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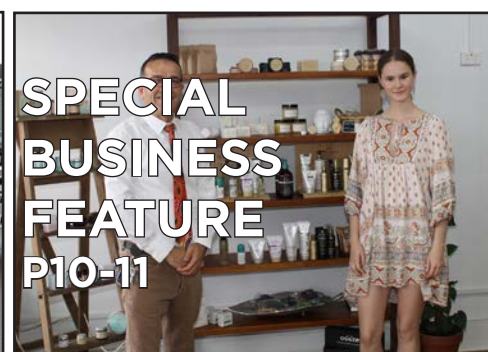
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SHOWTIME!

Show President Claire Forgie, Mickey Brynt with Barni, Rhiannon Brynt with Fluffy Boy and Makala Tsacos with Wookie

The Gawler Show is back and is bursting with excitement, new ideas and enthusiasm following its cancellation last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Show will be held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th August with one of its biggest attractions expanding.

According to Show Society President, Claire Forgie this year the traditional Animal Learning Centre will be expanded and transformed to be part of a bigger and

better Agricultural Learning Centre (ALC).

"The ALC will be located in one of our sheds near the other animals such as the Goats, Poultry, Pigeons and caged birds," Ms Forgie said.

"Also, part of the ALC will be the Blacksmith competitions, who held their inaugural competitions in 2019 and proved to be an extremely popular event to watch."

"We are also in final discussions to provide sheep

shearing demonstrations and wool classing which will tie in nicely as we have moved the wool competition to the ALC."

Due to COVID19 the Show Society has needed to make some changes, one of which was moving indoor trade sites to within the Sports & Recreational Centre. They have also increased our capacity for trade outside on the village green and bitumen areas.

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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the 42nd and biggest ever edition of Enlightened.

With the usual coverage of local issues, events and views we have introduced a new supplement to reflect the growing communities on the Munno Para areas, within the City of Playford.

You will find the Para Pioneer in the centre of this edition and it focusses on issues of importance to the people living in Munno Para, Munno Para West and surrounding districts.

We have also a feature covering stories from the Barossa. It complements the Valley Voice which we publish in the local Leader newspaper on a regular basis. It is important that the diverse views and opinions of local people are heard.

While 2020 was very challenging for many people because of the impact of COVID 19, 2021 is also proving that we have a long way before we get back to some sense of normality.

We have been forced to think differently about how we work, study and behave on a daily basis. Jobs, mental health, travel have all been casualties of the pandemic.

Having secure quarantine facilities must be at the centre of the solution to managing further COVID-19 outbreaks. This will provide more certainty. More certainty for people organising their

lives, families planning important events like weddings and birthdays, community leaders and also business leaders and employers.

It is good to see sport and community events are coming back, headlined locally by the return of the Gawler Show.

It is very disappointing that at a time when people need more assistance from government and social services, the Marshall Liberal Government is prioritising the closure of local services. This is having an adverse impact on the town's businesses and residents at a time when they are already under pressure.

Closure of the community corrections office, the Housing SA office, the shutdown of vehicle on road testing (VORT), and the planned shutdown of carpentry and joinery courses at Elizabeth TAFE follow the failed attempt to shut down all timetabled bus services in the Gawler area.

This all means there are less people working in the town, less money being spent, less workers and less shoppers, which means less business.

We trust that you find this edition informative. If you have any suggestions for stories we should consider publishing in future editions, please let us know.

BEN INNES WELCOMED AS NEW TRAINEE



New Trainee Ben Innes with St Columba College Principal, Ms Leanne Carr and Tony Piccolo MP

Tony Piccolo was pleased to welcome Ben Innes to the Light Electorate Office who commenced as his new Trainee in January of this year.

Twenty year-old Ben completed his SACE at St Columba College in 2018 and has experience working in the hospitality industry with strong customer service skills.

"I am particularly enjoying meeting new people and trying to help the community solve the wide range of issues they bring to Tony Piccolo and his office seeking assistance."

Ben says it has been quite a learning curve to better understand the roles and functions of the different levels of government and the services they provide.

"I also welcome the opportunities to use my graphic design skills to help create the range of public material, flyers and publications that Tony shares with the community on a regular basis. This includes working on the layout of Enlightened," Ben said.

"I am looking forward to the TIME component of the traineeship to learn more about different business practices."

Ben hopes the skills and confidence he can build during his traineeship will provide a solid base to develop a career in economics.

In his spare time Ben likes to listen to music, play the drums and create art work.

Ben is looking forward to greeting you when you next visit the Light Electorate Office. Please say hello next time you are walking down Murray Street.

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GROWING HOMELESSNESS IN LIGHT



Tony Piccolo at the old Housing SA office in Gawler

The growing incidence of homelessness in the local region has recently been highlighted in State Parliament.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo delivered a speech about the increasing problem of homelessness in the local area and the impact it is particularly having on "rough sleepers".

Mr Piccolo said even though there were people sleeping rough 10 years ago, you would hardly see them and there were not huge numbers.

"Today, they are much more visible, and the number has certainly increased," said Mr Piccolo.

"The problem of rough sleeping is quite obvious: the health and safety issues particularly, as we enter the cold winter months," said Mr Piccolo.

"The health of the people who unfortunately sleep in our streets or on our park benches or by our rivers or at the back of stores, is impacted upon, having to sleep out in the open all the time, particularly in poor weather conditions."

"In terms of their safety, often they are on the receiving end of violence, quite sadly. It is just sad to see people in these circumstances."

Mr Piccolo acknowledged the good work undertaken by local churches and affiliated support organisations to support the homeless in the local community.

"Our local churches try to do the best they can to support these individuals. They provide opportunities for showers and washing clothes," said Mr Piccolo.

He highlighted that many rough sleepers also experienced poor mental health.

"The number of people on our streets who have mental health issues is high and it is certainly an indictment on the way we live in this society that people have to live like that," said Mr Piccolo.

"In addition to rough sleeping, which is, if you like, the worst end of homelessness, we also have people who are couch surfing. I understand that is quite common and an increasing problem amongst young

people."

"It is particularly worrying when young people, and particularly in their senior years of education, are trying to do the best they can in maintaining their schooling and also preparing for examinations at the end of the year while they are moving from house to house and friends' couches. It is not a good environment."

Mr Piccolo said his office was receiving an increasing number of complaints about the maintenance of Housing SA properties where critical repairs are delayed or not done at all.

He was critical of the Marshall Liberal State Government's response to the increasing housing crisis in the State.

"What has been the government's response to our housing crisis?" Mr Piccolo asked rhetorically.

"In Gawler, they closed the Housing SA office."

"I suppose if you do not talk to people to hear about it, it does not exist, so they closed the Housing SA office to make it even harder for the most vulnerable people in our community to get access to services and support."

"I would like to thank Anglicare SA homelessness services, who are doing a wonderful job, as much as they can, to support people in our community."

"Homelessness is not only about having a place to sleep but also, if you are trying to get a job, having a place to get washed and get ready for work."

"It is a major poverty issue and we need to address it," He added.

MARSHALL’S PROMISE NOW, BUILD LATER BUDGET



Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, Lee Odenwalder MP (front left) and Member for Light, Tony Piccolo, are (front centre) Salisbury Unit Leader Nathan Kenny and other volunteers from the Salisbury Unit.



Tony Piccolo with local ambulance officer Neil Gallagher.

There is little good news for the local community in the Marshall Liberal Government’s 4th State Budget handed down in June.

Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo said while the commitment to expand the emergency department at the Gawler Health Service is welcome, only \$2.4 million of the \$15 million allocated to the project is budgeted to be spent in 2021/22 financial year.

“According to the budget papers the new ED will not be operational until June 2024 at the earliest,” said Mr Piccolo.

“The State Government has refused to release documents regarding the planning and construction of the expanded ED which makes it difficult to assess whether the additional staffing will be made available.”

“An expanded ED without additional staffing will just lead to internal ramping and will be of little benefit for patients requiring urgent medical attention.”

“Sadly, no additional funding has been announced to increase the ambulance presence in the town and

surrounding districts.”

“The Town continues to have periods when no ambulance is available locally, resulting in long delays in response rates, placing lives at risk.”

Local Ambulance Officers have recently revealed their concerns and fears that some local people have died because of delayed ambulance response times.

Mr Piccolo said State Labor Leader, Mr Peter Malinauskas has announced in his response to the budget that if Labor was elected to Government at the March 2022 election the \$700 million city basketball stadium would be cancelled and the funds invested into health services, with \$100 million earmarked for country health services.

“People’s health and wellbeing is a higher priority than another stadium for Labor.”

Mr Piccolo said that the State Government has finally agreed to consider establishing an SES unit in Gawler.

The Budget does include an

undertaking for planning and design work for a joint incident management facility, CFS regional headquarters and SES unit at Willaston in response to Labor’s 2020 commitment to build a dedicated SES Unit if elected to government in March 2022.

“While the announcement is good news there is NO commitment to actually fund the project over the next four years. Construction of a new SES unit will not start until after the 2026 election at the earliest,” said Mr Piccolo.

“This announcement continues the Marshall Liberal Government’s, promise now, build later, approach to key public infrastructure.”

“Commissioning more and more feasibility and business studies are no substitute for action on the ground.”

“The jobs, infrastructure and services are needed now.”

Mr Piccolo has been working with the Salisbury SES Unit for some years to explore the feasibility of opening a ‘satellite unit’ in Gawler under their auspices. The unit would be initially under the management of the Salisbury SES until enough members

have been recruited to ensure its long-term viability.

In 2019 the SES acquired land on Gawler River Road, Willaston which could house a new Unit amongst other uses.

“Establishment of a local SES Unit in Gawler is vital, as the nearest unit is in Kapunda. Having a local presence will be very important in attracting new volunteers to the service.”

“A preliminary investigation indicates that a capital cost of about \$2m will be required to establish the Unit.”

“Now is the time for the government to commit funds to establish the facility to ensure volunteers are trained and ready to meet the challenges of the planned population increase.”

The North Para and Gawler River systems are known as a flood risk in the area, that flood on average every ten years.

“Volunteering for the SES is a great way of becoming involved in the community, and also helps you keep fit.”

BUDGET CUTS BITE HOSPITAL FOOD QUALITY



Tony Piccolo with Anne Foster outside the Gawler Health Service

Substandard food served at the Gawler Health Service to an elderly terminally ill patient was captured on film and went viral on social media.

Earlier this year local resident Ms Anne Foster asked

Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo to share a video she had taken at the Gawler Health Service.

The video showed an inedible meal of stale bread smeared with melted cheese that was served to her 82-year-old mother who is terminally ill.

Understandably, Ms Foster was very angry and upset.

“It was disgusting, and it actually brought tears to my eyes,” Ms Foster said who had recently been told that her mother it not likely to live for more than a few months.

Ms Foster’s mother, Mrs Anne Morgan, was admitted to the Gawler health service at around 5:30 pm via the Emergency Department, but she was not placed in a ward bed until around 4:00 am the following morning. This is a woman who is 82 years old and has a terminal illness.

