been planned to. It is a regional centre and our challenge is to manage its success. Getting more people off the roads and onto public transport will go some way to reducing the traffic congestion and assist in fighting obesity which is on the rise in our community.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy festive season and a healthy New Year.

The CEO Mark Searle



One of the most rewarding aspects of 2009 has been the level and quality of community input into council projects and events.

The ongoing success of the Rajah Reserve and Marion Historic Village community capacity building programs is down to the residents who have worked with staff and donated their energy and ideas.

Elsewhere, we received enthusiastic support from local residents during the southern facilities review where there was a keen desire to see a modern new library built in Hallett Cove.

We held two large events this year. The Marion Learning Festival and Marion Celebrates.

The learning festival continues to go from strength to strength and this year featured 100 workshops. While I always attend the festival, it was the first

year that I have been asked to play a part and I really enjoyed presenting a workshop in the Philosophy Café ... I do hope that it was as enjoyable for the people who came along.

Marion Celebrates was a marvellous day, packed with multicultural entertainment. Stage action moved seamlessly from ballet to Bollywood and the depth and breadth of talent and cultures on show said a lot of positive things about our community.

Thank you to all residents who took the time to work with us either by supporting these events, volunteering or having a say during our community consultations.

However you decide to spend the festive season and New Year, I hope that it will be enjoyable and peaceful.

Blitzing the backyard

Capella Reserve has received a Backyard Blitz-style face lift thanks to 100 council staff and volunteers.

Working to a two-day deadline, staff planted 1500 trees at the Hallett Cove reserve and upgraded the skate park, BMX track and shelter shed. A new drinking fountain was also installed.

"Capella Reserve now looks fantastic. We hope families have as much fun in the park as we did building it," said Marion Council city delivery program manager Mark Sandford.





Westminster lights up for Christmas

The spirit of Christmas will shine brightly at Westminster School when the switch is flicked on its annual light show.

The free community event is open from dusk until 10.30pm each night from 16 to 23 December.

This year's event will feature

- Thousands of fairy lights
- Multicoloured lighting displays
- Avenues of illuminated trees
- Santa's Christmas kingdom
- Hand-painted light boxes
- A 7-metre nativity mural
- Christmas café
- Music and carols

Westminster School is on Alison Avenue, Marion. Call the school for details on 8276 0276.



Broadband rolls out

Businesses and households in Marion will soon feel the benefit of the largest rollout of a broadband wireless service ever undertaken in Adelaide.

Designed to banish broadband blackspots currently affecting more than 55,000 premises in metropolitan Adelaide, the new service will deliver internet speeds and rate plans comparable to fixed line broadband.

The State and Federal Government partnership with Adam Internet was announced on 10 November and suburbs in Marion's south are already connecting to the network.

The service, called AdamMax, is available to all residents and businesses in metropolitan Adelaide. To register interest and for more information visit www.broadbandblackspots.com.au

Marion and Onkaparinga Councils and the Southern Adelaide Economic Development Board have been lobbying for improved internet access for a number of years.

For more information about the Australian Broadband Guarantee, call 1800 883 488 or visit www.dbcde.gov.au/abg



Staying healthy together *Getting active with family or friends makes exercise fun.*

Stepping towards a healthier lifestyle

Marion residents will be among the first South Australians to be given the chance to get on track towards a healthier lifestyle thanks to an internationally successful health and wellbeing program.

OPAL is a Federal, State and Local Government initiative that encourages families to adopt healthy eating and physical activity habits.

It helps organisations and people to get healthier one step at a time, said OPAL manager, Fraser Keegan.

“OPAL encourages agencies and individuals to work together to steadily improve diet and physical activity levels. Making small changes in what we eat and increasing activity will have long lasting benefits, regardless of your age or when you start,” he said.

“Getting together with family or friends for a walk or trying out new activities such as yoga or a sport is an enjoyable way to start making a change for the better. Making a commitment to fresh food and water will also improve the quality of everyday life.”

OPAL is based on the successful EPODE program that has improved healthy eating and physical activity patterns in France.

It has been designed to maximise the impact of established lifestyle messages including *be active* and *Go for 2&5* as well as helping people find new ways of becoming and staying healthy.

Suggestions for staying active at work include taking the stairs instead of the lift, getting off the bus a stop early or forming a sports team with workmates.

Limiting time in front of the computer and television, going to the park with the kids and walking to the shops are some simple things that can increase activity at home.

For further information contact OPAL at the City of Marion on 8375 6704.



Looking forward *Sian McLaren is aiming for a future in international football.*

Sian shoots for Matildas

The future of Australian women's football is in safe hands with a new generation of emerging players led by Hallett Cove's Sian McLaren.

The 18 year old has enjoyed a stellar 12 months, becoming Adelaide United's W-League (Women's League) first choice goalkeeper and representing Australia in China, Italy, Malaysia and the UK.

But despite achieving so much so quickly, Sian has set herself a new goal.

“I want to be the number one goalkeeper for the Matildas. I love football, train five days a week and play for Sturt Marion in the W-League off-season making it a year round sport. It is my passion,” Sian said.

Sian's passion for football put her in the international spotlight earlier this year during the doomed qualification campaign for the U20 World Cup. A series of controversial refereeing decisions saw her side fall at the final hurdle to China in Beijing.

The refereeing and the young Australian team's reaction were beamed to television audiences around the world.

“I was sitting on the bench but found myself in the middle of the pitch with the other players and coaching staff protesting to the referee. It was a two year qualifying campaign and horrible to go out under such circumstances,” Sian said.

“Those experiences make you stronger and I am really enjoying myself at Adelaide United. Ultimately, I'd love to play in the professional women's leagues in the United States, Denmark or Norway.”

Sian toured the UK with an Australian Schoolgirls team last year and played in Scotland, her country of birth. She was recently voted Sports Personality of the Year by Marion Sports and Community Club where she has represented Sturt Marion since 2003.



southern community facilities

Marion Council's proposed state-of-the-art library and community hall at Hallett Cove has received the thumbs up from residents.

The Southern Community Facility will be built at Ramrod Reserve, opposite the newly-opened Hallett Cove Shopping Centre, to meet demands from the expanding South.

A survey seeking feedback on the facility was sent to homes and businesses in surrounding suburbs in October, along with an artist's impression of the 2100 square metre building.

Of the 280 residents who responded, 90 per cent indicated their support for the proposed facility.

About 90 per cent indicated they would use the library while 87 per cent rated the building's layout 7/10.

The 5 Green Star rated building will include a

State of the art library

Meeting rooms with flexible walls to enable them to be hired by large and small community groups.

A 350m sq community hall which also be hired by the public.

Relocating the Hallett Cove Library to the new facility will also provide an opportunity to expand the Cove Youth Service into the vacated library.

Marion Council has earmarked \$6 million towards the project and is applying for additional funding from the Federal Government.

The community feedback will be used to shape the Federal funding application. If successful, construction is expected to start next year.

The concept is being refined with ground level parking replacing the undercroft. This will save considerable cost and the project will now total \$12 million to \$13 million.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said the Southern Community Facility will be a landmark building in the area.

"The proposed facility will provide a dynamic and distinctive hub for community activity," Ms Lewis said.

"The South is expanding rapidly and the building will not only deliver much needed community facilities but also contribute to the economy of the area.

"Revitalisation in the South has included the completion of Patpa Drive, the redevelopment of the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre and the developing of Surfers Café."

First festival for Islamic community

The local Islamic community signalled the end of the traditional fasting month of Ramadan by hosting its first ever event in Marion.

The Eid Festival gave residents a taste of Islamic food and culture while building bridges with the wider community said Omar Smadi who organised the event along with Cove Youth Services' Ben Smith.

