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The Editor's Bit

Welcome to the very first edition of the McLaren Flat Gazette. This paper is your community contact, your community noticeboard and your community news all rolled into one. If you see gaps in this edition, it's because we are missing something—and that something is YOU!

Is there something you want to see in this paper that just isn't there? Something that you believe a paper should have? Are you a writer, an artist, a photographer and would love to be published? This is the place for you.

Articles and artwork can be submitted via email to editor@mclarenflat.info or delivered to 8 Main Road, McLaren Flat. Something I can copy and paste is great. Artwork or photographs need to be able to photocopy well in black and white.

I do hope that you all value this newspaper as the community resource that it is intended to be. Remember, it's YOUR newspaper. You decide what goes in, and what goes out!

Enjoy your reading and please, feedback will be gratefully accepted!

HISTORY—by our Junior Correspondent, Christopher Snape

- DID YOU KNOW??
- The McLaren Flat recreation ground was officially bought in January of 1919.
 - The first McLaren Flat Spring Show was held on 30th October, 1926.
 - The McLaren Flat Emergency Fire Service Station was built in 1958.
 - In 1962, the Myponga Reservoir was built and the McLaren Flat district was connected to the mains water system.
 - Blewitt Springs road was named "Pearn Road" until the 1960's. Mr. Pearn was an original settler of McLaren Flat.
 - An issue of the Observer, dated March 2nd 1861, details a Methodist Church being opened in McLaren Flat. Reverend Whitefield served there until the church's demolition in 1896.
 - A second church, a Bible Christian Chapel, commenced worship on 23rd December 1866. Reverend Way preached morning and evening sermons, while Reverend H. T. Burgess preached in the afternoon. This church was twice the size of the previous one, yet many people still struggled to obtain seats!

Barter Corner

This column is for bartering and trade.

Do you have a job that needs doing but not the skills? Are your skills perhaps in another area? Can you cook but are no good up a ladder?

Please, email us through the jobs you have that need doing, plus a contact name and number.

Add in the skills you have that you can trade to get that job done.

We will publish them here, and hopefully someone in the community can assist you and a fair swap will take place!

This column will not allow cash offers. It is for trade or barter purposes only. The McLaren Flat Gazette retains no responsibility for trades.



McLaren Vale Neighbourhood Watch & Rural Watch

The areas covered by Areas 431 and 582 include McLaren Vale, McLaren Flat, Blewitt Springs and other local environs.

The group meets on the second Tuesday of every alternate month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th August at 2.00pm at the regular meeting place of the RSL Hall, Aldersey Street, McLaren Vale. All members of the community are welcome.

At this meeting the guest speaker will be Malcolm Modra, representing Donlan Lawyers. He will be presenting on Powers of Attorney, Wills, Guardianship issues and Advanced Directives.

Normally a SAPOL representative will also be present and will speak to local crime and other issues including traffic management.

All members of the community should receive a NHW newsletter prior to the date of the meeting. If this does not happen then please contact the local NHW Coordinator Peter Wire on 8323 8408 or come along to the meeting and meet with Peter in person.

Peter is always looking for local individuals to assist with the program and any help offered will be very gratefully received.

THANKYOU

A big thank you goes out to the following people for getting this inaugural edition off the ground!

Bryan Hearn—contributing LOTS of content

Pam Hamdorf, Onkaparinga Council—for printing all the papers!

Christopher Hume-Philips—for donating the domain name, registration and hosting fees for the website

Tracey Snape—for organizing the history column and running around for our Junior Correspondent, Chris.

MACGYVER MOMENT

Can't sew? Sick or wearing pants that are too long for you? Use duct tape to hold up those pesky hems.

If you've lost your belt, you can always make a new one by braiding strips of duct tape together!

GARDENING

- August is the month for...
- *Pruning roses and fruit trees if you haven't already done so
 - *Selecting and planting of bare rooted fruit trees and ornamentals
 - *spraying stone fruit and roses with anti-fungals while free of leaves.
 - *remove rotting leaves from around base of fruit trees, apply fertilizer to assist spring growth
 - * think about what spring and summer veg and herbs to plant, prepare soil for spring sowing
 - *seek and destroy sour sobs and their bulbs

Amanda Henderson

Tilly's Story—A community pulls together

It was a chilly Friday night when the call went out on Facebook—our fabulous community page—to let us know that one of our local pups had gone missing. Tilly, a beautiful Rhodesian Ridgeback cross, had jumped from the back of her owners truck unexpectedly and disappeared close to home.