Ms Foster asked Mr Piccolo to write to the Minister for Health Stephen Wade to share her concerns. Her complaint is not with the staff, because they can only do what they can, but rather with the limited resources they are given to work with by the Marshall Liberal Government.

The disgusting evening meal her mother was served was the last straw for Ms Foster prompting her to share the video, which attracted thousands of views and many comments of similar experience with hospital food from members of the public.

“I am asking the Minister for Health, the Hon Stephen Wade MLC whether he thinks this is a suitable way to treat a patient in our public health system?” asked Mr Piccolo.

“The cuts to the health budget hurt real people. All patients deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.”

ROAD SAFETY RISKS AT DALKEITH ROAD RAIL CROSSING



Tony Piccolo MP with local residents (from left) Matt Gaffney and Brayden Allison at the crossing.

Local residents are concerned about road safety risks due to the uneven surface of the rail crossing on Dalkeith Rd at Kudla, where every day there

are “near misses” that could end up as head-on collisions.

Local resident, Mr Paul Blaser who drives over the crossing every day to get to work said he frequently sees other drivers coming the other way try to position their car in the middle of the road where it seems to be a little smoother.

“At certain times of the day there is also a sun factor where those drivers heading in a westerly direction get blinded by the sun,” said Mr Blaser.

Mr Blaser says that due to the uneven surface car tyres “skip” across the tracks and this becomes a serious safety issue.

“I feel it is only a matter of time before we see a head on crash there because of this,” Mr Blaser said.

Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo has written to Transport Minister Corey Wingard asking for

urgent repair work at the crossing because the stop gap repairs laid down late last year have not fixed the problem.

Mr Blaser’s message to the Minister is, “It is now his “Duty of Care” that the community concerns have been raised and in the unforeseeable event of a fatality or even damage to a motor vehicle due to the severity of the surface, it’s on him.”

Mr Piccolo is also concerned about emergency services vehicles which frequent Dalkeith Road.

“This crossing is very narrow and very bumpy, which creates a problem for larger vehicles. It is a regular route for emergency services vehicles often travelling at higher speeds on their way to call outs,” Mr Piccolo said.

“The rail crossing is in such a state of disrepair, the Marshall Liberal Government must act now before it is too late, and a preventable accident occurs.”

RESIDENTS CROSS ABOUT COST CUTTING AT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Cost cutting measures by the Marshall Liberal Government on the Gawler Rail Electrification Project are placing lives at risk according to local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said he has received complaints from residents who are forced to walk on roadways as pedestrian crossings have been shut off because of construction works.

“While I appreciate the need to temporarily close down some pedestrian walkways, the lack of safe alternative routes to crossroads is unsatisfactory and is placing pedestrians lives at an unreasonable risk,” said Mr Piccolo.

“I have received complaints from people on gophers and parents pushing prams who are forced onto the roads, which are not proper footpaths and often have uneven surfaces.”

Mr Piccolo said he was particularly concerned about the closure of the pedestrian crossings along Barnet Road as a number of school children walk along the road and need to cross the railway line.

“While the students receive some assistance from traffic controllers when they are there, there are no safety measures in place at other times.”

“Clearly while works are progressing it is not unreasonable to have some temporary alternative arrangements that have the safety of pedestrians in mind.”

Mr Piccolo said one nearby resident who raised the matter with him described the situation in an email to him as follows:

“As the railway upgrade continues the powers to be have blocked off the southern walkway across the railway line. No signs just a gate or fence blocking it. You walk southwards across half the pathway and then have to walk along the track onto the road and along the busy road without any barriers to traffic!!”

“It appears this government is happy to risk the lives of young people and other pedestrians as a cost cutting measure,” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said he has written to the Minister for Transport, Corey Wingard MP, to have the complaints



Local MP Tony Piccolo with Evanston resident Mr Grant Buik

investigated.

“While the project is over budget by about \$100 million and running late, it is no excuse to sacrifice the safety of pedestrians who rely on these pedestrian crossings to traverse the rail tracks safely,” Mr Piccolo added.

MINISTER REFUSES TO UPGRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT BUSY ROUNDABOUT



Mr Piccolo at the intersection with students dodging cars to cross the road in the background.

Transport Minister Corey Wingard has refused to undertake any upgrades of pedestrian crossings at the Haines/Redbanks/Dawkins Roads Roundabout at Willaston despite the road safety risks for students walking to and from school each day.

In response to concerns raised by local residents and Xavier College, local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo wrote to Marshall Liberal Government Transport Minister Corey Wingard requesting the road safety issues be investigated.

In his response, Mr Wingard said “[based] on the current layout and traffic volumes, DIT has advised these intersections are performing satisfactorily at the current time and there are no plans for the intersections to be upgraded”.

Mr Piccolo said he was horrified by the Minister’s response as hundreds of young people have to dodge vehicles to cross the road at this very busy intersection.

“Young people should not have to put their lives at risk just to go to school.”

Mr Wingard’s response is contrary to the local feedback received by Mr Piccolo who has been contacted by residents concerned about the risks for pedestrians and motorists, particularly at the busy school drop-off and pick up times.

“The roundabout is always a heavy traffic zone for people coming off and entering the expressway,” said Mr Piccolo.

“Everyone who drives through this busy intersection notices the large number of local school children walking to school at Xavier College in big groups, often spilling out onto the road when the footpath narrows or disappears.”

“Students often have to wait to pick gaps in the traffic to plot their way across the busy roundabout, which has five entry and exit points.”

“Some days it is like Russian roulette.”

“We should not be putting children in these risky situations. It isn’t fair on them and it is not fair on drivers who are trying to do the right thing.”

“Wider footpaths and some pedestrian refuges would certainly improve safety at this location.”

“It is disappointing that the Minister is not taking this more seriously and I would suggest he come out personally to see for himself just how busy it gets.”

TIMBER SHORTAGE HURTING LOCAL BUILDERS



At a local project delayed because of timber shortages is Tony Piccolo MP and Nathan Shanks from GCJ Builders.

Local builders are being stung by the desperate shortage of timber, which is holding up the building of homes, threatening the viability of tradies and apprentices according to Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo.

The chronic shortage of structural pine across South Australia will place between 4000 and 5000 jobs at risk, according to the Master Builders

Association (MBA).
“I have been told that timber suppliers in this state are at crisis point. Many small companies simply cannot obtain supply, or will be waiting 6 to 8 weeks leaving projects in limbo,” said Mr Piccolo.

“The Homebuilder grants program has placed additional pressure on the industry, with South Australia having an enormous uptake. SA had the highest per capita uptake in the nation. Just under 14,000 applications.”

“Local builders tell me that the government stimulus package is having a negative effect on small building companies due to lack of supply.”

“The price of timber has increased by 15 per cent over the last 12 months as a result of a lack of action by the Marshall Liberal Government and in some cases the price rises have been much higher.”

The Marshall Liberal Government’s attempted rescue package has been criticised by the industry and labelled as unsustainable.

Morgan Sawmill, outside of Jamestown, has been staring down the barrel of closure since it was unable to secure more logs from Forestry SA, which could cost the region 75 full-time jobs.

In June the government announced it had secured an agreement from the Bundaleer Forest Management Group to supply the sawmill for two years. However, Morgan Sawmill rejected the offer due to concerns it would deplete the Bundaleer Forest.

SA Labor is calling on the Marshall Liberal Government to provide a freight subsidy to ensure there is enough timber in the market.

“The Marshall Liberal Government must commit to a freight subsidy to bring timber from Kangaroo Island to the mainland, to address a chronic shortage of structural pine used in the construction of houses across South Australia,” said Mr Piccolo.

Gawler Carpenters and Joiners (G C & J) has backed calls for a freight subsidy after experiencing delays of up

to four months for timber for current construction projects.

“Big builders tend to have well developed supply chains. Unfortunately, the smaller builders often do not,” said Mr Nathan Shanks from GC & J construction.

“Big well-known builders are demanding timber suppliers serve them first leaving smaller builders in an uncertain situation.”

“The MBA says there is currently a five-month delay for timber roof trusses.”

Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers (KIPT) has enough timber to construct 10,000 homes in South Australia but needs assistance from the State Government. Timber needs to be transported off Kangaroo Island and taken to the mainland for processing before being made available for construction.

State-wide up to 100 small businesses and 5000 jobs in the housing construction industry are at risk if this freight subsidy is not introduced.

FURTHER RAIL PROJECT DELAYS A “TRAIN WRECK”

The implementation of the Gawler rail line electrification project by the Marshall Liberal Government has turned into a “train wreck” with Gawler and Barossa commuters set to experience further pain as the rail closure was extended by a further seven months beyond the first three month extension.

Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo said that in early May Infrastructure and Transport Minister Corey Wingard confirmed in State Parliament that the entire Gawler line will be closed until November.

“Originally, the line was going to be closed from Boxing Day to the end of January, meaning the whole line will now be closed for at least ten additional months than originally planned,” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said he is again calling on the Marshall Liberal Government

to provide free substitute buses to all Gawler rail line commuters, as major delays to the electrification project will cause significant inconvenience, pain and costs for train users for months to come.

“Additionally, the Marshall Liberal Government has a duty to reduce the pain for local rail users by increasing further the availability of substitute buses, and in particular, express services,” said Mr Piccolo.

The former Labor Government regularly provided free substitute bus services during service interruptions caused by upgrades, including:

- For all train commuters during a month-long closure of the Adelaide Railway Station in 2013.
- For Noarlunga (now Seaford) line commuters, during electrification works in 2013.

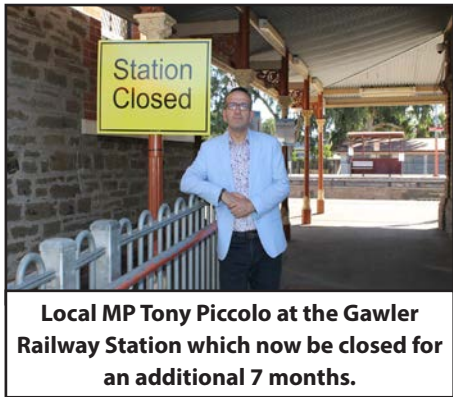
• For Outer Harbour and Grange train line commuters as part of the Torrens Rail Junction Project in 2017.

Mr Piccolo said in 2015 Minister Corey Wingard demanded free transport for commuters on the Seaford and Belair lines during a closure period while in 2016 Deputy Premier Vickie Chapman demanded free travel for train passengers who were inconvenienced by a shut down due to industrial action.

“While some closures and inconvenience could reasonably be expected during the electrification project, commuters shouldn’t have to pay the price for the Marshall Liberal Government’s mismanagement of this important project.

“I receive a lot of complaints and commuters are now calling this further delay a “train wreck”.

“The very least the government can



Local MP Tony Piccolo at the Gawler Railway Station which now be closed for an additional 7 months.

do, is to provide some relief in the form of free and better substitute bus services.”