"The idea for the festival started with the kids who were playing soccer in the Fast 'n' Furious program. We wanted to give them a big stage for a game and the timing was perfect to turn it into a community event," Omar said.

"More than 800 people came and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We have started something very special, made new friends in the wider community and are already planning next year's event."

The festival was held at Ascot Park Primary School and featured Hallel food and prayers.

The Eid Festival was an initiative of the Islamic Society of South Australia and supported by the City of Marion, Southern Primary Health, Cove Youth Services, the Attorney General's Department and Families SA.

Welcoming *The community was invited to sample Islamic culture.*



Work begins on aquatic centre

Construction of a world-class State Aquatic Centre will transform Marion into the new home of international swimming.

By *Craig Clarke*

Photography *Catherine Gasmier*

The first sod was turned on the \$100 million project and GP Plus Centre in October with the site now fenced off and work moving into top gear.

"The ground-breaking ceremony marks the end of a 10-year campaign to build the State Aquatic Centre at Marion," said Marion Council Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis.

"When the centre opens, it will turn Marion into the home of international swimming.

"It will attract the biggest names in competitive swimming while meeting the needs of local recreational swimmers."

Ms Lewis helped turn the first sod along with federal Sports Minister Kate Ellis, state Sports Minister Michael Wright and Alex Candetti, whose company Candetti Constructions is building the facilities.

The projects, on land at The Domain opposite Marion Shopping Centre, are expected to be completed by the end of next year.

The international standard State Aquatic Centre will comprise

1 main indoor 50m pool comprising 10 lanes, 3m deep

1 diving/water polo pool of 55m with a boom to enable multiple use

4500 seating capacity

A dedicated recreational area, including a learn to swim pool



Teamwork Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis, Sports Minister Michael Wright, Candetti Constructions executive chairman Alex Candetti and Federal Sports Minister Kate Ellis get work underway.

Marion Council is committed to keeping open the Marion Swimming Centre after the Aquatic Centre is built.

The 33-year-old swimming centre is a valuable community asset, attracting 112,000 visitors during the last swimming season.

Council is spending about \$144,000 a year on maintaining the outdoor pool.

The GP Plus Centre will focus on preventative health.

Services will be centred around the needs of children, families, older people, and patients suffering a chronic illness.

Ms Lewis said the projects were a partnership between Marion Council and the State and Federal Governments.

She said Marion has supplied the land on which the Aquatic Centre and GP Plus are being built along with \$5 million.

Sports Minister Michael Wright said the concept plans showed a project that was world class.

"We'll soon be seeing a fantastic new sport and health hub for South Australians that sends a strong message that we're continuing to defy the global downturn and our State remains open for business," Mr Wright said.

During construction, 86 temporary car parks will be set up on the south-east corner of the site and along Warracowie Way and Milham St, which will be restricted to one-way traffic.

On completion, the State Aquatic Centre and GP Plus are expected to have 460 car parks.

Revamped centre open for business

The long-awaited Hallett Cove Shopping Centre has received its gala opening.

Premier Mike Rann officially opened the \$50 million complex before about 100 community and business leaders in late September.

Developed by the Makris Group, the shopping centre has quickly become the focus of the rapidly-expanding Southern suburbs.

Big W and Woolworths have joined a renovated Foodland as major tenants along with a wide-range of speciality stores.

The centre has a large fresh food hall, a new food court with coffee and lunch spots, and parking for 960 vehicles.





Drumming up a storm *The Drummers of Burundi were one of the highlights of a multicultural showcase.*

Learning comes alive

Learning leapt out of the classroom and into the community at this August's Marion Learning Festival.

More than 2000 people participated in 100 workshops which covered subjects as diverse as creating computer games, jazz dance and road safety for young drivers. Stage demonstrations included martial arts, music, first aid and a specially choreographed multicultural performance.

The festival is an annual event which helps to build a strong community by encouraging people to increase their knowledge, Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said.

"Learning is important in developing a community. It encourages positive action and makes us more capable of progress. It goes beyond the classroom and includes activities that benefit everything from our physical and mental health to the environment," Ms Lewis said.

"The festival also showed that learning can be a lot of fun at any time of your life. School children

and adults alike clearly enjoyed interpreting the theme *Spring into Learning*."

Marion Cultural Centre, the Living Kurna Cultural Centre, neighbourhood centres, libraries and Flinders University hosted workshops while Westfield Marion Shopping Centre was the venue for 50 stage demonstrations.

The festival also featured the presentation of the third Marion Learning Scholarship. The winner, Tony Fogarty from Trott Park, received \$1000 which is contributing to his study as a group counsellor. Tony has set up a men's group at Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre.

The event was sponsored by the Department for Further Education Employment Science and Technology, Westfield Marion Shopping Centre, the Government of South Australia Be Active, SA Works and the City of Marion.

Sports club nears upgrade goal

The second half of the \$3.2m facelift of Marion Sports and Community Club kicked off in October.

Work has now begun on the construction of new function rooms and a reception area after the revamp of sports facilities was completed in June.

With more than 2000 members and sports as diverse as football, cricket, soccer, gridiron and korfbal, Marion Sports and Community Club, which celebrated its centenary last year, will be ideally placed to service the community well into the future according to chairman Darryl Gray.

"Upgrading our facilities means that we can continue to provide a high quality venue for almost 30 sports and community clubs free of charge. Additionally, we are building on the success of our catering and function services," Mr Gray said.

"We expect all work to be completed by September next year. There has been a lot of consideration put into continuing operations during this time, so it will definitely be business as usual."

Competition standard lighting is now operational on the tennis courts and soccer pitch and there is a new turf cricket pitch and changing rooms.

The project is being funded by a \$1m grant from the Federal Government while the club has contributed \$2.1m and City of Marion \$99,000.

Planning for the future *Marion Sports and Community Club's Darryl Gray casts an eye over renovations.*



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This year has simply flown past, with many satisfactory milestones for the Council; the State Aquatic Centre and the GP Plus are underway, with the provision of land and \$5m being the Council's only contribution to a \$100+m project, Patpa Drive was successfully completed within budget and is proving a huge asset to the residents in the South of the city, and an application for funding is being prepared for forwarding to the Federal Government for the Oaklands wetlands project. In addition, the completion of the Scarborough Terrace Reserve project and commencement of the Harbrow Grove reserve upgrade have drawn extremely favourable comments from the community.

Play spaces in our reserves are being upgraded progressively throughout the City with an emphasis on more "adventure" type equipment, where appropriate, for older children, with younger children catered for in a more traditional manner, and during the year 1,200 trees and 5,000 shrubs have been planted in our streets and reserves.

As Deputy Mayor for the past year I have really enjoyed the additional work, especially the times spent out and about in the community, and it has been a pleasure to assist the Mayor as she carries out her additional work as President of the Local Government Association. Councillor Connor will now take up the position of Deputy Mayor for the last year of the current term, and I will be deputy deputy!!

As usual my wishes for Christmas are that you enjoy a safe and happy holiday season, and a healthy and happy 2010.

Central Ward

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The new international State Aquatic Centre north of the Marion library has been launched. The bulldozers have begun preparatory works behind the blue fence. The State Government will confirm soon the construction programme and expected opening date for the State Aquatic Centre. In just over a year we will be able to swim in the lap, diving/ polo/ Learn-to-Swim, hydrotherapy, recreation and toddlers pools.

Convenient transport will be available by train and bus to the State Aquatic Centre. You can also get one of the 466 parking spaces in the car park next door. Residents nearby will want you to use public transport or the car park, rather than parking illegally across drive ways. As you remain concerned about the traffic across the Oaklands Crossing, I will continue to lobby with you for the much needed underpass.

