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## The Editor's Bit

It's that time again! Hard to believe another month has gone by already. There are many exciting events in this months' calendar so don't forget to put it on your fridge and keep it handy!

There are a few different features in this edition, including a sports report and a Who's Who column. Expect to see more interviews of locals and people of interest in this column in the future.

You may have noticed the Barter column has disappeared for this edition. This is due to a lack of response to it! All of these ideas will keep coming and how you as a community responds will determine what is printed in future editions and what isn't. Remember this is YOUR paper.

All calendar entries are free so if you have an event for October that you would like to see in print, let us know!

Enjoy the first month of Spring and we will see you all again in October.

Submissions for stories will be accepted up until the 20th of each month. Please email submissions to [editor@mclarenflat.info](mailto:editor@mclarenflat.info) The editor reserves the right to paraphrase, edit and fact-check any story prior to publication. Stories that can be considered pure advertising may attract a charge.

## WHO'S WHO

Caleb Sutherland would be a familiar face to those who have resided in the Flat or in the Vale for many years. As a young keen photographer, he started a postcard business and sold his cards on consignment across many businesses in the area. With the assistance of his parents he took over the Artel and built it's new premises and the Artel bar.

He has worked since then in a media business of his own and is now still an active photographer and works as a chef.

Historically his family has resided in the local community for generations, with a short stint further out in the SA countryside. Family still lives in the area and run a local business.

Caleb actively participates in community issues and has recently been involved in discussion with our CFS and the council in regards to the intersection at Hunt Road/Blewitt Springs Road/Main Road.

He has met a number of residents here, especially one dark night last month when he was out searching for Tilly with a number of other locals. He was very impressed with how our community pulled together that night, especially given many of those looking had never met Tilly nor her owners.

In our interview yesterday, Caleb spoke extensively about his vision for our community. He believes that "Community is not a finished product, it only evolves by working together" and believes this to be the most important part of community engagement.

We will be seeing quite a bit of Caleb's face in the coming month as he has decided to step up his community involvement by running for Council in the upcoming election. He is very keen to speak directly to our community about our needs and may be coming to a front door near you!



McLaren Vale Neighbourhood Watch & Rural Watch

Areas 431 and 582

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

The group meets at 2.00pm on the second Tuesday of every alternate month at the RSL Hall, Aldersey Street, McLaren Vale. Next meeting 14th October.

At the last group meeting over 30 residents attended to hear a very interesting presentation from Malcolm Modra representing Donlan Lawyers. He spoke on Estate Planning, Advance Directives, Wills & Probate.

Many questions were asked and responded to. Attendees were also provided with a hand out containing contact details for Malcolm for any follow up enquiries that any resident may wish to make.

Police Coordinator, Tammy Wilson, reported on crime issues since the last meeting. It was noted that on a number of occasions, several Main Road businesses had been attacked along with the Vale Primary School. All residents are urged to contact police should they be in any way suspicious of the activities of anybody seen in the vicinity of any local school or business premises.

All members of the community should receive a NHW newsletter prior to the date of any 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.

## CLOTHING COLLECTION

Spring has sprung, our market times have changed, buds and bursting... Which means it's time for the great Spring Cleanout!

BUT! What to do with all those fabulous clothes that are too small or not quite right for this season.

We have the answer for you! At the McLaren Flat Craft Market on September 20th, bring along all your clean, unwanted clothing and leave it with us. Diabetes SA will pick up during the week with their truck and all the funds raised will go towards the amazing work they do for people in the community. Blue bags will be available at the Craft shop on main street leading up to the market.

## MACGYVER MOMENT

There is no such thing as too many paperclips. Paperclips can be bent into a variety of useful shapes. If you are the hero of our column you can use them to defuse bombs. There is an android game called: MacGyver's Deadly Descent that will challenge your mastery of the humble paperclip!

## GARDENING

\*Watch out for aphids on new growth of roses and ornamentals

\*Pull out those weeds before they set seed

\*Start planting your leafy vegetables

\*Prepare your tomato patches for that summer salad!

Amanda Henderson

## SPORTS REPORT

McLaren Districts have 2 teams in cup finals this year with the under 15's Blues and the under 18's girls both winning their semis. Both matches will be at Seaford Soccer Club on Saturday September 20th. Under 15's will be playing Happy Valley Tigers and My girls (pictured) will be playing Willunga. Times TBA. McLaren Districts Amateurs (adults ) results were both wins. B team won 3-1 and A's won 5-1 both matches were away to Flinders Uni.



# The Donkeys of McLaren Flat

Henry the Donkey was a McLaren Flat Icon for many years. I decided to interview the current owner of Walker's Run Wines, Lucie Walker, to find out more.