“This delay to the Gawler electrification project is a blow to thousands of train commuters who now face significant inconvenience and pain to their daily lives for months to come.

The cost of the project has also blown out by \$100 million to \$715 million.



Heritage Café Owner Marie San Gabriel with local MP Tony Piccolo.

Local public transport passengers welcomed the backflip by the Marshall Liberal Government to reverse their harsh decision to remove the metro ticket machine from the Gawler Heritage café at the Gawler Railway Station.

Advocacy by Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo to the Minister and Small Business Commissioner has helped common sense to prevail, with the ticket machine being reinstalled in February much to the relief of the small family business and

current owner Marie San Gabriel who took over the ownership of the café on 1 October 2020.

Mr Piccolo said he understands that, despite all the stress and hassles, Marie is still keen to run the café and she is very pleased to have the metro ticketing machine back, but rent relief is still desperately needed especially while the train services are disrupted by the electrification project.

“I am pleased that the metro ticket machine has been returned. The ticketing machine is not only a source of revenue creating additional foot traffic leading to other sales for the café but is also a service to the travelling public who use the train substitute bus services.”

The Heritage Café still faces an uncertain future as COVID-19 and the rail electrification upgrade works have had a devastating impact on the financial viability of the important, but small business.

“Marie managed the café from earlier 2020 on behalf of the previous owners so she knew it was going to be tough, but she never expected the State Government to act in a way that would undermine the future of the

café,” said Mr Piccolo.

“The Café provides important services to people who use trains to travel.”

“If the café closes it will be just another example of how this government doesn’t care about public transport users in Gawler and surrounding districts.”

“The previous owner was given a rent waiver, because they were eligible for job keeper, however Marie has not been eligible to register for job-keeper despite sales being down, as she doesn’t have the comparative figures in her own name.”

“As a result, the State Government has refused to give her a rent waiver because she is ineligible for job keeper, despite sales crashing because people are not using the trains because of the electrification disruption.”

Mr Piccolo also acknowledged the work undertaken by the Small Business Commissioner, Mr John Chapman in securing the return of the ticketing machine.

“I would like to thank The Bunyip for supporting the café by publishing the story about their plight.”

HUB 148 LINKS LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SERVICE PROVIDERS



Nancy Penna and Olive Bennell from AnglicareSA with Tony Piccolo at the HUB148 launch



Margaret O'Brien and Kelly Hughes from Lutheran Care

The closure of many local services by the Marshall Liberal Government has inspired local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo to explore new ways of ensuring that the most vulnerable in our community can continue to access the support they and their families need.

Mr Piccolo said that it is often very difficult for people to access vital services if they don't have transport or are not digitally literate.

Mr Piccolo believes that his constituents should not be disadvantaged by the State Government moving services out of the town.

With this in mind, Mr Piccolo approached several service providers to ascertain if they could provide services to his constituents locally.

Mr Piccolo said the need to support

local constituents gave rise to the birth of HUB 148.

In essence HUB 148 is a place where local residents can have face to face contact with a range of services providers from the non-government and community sectors.

"Hub 148 operates from my electorate office at 148 Murray street, Gawler," said Mr Piccolo.

"Put simply, we provide service providers with a space to meet with our local constituents."

At HUB 148 local residents can obtain access to community services such as justice of the peace, housing and homelessness services, financial counselling, legal aid, volunteer services and local schools can exhibit art in the LEO gallery.

"Having multiple services accessible in one central place will hopefully make life a little easier for local people," said Mr Piccolo.

"My office is a community asset paid for by taxpayers, so it makes sense to maximise public use of the facilities, in addition to the electorate and community work already being delivered."

Recently, the LEO Gallery showcased a display of 20 portraits produced by students at Trinity College featuring "People and Faces of Gawler".

Mr Piccolo said since the closure of the Housing SA office in Seventh Street under the cover of COVID-19 by the Marshall Liberal Government, his office has been receiving an increasing number of inquiries on housing and homelessness matters and is pleased that AnglicareSA can meet with local residents in need on Mondays and Fridays in the HUB.

The Marshall Liberal Government's efforts to privatise public transport and reduce services are making it harder for people to travel to service providers spread across northern Adelaide and the Barossa region.

Financial Counselling support and advice is being provided by Lutheran Care and can be accessed at the HUB on Tuesdays.

The following services can be accessed through HUB 148.

- AnglicareSA – Homelessness Services

- Lutheran Care – Financial Counselling Services

- Northern Community Legal
- Northern Volunteering

- Justice of the Peace Services
- The Light EO (LEO) Art Gallery

- o To showcase artwork by local school students and young people

- Community Window

- Book collection point for Gawler Zonta

- Collection point for basic essentials

- o Essentials for women
- o socks, jocks and toiletries

Appointment bookings can be made by contacting the Light Electorate Office on 8522 2878 or light@parliament.sa.gov.au

New Trainee at the Light Electorate Office and former St Columba student Mr Ben Innes who designed the "HUB 148" logo explained,

"The hub logo is a Venn diagram which sets out the interconnection between the community, businesses and local employers and the different levels of government."

VINTAGE CAR RALLY BACK ON THE ROAD



Local MP Tony Piccolo at the starting line

There was a record turnout for the Gawler Car Club's sixth annual Veteran and Vintage Car Rally in April with a record number of entries taking part in the route from Gawler to the Barossa.

More than 80 drivers met at Immanuel Lutheran School on Lyndoch Road where Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo waved the flag to signal the start of the rally.

The oldest car taking part was Daisy Belle, a 1904 De Dion Bouton as part of the convoy which drove through the Barossa on what was a cool morning to assemble at Seppeltsfield Oval in Tanunda, which proved to be a popular change from the regular end point of Greenock Oval.

Many participants really got into

swing of the vintage feel, wearing period costumes and fashions to match the era of their vehicle.

"It is great to see this popular community event thriving and growing. We need more events to support local jobs and tourism," said Mr Piccolo.

"I would like to congratulate everyone who made the effort to be part of the day and would like to thank the sponsor Michael Steinborner."

The Sponsors' Choice Trophy was awarded to GV-VCVC members Nigel and Georgina Wooster for their immaculate 1917 Dodge Roadster.

The club president's award went to Allan and Marleen Hagger for their 1929 Graham Roadster.

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY THANKS TO THE QUICKEST WARMTH

The Quickest Warmth Project is a community initiative created by Reverends Prue O'Donovan and Gail Hardy to provide warmth and love to families who are in need of help.

It all began with the donation of seven quilts to Families SA (now the Department for Child Protection) for children going into foster care. Now the Project has grown to more than 300 volunteers and about 200 contributors who make or purchase items for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, those going into rental accommodation from shelters, people who are homeless or victims of domestic violence, refugees and of course children in foster care.

Requests are received from AnglicareSA centres throughout the metropolitan area, Mt Gambier and

Walleroo and from the Department of Child Protection.

"The aim is to provide a quick hug in the form of new and knitted, beanies, blankets, bedding to offset cold winters," said Rev O'Donovan.

The project also provides toys to either refugee families or families who have lost their homes through fire or simply hard times.

For Mother's Day 2021 a FREE gift table was set up at the Light Electorate Office with a wide selection of items to meet all tastes and interests.

"The community really appreciated the generosity of the wonderful people at the project and other donors," said Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo.

"It was heart-warming to see so many fathers and children coming in to select a special gift for Mum."



Prue O'Donovan and Gail Hardy from the Quickest Warmth at their Mother's Day Gift Shop with Tony Piccolo

SUPPORTING GRANDPARENTS IN GAWLER

Grandparents For Grandchildren has expanded its Village Program to Gawler with the first local meeting taking place on 3 May.

Grandparents For Grandchildren SA (GFGSA) is a not for profit NGO developed to enhance the welfare of children at risk or in crisis by increasing the capacity of grandparents to care for them in a healthy and supportive environment within the broader family unit. The organisation's shared belief is that all children have the right to know from whom and where they came and to live and grow in a safe and nurturing environment.

GFGSA Deputy CEO Joanne Lauritsen said that an increased number of Grandparent Carers had been identified in the area making the establishment of a GFGSA Village in the Light Electorate vital.

Local Member of Parliament Tony

Piccolo welcomed Grandparents For Grandchildren to Gawler and said,

"I am very pleased that Grandparents For Grandchildren will be setting up a local chapter in Gawler to offer support for the many Grandparent Carers who often fall through the gaps with other support services."

The GFGSA Village Program, based on the premise that, 'It takes a village to raise a child', is a GFGSA initiative designed to create networks and structures around families by bringing them together within their own community, connecting them with each other, local supports and with immediate personal access to GFGSA Carer Advocates.

GFGSA Carer Advocate Kerry Daly added, "Grandparent Carers come to us for many reasons. We support and encourage them through every stage of their journey and promote a holistic support service, encouraging

grandparents to reach out and maintain support networks and self-care practices."

Ms Lauritsen said, "We are continuing to develop every aspect of our service provision, thus becoming more proactive, leading to the establishment of GFGSA Villages particularly in the outer suburbs and regions through our Mobile Outreach Service. Many of our clients are regional and rural and we are often asked to attend or facilitate information forums or seminars in those areas. If they cannot come to us in the city, we will travel to them."

GFGSA Gawler Village meetings are held on Mondays at Gawler Community House at 2 Schneibener Terrace. GFGSA Villages are designed to provide a secure space for Grandparent and Kinship Carers to seek advice and support and to meet other carers in their area.

For further information in regard to attending a village meeting as a guest



Grandparents For Grandchildren Deputy CEO Joanne Lauritsen and Carer Advocate Kerry Daly met with the Member for Light, Tony Piccolo MP and Kim Wright, Community Development Co-ordinator for the Gawler and District College Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting.

or guest speaker please contact Deputy CEO Joanne Lauritsen on

(08) 8212 1937.

NEW GAWLER CHESS CLUB: CHECK, MATE?



At the new Gawler Chess Club are (from left), Ryen Archer (original co-ordinator), Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo, and players, Emi Hughes, Addy McCarthy and Jeffery Broad.

Gawler has a new chess club, 155 years after the first club was established on 19th November 1866.

Original club co-ordinator, Mr Ryen Archer said the Netflix show Queens

Gambit has created a massive resurgence in popularity for chess.

The club meets on Tuesday from 4:00pm until 7:00pm, people from all ages come to TableTop Warfare, in Murray Street, Gawler, to learn and to play chess.

Mr Archer said the club is a fun and engaging environment with an emphasis on learning.

"I have been playing chess for 12 years, and I had a thought with the Netflix series being such an amazing hit and bringing the game to a new audience, that now was the right time so start up a new club," said Mr Archer.

"In the 6 weeks that we have been running the chess sessions individuals who have had little to no previous chess experience are now having in-depth and complex games, whilst still in a fun and

exciting environment full of laughs and lessons."

"For approximately 45 minutes of each session, I run through a series of important chess lessons where people learn some of the basic and more advanced chess strategies."

"For example, in the past we have looked at en passant (in passing), forks, pins, many different openings and even castling."