Once opened, the cost of entering the State Aquatic Centre will be competitively priced in the market. The City of Marion has transferred land to the State Government for this pool, yet an alternative new local pool would have tied local land also. Let us focus on getting a pool that is environmentally acceptable as is practicable.

My wish is for Christmas blessings plus health and prosperity in 2010 to all Marion ratepayers for whom I work. We must now start building voluntary services, social networks and community involvement in swimming events to be showcased here. Your supportive interest in the State Aquatic Centre and our City is much appreciated.

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As I begin the last year of my term as a councillor it is worthwhile reviewing what we have achieved as a Council and I as your representative.

The Council's "big" things are easy to recall, Patpa Drive, the pool, Mayor Lewis elected president of the LGA, Hazelmere and Scarborough reserve upgrades, and Holdfast Bay joining our three bin rubbish system.

If I produced a list of "medium" community building and development activities I would fill two columns.

But, to discover some of the "small" things Council has achieved I invite you to take a walk around your neighbourhood. Within 400 meters of our house we have seen; Athol pines removed, trees planted and a path built in Gilbertson gully, a new round-about on Eyre, line markings on Seacombe, old road surfaces replaced with hotmix, safety strips and double lines painted, many clean ups of overhanging and scraggy shrubs and weeds, footpaths repaired, kerbs replaced, and pram ramps installed and safety crossings built.

Council staff are always busy answering your calls about new developments, food outlets, parking, dogs, dangers, and general concerns about your neighbourhood. Most of what Council does goes almost unnoticed.

I would like to see Council move towards a triple bottom line analysis of the value of "service improvements" and to the sharing of resources (playgrounds and libraries) with schools and private providers. Our playing fields and amenities could be upgraded to provide more opportunities for women and young people.

Fran and I wish you a happy Christmas 2009.



Local talent Getting ready for the Annual City of Marion Community Art Exhibit at the Marion Cultural Centre.



Taking aim Dawn, Pam and Glenda try their hand at golf croquet.



Family fun Snorkling at Marino Rocks.

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This Council now has only one year to go and the change in Council will also see a change in the number of wards. There will now be six wards with two Councillors for each ward. Residents will be consulted on suitable and relevant names for each new ward. East Ward will be divided between the suburbs of Mitchell Park, Marion, Clovelly Park, Bedford Park and Sturt.

More details will be available on the Council's website soon.

There is still a lot of unfinished business to complete during the next year. The Community Facilities Review is one of the biggest reviews ever undertaken by Council and we need to make a start on upgrading Marion's ageing facilities. This will occur over a number of years and I suspect Council will need to borrow funds to complete these upgrades.

We will continue with our current Playground renewal program, and our Public Toilet upgrades are nearly finished, which means Council will need to program new toilets that residents have requested.

Early in 2010 we will begin our sports courts review which will see the need to upgrade existing sports courts, and possibly provide new ones.

My focus for the next year will be to ensure Council sets shorter timeframes in delivering these Infrastructure projects.

As the festive season approaches I hope you have a joyous and safe Xmas and that the New Year brings you hope prosperity.

Greetings. *Ward business update*

Marion Road-Bus stop No. 16: A bus shelter will be erected soon.

Edwardstown/Clovelly Park: Following a street sign audit, the installation of new/missing signs now in process.

Edwardstown/Glandore: Parking issues have been addressed. Once again, drivers' behaviour is disappointing...

Edwardstown-Major drainage works on Allambee/Connemurra Ave will commence next March.

Council keeps monitoring its reserves and maintenance of ponds is undertaken when and where it is necessary. Such work may inconvenience the wild ducks, however, I can assure you their welfare is not ignored.

Hard rubbish dumped all over the Ward - An ever increasing number of "unscheduled" pick-ups are a burden on council resources.

Thank you to Marion Residents who kindly care for our street trees, especially now during the heatwave.

Since this is the time of the year when good will prevails, I would like to share a little secret with you:

Part of my council allowance goes towards sponsoring a child with World Vision.

A little girl of two, named Anyi, from Honduras. Her family left the programme three years later...

In 2007 I sponsored another girl named Anielka. She is 9 years old, an orphan, who lives with her grandmother in Nicaragua.

In lieu of Christmas cards I shall donate to World Vision towards the rehabilitation of very young boys who were forced to take up arms in some war torn countries.

Have a healthy and safe New Year. Keep in touch.

As the year comes to a close for 2009 it is time to reflect on the City of Marion's achievements for the year, especially those achievements that relate to East Ward. Here is a small list of things council has provided in your local area in 2009:

- Street tree plantings
- Upgraded footpaths
- Road reseals
- Planning and community consultation for playground upgrade at Dumbarton Reserve
- Improved programs at Glandore community centre

Council wide achievements have been:

- Commencement of the State Aquatic Centre and GP Plus
- Commencement of planning for Oaklands wetlands
- Council wide community facilities review
- Creation of council wide play space strategy

2010 will be a busy year as the election approaches in November for council to try and complete the many projects that we are working on and identify new ideas to pass on to the new council.

Tom, Charlotte and I would like to wish all City of Marion residents a wonderful Christmas season. May 2010 bring even more joy to you and your family.



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Christmas giving Ros, Paddy and Imelda prepare hampers for St Vincent de Paul's.



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Howzat! Wade, Stephen and Craig appeal for Jamie's wicket at Adelaide Cricket Club.



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New art Paul Dixon positions artwork at the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre.

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It has been a 12 months since the installation of Patpa Drive and, more recently, the opening of the upgraded Hallett Cove Shopping Centre adjacent to the new road. This has connected Trott and Sheidow Parks with Hallett Cove. It has also allowed our residents from Trott and Sheidow Park to access Lonsdale Highway a lot easier.

With the introduction of new specialty shops, food outlets and stylish restaurants the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre is something that has been needed in our area for many years. Residents on either side can walk or ride alongside Patpa Drive along the Sea to Vines Walking Trail. This is something my partner and I have done many times. If you're really keen you can walk all the way to McLaren Vale!

I recently attended the Hallett Cove Skate Park to see the new artwork created on the area with spray-cans. A number of young people approached the Hallett Cove Youth Service to see if they could find an area to master their skills. Over a couple of weeks these young people spray painted some extraordinary pieces on the new part of the skate park. With help from local businesses throughout the area, they were fed while they continued to paint. If you get a chance, go down and see the works of these talented young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas, and an eventful New Year.



1 Sitting pretty Aerosol artists give Hallett Cove Skate Park a new coat of paint.

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A new library! A new meeting place! A heart for Marion South! How long we have waited. At last a new shopping centre and better access for everyone. Now the opportunity to provide what this community needs and deserves – a new library, meeting spaces and community hall have been suggested. Consultation on the plan has been positive. Thank you for all of your comments. Another part of the Marion South Plan is on the agenda.

As your local Councillor since 1997 I have continued to work towards better services and facilities for the local communities of Hallett Cove, Sheidow Park, Trott Park and Marino. Many years ago – sometime in the early 1990s, the council of the day was going to build a new library on Ramrod Avenue. This did not eventuate and the temporary measure of moving into what was then a chemist's shop was undertaken. Almost 20 years later it is time that the needs of this growing community are addressed. Our demographic is changing. We have many young people and families and older members who make up a growing community that wish to access opportunities locally. No more always needing to travel further south or down the hill. We live local. We need local services and facilities.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful volunteers in our community for another great year. Our world is a much better place because of you – a big thank you.

I hope everyone has a merry Christmas and happy and safe 2010.



2 Taking five Cathy takes a break from walking the dog.

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I would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2010.