*Was Henry here when your family bought the vineyard?*

My parent got our first donkey – Locket, who came from a donkey rescue shelter and hadn't been treated very well prior to coming to live at Mum and Dad's. They then bought Henry as donkeys don't like to be alone, so Henry was the companion for Locket. Locket died just before Mum and Dad left their property. Henry came to live with us when Mum and Dad left their property so that was about 7 years ago. We were so worried that he would be lonely when Locket died, but he had so many friends visit when he came to live with us on Ingoldby Road, that he wasn't lonely at all.

*Your wine label has obviously been influenced by Henry's presence. Was he on the label when your family bought the vineyard or is that something that you put together?*

When we decided to sell our wine commercially we asked Bud Design Studio to help us with our label, so they came to spend some time at the property and were really taken with Henry and how he had become a local celebrity. We decided he really needed to feature on our label as he was such a big part of our vineyard.

*What was the deciding factor in getting 2 new donkeys?*

We really weren't interested in getting another donkey as we didn't think we could ever replace Henry, however a friend passed on some information to us about 2 miniature donkeys that needed re-homing as their owner had died. We made enquiries about these 2 donkeys, but they found a place to live that was close to their original home in NSW. This really sparked the idea and made us think that it would actually be really nice for the legacy of Henry to live on in a miniature (and hopefully less cantankerous) version.

*What made you decide on miniature donkeys this time? Where did they come from?*

We got in touch with some lovely miniature donkey breeders in Dimboola and they sent through photos of Nora and a tiny Gus who had just been born. It was love at first sight!! Made even more special, by the fact that they had all the same colourings and markings of Locket.

*Will you be changing the label to feature both donkeys?*

Well...I think we will have to!



# MCLAREN FLAT GAZETTE

THE FLAT, OUT AND ABOUT.

## IT'S A WRAP AT WICKHAMS PARK

Filming of a new horror-thriller has finished in the local community.

*The Pack*, directed by commercial filmmaker Nick Robertson and starring Australian actors Jack Campbell and Anna Lise Phillips was shot on Wickham Park at 2 Wickhams Hill Road. Its story entails a family struggling to survive after their home is attacked by a pack of grisly dogs. The premise is based on real life accounts of feral dogs becoming more vicious. Apart from producer Kent Smith confirming this link, agricultural reports reveal that Australian farmers have indeed been suffering two to three attacks from wild dogs per week.

On the brighter side, the release of *The Pack* in the first half of next year is expected to renew interest in Wickham Park, a heritage-listed property. Dating back to the 1840s, the original farmhouse has weathered almost the entirety of McLaren Flat's 175-year history.

It was established by Benjamin Wickham, an English settler who sailed to Australia on the *Africaine* with his wife and three children. It has long since fallen into disuse – the current homestead (pictured) was built in 1903.

We know that Benjamin's son Daniel inherited the property after his father's death in 1875, going on to sell it to a Mr George Sauerbier almost thirty years afterward.

In 1998 – ninety-five years and a dynasty of Georges later – the Sauerbiers sold Wickham to Geoff Merrill, its present owner.

Though a seemingly tranquil past, the house actually suffered from a devastating fire in 1925, after which it was subsequently rebuilt.

*Christopher Snape*



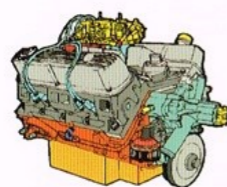
*For more information about Wickhams Park, keep an eye on the website.*

## Joke of the Month

Scott Pearson

I am often asked, "Is google a man or a woman?" My simple answer is: It's a woman because it won't let you finish your sentence without making a suggestion .

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# McLaren Districts Lions Club



The motto of the Lions organisation worldwide is **"We Serve."** This concept has been adopted in a whole variety of ways all around the world. It ranges from eye sight saving programs to disaster relief and includes anti measles programs as well as other programs for the treatment of a various diseases.

Lions clubs such as the local McLaren Districts Lions Club contribute financially to these large programs but of course clubs also design and administer their own community service programs at a local level.

As a club we are seeking community input as to what community service programs we could look at implementing in the McLaren Flat/Vale area. Your input is welcomed with any suggestions.

As a club we are always seeking new members to assist with these programs and to become involved in community service. 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



Over a period of time our club receives many requests for assistance. These requests range from helping clean up an overgrown garden at a pensioners home to catering at various events and just about everything else in-between.

Where we can, we accede to all these requests or do whatever we can to facilitate them in the best way possible.

We have catered at funerals, farm clearance sales and end of year school BBQ's. We have assisted school students with meeting expenses on overseas, humanitarian excursions. Other events have included painting the toilet block at the girl guides camp in Douglas Scrub and of course hosting our well supported schnitzel night at the McLaren Flat Community Club on the 4th Friday every month.