"We not only look at lessons as our point of learning as we encourage players to talk about their games whilst playing and to help each other to learn."

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said he became aware of the club when the original co-ordinator approached him to support the club.

"Ryen was keen to make participating in the club as low cost as possible so I donated a couple of chess boards to help those who may not own one," said Mr Piccolo.

"Gawler has had a chess club on and off for over 150 years, so it is great to see this new club providing people, and in particular young people an opportunity to meet and play safe games together."

"The original club established in 1866 was so successful that in the following year, games were played via telegraph between Gawlerites and residents of Port Adelaide."

All enquires about the club can be directed to Tabletop Warfare (next to Tony Piccolo's Electorate Office) on **0432 001 889**.

OH, WHAT A CIRCUS - WITH A DASH OF MUSIC AND COLOUR!

Two former Nuriootpa High School students, Iri Roche and Joe Cornish have combined their artistic talents to help their audiences find the colour and joy in life and explore their inner child as an adult.

The two, were the stars of the Adelaide Fringe Festival show "Chroma" in which they presented a fusion of music, circus, and colour.

Iri Roche, creator of the award-winning show Flow, teamed up with visual artist, musician, and circus performer Joe Cornish to create a fresh, vibrant work that further blurs the lines of colour, sound, circus, and art.

The two met and began performing together through Nuriootpa High School.

They perform on a variety of instruments, and in circus ensembles, including experience both together and separately in the vintage festival, fringe, community functions, corporate events and with the state opera.

Iri has had a 17-year history of performance at the South Australian Circus Centre including their performance troupe.

Iri is a circus and music educator in the Gawler and

Barossa council areas. He went to Gawler East primary school and has been involved the Gawler Fringe and community events for many years.

Joe has been heavily involved in work at Barossa Dance Company for the past 8 years, has been working as a percussion teacher in the Gawler and Barossa council areas, and has made a name for himself as a skilled blacksmith, metal, and visual artist through SALA, and various exhibitions and art stores in the Barossa Valley.

Joe said their show is about helping our audiences find the colour and joy in life and in what you do.

"Life is so much brighter when you see colour in the mundane 'black and white' of everyday life," said Joe.

Iri sees the show as an exploration of the inner child and as an adult, and how important it is to rediscover the things that drive you and make you happy.

"It is important to remember and explore the things that drive you and bring you joy, as this can often get lost as an adult," Iri said.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo recently met the two young artists and was impressed



Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo introducing the Chroma artists, Joe Cornish and Iri Roche.

by their passion for their art and their desire to bring joy to the people around them. He also attended their fringe show.

"I had such a great time at their fringe show, which combined improvisational music with a fun fast paced circus act bursting with colour. I would certainly encourage others to support these local performers at future events," said Mr Piccolo.

WHO KILLED “THE GERMAN TEACHER” ?



Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo, Stefani Traeger, author Judy Gillett-Ferguson and Dr Peter Mickan at the April “Kaffee und Kuchen” event in Tanunda

A recently published novel explores the death of a German teacher in the Barossa in 1917 and is set against the backdrop of strong anti-German sentiment pervading the valley during World War 1.

The book titled “The German Teacher” and set in a fictional farming

township near Angaston was written by retired school principal and local artist Judy Gillett-Ferguson.

The novel was discussed at a recent Barossa German Language Association monthly “Kaffee und Kuchen” where Ms Gillett-Ferguson explained the origins of the book.

Ms Gillett-Ferguson said a photographic exhibition a few years earlier at the Barossa Regional Gallery in Tanunda had made her think about what the impacts of the imprisonment of local men would have had on the small farming communities in the Barossa Valley during World War 1.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who attended the event said many Barossa men of German descent were interned for the duration of the war at the same time that many of their relatives were fighting in the Australian forces.

“To Judy, the irony was unbelievable,” said Mr Piccolo.

The photos had been taken by the German photographer, Paul Dubotzki, who was interned on Torrens Island during WW1 and Judy was struck by the remarkable and unique history they presented of a dark time in South Australian history.

The photos provided a glimpse into the bleak and harsh conditions of camp life endured by men separated from their families.

Ms Gillett-Ferguson said she read several research articles and books about internment in South Australia and also received help from the Lutheran Archives in Adelaide and the SA Police Historical Society.

She is particularly grateful to all her friends and family members who read early drafts and gave invaluable

feedback.

In the novel, the body of the previous local school teacher of German descent, is found in a nearby vineyard after he was believed to have retired to Adelaide.

His young replacement arrives the day after his body is found. She must now teach only in English as all German culture and language have been prohibited by law.

The community is deeply divided but she assists the local police officer to unravel the mystery of the old teacher’s death while each of them deal with demons and terrors of their own.

Copies of the book are \$25.00 and available directly from Judy on 8522 1385 or they can be purchased online at Booktopia, Amazon and Dymocks or locally at the Raven’s Parlour Bookstore, Tanunda.

GAWLER’S FESTIVAL OF WORDS OF WISDOM

Now in its seventh year the Gawler and Adelaide Plains Festival of Words 2021 provides a platform for different mediums of creative “word-smithing”.

Highlights of this years’ festival program included Gawler’s first ever Poetry Slam on the Friday night.

There were a range of writers’ workshops, the first hosted by Gawler Library with the generous support of Friends of Gawler Library, and there was also another workshop in Tanunda featuring well known South Australian writer, Sharon Kernot.

Popular writer, Rebecca Sullivan presented a workshop at Recreate in

Mt Pleasant.

The Yarning Circle hosted by Red Centre Enterprises proved to be popular at the Prince Albert Hotel followed by the Keynote speech, delivered by Michael Bollen of Wakefield Press when the winners of the 2021 Poetry competition are announced.

In launching the program Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo said it was in difficult times that artists, whether in the visual form provided new insights into our society and humanity.

“When the political rhetoric has died down it is the words and works of our poets, writers and other artist that

survive,” said Mr Piccolo.

“Artists take the time to reflect about the world around them and help bring meaning to events which challenge us.”

“It is appropriate that the theme for this years’ festival is Recovery, as our local community and the world try to recover from and make sense of the COVID19 pandemic.”

Adelaide Plains Poets President, Ms Carolyn Cordon, said, “we really appreciate Tony’s ongoing support for our festival over the years.”

For further information please go to the festival website at www.festivalofwords.info or visit the



Tony Piccolo MP with members of the Gawler and Adelaide Plains Festival of Words at the official launch of the Festival Programme.


Adelaide Plains Festival of Words Facebook page.

NEW BOOK EXPLORES WILLIAMSTOWN’S RICH HISTORY

Hills & Creeks – Roads & Historical Settings that Surround

Williamstown


The Barossa’s Southern Gateway



Paintings, poetry & prose by: Martin R. Johnson

Ghost Camp

A book of memories and dreams that haunt the vanished “Twenty House Site” work camp - home to the married workmen and their families during the construction of South Australia’s, South Para Reservoir during the 1950s.



Paintings, photography and poetry by Martin R. Johnson

Hills & Creeks – Roads & Historical Settings that surround Williamstown and Ghost Camp, both written and illustrated by Martin R. Johnson.

Prolific local author Martin R. Johnson has been writing on social history for more than forty years. His latest books were proudly launched in Williamston in June, which explore fascinating local history through poetry, photos and storytelling.

Hills & Creeks – Roads & Historical Settings that surround Williamstown is a collection of stories, poetry and photographs from Williamstown, which Martin describes as the southern gateway to the Barossa. This builds on his 2019 work From Rabbit Traps to Cellar Doors which included stories, poetry and photographs from Williamstown, one of South Australia’s early villages.

The second new book Ghost Camp is a collection of memories and dreams that haunt the vanished “Twenty House

Site” work camp, which was home to the married workmen and their families during the construction of the South Para Reservoir during the 1950s.

This is a theme which Martin explored in his 2018 work Revised Twenty Houses, an anecdotal history of the building of the South Para Reservoir over the decade from 1948 to 1958.

These latest releases bring the total to 15 books that Martin has now written through the years. He has written on a wide range of topics including Gawler’s history and Mount Crawford Forest.

The New Williamstown book is \$15 and Ghost Camp reservoir book is \$10. Interested readers should contact Martin on youngandjohnson@bigpond.com or 0467 449 292.

WALKING THROUGH GAWLER'S LOCAL LABOUR HISTORY

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo joined forces with award winning local historian, Helen Hennessy to host a walking tour of Murray Street Gawler to showcase the labour history of the town to mark History Month.

The tour delved into both the industrial and political history of the town with a focus on how many existing buildings played an important role in the social and commercial development of the town.

Mr Piccolo said Gawler was an important industrial town in the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries.

"Farm and other industrial machinery were manufactured in Gawler for sale across Australia so many people were employed in foundry businesses which created an active union movement," said Mr Piccolo.

"Some of the working conditions were pretty poor and so industrial action was taken from time to time to protect

worker rights." "It would be fair to say some employers were more enlightened than others."

A range of unions existed in Gawler during those times reflecting the strong working-class character of the general population.

Ms Hennessy has undertaken a great deal of research and prepared a manuscript of the life of E H Coombe, the first Labor Member of Parliament in the Gawler area.

"E H Coombe lived an interesting life, holding a range of key positions in the town and his life journey can be associated with a number of buildings along Murray Street," said Ms Hennessy.

The important role played by women was also highlighted in the tour.

Mr Piccolo said the idea for a tour of Murray Street came from a couple of walking tours he did through the streets of the City of Melbourne a few years ago.

"Walking tours help bring both the buildings and town's history to life," said



Tony Piccolo and Helen Hennessy outside the former James Martin Foundry the site of many industrial disputes

Mr Piccolo. "You can almost experience the history firsthand through the walks." The event formed part of the official history month program of activities for the Town of Gawler.

PARA PARA MANSION RETURNING TO FORMER GLORY



Laurel Hosking with Tony Piccolo at historic Para Para Mansion.

Historic Para Para Mansion at Gawler West is slowly returning to its former glory thanks to the tireless work of the Hosking family over the past 20 years.

The grand Victorian mansion was built for Walter Duffield MLC between the years 1851 and 1862.

Mr Duffield, who later became a Member of Parliament, was born in Essex England in 1816, came to SA in 1829 and moved to Gawler in September 1847, where he established flour mills. His interests extended to pastoral pursuits and he purchased the Koonoona run. His good fortune enabled him to purchase the Para Para Estate, just below the junction of the two Paras.

Duffield spent lavishly and established brilliant flower gardens, vineyards and orchards. He made Para Para available for the first Gawler races, fetes and military displays. Duffield twice entertained Prince Alfred, the Duke of

Edinburgh, Queen Victoria's second son.

Duffield was known as a fine horseman, an active parliamentarian, a major employer, a pioneer vigneron, and a supporter of good causes and a staunch supporter of the Congregational Church.