3 Gone fishing Sarah relaxes with dad at Marino.

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Another year is coming to a close and it has been a very busy and productive one at Council with the State Aquatic Centre finally commencing construction and also work starting on the Hazelmere Reserve redevelopment. I look forward to seeing both of these projects being completed in 2010.

On being a Councillor ... it's a very rewarding role, though at times with little recognition, but definitely worth the effort nonetheless. For those of you out there that are interested in representing your community's views or guiding the evolution of your local area, I would encourage you to look at being a Councillor. Information about what is involved with being a Councillor is available at the following web address:

http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/So_you_want_to_be_on_Council_pdf1.pdf

Finally, it is also the festive season and I would like to wish you all a very safe and prosperous festive period. I am very much looking forward to spending some quality time with my young family and am looking forward to seeing in the new year and representing West Ward in 2010.

Happy festive season.

A person's home is their castle, but when the castle next door is bulldozed and replaced by three 2 storey boxes on postage sized blocks with windows looking straight into that person's back yard, it feels like their castle no more.

Many residents feel that their neighbourhoods are being slowly encroached by poorly considered development and as Ward Councillor this is one of the major areas of concern residents raise with me.

I am not against sensible and appropriate development as we cannot continue to spread our cities out indefinitely, but I believe that the need to increase available housing must be balanced with the need to maintain neighbourhoods which are liveable and not bereft of trees and vegetation. Communities should not feel short-changed by those developers who only consider increasing their profits.

I believe new housing must be built in a way that respects the privacy of existing neighbours, fits in with the character of the area, is energy and water efficient and is designed in a way that does not cause other problems such as parking congestion in the street.

We are so lucky in Australia compared to most other places in the world, yet this doesn't mean we should become complacent in how our cities evolve.

Finally I wish all residents and their families a Happy Christmas and a safe holiday season and hope the New Year brings with it good health, good company and good fortune!

Christmas is almost upon us again. Gift giving and celebrations will abound.

It is at this time that I am particularly concerned with "stocking fill" which ultimately becomes "landfill".

Our planet, with the consumerism in which we are encouraged to participate, is in big trouble. At the rate we are going the problems of this consumer society will manifest themselves for our children and grandchildren to resolve. It is much easier to "nip it in the bud" before it gets worse.

When buying items for the festivities, be it gifts or food, be mindful of the packaging – is it recyclable? If it is a gift – what is the life span and where will it end up once it is finished with or broken?

That last minute "stocking filler" ... where will it be in three or six months? Will it be landfill or something that is treasured? A bit of thought into the purchase may help save our planet.

A lasting gift of a plant, handmade item or clothing is preferable to that cheap plastic item which probably will not be in existence in months to come.

Someone suggested many years ago that families be encouraged to spend a maximum of \$20 on any one family member's item and that it be imaginative, practical and recyclable. What an interesting Christmas was had by all involved.

May your Christmas be imaginative, practical, fun and one that shows you care for the planet. Take care and I hope 2010 is what you are hoping it will be.



1

Here's the weather Channel 9's Brenton Ragless delivers the weather from Marion Swimming Centre during the heatwave.



2

Here's how Judy Woodforde gives Lucy some tips at South Park Holme Tennis Club.



3

Where did you get those hats? Volunteer lifeguards Dave, Alan and Scott keep cool at Marion Swimming Centre.

around **Westward**

\$7m playground boost

More than 13,000 children will benefit from a major upgrade of 89 playgrounds across Marion Council. By *Craig Clarke* Photography *Simon Stanbury*

In an unprecedented investment in children, council has approved a 15-year plan to overhaul its playgrounds at a cost of \$7 million.

The Play Space Strategy has earmarked \$3.6 million for new equipment, such as swings, slides and adventure playgrounds.

A further \$3.4 million will be spent on upgrading pathways and building new shelters, drink fountains and seating, and installing "soft fall" bark to avoid injuries.

New playgrounds will be established in the high-growth areas of Hallett Cove, Marino and O'Halloran Hill while sports equipment, such as basketball hoops, netball goals and cricket nets, will be upgraded in selected parks.

"The playground plan represents the single biggest investment in young children in Marion," said Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis.

"It aims to get children fit and healthy by encouraging them to get off the couch and into a playground.

"Playgrounds also bring families together and stimulate children's imagination"

One person excited by the news is Amy Colquhoun who, with her children three year old Cooper and 18 month old Bella,

visits her local playground at least once a week.

"I'm a firm believer in the great outdoors. My kids love being outside and playing on the equipment. I think that \$7 million is a huge investment in families," Amy said.

Playgrounds most in need of a facelift will benefit from early next year when work moves into top gear. In 2008-09, the annual maintenance budget for playgrounds was increased from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

Ms Lewis said play is the building blocks of a child's learning and development.

"The 13,000 children who live in Marion will be the beneficiaries of council's record investment. Playgrounds help stimulate children's imagination and teach them skills used later in life," she said.

This represents one playground for every 123 children aged under 14 in Marion compared to a national average of one playground for every 300 children.

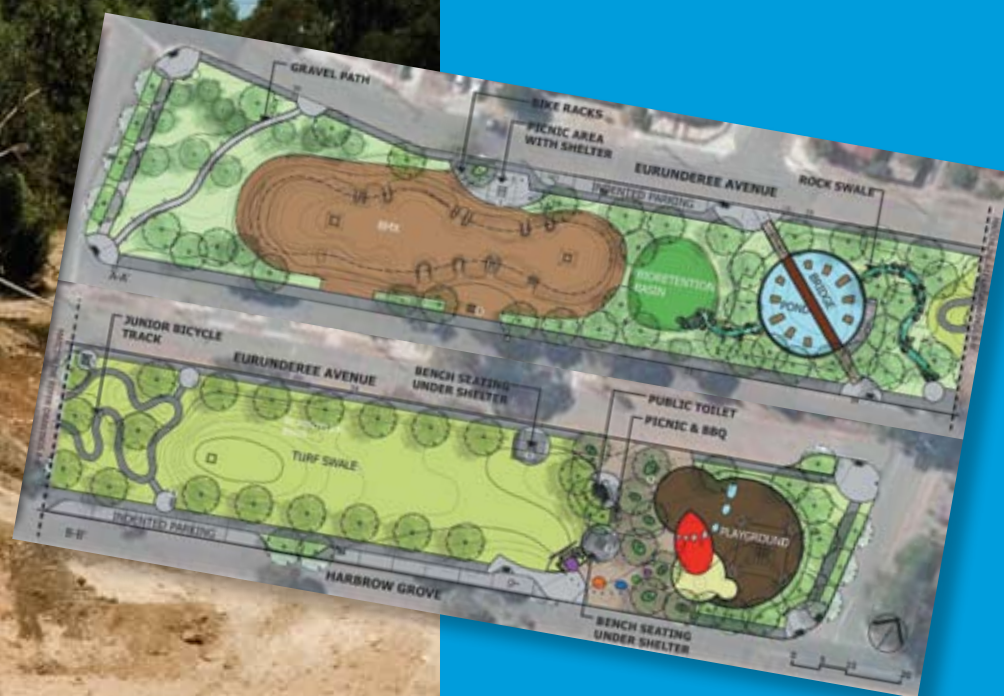
The community will be asked their views on keeping under utilised play equipment at a further 17 reserves.

The strategy is the culmination of more than a year's work, including extensive consultation with the community.

The roll-out of new play equipment is expected to be completed by 2022/23.

Families will benefit

Amy with children Cooper and Bella.



Construction Update Harbrow Grove Reserve

The City of Marion and the University of SA has designed this demonstration project to model water sensitive urban design.