Within minutes of the community alert going out, a local SAPOL officer had contacted Tilly's owner to advise her that there had been an accident involving a vehicle and the dog, but the driver had been unable to locate her despite a thorough search.

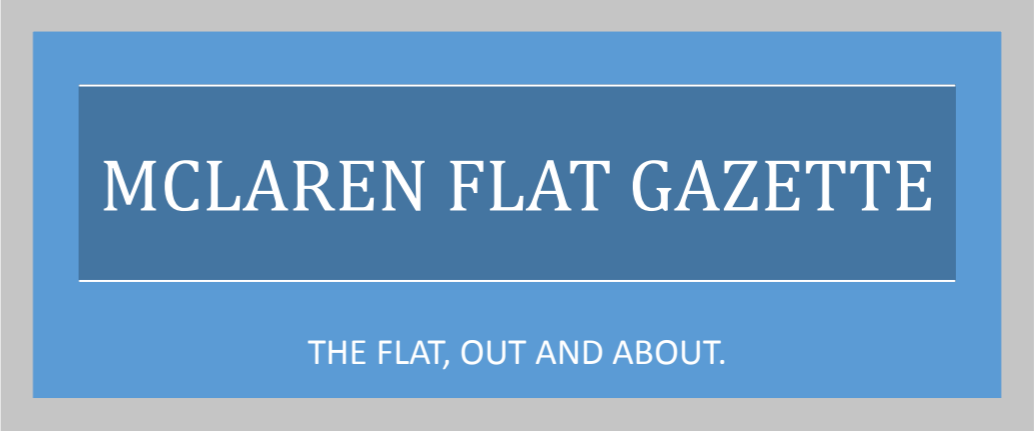
With this news the community swung into action. A large and disparate group of locals donned jackets and torches and made their way around all local streets, on foot and by car. Some brought their own furry friends along to assist with the search.

The SAPOL officer was seen out until after 9pm searching for Tilly. Locals met up and searched together, the neighbourhood ringing with the sound of voices calling. Locals were still out searching well after midnight. Searches were co-ordinated on Facebook with community members posting the street names and areas they had cleared.

Searching was still underway early the next morning, with some very early rising locals out in the vines with spotlights at 5.30am!

Good news arrived at 6.30am when Tilly limped her way back home. On arrival she was cold and bedraggled, but OK. After a vet visit that morning, it was discovered that she suffered 2 fractures to her pelvis in the accident. Surgery options are underway and the whole community has stood by Tilly and her owner, who are overwhelmed at the community support. We hope for a swift recovery.

Big thanks to the officer from Christies Beach SAPOL and his tireless efforts to search for Tilly, and his thoughtfulness in following up on her condition over the next few days too!



MCLAREN FLAT COMMUNITY EVENT

Thanks to the Onkaparinga Council, the McLaren Flat Working Group has been actively meeting to discuss a community event designed to bring together the community as a whole.

Each meeting we have had has pulled together new ideas and some fabulous resources from our local community and surrounds.

Keep your diaries free on October the 18th. There will be a picnic dinner on the oval, including an outdoor cinema with kids films and possibly a later feature for the older crowd.

We are planning on some local bands in the Community Hall in the afternoon, and local sports clubs will be invited to show their hands in stalls and try-out set ups on the day.

As it is Market day too, we may even use the opportunity to set up our market later into the evening! Keep the day free for this fabulous event!

MCLAREN FLAT ON THE WEB

As a part of our new community newspaper, and thanks to the very generous donation of a local community member, the McLaren Flat Gazette is also online!

Check us out at www.mclarenflat.info

There are opportunities for local photographers, newshounds, businesses and community members to utilize both the website AND this print edition of the paper. Please contact us if you would like to help out!

If you have article suggestions, submissions or photographs, please email editor@mclarenflat.info

If you would like to discuss advertising or anything else related to the site or the paper, please email admin@mclarenflat.info

Thank you all for your support!