Since purchasing the property in 2001, the Hosking family has undertaken an extensive program of renovation including, re-establishing the kitchen garden, redesigning the front rose garden, re-instating the upstairs bathroom and lime washing the cellar. Some of the tasks have been very labour intensive such as hand sanding and reinstating the original ballroom, drawing room, dining room and entrance

hall floors.

Structural upgrades have included stabilising the great urns, chimneys and parapets, repairing the back stairs and kitchen ceiling timbers, installing new structural supports in the cellar and opening up blocked chimneys.

Para Para has an extraordinary mixture of architectural design. Georgian, colonial verandas with sloping roofs were added on either side of the front door, which was covered by an imposing portico sporting Corinthian pillars and a balustrade on the balcony above.

Vermin eradication is an ongoing chore to keep out pigeons, rodents, termites and beehives have been removed from chimneys.

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF THE CWA

In May the Gawler Branch of the SA Country Women's Association (SACWA) celebrated 80 years with a special historical memorabilia display at the Gawler Civic Centre, which was officially opened by SACWA Patron the Governor's wife, Mrs Lan Le.

Local SACWA Gawler members spent many hours putting together the exhibition with the support of curators Jacinta and Petra from the Town of Gawler, who mentored the ladies, showing them how to display their unique history and select themes of significance.

"Everything displayed must have a connection to your branch they said! We hope to have achieved this," said Marilyn Curtis, Chairperson of the 80-year History Display called, "Not Just Tea & Scones."

"80 years is a long, long, long time to serve a community and in that time many changes have taken place," said Mrs Curtis.

The journey of researching the local SACWA history started with the launch of the Past Presidents Honour Board in 2019 and has uncovered many unknown stories, such as this one shared by Marilyn Curtis.

"I was coming home from work with my husband in the car and all of a sudden I said to him, I need to go to the CWA hall straight away, he said what now? we had been travelling an hour and its 6pm, yes now the woman in the photo is calling me she has a story, he said what photo I said the first committee photo.

I said when I enlarged that photo, she was different to the other women and she was holding a posy why! Taking a magnifying glass I got back to our hall and read the faint writing, It said, "This photo was taken with the first committee on the occasion of the visit of Mrs. Daisy Bates."

Well who is she? I rang my mother, she said Mrs Daisy Bates lived amongst the Aborigines. So next morning down I go to the curator Jacinta, she pulls up the old Bunyip Newspaper to 1940 when our Branch was formed and there it reads CWA Gawler Branch President Miss Florence Barnet invited Mrs. Daisy Bates now 81 to speak in the Institute Hall to 100 school children and invited guests about her experiences with the Aborigines and a large amount of money was raised for the SACWA Ambulance Fund."



Celebrating 80 years of the Gawler CWA – Mayor Karen Redman, Mrs Lan Le, Marliyn Curtis and Tony Piccolo

"We salute them for their achievements from when the branch was formed in 1940 through the War Years and to survive the many challenges and changes. They would want us to continue their good work," said Mrs Curtis.

BUSINESS HUB LAUNCHES IN GAWLER

Business Hub has opened another location in the heart of Murray Street Gawler. Number 119 is now home to local entrepreneurs, business owners and freelancers working in modern and affordable and office spaces.

Business Hub creates affordable office space for business owners looking to operate, network and grow their business. Clients benefit from super-fast internet, free parking, kitchen facilities, meeting room use and access to other Business Hub's across Adelaide.

Business owners now have the opportunity to work flexible hours from either home when needed or in a safe, professional and productive office environment without being locked into long term lease agreements.

"We have seen that many business owners would like a flexible hybrid model of working from home and the office whenever they choose. Business Hub tailors the serviced offices to support businesses with flexible terms, no bonds

or security deposits and all the amenities needed for a great workplace environment," said George Kipriz CEO of Business Hub.

This flexible office arrangement allows businesses to operate with confidence and move forward with their ideas and concepts without the risks associated with long term leases. Reduced capital expenditure on office fitout and equipment means business owners can concentrate on their business and outsource the office.

Georgia Kipriz, Business Hub General Manager, has been managing serviced offices across Adelaide for the past 10 years and has identified Gawler as a key growth area in Northern Adelaide.

"We deal with many businesses both large and small and see a real need for our offering. We make the process easy and affordable to enter the office market, and our members receive a lot of benefits when joining. Access to our other sites is available together with some great networking opportunities"



Georgia and George Kipriz at the new Business Hub at 119 Murray Street, Gawler.

For more information call Dave Thornton, Community Manager at Business Hub Gawler on **0412 829 502** or email **info@businesshuboffices.com.au**.

NEW CARTRIDGE WORLD IN GAWLER



Ben Allan, Co-owner Craig Watson, Lachlan Williams from Leading Edge Telecoms, Co-owner and store manager Dean Allan, Tash Nankivell along with Sally McClure and Michelle Perepelicia from Maxima

The new Cartridge World Gawler store has just opened at 116 Murray Street and it is a shining example of how the Gawler Business Community can work together and help each

other's businesses to service the town and support local jobs.

Dean Allan, co-owner and manager of Cartridge World Gawler said, "Setting up the new store has been a breeze because local businesses have been quick to come forward and help us."

Jackson Dare at Elders Real Estate Gawler helped find the perfect street location.

The team at Maxima Gawler helped with recruiting staff for the store.

Lachlan and Richard at Leading Edge Telecoms Gawler helped with the IT requirements.

Tammy and the team at MGA Insurance Brokers Gawler provided the business insurance.

Robert Wegener of Wegener Painting Services Gawler gave the store a fresh coat of paint.

The Commonwealth Bank Gawler helped with setting up the business bank accounts.

Cartridge World Gawler is also partnering with businesses in the area that can see value in

selling cartridges and printing products to their customers.

"If you have a business in the Gawler area and believe that your customers will benefit from buying cartridges and printing products from you, we are very keen to talk with you about becoming a Cartridge World Agent".

One local business has already seen the benefit in doing this, as the Willaston Post Office is now an authorised Cartridge World Agent.

"Thank you to all the local businesses who have helped us get up and running and we look forward to assisting everyone in Gawler and the surrounding regions with their printing and stationery requirements."

The next time you are in town, drop in to 116 Murray Street and say hi to the staff at Cartridge World Gawler, give them a call on **08 8522 7500**, or email them at **gawler@cartridgeworld.com.au** and find out how Cartridge World Gawler can help you with your printing and stationery needs.

DINNER, SOUP & MORE AT GAWLER SMOOTHIE JUICE BAR

The Gawler Smoothie Juice Bar, conveniently located at 140 Murray Street near the gym, is proving popular with locals offering a range of healthy energy boosting drinks such as smoothies and juices blended from fresh fruits, fruit juices and root juices.

"We also offer frozen yogurts such as vanilla and mango with toppings, currently we have 14 toppings and you can have three at one time," says business owner Manpreet Sidhu.

Since opening in January the menu has been diversified in recent months to include coffee, hot pies and a variety of protein balls such as chocolate dates and nuts, chocolate peanut butter, cranberry coconut and pistachio, which are made with different nuts and dried fruits.

"We also have a number of acai and pitaya bowls with different toppings. If you need a healthy lunch there are sandwiches and salads. We have chicken cucumber and avocado sandwiches, cheese and

tomato and plain cheese sandwiches."

"Now, talking about salads we have chicken avocado salad, mixed beans salad, Greek salad, egg salad and couscous salad."

"As the winter season is approaching we have started selling soups such as veggie and chicken corn soup and may be more after assessing the demand from customers."

"As well as this we started offering coffee and hot food such as pies. Lastly, we also have water, kids fruit juices, jelly, up and go."

A dinner service is next on the menu at the Gawler Smoothie Juice Bar.

"Our next plan is to open an Indian Currie Cuisine by the end of June and we are planning to extend our opening hours so customers can enjoy dinner as well."

As the business is grows Manpreet Sidhu wants to provide job opportunities to local people in



Tony Piccolo with business owner Manpreet Sidhu

Gawler.

"A few more local jobs in the town is encouraging," said local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo.

NEW GIFT SHOP IN GAWLER



Tony Piccolo with Erin Roesler at thirteen 22, 124 Murray Street, Gawler

Thirteen22 is Gawler’s newest gift shop offering a mix of boutique items that you can purchase for special people on that special occasion.

Located on the main street, just off of Gawler

Arcade Thirteen22 has been established by local mother/daughter team Karen and Erin Roesler who have created a warm and welcoming space, filled to the brim with affordable and beautiful products, ready for all occasions.

The main philosophy for Thirteen22 is to bring together locally sourced and beautiful Australian products in one place and to support local artisan producers.

“We wanted to create a boutique gift shop which would provide unique gifts and products that were not previously available in this region,” Karen said.

“I have selected things I would love to buy for myself or as gifts for friends.

Erin, who primarily works in the gift store, will welcome you with a beaming smile and her knowledge of the products will ensure that you can find the perfect product, either for yourself or a friend, while Karen loves to source quality and unique items to introduce to Thirteen22.

The range at Thirteen22 contains organic skin care products, luscious handmade soaps, fragrances, candles, artisan bags and jewellery and plants, just to name a few. The man in your life will also love the razors and organic deodorants on offer.

A noteworthy provision at Thirteen22 is the “Pottery for the Planet” range of glazed earthenware cups and teapots which will surely soothe your eyes as well as your thirst. Handmade in Australia, each ceramic item is gloriously unique, tactile and sustainable, particularly the handy travel cups.

There is plenty of parking nearby, with easy access to shop via Gawler Arcade.

Next time you are in town call into 124 Murray Street Gawler.

For updates on new products and specials please follow the store on Instagram thirteen22_ and Facebook Thirteen22.

Karen and Erin would love to see you at Thirteen22 soon!

STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES AT IMPRINT FLOWERS

A fresh new family run florist opened on 6 January 2021 in Tod Street, Gawler and is proving to be popular with locals seeking to mark that special occasion.

“We fell in love with the great building and of course lots of car parking space which is always a bit of a challenge in Gawler so it was very hard to not take up this opportunity to start up our own florist shop. This has been on the cards around our table for the past 10 years.

The building has so much character and so many stories behind it.

I have always loved the different varieties of flowers whether it’s the colours, shapes or smells. Flowers make us feel happy and the people we give them to feel special.

The market has really opened up now to have all these readily available almost 12 months of the year.

We have introduced something a little bit different, where we can add a special touch to your bouquet or arrangement with a little saying as simple as “Happy Birthday,” which is stamped on and will stay on as long as the life of the flower or leaf.

We have many different templates to suit every occasion. It’s a different way of expression.

Our business is growing and the customers have been so friendly, positive and supportive. We love a chat too. We are online and will do deliveries as far as Adelaide and to the Barossa with a fee so please give us a ring and we will quote over the phone for different areas or if you are needing anything specific we are here to help you.

Gawler has always been our hometown so it’s nice to be able to have a shop here in this rapid growing town.

COVID-19 taught us to stop and smell the roses, so we thought why not !!! Let’s do this and this is what we have done. We truly love the interaction with the flowers and customers. The business is supporting local jobs and we have three florists on board, an admin person and one delivery driver at this stage.