The design includes capture and reuse of stormwater for watering of the reserve.

Progress to Date

The first stage of the redevelopment began in September 2009 and included civil works and the installation of the rain vault for water storage.

The construction phase is progressing well and the bulk of civil works will be completed by the end of the year.

Traffic

Recent traffic surveys have shown that roads are operating within council's service levels.

Once the redevelopment has been completed and traffic patterns have been established council will re-survey the roads.

Next stage

Landscaping is the next component.

This will include a new playground, seating, picnic tables and shelters, a public toilet, barbecue and BMX track.

The reserve will also be revegetated with many trees, shrubs and grasses.

Council wishes to thank the reserve users for their patience during construction.

If you would like further information about the Harbrow Grove Reserve redevelopment, please contact City of Marion's open space and recreation planner, Amy Liddicoat, on 7420 6450.

City of Marion Christmas opening and closing times



City of Marion

Administration Centre

Telephone 8375 6600

After hours emergency 8375 6666

Internet www.marion.sa.gov.au

December 2009

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| Fri 18 Dec | 8.30am - 5pm |
| Mon 21 Dec | 8.30am - 5pm |
| Tues 22 Dec | 8.30am - 5pm |
| Wed 23 Dec | 8.30am - 5pm |
| Thurs 24 Dec | 8.30am - 1pm |
| Fri 25 Dec | Closed |
| Mon 28 Dec | Closed |
| Tues 29 Dec | 8.30am - 5pm |
| Wed 30 Dec | 8.30am - 5pm |
| Thurs 31 Dec | 8.30am - 3pm |

January 2010

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| Fri 1 Jan | Closed |
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Marion Library Services

After hours returns will be available to customers throughout the Christmas and New Year period via the Returns Chutes located at each of our branches.

Normal hours will commence on Sat 2 January 2010

The Mobile Library will be unavailable on Thurs 24th December and Thurs 31st December 2009 from 1pm.

Cultural Centre Library

Telephone 8375 6785

December 2009

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| Fri 18 Dec | 10am - 8pm |
| Sat 19 Dec | 10am - 4pm |
| Sun 20 Dec | 1pm - 4pm |
| Mon 21 Dec | 10am - 8pm |
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| Wed 23 Dec | 10am - 6pm |
| Thurs 24 Dec | 10am - 1pm |
| Fri 25 Dec | Closed |
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| Thurs 31 Dec | 10am - 3pm |

January 2010

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| Fri 1 Jan | Closed |
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Hallett Cove Branch

Telephone 8375 6755

December 2009

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| Fri 18 Dec | 10am - 5pm |
| Sat 19 Dec | 10am - 4pm |
| Sun 20 Dec | 1pm - 4pm |
| Mon 21 Dec | Closed |
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| Wed 23 Dec | 10am - 5pm |
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| Thurs 31 Dec | 10am - 3pm |

January 2010

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| Fri 1 Jan | Closed |
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Park Holme Branch

Telephone 8375 6745

December 2009

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| Fri 18 Dec | 10.00am - 5pm |
| Sat 19 Dec | 10am - 4pm |
| Sun 20 Dec | Closed |
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| Wed 23 Dec | 10am - 8pm |
| Thurs 24 Dec | 10am - 1pm |
| Fri 25 Dec | Closed |
| Sat 26 Dec | Closed |
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| Thurs 31 Dec | 10am - 3pm |

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Christmas and New Year waste collection times

Recycling, garbage and green organics

Collections will take place at the normal scheduled times, except for Christmas Day and New Year's Days when they happen the following day.

Christmas

Normal collection date Friday 25th December

Will be collected Saturday 26th December

New Year

Normal collection date Friday 1st January

Will be collected Saturday 2nd January

For further information contact Solo Resource Recovery on 8295 5077.



Living Karna Cultural Centre

Telephone 8357 5900

December 2009

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| Fri 18 Dec | 10am - 4pm |
| Mon 21 Dec | 10am - 4pm |
| Closed Tues 22 December 2009 | |
| Reopens Mon 5 January 2010 | |



City of Marion

Swimming Centre

Telephone 8371 1139

Normal hours will still commence during the Christmas and New Year break.

December 2009

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| Fri 18 Dec | 5.30am - 8pm |
| Sat 19 Dec | 7am - 6pm |
| Sun 20 Dec | 8am - 6pm |
| Mon 21 Dec | 5.30am - 8pm |
| Tues 22 Dec | 5.30am - 8pm |
| Wed 23 Dec | 5.30am - 8pm |
| Thurs 24 Dec | 5.30am - 8pm |
| Fri 25 Dec | Closed |
| Sat 26 Dec | 7am - 6pm |
| Sun 27 Dec | 8am - 6pm |
| Mon 28 Dec | 11am - 5pm |
| Tues 29 Dec | 5.30am - 8pm |
| Wed 30 Dec | 5.30am - 8pm |
| Thurs 31 Dec | 5.30am - 8pm |

January 2010

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| Fri 1 Jan | 11am - 5pm |
| Sat 2 Jan | 7am - 6pm |
| Sun 3 Jan | 8am - 6pm |

Marion Cultural Centre

Telephone 8375 3715

December 2009

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| Thurs 24 Dec | 9am - 1pm |
| Fri 25 Dec | Closed |
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January 2010

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Box Office

The Box Office will operate as usual 10am - 5pm Mon-Fri on days that the Centre is open.

Gallery M

Gallery M will still continue normal trading hours throughout Christmas and New Year break.



Successes Top row *Marion Celebrates.* **Centre** *Marion Historic Village.* **Bottom** *Patpa Drive opening.*

Delivering results for residents

Marion Council has handed down its fourth successive surplus this year while delivering major projects and maintaining community services. Ratepayers are the beneficiaries of council's responsible financial management with average residential rates the 8th lowest in metropolitan Adelaide.

The achievements are detailed in the City of Marion's 2008/09 Annual Report.

Chief executive Mark Searle said robust financial management was at the heart of council's success.

"Council has operated in an uncertain financial environment to deliver a surplus of \$940,000 in 2008/09," Mr Searle said. "This is the fourth consecutive surplus and is the result of hard work by Elected Members and staff.

"Responsible financial management is required to ensure council delivers community projects and maintains services while keeping rates at acceptable levels."

Council also maintained its commitment to reducing the reliance on rates with the Funding Community Priorities program. This generated \$872k, making a total of \$5.536 million of savings since the program was introduced in 2003/04.

Highlights of the report include

- Opening of the \$13.5 million Patpa Drive project linking Hallett Cove, Sheidow Park and Trott Park as well as the revamped \$50 million Hallett Cove Shopping Centre.
- Organising the city's biggest community event, Marion Celebrates, attracting 3500 people.
- Building community capacity with Rajah Reserve

and Marion Historic Village programs.

- Providing \$75,300 in community grants for 39 projects, which in turn generated 4392 volunteer hours.
- A record 14,000 visitors attended the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre.
- Helping local businesses through the financial crisis by forming a steering committee with the Southern Adelaide Economic Development Board.

A full version of the Annual Report is available from the Marion Council Administration Building and website www.marion.sa.gov.au

Agenda



Flying high Skaters celebrate a job well done..

Skate park feels the force of total makeover

Local youths have given Hallett Cove Skate Park a spray while striking back at illegal graffiti.

Armed with spray cans and a design based on the sci-fi classic *Star Wars* and the graffiti art movie *Style Wars*, 11 teenagers worked with professional aerosol artists to give the skate park a total makeover.

The makeover is part of City of Marion's *Art of Respect* program which combats illegal graffiti and encourages young people to take ownership of their community by creating artworks. It also paints aerosol art in a positive light and gives young people an outlet for their talents said 16 year old participant Jacob.