Joke of the Month

Scott Pearson

Finding a woman sobbing that she had locked her keys in her car,

A passing soldier assures her that he can help.

She looks on amazed as he removes his trousers,

Rolls them into a tight ball and rubs them against the car door.

Magically it opens.....

"That's so clever," the woman gasps. "How did you do it?"

"Easy," replies the man. "These are my khakis".

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McLaren Districts Lions Club



Lions is a worldwide organisation existing in at least 206 countries. Currently there are approximately 1.35 million members. The organisation motto is "WE SERVE" and amongst its major purposes is "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world and to encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward."

The McLaren Districts Lions Club is one of about 1500 clubs in Australia and as a club will have been serving the local community for 25 years come April next year. We currently have 27 members who meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the McLaren Flat Community Club. The first meeting is referred to as a "work" or "business" meeting at which relevant matters are discussed and resolved and various projects are planned. The other meeting is a "dinner" meeting at which a meal is served followed by a guest speaker.



New members are always welcomed and anybody interested in joining should contact:- club secretary Bryan Hearn on 8323 7924 or 0410539274 or bandk392@bigpond.com OR club membership chairman Ian Tonkin on 8383 7169 or 0427695032 or tonkin.ian@gmail.com OR any Lions club member

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Over the years the club has engaged in a number of projects in both McLaren Flat and McLaren Vale and surrounding districts.

These include the provision of a class room hearing system at the McLaren Flat Primary School and the outfitting of the school sick room. The McLaren Vale Primary School was provided with funding to cover the installation of a large pergola within their Stephanie Alexander produce garden.

The club also administers a junior community service program in conjunction with the staff and year 7 students at the McLaren Flat Primary School.

An ongoing project undertaken by club members is the collection of unwanted spectacles and prescription sun glasses.

Members of the public are encouraged to make donations of such unwanted spectacles and sun glasses.

These are boxed up and forwarded to a

central collection point in Queensland where they are cleaned, graded and then directed to third world countries where they are issued to those in need.

This is a program which anybody can get involved in by making such a donation.



At least twice a year members undertake a clean up of the roadside between McLaren Flat and McLaren Vale

FUND RAISING

Funds are raised by club members in a number of ways. Our best known fund raising project would be our monthly schnitzel night held at the McLaren Flat Community Club on the 4th Friday each month. We provide a choice of 3 three schnitzels and 3 different sauces with vegetables for \$12 followed by a dessert at \$4.

Other major fund raising projects include the holding of a large Christmas raffle, hosting a BBQ at the Tour Down Under and various "one of" BBQ's as requested such as at farm clearance sales and other local



events. We have also been known to provide catering at funerals.

Over recent years the club has raised between \$20,00 and \$30,000 each year.

Locally, annual donations are made to the McLaren Vale Hospital and many other local organisations including the Girl Guides and Neighbourhood Watch. Donations are also made to National organisations such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Breast Cancer etc.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the club is by invitation and is open to anybody interested. Contact should be made with any of the individuals listed above who will make the necessary arrangements. Bottom line is

WE HAVE FUN

Telling your story.

When you watch reality TV shows, you will notice that all the contestants which make it to the final round have a story behind them. The dancers have parents who supported them through dance school, or overcame adversity to get where they are today. There will be some drama, something in their past which has lifted them to the dizzying heights of their craft.

And you get hooked to his story, don't you. These people become more than just contestants on a show. They become real people, with a back story, with character, and flavour. You can follow the thread of their life and understand why they make certain decisions in their life. This person always uses wood when renovating homes because they came from the country and their house was made of wood and they've worked it all their life, with their father, who has worked the land his whole life.

Not only are you now interested in why they are building with wood, but now you see emotional pictures of the contestant, and their dad, working together.

You, and your business, have such a story. Everybody has a story. You may think your life is vanilla, but there is a trail behind you, events in your life, no matter how small, or personally insignificant, which has lead you to this point, right now, where you are reading this magazine; which has made you the person you are today, wearing that outfit, with that hairstyle, enjoying that particular song on the radio and that tv show after dinner.