With so many weddings being rebooked after the pandemic, its kept us on our toes along with sad occasions such as funerals and the blessings of new births and everything in between. It has been an exciting start to our growing business.

Again we cannot thank everyone enough for all your support, and continued support, chats and some funny stories told along the way.

We are here to help you as best as we can to make your moments memorable.” ~ Adele and Josie Wilton



Imprint Flowers
1/1 Tod Street, Gawler SA 5118
0488 662 488

MANDY SQUEEZING MORE OUT OF LIFE AT BOOST JUICE GAWLER



Mandy Turner with Sasha Phillips, Ruby Jones and Tony Piccolo at Boost Juice Gawler.

Starting a business can be one of the most difficult challenges a person can undertake. Mandy Turner shares some insights into her fun and sometimes scary experience changing careers from education to juice bar operator.

“A little about me. I was called brave, crazy and lucky about my decision to leave education and embark on my Boost Juice journey. I think it was all of them rolled into one.

I am in my 50’s and never owned a business, although it was a dream to. I fell into education so to speak, about 20 years ago. My son Daniel (27) (William’s Syndrome) went to special school where I started off volunteering until I was offered employment. I worked in administration and the classroom at Adelaide North Special School. The disability sector is a major part of my life and always will be. Along with Daniel, I have three daughters ranging in age from 33 to 14.

In 2019 some major personal things happened (including my Mum passing away) which led to some decisions about the future. We all love Boost Juice, and after some research it was decided this was what I wanted to do. It was now or never and in January 2020 I sent in the application of interest to Boost Juice. The journey began.

COVID slowed things a little, but in October 2020 Boost Juice approved the application to be a Boost Juice Partner. Apparently Boost Juice accept only 7% of applicants!

I knew that I wanted to employ local and support local. I asked ‘I’m from Gawler’ Facebook group if they would share that we were hiring, and we received over 400 applications in a

week. Their support was appreciated.

On 25 March 2021 we opened the doors of Boost Juice Gawler. I was terrified, excited and on occasions wondered if I would ever sleep again. Gawler has been amazingly supportive and one of the best feelings is being embraced by the community.

The neighbouring businesses have been so supportive, offering plenty of advice and making me feel welcome.

We are still in our infancy, but I am excited about where this journey will take us. I am so grateful for where I am now. It was overwhelming at times but feels like I am where I am supposed to be in this next chapter of life.” ~ Mandy Turner

TONY LAUNCHES HIS “COMMITTED TO LIGHT” CAMPAIGN

A year out from the 2022 State Election, SA Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas launched Tony Piccolo’s campaign for re-election for the seat of Light.

A crowd of about 100 people gathered at the Gawler Cinema in March for a special viewing of a short video about Tony Piccolo’s life and values since migrating to Australia as a toddler in 1963.

Mr Piccolo was accompanied by family and friends, and many local people from across local government and community organisations.

Mr Piccolo said this next election is about one thing – the Community of the Light Electorate – and who is the best candidate to represent the interests of this community in State Parliament, and all going well, in a Malinauskas Labor Government.

Mr Piccolo said a society is best judged not by its material wealth, as important as it may be, but how it treats its most vulnerable.

“This is why I entered public life,” Mr Piccolo said.

“If there are two common factors that help determine our quality of life it is the education we receive and the work we do.”

“These two factors influence the housing we have, the health services we can access and the opportunity to fully participate in community.

A special address was also delivered by Mr Piccolo’s long-standing friend and tireless community volunteer, Ms Judy

Gillett-Ferguson. Ms Gillett-Ferguson said Tony has always been highly visible, easily contactable MP and a good listener.

“When not in parliament he meets with individuals and groups and listens and follows up on their concerns,” Ms Gillett-Ferguson said.

“He attends many public functions, small local groups, schools, church groups, service clubs and many more.”

“Tony is well known for his loyalty and commitment to the Light Electorate and his honesty and integrity in dealing with issues important to this community.”

In officially launching Tony’s campaign, SA Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas said,

“It was a pleasure to officially launch Tony’s campaign. He has a strong track record as a hardworking Member of Parliament who is respected by his community.”

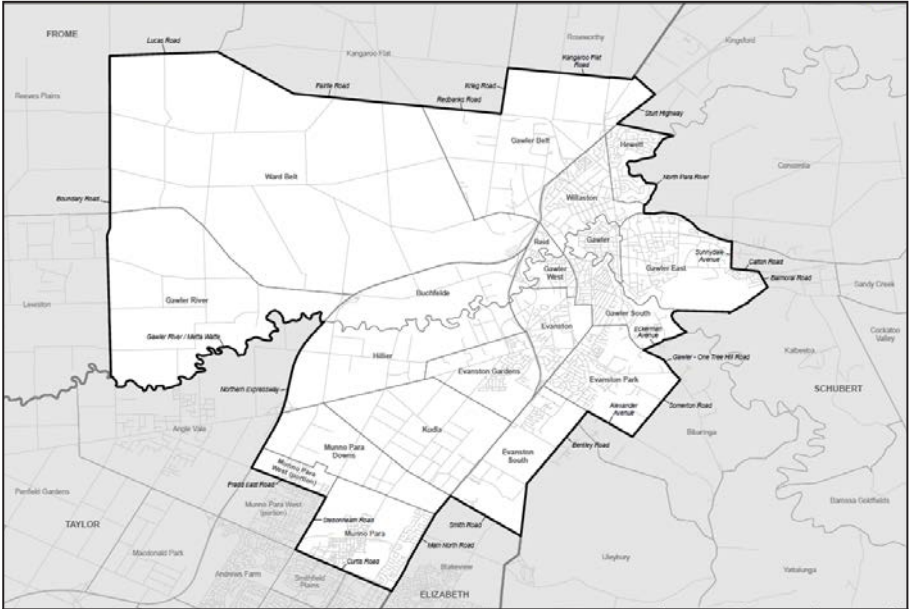
The State Election will be held on Saturday 19 March 2022.

The new electorate boundaries for the March 2022 Election have been finalised. The localities of Gawler Belt, Gawler River and Ward Belt will return to Light, from neighbouring Schubert. The only other change is that a portion of the suburb of Munno Para West will shift into neighbouring Taylor.

There is no change for people living in Buchfelde, Hillier, Kudla, Munno Para Downs, Munno Para, Evanston, Evanston South, Evanston Gardens, Evanston Park, Reid, Willaston, Hewett, Gawler West, Gawler East, Gawler South and Gawler.



Tony Piccolo MP flanked by family, friends and community members with SA Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas, Shadow Treasurer Stephen Mullighan, Justin Hanson MLC and Nick Champion MP at the Gawler Cinemas.



The new electoral boundary for Light

SUPPORT ANZAC DAY, LEST WE FORGET



Part of the crowd at the Hillier Residential Park ANZAC Day Dawn Service



Gawler RSL President (third from left) and guests at the small ANZAC Day Dawn Service held at the Gawler RSL Clubrooms.

Increasing red tape and infrastructure requirements by all levels of government are killing off important community events local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo has warned.

Mr Piccolo said he is receiving an increasing number of complaints from community organisations who have expressed frustration at the resources now needed to host local events.

“The enthusiasm, commitment and passion of our volunteers is being buried under a mountain of red

tape,” said Mr Piccolo.

“While I understand the need for extra precautions in a world concerned about the real dangers posed by COVID 19, governments also need to appreciate the negative impact restrictions are having on everyday community life.”

“Yes, we need to stay safe, but we need to manage risks and work with our community organisations to maintain our important community events.”

Mr Piccolo said he had received numerous complaints, many via Facebook, from local people who were bitterly disappointed that the traditional ANZAC Day dawn service didn’t take place this year in Gawler.

“The feedback I have received is that local and state governments can find monies to fund sporting events and arts festivals, but not for services to commemorate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation,” said Mr Piccolo.

“People also appear to be losing confidence in the health message as a result of what they believe are inconsistencies in how attendance caps are set for various events.”

“We need to support our community organisations to host these types of significant commemorative services as they are central to our national identity.”

“ANZAC Day Dawn Services and other commemorative events enable the community to acknowledge and honour the service of our veterans and provide some comfort to their families that their sacrifice was not in vain.”

“It helps to bring our community together.”

“Governments at all levels just need to do it better and prioritise their expenditure to ensure they are financially supported.”

JUMP IN SUPPORT OPTIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Located at Evanston, Jump In Support Options was founded in 2017 by support workers Scarlett and Kelsey who wanted to offer a service to support people living with a disability in a family-style atmosphere.

CEO Scarlett Illman founded the initiative at age 18, with her wife Kelsey, which has gone from strength to strength now employing 14 staff and supporting about 50 people across the state.

"We are a very tight knit team that works closely with the families we support to make sure the highest level of care and support is maintained," said Mrs Illman.

Jump In Support Options primarily supports individuals with high health-care needs and/or intellectual and physical disabilities.

"We will work with support coordinators, therapists, teachers and families to determine whether our services are a good fit for you," she said.

Primarily a short-term accommodation provider Jump In also provides adult weekday programs three

days a week, In home supports, social and community inclusion, a school holiday program and support and advocacy services.

Giving back to the community is an important part of Scarlett and Kelsey's work. They recently organized an art show to raise funds for Errington Special Education Centre middle years classes.

"Our art show was a great success and we will be releasing a photo book of all the art and photos from the day," said Scarlett.

"We had over 350 people attend the event, most of whom had a disability. We had a great time and will soon be releasing a video which captured the activities from the day."

In January of this year Scarlett's work to establish Jump In Support Options was recognised with not one, but two Australia Day Awards as the Gawler Young Citizen of the Year and Corporate Citizen of the Year.

Local Member of Parliament of Tony Piccolo said,

"I would like to congratulate Scarlett



Gawler Mayor Karen Redman with Scarlett Illman and her wife Kelsey who is a Co-Director of Jump-In Support Options

on her achievement, and I would like to personally thank her and the Jump in support team for their ongoing service to the local community."

"The programs and services they provide are so important to the local community and are vital for people living with a disability and their families."

EXPOS TO HELP FAMILIES LIVING WITH DISABILITY



Disability Expo at Adelaide North Special Schools with teachers Jessica Bedell and Amy Checkley.

Two expos to provide information and advice for people living with a disability and their families and carers

were held in June.

The evening event hosted at the Salvation Army's Riverside Centre included more than 15 different services providers exhibiting their services to inform people living with disability and their families and assist them to have a better understanding of the options available and help them with their decision making.

"Negotiating the NDIS is not an easy task, so families need information and advice on what are the best services for their family member or the person they are caring for," said Mr Piccolo.

"A range of service providers

covering the areas of accommodation, day options, respite care, training and employment, art and recreation will be exhibiting at the expo," said Mr Piccolo.

"Families took up the opportunity to speak directly with service providers, and more importantly, ask questions about the different service options available."

"Hopefully, the expo and forum helped families with their decision making."