"The teachers really helped me improve my skills. I learnt a lot and it was loads of fun," he said.

"I'd definitely get involved with another creative community art project. *Art of Respect* is the only way to go."

The project was coordinated by Cove Youth Service and formed part of a comprehensive overhaul of the park which included landscaping, new seating and connecting sections of the skating area.

Professional artists mentored participants during six workshops which covered developing individual artistic styles and working as a team.

If you would like to know more about *Art of Respect* call City of Marion's graffiti coordinator Vicki Johnson on 8375 6710.



Treasuring the past The Marion Historic Village team at the new gateway.

Little Marion welcomes history lovers

A special gateway to Marion Historic Village was unveiled in August.

Little Marion Welcoming forms an entrance statement to the Marion Historic Village walking trail and is the last of five sculptures to be installed.

The sculptures were created by artist Gerry McMahon with input from the community. Based on the book *Yesterday's Child* by local resident Margaret Pill, the sculptures are part of a community engagement project which has drawn residents together to research and interpret local history.

Information signs are set to be installed

along the walking trail which connects historic landmarks including Annie Doolan's cottage, Finnis Street Bridge, which was designed by Colonel Light, Oliphant and George Street Reserves and Light Square.

Little Marion Welcoming is on the corner of Finnis Street and Marion Road, Marion.

If you would like to know more about Marion Historic Village, contact City of Marion's Arts and Cultural Development team on 8375 6682.

Oaklands Wetland

The concept of a wetland next to the Sturt River in Oaklands Park was first raised in the mid 1990s. Since then, there has been keen interest in seeing it established.

Following lobbying by the Oaklands Park Residents Association, the State Government announced that the Driver Education Centre land on Oaklands Road would be transferred to Marion Council for the purposes of constructing a wetland.

Freeing up of this land has meant that council is now able to seek funding from the Australian Government as part of the Water for the Future program.

The aim is to build a wetland that improves stormwater quality and collects water in underground aquifers. This water can be used to irrigate reserves in parts of northern Marion.

The wetland also has the potential to connect with schools, the State Aquatic Centre and the former Mitsubishi site.

If funding for the wetland is successful, construction will begin in 2011 as a partnership between the City of Marion and Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board with support from the Australian Government. The final wetland will be owned and maintained by the City of Marion.

If you are interested in hearing more about the progress of the Oaklands Wetland, please register your interest by phoning 8375 6600.

Green Agenda



Hitting the trail Cyclists took to the Tramway on Ride to Work Day.

Get on your bikes and ride... or walk

Local cyclists were the first to take a ride on Stage 1 of the Tramway Park Shared Trail in October.

The cycling and walking trail was opened on national Ride to Work Day with City of Marion hosting a free community breakfast.

The Tramway has provided a link connecting the sections of Tramway Park already in use to Glenelg via Maxwell Terrace as well as the Sturt River Linear Park. The City of Marion and State Government worked together to get the first stage completed.

Preparations are underway to begin Stage 2 which will extend from Park Terrace to Cross Road.

Development Matters

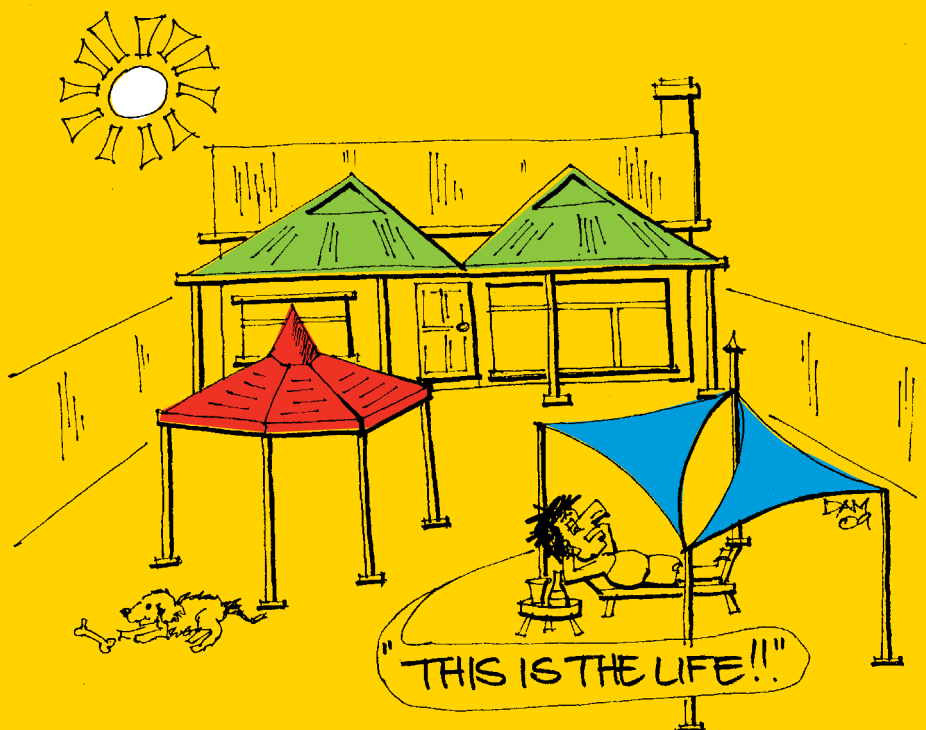
Shade Structures

Are you thinking about setting up an undercover entertaining area, providing shade for the pool or building a shade house?

Recent amendments to the Development Act and Development Regulations mean that some structures including pergolas, verandas and shade sails may not require council approval.

To be exempt, the associated dwelling and its grounds cannot be State or Local Heritage listed.

Your structure will not need council approval if it meets the following criteria:



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| Pergola The construction of a pergola (freestanding or attached), where | it does not have a roof (i.e. upper surface is not to be clad with any solid material) each freestanding side of the structure is to remain open (i.e. is not to be clad with any solid material) no part of the structure is to be higher than four metres above ground no part of the pergola will be closer to the road boundary than the building line of the associated dwelling |
| Verandah/Vergola/ Rotunda/Gazebo The construction of one of the above (where the subject property is not located within the Hills Face Zone) must | be detached from and ancillary to the associated dwelling have a total floor area not exceeding 15 square metres; have no span exceeding 3 metres have no part of the building exceeding 2.5 metres above the natural surface of the ground have no part of the structure closer to the road boundary than the building line of the associated dwelling; or within 900 millimetres of a secondary road boundary if the land is located on the corner of two roads not be within 6 metres of the point of intersection of the two road boundaries if the land is located on the corner of two roads |
| Shade Sails The construction of a shade sail where | the shade sail is made of permeable material the area of the sail will not exceed 20 square metres no part of the sail will be more than 3 metres above the ground or floor level (depending on where it is to be situated) no part of the sail will be closer to the road boundary than the building line of the associated dwelling |
| Decking (associated with previously mentioned structures) The construction of a deck, (where the subject property is not located within the Hills Face Zone) must: | not have any point of the floor of the deck that is higher than 500 millimetres above the natural surface of the ground not be within 900 millimetres of a property boundary |

If you are proposing to build a shade structure that does not meet the above criteria, you must lodge a development application with council. Before you finalise your plans, please speak to a council planning or building officer to ensure that the proposed structure is appropriate in design and location.

For further information, contact City of Marion's Development Services on 8375 6685.

Events Diary

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CULTURAL CENTRE

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Monday to Friday 10am-5pm

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Single Tickets \$14

Bound for Australia The Beggars

Tuesday 9 February 11am

Theatre for the Mind Live Radio Theatre

Tuesday 9 March 11am

Dolly is Doris Day

Tuesday 13 April 11am

Friends - with Chris, Rob, Todd and Dan

Tuesday 11 May 11am

The Tom Jones Show

Tuesday 8 June 11am

Friends

The Beggars

Merry Christmas!