Following on from this, you would be quite surprised to know how many people are interested in your story, seriously. Think of yourself as the first test subject. Who are you interested in, as a person? The celebrities and the gossip that is generated? Or are you more interested in the young person behind the counter working the coffee machine? Are they working here while they study to be something else? What is that something else? Why do they want to be that something else?

There is a story behind your business as well. Why this business in particular? Do you work from home? Why? Has the business been through tough times? Has it risen in the clouds of success for a long time? When did it strike even, and what drove it to do so? Where is the business going to go, and who would you like to bring with you when you do?

Answer these questions, and just like your curiosity over your barista, your customers will want to know more about you, want to get to know you, and your business, as more than just a place to buy stuff, but a real, and whole, thing, with passion and life of its own.

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Fleurieu's Finest Artists at Hardy's Tintara for SALA Visual Arts Festival This August

Previously home of the much loved Dridan's Fine Arts, the Hardy's Tintara winery will be brought to artistic life through works comprising of stone & metal sculpture, sustainable jewellery, painting, photography, glass, textiles & new media. Making the most of the beautiful location, work will be exhibited both indoors and outside in the lush garden setting.

The mixed media exhibition will be showcasing some of South Australia's best award winning, celebrated, established and emerging artists from the Fleurieu Region, including 2013 SALA Award winners Anna Small, Kim Thomson and Warren Pickering, joined by Brian O'Malley, Sarah Wood, Sabine Verhack, Flynn O'Malley, Heidi Karo, Jaynie Langford, Verity Burley, Lucas Robins & Dana Kinter.

In addition to the exhibition there will also be a dynamic program of events, including artist run workshops, pop up cinema, art & wine trail and a 'Grand Market Bazaar' celebrating the vibrancy and talent of SA's artists, designers and makers.

The exhibition will be opened on Sunday August 3rd by former Adelaide Festival artistic director Anthony Steel AM. This not to be missed event will also include live music, dj, live body-painting, contemporary hair sculpture by sponsors Vanilla Vibe hair salon and inflatable sculpture by Canadian artist Evelyn Roth.

www.thepleasureofallthings.com.au

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AUGUST 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Walk A Mile Homelessness fundraiser, Hardy's Tintara, 7am Community Club Tea from 6pm	2 Parri Estate Pizza Night	3 The Pleasure of All Things SALA Arts exhibition, Hardys Tintara
4 'Bonny Sixpence' Grand Opening 142 Main rd McLaren Vale (old Brian's Olive shop)	5 Playgroup meeting at McLaren Flat Primary School—10am. McLaren Flat Rec Ground Committee Meeting, 7.30pm All Welcome.	6 Lions Club Works Meeting	7 McLaren Flat Community Clubrooms open	8 Workshop at SALA event, Hardys Winery Arise Youth Bonfire, 7-9pm, Douglas Scrub Road Film Night at Hardys	9 Parri Estate Pizza Night	10
11 McLaren Flat CFS AGM 7.30pm All Welcome	12 Neighbourhood Watch Meeting 2pm RSL Hall, Aldersley Street.	13	14 McLaren Flat Community Clubrooms open	15 Workshop at SALA event, Hardys Winery Community Tea Curry Night Supporting McLaren Flat Primary	16 McLaren Flat Market 10—2 Parri Estate Pizza Night	17 Lions Club Swap Meet Willunga Sale Yard
18 McLaren Flat Working Committee Meeting 7.30pm Trophy Room	19	20 Lions Club Dinner Meeting	21 McLaren Flat Community Clubrooms open	22 Lions Club Community Tea	23 The Pleasure of All Things SALA arts Market, Hardys Tintara 10-4 Arise Youth Outdoor Sports, 2-4pm, Gemmel Tassie Reserve Parri Estate Pizza Night	24 The Pleasure of All Things SALA arts Market, Hardys Tintara 10-4 McLaren Vale Tennis Club come and try day 2-4 pm, McLaren Vale Courts
25	26	27	28 Community Club AGM 7.30pm McLaren Flat Community Clubrooms open	29	30 Lions Club Auction Willunga Sale Yard McLaren Vale Bocce Club Pasta Night Parri Estate Pizza Night	31