Mr Piccolo also urged people to consider a career in the disability sector to come along and talk to potential employers to see what local job opportunities exist.

"Working in the disability sector can be incredibly rewarding. Disability support workers help people with daily tasks, provide companionship, encouraging social outings and support people to achieve their goals and live life to their fullest."

For those families who were not able to attend the evening event, a second expo and forum was held earlier that day at the Adelaide North Special School located in Munno Para.

If you would like to be involved in future forums please contact the office of Tony Piccolo MP on **8522 2878** or via email at light@parliament.sa.gov.au

COFFEE & ART THRIVING AT HEWETT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Over the past two years the Hewett Community Centre has witnessed many changes most notably the Kingfisher Café and the Collaborative Occupational Therapy (COT) programs that encourage more interaction between community members and people living with a disability.

During a recent visit Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo met café staff who have been trained by COT mentors.

"The Kingfisher Café has given opportunities to seven very proud individuals experiencing disability and mental illness, providing them a sense of purpose and identity within the community," said Mr Piccolo.

"Customers are enjoying the interaction with young vibrant volunteer staff who are enjoying the dignity of purposeful work," he said.

Participants have reported they are feeling "very supported" and are "enjoying the opportunity to work and to challenge themselves" according to coordinator and occupational therapist Joanne Robertson.

"The Café is providing people with a space to chat with volunteers, some who may have experienced similar experiences of social isolation, to ease their feelings of loneliness," Joanne said.

In addition to the café COT also offers therapeutic groups that decrease social isolation and provides individual support to assist people obtain and maintain employment.

"Groups sessions offer participants opportunities to improve life skills, learn from one another, build friendships, and to accomplish achievements with meaning and purpose in a safe and inclusive environment," said Joanne.

Two of the current groups on offer have a focus on creativity whilst the other two focus on cooking, and another of cognitive stimulation. Participants within the creative groups restore furniture, make jewellery and produce unique art pieces.

Sadly, at present there are no formal avenues to sell the items for artists and creative pieces are going into an off-site-storage shed for the moment, which is

disappointing for the artists.

In a partnership with the University of South Australia, two Occupational Therapy students, Jessica Capurso and Colin Pugh, are now embarking on a project to promote and sell creative works.

"Knowing their pieces will be sold is providing participants with meaning and purpose as they work beyond having something to do with their day," said Jessica Capurso.

Jessica and Colin will be working with local businesses to give participants the opportunity to see their own art on display in their community, ultimately giving them more motivation, fulfillment and purpose.

If you are a local business who may be interested in supporting creative groups through the sale or advertisement of products, or you are eager to check out the new Café. Please head to the Hewett Centre daily between 10:00am - 2:00pm or contact Joanne Robertson on **0423 782 320** or email: contact@joanne-robertson.com.



(From Left) Project Facilitators Colin and Jessie, Tony Piccolo, Café volunteer Jacob, and group participants Melissa and Kate enjoy a coffee together at the Hewett Community Centre Inclusive Café.



Tony Piccolo and Collaborative Occupational Therapy Director Joanne admiring the furniture art of group participant Gemma, supported by her carer Karen.

MAKE IT HERE



The pandemic, and the pandemic recovery, are laying bare fundamental flaws in our economy: we simply don't make enough things, and in times of crisis, we are reliant upon the unreliable.

Even before the pandemic we ignored the warning signs. Workers in many industries have long felt the lash of economic reform without the incentives to move to more advanced jobs.

What do I mean by this? The loss of making cars from our nation is a perfect example. Canada, Germany, China and many other nations – all make cars and their parts.

In a nation that will be sitting on billions of dollars of COVID-19 debt for many decades to come – what was the actual value of telling car manufacturers to go somewhere else?

What advanced manufacturing replaced this critical turning point in our nation's history?

Put simply, its hard losing your job at any time. But it's a whole lot harder when the only job to move to is a less complex and - more than likely - a lower paying one.

We should use what we make.

Right now 270 kilometres of high voltage transmission lines are being run from Cultana to Port Lincoln – a \$300 million dollar project that won't use even one bar of Australian steel.

The excuse from Electranet who are building the project is: "Unfortunately local steel couldn't meet the criteria".

The steel works at Whyalla is literally right next door to this project.

This is bizarre given that the same company will use local concrete – why?

They say because it's the best "cost structure".

The concrete is presumably shipped all the way out of Port Adelaide.

A cost structure that can ship concrete, but won't accommodate driving next door to pick up Australian steel.

That's just not good enough.

I am not aware of even one major project currently underway where the Marshall Liberal Government is using Australian steel or concrete.

It is shameful. But more than this we need to have a vision for the future of jobs and industry that goes beyond basketball stadiums for the city.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING AT RISK

For the past decade the State Government has contributed more than \$185 million to public libraries across South Australia, but now this vital funding is at risk according to Member of Parliament Justin Hanson.

The approaching expiry of the 10-year Memorandum of Agreement has highlighted concerning factors that provide some insights into how the Marshall Liberal Government plans to fund public libraries.

The Marshall Liberal Government have an unenviable track record of privatising and chronically underfunding

important community assets and so far has refused to deliver any future funding guarantees to South Australia's public libraries.

"Premier Steven Marshall has refused to deliver any assurance to South Australia's Public Library network regarding the current funding agreement," said Mr Hanson.

"This is a major concern that could impact and jeopardise the current public library funding agreement and could potentially reduce the community access to our much-loved public libraries."

"Libraries are an essential public

service and are an accessible community hub for many people."

"Libraries offer a variety of positive programs for our community and encourage great social inclusion. If the funding agreement is abolished or cut by the Marshall Liberal Government, it could lead to mean fewer books on shelves and fewer community services in our public libraries."

"This is an important consideration that needs to be addressed in order to pursue the undervalued recognition that public libraries across South Australia provide for our local community."



Local MP Tony Piccolo and Justin Hanson MLC at the Gawler Civic Centre Library

GAWLER AMBULANCE SERVICE NEEDS MORE SUPPORT



This is Neil, he is a dedicated ambulance officer who has lived in Gawler with his young family for many years.

Neil loves living in Gawler with his young family and has watched Gawler and the surrounding region grow and prosper over the years. The town of Gawler has grown with Evanston South, Evanston Gardens, Springwood, and Gawler East all expanding.

Throughout all these years, while the scope and skills required for work as an ambulance officer have changed, there has only ever been one ambulance in the town. This single ambulance is responsible for covering a large area all the way up to Burra.

Neil wants this changed. The health needs of Gawler and the wider

community are changing.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will commit \$100 million to country health and hospitals, instead of proceeding with Steven Marshall's \$662 million inner city basketball stadium.

The Marshall Liberal Government committed funding to the Basketball Stadium in the most recent State Budget, meanwhile, Steven Marshall is cutting more than 80 staff from country Local Health Networks.

In the same budget, Steven Marshall is cutting overall funding from the health system, reducing the total health spend

by \$274 million.

By contrast, SA Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas will not proceed with the stadium, and instead invest that money in the State's health system to address hospital overcrowding and ambulance ramping - with \$100 million of that funding to be specifically allocated to country health.

South Australia needs leadership on the important issue of health, it is time we focus on the important issue of health, get hospital ramping in order instead of building a basketball stadium in the city that nobody has asked for.

FOI REVEALS GAWLER MFS SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY 2021

Gawler should have a new Metropolitan Fire Service Station built and operational by 2021 according to documents obtained through Freedom of Information.

Unfortunately, it seems the Marshall Liberal Government has failed the town of Gawler and the surrounding suburbs in protecting lives and homes by failing to build and invest in a new MFS station.

Documents uncovered by Member of Parliament Justin Hanson in a recent Freedom of information search has exposed the Marshall Liberal

Government is underinvesting in vital community safety infrastructure in the Gawler region.

"The South Australian MFS response to the 30-year plan document clearly states the Ayers Street MFS station commissioned in 1981, with a life expectancy of 30 should have been replaced in 2021," said Mr Hanson.

"To date no ground has been broken on a new MFS station in Gawler, this is another black mark against the Marshall Liberal Government and their handling of the MFS and how they treat South

Australian firefighters."

The Gawler MFS station fiasco comes on top of regional MFS crews not being supplied with thermal imaging cameras, ageing fire trucks that have passed their safe used by date and a lack of bushfire protection equipment for MFS firefighters, putting lives at risk.

The Marshall Liberal Government seems more focused on building a basketball stadium in the city than investing in life saving infrastructure to help save lives in Gawler.



Local MP Tony Piccolo and Justin Hanson MLC at the Gawler MFS

THE PARA PIONEER

The Heart of Munno Para

Edition 1 July 2021



SAVE THE ADELAIDE 500 CAMPAIGN CRUISES INTO NORTHERN ADELAIDE & GAWLER

Local car enthusiasts flocked to Princess Park in May to join about another 100 Holden, Ford and other classic cars owners who drove from Mile End to Gawler to protest against the Marshall Liberal Government's decision to axe the Adelaide 500.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo who was at Princess Park to welcome the drivers as they arrived, said we need more events to create and support jobs given that South Australia has the worst unemployment rate in Australia.

"Instead, the Marshall Liberal Government axed an event which supports hundreds of jobs and six months later it still hasn't announced a replacement."

According to the government's own numbers, the 2019 Adelaide

500 attracted 254,000 people, generated \$45.9 million in economic activity, created 435 jobs, lured 15,200 interstate and overseas visitors and supported 90,000 visitor nights

In November last year, Premier Steven Marshall announced he was creating the Events Advisory Group. He said the group would act as a "think tank" to "supercharge" events in South Australia, helping to "boost bed nights" and "create jobs".

"But the reality is that more than six months later, the government has failed to announce one new event for South Australia," said Mr Piccolo.

The SA Labor Opposition has reached an agreement with Supercars Australia to bring back

the Adelaide 500 to the streets of Adelaide if Labor is elected into Government in March 2022.

The government decided to axe the Adelaide 500 before thinking about the consequences or what it would replace the race with.

Mr Piccolo said to make things worse the Government have also decided to undertake a fire sale of all the Adelaide 500 assets.

"As one car enthusiast said on Sunday, the Premier has behaved like a child throwing its toys out of the cot," said Mr Piccolo.

That's why Labor has reached agreement with Supercars to bring back the Adelaide 500. This would bring back the visitors, bring back the economic activity and bring back the jobs.

WELCOME TO THE PARA PIONEER

Welcome to the newest section of Enlightened called The Para Pioneer which will feature stories and local community news from Munno Para, Munno Para West and surrounding areas.

In the local Kurna dialect, Munno Para means golden wattle creek, which refers to either the Gawler River (which starts at the meeting of the South Para River and North Para River) or the Little Para River. That is a lot of "Paras."

It is an exciting time in the Munno Para area with a growing number of new families moving into the area who are benefiting from great local schools such as Mark Oliphant and St Columba Colleges. Such is the demand that MOC is growing beyond capacity and I have received many complaints from both parents and nearby residents about traffic congestion.