The staff at the Marion Cultural Centre would like to thank all visitors to the Domain Theatre, Signatures Café, Gallery M and Marion Library for their continued support. Wishing everyone a very safe and happy Christmas, New Year and Holidays. We all look forward to seeing you soon!

January

**Comedy
Co-Rose**

Friday 15 January 7.30pm

Tickets \$15

Welcome 2010 with a big belly laugh! Come and see some of Adelaide's best comics hosted by Mark Trenwith. Enjoy a drink from 5pm with 'Mingle After Work Drinks' and also visit Gallery M for the opening exhibition of the Red House Group. A jam packed night of entertainment at the Marion Cultural Centre - there's something for everyone.

What do you want to See??

Is there something that you have always wanted to see at the Marion Cultural Centre? Maybe a school holiday performance for your children, a movie, a particular singer, theatre or dance performance? Email us your ideas at boxoffice@marion.sa.gov.au or drop into the box office and have a friendly chat with our Box Office staff!

January School Holidays



The Amazing Magic Mike Magic Show

Tuesday 12 January 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Tickets \$6

Mike returns with incredible new illusions, new tricks and new magic fun! Also starring Melvin The Real Live Magic Bunny! These shows will sell out so be quick and book early.

**January
School
Holidays**

Pyjama Party Disco

Thursday 7 January 10.30am - 12pm

Tickets \$6

Dance, jump and sing at the Pyjama Party Disco! Wear your favourite PJ's and slippers and maybe win a prize! Games, prizes and lots and lots of fun! Suits ages 4 - 8 years

Kids Mega Fun Workshops

Tuesday 19 January & Wednesday

20 January, & Thursday 21 January

Pick up a flyer with workshop details from the Box Office today.

Young Paparazzi Competition Returns!

Friday 8 January - Friday 29 January

Back by popular demand - this is the opportunity for budding photographers between the ages of 2 - 12 years to have their talent on show! Entry forms available from the Box Office.

Mingle After Work Drinks returns for 2010!

Friday 15 January 5pm - 7pm

No Entry Fee All Welcome!

Come for a drink, friendly atmosphere and conversation whilst listening to live acoustic music. Fully licensed, and café open... bring a friend or two! Happy hour from 5 - 6pm. Stay and visit the gallery exhibition opening of new works



**Under
Age Rage**
Blue Light Disco

Friday 12 February & 26 March
7.30pm - 10pm

Tickets \$5 Cash Only

Locked in & fully supervised by Police. Strictly 9 - 17 years. Tickets must be booked in advance at the box office.

GALLERY

M

**Art AND
About**

Gallery M

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 12pm - 4pm

Sunday 1pm - 4pm

Closed Public Holidays

Telephone 8377 2904

Facsimile 8377 3241

Email info@gallerym.net.au

www.gallerym.net.au

29 November - 10 January

Whole Gallery Exhibition

8th Annual City of Marion
Community Art Exhibition

Artwork by residents of the
City of Marion

15 January - 7 February

Whole Gallery Exhibition

Twenty Ten

Artwork by members of the Red House
Group Inc

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The global financial crisis has had a traumatic impact on the mining industry. With world metal prices plummeting, mineral exploration ground to a halt. While many companies went under, Edwardstown's Zonge Engineering has not only survived the worst of the economic downturn, it is gearing up for a bright future.

By *Richard Watson*

Photography *Simon Stanbury*

Using state-of-the-art technology to see what is beneath the earth, Zonge is at the forefront of electrical geophysical surveying. That includes spending five months searching for water in Pakistan on the Afghanistan - Iran border, crossing the Great Wall of China to conduct a survey and checking the safety of an abandoned mine in New Zealand.

Working on such diverse projects in extreme conditions has enabled the company to prove the worth of its unique approach to surveying and open up new avenues of business by applying technology in different ways, Zonge's managing director Kelly Keates said.

"We use six different survey methods. This gives us information that clients can use in a targeted manner. It also gives us an edge over our competitors as we are in a worldwide market and aren't reliant on one form of technology," she said.

"As well as providing sub-surface structural mapping for gold, lead, iron and copper exploration we are working increasingly on environmental projects.

"We have run surveys to monitor the effectiveness of salt interception schemes on the River Murray and can detect leaks in dams and rubbish dumps. Looking for water in remote areas of Australia to support Aboriginal communities was very rewarding."

Formed in the US in 1972, Zonge pioneered new surveying technology before going on to establish overseas offices, including an Australian headquarters in Adelaide in 1984.

Starting as an office assistant in 1991, Ms Keates worked her way up to become a director before taking sole control of the Australian operation when founder Ken Zonge sold his stake in 2005. The business relocated to Edwardstown in December 2008.

Marion Business Zonge Engineering



"From the one site we can maintain equipment as well as coordinate up to five exploration crews in Australia and overseas," Ms Keates said.

"Since moving here we have worked closely with the Centre for Innovation to plan for future growth. We are also working with the City of Marion on the Sustainable 1000 program to help achieve environmental best practice both in the office and in the field."

One of Zonge's most unusual projects involved developing a system for the United Nations to use electrical geophysics to monitor nuclear testing worldwide. The project was won after a worldwide

tender and the system is based in Vienna.

In the same spirit that the company's founder was among the first to recognise the potential of the microprocessor receiver by applying it to surveying in the 1970s, Ms Keates is determined to be ready for the future, whatever it holds.

"Businesses must be flexible and have the people and technology to be able to work across industries and in different environments," she said.

"The world is getting smaller and it's possible to play a part in it, even from a small office in Edwardstown."

Tall Poppies Sam Willoughby



It's not every 18-year-old who conquers the world doing his favourite thing. But Trott Park resident, Sam Willoughby, has become the first Australian and youngest-ever World Cup Supercross champion defeating Beijing Olympic title holders in the final race of the BMX tour in Frejus, France, in October. And he is doing what he loves. By Renata Provenzano.

Now with his sights set on the first World Cup in Madrid, Spain, at the beginning of April in 2010, we ask Sam how he turned a hobby into a career?

Speaking from the United States, Sam says he first tried BMX at the age of six after seeing a notice at his Hallett Cove South Primary School asking kids to come and try.

"I loved it," Sam says.

"I raced in the state titles every year, as well as in Adelaide, before moving on to national level. Now I'm over here (United States) racing on the ABA (American Bicycle Association) BMX circuit during my off-season and setting myself up to move here in January

2010. I'll also be following the World Cup series and trying to retain my world title.

"I've been racing for 12 years so this sport is my life – it's my personality, my hobby and my social life."

Sam plans to race in the UCI World Cup, the UCI World Title and the ABA (North American) series in 2010.

"My main focus will be the Madrid World Cup in April followed by the world championships in July in South Africa and finally the World Cup Finals in Frejus, France next October.

"I will also be attending all the ABA races in the US trying to maintain good scores to be up for the

title next November."

With children as young as four and grandparents aged 60 BMX racing, it has become a sport for everyone. And, like all sports, anyone wanting to succeed at the highest level has to work hard and Sam is no exception, training four hours a day, six days a week.

While BMX debuted as an Olympic sport in the Beijing Olympics last year, Sam was too young to compete.

"BMX was a huge success in Beijing so my sights are firmly set on London in 2012.

"All these world cups and world championship races are stepping stones to get there."



Marion in Pictures



Fun in the sun Cathy Chittleborough enjoys the morning sun as part of Move Through Life Dance Company's Get Fit for Summer exercise.