One of our main objectives at all these events is to enjoy ourselves and have a bit of fun in the course of doing whatever needs doing.

Whenever the opportunity arises we take pride in working with other local groups and organisations. For years we have supported the regional carols program and have been involved with the McLaren Vale Business Association as part of their involvement with the Tour Down Under.

Members have also assisted by staffing the gates at local netball finals and at the recently developed Harvest Festival at the McLaren Vale oval.

As a club we have been a major supporter of the McLaren Vale Hospital with donations in both cash and kind.

Two of our club members are also members of the Hospital Board of Management whilst others are hospital volunteers.

## HELP WANTED

The local girl guide troop have recently requested assistance with the donation of some building materials for their McLaren Vale meeting rooms.

They require a small metal shed which can be dismantled and rebuilt to suit a specific location at their meeting rooms. The most important component of this project would be a lockable metal door.

Any help with this scenario will be much appreciated.

## FOR SALE

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## Rosemount Ryecroft – August 2014

Rosemount Ryecroft winery is a significant member of the McLaren Flat community. Employing around 35 permanent staff - and up to 70 in vintage time - Rosemount is proud to call McLaren Flat home. With winter wrapping up and pruning all but done we look forward to seeing budburst across the region which heralds the new crop starting and new green growth on vines -- bring on Spring!

Rosemount's sustainability strategy involves a number of aspects, including a zero waste to landfill process, a wetlands which has experienced a rejuvenation recently, and a long term partnership with Cleland Wildlife Park. For over a decade, the woodlot just off Kangarilla road had been feeding the koalas at Cleland, as well as Rosemount employees volunteering annually at the wildlife park. Cleland are also close advisors to the 1000 native trees recently in the wetland area.

Rosemount is planning a community day in December this year, which among a number of activities will involve inspecting the more historic parts of the winery, dating back to the original establishment in 1888.

Rosemount has a Local Procurement Code, which looks at partnering and supporting the growth of businesses who provide goods and services to the winery. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months regarding events promoting the code.

Casuals are also welcome to apply for Vintage 2015, which commences on January and traditionally ends around April. There are already a number of McLaren Flat residents who join the team for Vintage.

If you have any questions about Rosemount or would simply like to get in touch, please email [RMWadmin@tweglobal.com](mailto:RMWadmin@tweglobal.com).



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## OzHarvest expands to reduce food waste and spread goodness south of Adelaide

Food rescue charity OzHarvest Adelaide is expanding to rescue and deliver surplus food in the southern suburbs following the addition of a third van to its fleet. The expansion of OzHarvest into the southern region was made possible thanks to Colonnades Shopping Centre, which contributed \$50,000 towards the project.

Incredible support from industry leaders, Australian Hotels Association, and the generosity of the Jarvis Group and HomeGrain Bakery has allowed this project to come to life, helping to secure a brand new vehicle, an additional driver and operational support for the expanding food rescue program.

OzHarvestSA State Manager Hayley Everuss says the addition of the van, named Marigold, enables the organisation to provide a truly city-wide food rescue service within less than four years of OzHarvest beginning in Adelaide.

"We've just reached a milestone of delivering the equivalent of 2 million meals in central and northern Adelaide, and now we are adding a third van - never would we have anticipated that OzHarvest would grow so quickly in such a short timeframe," Ms Everuss said.

"The support within the southern region to meet the demand for food relief from charitable agencies, has been incredible. Without the financial support of Colonnades, the Australian Hotels Association, the Jarvis Group, the team at Home Grain Bakery and help from the City of Onkaparinga to introduce us to the community, we could not have put our third vehicle on the road."

Colonnades Centre Manager Zoltan Heinrich said teaming up with OzHarvest was a natural choice for the centre. "It made perfect sense to us because OzHarvest can help the southern community on so many levels – for those who struggle to feed themselves or their families, retailers who see good food go to waste each day simply because they can't sell it the next day, and for the environment," Mr Heinrich said.

"As centre manager I've seen first hand the quality of surplus produce that can be generated in a retail environment and so it is satisfying to know that now OzHarvest can provide an alternative that will directly benefit the local community."

The City of Onkaparinga has also worked alongside Colonnades and Home Grain Bakery to introduce OzHarvest to the region and garner support from other potential food donors and recipient charities.

About OzHarvest SA

OzHarvest continues to enjoy impressive growth since launching in South Australia in 2011. It is now rescuing on average 8000kg every week in the State and has delivered more than 2 million meals from 400 Adelaide food businesses and redistributed to 70 recipient charitable agencies. OzHarvest also operates in Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, Gold Coast and Melbourne.

For more information on OzHarvest in South Australia please visit [www.ozharvest.org](http://www.ozharvest.org),

Twitter @OzHarvestSA or Facebook OzHarvestSA or call 8162 9553



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