Time for a beer Chris, Greg and John at Edwardstown Bowling Club.



Hooray for Bollywood The Australian Bollywood Club puts on the style at the Uniting Church in Warradale.



Modelling for Salvos Tom Hutchison struts his stuff for the Salvation Army fashion parade fundraiser.



Breakfast is served Brighton Kiwanis get Ride to Work Day off to a good start.



Marion Community Diary

Courses and classes

Art Classes (8296 3859)

Beginners - advanced. Splashout Studios
Phone for brochure

What is GOOD art? (0407 893 042)

Learn the art of appreciation at
Steed House Art Gallery.

Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre (8375 6703)

A range of classes including exercise,
dance, craft and dressmaking.

English conversation group (8277 7842)

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

Grief management (8371 1009)

Short courses and seminars for those who
have experienced loss of loved ones. Alfred
James Bereavement Education Centre.

Hallett Cove Youth Choices Program (8177 3478)

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

Linedancing for Beginners (8281 4767 or 8296 4908)

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

Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre (8277 8435)

Weight Watchers, table tennis, English,
maths, computer, sewing and conversation
classes as well as senior social groups
and disability social groups.

Picket Fence Community Centre (8374 2522)

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

The Project Centre (8276 5793)

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

Southern Cross Adelaide Line Dancing (8277 0583)

For beginners and experienced dancers.

Troft Park Neighbourhood Centre (8387 2074)

Yoga, Tai Chi, pilates, cooking,
men's shed, kindergym, gymnastics,
breakdancing, French, creative writing,
perfume and candle making.

Warradale English language program (8293 2083)

Learn English language and
conversation skills one-on-one.

Interest groups

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander playgroups (8296 2686)

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

Australian Retired Persons Association (8277 0174)

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

Community Philatelic Society (8260 3352 or 8296 9697)

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

Friends of Glenthorne (Alan 8340 5509 or 8381 2708)

Help the environment through working
bees and monthly meetings.

Friends of Hallett Cove Conservation Park (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 9am-12 Thursdays.

Friends of Lower Field River (8387 5227 or visit www.fieldriver.org)

A land care group established by Hallett
Cove residents to protect and care for
the lower portion of the Field River
and its environs. Includes Cormorant
Reserve, the river's estuary at Hallett
Cove Beach and nearby sand dunes.

Friends of Marino Conservation Park

Regular working bees for revegetation,
weed control, seed collection, propagation
and planting. Working bees 2nd Thursday
of the month and last Sunday of the month
at 9am. Meet at Nimboya Road car park.

Greenfield Community Club (8298 5400)

Activities and outings for older
people looking for new friends.

Marion Historical Society (8296 5769 or 8277 1974)

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

Marion Youth Theatre (8387 5051)

Youth workshops in theatre and film
making at Cooinda Recreation Centre,
Tuesdays and Thursday evenings
with self devised theatre productions
staged locally by community youth.

Probus club of Marion (8297 5948)

For retired and semi-retired men looking to
keep their minds active, expand interests and
enjoy the fellowship of new friends. Meets
10am on the first Monday of most months.

Square Eyes (8375 6891)

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

Sunset Twirlers (82971938)

Modern square dancing for beginners.
A great way to exercise, have fun and
meet new people. Held at Cooinda.

Retirees and Friendship Club (8293 8626)

Every generation community afternoon
to be held at Parkholme Community Hall
on 11 October 2007 from 1pm. Craft stall,
raffle, SA Police Dixie Band. Cost \$5.

Services

Are you concerned about refugees? (Beverley 8296 0761)

A Circle of Friends has been formed
in the southern, Holdfast and
Marion areas to support refugees
in Baxter and the community.

Alzheimer's Australia SA (8372 2100 or www.alzheimers.org.au)

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

Childhood assessment workshops (8277 2488)

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

Community Visitors Scheme (8277 2488)

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

Do you have kids under 5? (8276 8578)

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

Employment Plus 8329 9800

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

Hallett Cove Baptist Community Centre 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.

Southern Mental Health Services for Older People (83745800)

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

Uniting Care Wesley Confident Parenting Program (8329 1700)

Do you love working with children and
families? Do you have a couple of hours
to spare each week? Why not consider
volunteering? This program provides
advice and home visit support to families
in the south of Adelaide experiencing
isolation and lack of family support.

Moving through suicide grief (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 (8273 0818 or www.safercommunities.asn.au)

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

Sports and activity groups

Active Elders (8293 1090)

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 (0438 802 594 or atlantis.aussisa.org.au)

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

Bicycle Institute of South Australia (8411 0233 or www.bisa.asn.au)

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

Del Sante All Ability Gymnastics Club (8244 5146)

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

Indoor bowls (8293 5350)

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 (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 (Roger 8298 8265 or 0411 448620)

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

Marion croquet (8296 2353)

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

Marion Mall Walkers (Margaret 8296 9088 or Leonie 8293 6098)

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

Out and About (8277 8435)

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

Over 50's Travel and Social Club (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.

Lasting Impressions Ray Jobling



The Marion Swimming Club celebrated its 30th birthday with dual Olympian and triple Commonwealth Games gold medallist Martin Roberts and Jenny Messenger. Both former club members made the trip to honour not just the club, but the people who have made it special.

**By Renata Provenzano
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While most of us may not have thought about how the swimming club came to produce such stars, it is largely due to long-time local resident, Ray Jobling.

Ray and Audrey Jobling of Glengowrie used to take their daughters all the way to Payneham pool to swim.

So when the Marion Swimming Centre was being built in the 1970s Ray approached council about developing a swimming club for the benefit of the entire community and

to enrich local sporting competition.

“We wanted to have a club that was for all age groups and from totally inexperienced swimmers through to Commonwealth athletes,” Ray said.

At its launch in November 1979, Ray became the founder and inaugural president of the Marion Swimming Club.

“The first day we opened we had six children aged six-to-eight years old - none could swim,” he said.

“We did letterbox drops, posted advertisements in the local papers and contacted people I knew had children...within three years we were awarded South Australia’s club of the year.

“We’d started holding competitions and developed the Brighton to Glenelg swim which attracted all kinds of swimmers from amateurs to surf lifesavers and master swimmers.

“We also started to conduct water skill classes for members of Minda where we ensured we considered skills they could achieve.

“I just wanted to give something back to the community. It was such a great club – very friendly, a family-oriented feel. We had one father drive around at night collecting bottles to raise funds.

“We adopted very positive standards for the club – sincerely welcoming and fostering new members; ensuring swimmers could achieve their own goals at their own level and ensuring they were rewarded at every level.

“When Jenny Messenger arrived at the club as a child, I went through all the rules of swimming with her mother Margaret who would say ‘oh yes’ to everything I pointed out.

“Someone later came up to me and asked if I knew who she was? She was in the 1956 Olympics medley relay team with Dawn Fraser.”

Now retired from presidency but still a life member, Ray cites swimming as a fantastic sport to develop children’s life skills as well as physical fitness.

“Swimming is excellent for our health because it’s exercising while suspended in water. It also produces well-disciplined people who get up early for early training and it can help them in other walks of life,” he said.

“We had one dedicated teenager who rode in every day on an old bike. One day he said he might be arriving late as someone stole his bike. I went to my local bingo club and we bought him a brand new bike – the next year he was accepted into Duntroon.

“Another family of three children had a very elderly father in his 70s who forked out his pension money to make sure the kids took an interest in swimming. I saw those three children again at our 30th birthday. In fact many people who start at the club as kids are still involved as adults.”

**For more information about
Marion Swimming Club go to
www.marionsc.org.au**