This area will experience some "growing pains" but it is important that we address issues in a proactive way if we are to develop a strong, connected and healthy community.

If you live the "Para" areas and have some ideas about how we can strengthen the community please contact the office of the local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo and he will be keen to discuss them with you.

We hope you like our new feature and please feel free to suggest stories which need to be told and reflect the lives of people living in the local area.

ADD YOUR VOICE!



SCAN & SIGN ONLINE

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FOUNDATION STUDIES

Enrolments are now open for the Flinders University 2021 Foundation Studies program which guarantees successful students a place in degree programs for local people in a range of programs, including science, engineering science, IT, disability, developmental education, and business. Continued on P4.



MARK OLIPHANT COLLEGE

The Marshall Liberal Government has brushed aside concerns about child safety expressed by the local community in the \$5.3 million expansion of Mark Oliphant College (MOC). The expansion of the college will create places for an additional 100 students and generate more traffic in the locality. Continued on P2.



WOMEN'S SHED

More than one thousand men's sheds have become a fixture in communities across Australia over the past thirty years and now the Playford Women's Shed at Davoren Park is thriving as a place where local women regularly meet to support each other. Continued on P3.

UNIVERISTY KICKS OFF AGAIN IN THE NORTH



(from left) Tony Piccolo MP, Flinders University Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Clare Pollock, Foundation Studies Graduate (and now Flinders University Undergraduate student), Kylie Watson, and Mayor Glenn Docherty from the City of Playford.

Enrolments are now open for the Flinders University 2021 Foundation Studies program which guarantees successful students a place in degree programs for local people in a range of programs, including science, engineering science, IT, disability, developmental education, and business.

Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo who helped initiate the program in 2019 says Foundation studies creates an important pathway to undergraduate

programs particularly for students who are not able to obtain an ATAR for direct entry into their preferred course.

“Both high school leavers and mature aged residents in Adelaide’s northern suburbs seeking a career change can now follow the same career pathway,” said Mr Piccolo.

“The Flinders University Foundation Studies program is making a big difference to the lives of young people seeking to undertake tertiary studies.”

“In 2020, 49 students attended the program at the Stretton Centre in Munno Para and I hope that more local people will take up the course this year.”

“I am pleased that after a successful pilot program in 2020, the City of Playford has renewed its partnership with Flinders University to deliver the Northern Adelaide Foundation Studies program at the Stretton Centre in 2021 creating opportunities for those living north of the CBD to realise their career aspirations through tertiary education.”

“Whether a school leaver who didn’t quite achieve the ATAR for their desired course, or someone a little older who perhaps didn’t complete secondary school or who is looking to change their career path, Foundation Studies opens the door to a degree.”

“Having this university presence at the

Stretton Centre increases accessibility to further education for people in the North of Adelaide.

“The accessibility of the programs in the local area means more young people are studying at university.”

Flinders University Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students) Professor Clare Pollock says the Flinders Foundation Studies program offers a great pathway for students seeking to take their first steps and opens up entry into a range of undergraduate degrees.

“Whether you’re a school leaver seeking a new pathway, or someone looking to upskill or develop skills for a new career path, completion of Foundation studies will open the door to a degree,” said Professor Pollock.

The program also gives adults who missed out the first time a chance to do university studies.

Kylie Watson who lives at Blakeview completed the Foundation studies course in 2020 and is doing very well in the first year of her Bachelor of Social Work achieving High Distinctions and Distinctions for her undergraduate coursework.

“Without the Flinders Foundation course, I would not have been able to achieve such high grades in my first year

as a university student,” Ms Watson said.

When Kylie left high school, 14 years prior to commencing the foundation studies course, the thought of starting university had always seemed out of reach.

“After becoming a stay-at-home mum, I decided to use this time off work to study at TAFE SA doing a business administration course, this led to a desire to study again with a goal to get a career where I felt like I could make a difference.

“A friend and former Flinders university graduate told me to look into the foundation courses available and from there I was delighted to see the Stretton centre was going to be providing the Flinders Foundation Studies course.”

“I believe that having the foundation program available locally made all the difference in taking that first step for me as it was easily accessible and not too far to travel and commit to this new journey.”

Kylie has gained a range of skills from the program, like to think critically, reference properly and construct an essay properly from the introduction through to the conclusion. It also gave me the experience to be involved in classroom discussion, both in class and online, and how to use constructive feedback to improve my writing.”

MAENDA, THE FASTEST 14YO IN AUSTRALIA

Mark Oliphant College (MOC) Year 9 student Maenda Maenda could well be the fastest 14-year-old in Australia and is aiming to compete at the highest level in sprinting.

The fourth of six children Maenda migrated to Australia from Congo with his family in 2011 and they have been living in Munno Para West for about three years.

His star is rising fast and he has already been dubbed as the “Australian Carl Lewis” who happens to be one of the athletes he looks up to along with modern heroes such as Usain Bolt.

By the time he reaches his prime as a runner, in his early to mid-twenties, that will be between the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris and 2028 in Los Angeles.

“Olympic and Commonwealth Games

is where I am aiming to compete,” says Maenda.

He broke the Australian Junior under 14 record with a time of 11.10 seconds in the 100m. This also broke the State Junior under 14 record. His best time in the 200m is 23.00 seconds and he also competes in the 400m.

Maenda sticks to a strict training schedule and is currently focussing on improving his race starts to inch down towards the 10 second barrier in the 100m.

“I need to get faster out of the blocks,” he says.

“I also need to work on my endurance beyond 150m in the 200m races.”

He is working with his coach Rick Wilson at the Saints Athletic Club and recently received the Most Outstanding

Athlete Award in his first year of serious competition. He is off to a promising career start.

If the running career doesn’t take off Maenda is also focussing on his studies and wants to work in forensic psychology and possibly sport psychology. He has started to think more about psychology in his own training and competing.

Running started out as just a fun activity, and when Maenda was in Year 2 he was surprised to beat Year 4 students at school sports day.

For Maenda running is a passion, and when he is out there that is all he is focussing on. He is in his comfort zone working towards his goals.

Maenda is finding the right balance between serious focus and having fun.



14 year-old Maenda Maenda from Munno Para West is working towards elite running competition

POWER CUP LIGHTS UP CULLUM’S LIFE



Callum Coffee with his student leadership award

The Power Cup has led to major changes in the life of Mark Oliphant College (MOC) student, Cullum Coffee.

His teacher, Mr Brodie Cheeseman said Callum “was interested in everything but the work at hand, he promised he’d have work done next lesson, only for the next lesson to arrive and no work still been completed.”

But things then suddenly changed. To participate in the Power Cup, Cullum had to meet various schoolwork targets and with the assistance of schoolteachers, family and friends he reached the KPIs and was permitted to enter the Cup.

Mr Cheeseman said that “He was so reluctant to go to Power cup, the night before we left, he dropped his permission slip off to me, being sarcastic and joking about how much he loved footy and couldn’t wait to go.”

“So, when we arrived at Power Cup, the students get their boots on, find the oval for our first game and get into handball and kicking lanes.”

“Callum comes up and says that he wants to play down back if he has to

play.”

“I was thinking I’ll put him on for a couple minutes and call him off once he starts getting bored with it all. This never happened.”

“Once the siren rang, Callum switched on.”

“Callum was a machine out there, he was chasing people down, landing big tackles and clearing the ball out whenever we needed.”

“Everybody was shocked,” exclaimed Mr Cheeseman.

But this appeared to be only the beginning of Cullum’s personal growth.

Mr Cheeseman said it was rare for Callum to speak in South Australian Aboriginal Sports Academy activities, let alone participate in group activities.

“After this game Callum started to take a leadership role, he was speaking to others and myself, letting us know what needed to happen on the field,” said Mr Cheeseman.

“Over a span of 2 days Cullum went from a student who did not want to

attend, to a young man who made a choice to participate to the fullest, giving everything a go and being an outspoken leader who was uplifting and supporting to his team mates.

Along with being a leader at Power Cup, Callum has excelled at Ice Hockey as well. Callum started learning to skate and play hockey after joining the Ice Factor program in 2020.

Through his dedication and love of playing, Callum was selected to join and be representative of Australia’s first Indigenous ice hockey team, the Kurna Boomerangs.

As part of this team, Callum and other Indigenous youth players formed strong friendships that ended up taking them to Canada.

Callum is currently training to represent Indigenous Australians in a New Zealand competition to be held later this year.

In addition to this, Callum is a mentor for the students participating in MOC’s Ice Factor this year, sharing his knowledge, excitement and support.

PLAYFORD WOMEN'S SHED MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE



Tony Piccolo MP with Deb Mitchell.

More than one thousand men's sheds have become a fixture in communities across Australia over the past thirty years and now the Playford Women's Shed at Davoren Park is thriving as a place where local women regularly meet to support each other.

The first women's shed of its kind in South Australia fosters greater social inclusion and encourages local women to work together on creative projects, gain new skills and socialise.

At the end of 2019, Raelene Wlochowicz retired after 28 years of working in the juvenile justice system. In March 2020, on International Women's Day, Raelene and a few friends launched the first women's shed in the state.

It was a tough start, and after only two weeks COVID-19 forced the doors to close. However, during this shutdown Raelene was continually contacted by women who had seen a special television segment on the ABC promoting the shed," said Ms Wlochowicz

"They wanted to support us with donations of all manner of things from clothing, kitchen items, furniture and heaps of craft and art items that would help us with our reopening. Ensuring that COVID-19 safety rules were adhered to a few of us would accept the deliveries and continued to work at preparing for

our reopening,"

"July 1st was a two-edged sword for our Shed community, we reopened the doors but it was with much trepidation as to our future."

However, since that day the shed has blossomed.

"There are so many women who have no one, or nothing. once they come here, they come alive again," said Ms Wlochowicz to State Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo when he visited in May.

"It's not an actual shed; rather Raelene and the team have taken over the cafeteria and a few classrooms at the old Para West Adult Campus," said Mr Piccolo.

The old school will only be a temporary home, as in a few years' time the old buildings will be demolished for new housing.

For Raelene, the idea was to create a place where women who had been sitting idle could be kept productive and engaged. Instead of fixing things, they aim to rehabilitate people's lives and minds.

"The women's shed feels like a community centre, café, garden, a hardware store and an arts supply shop all blended into one, and every week includes workshops for sewing,



L-R Lyne, Tony, Bellin, Raelene, Erlinda & Rosey.

cooking, woodwork, scrapbooking, art and music," said Mr Piccolo.

"Coming to the women's shed isn't just about classes or skills; it's about your whole life experience and being able to do something with it," said Ms Wlochowicz.

The shed is not only helping local women, but also provided support to the Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre in Fitzroy Crossing in the Kimberley region of far north Western Australia, sending two large boxes of dresses, Christmas presents and essentials.

According to Barry Golding, an adult education professor at Federation University Australia who wrote a book about men's sheds, women's sheds are just starting to take off, with around 100 worldwide.

At the Playford Women's Shed you will find women who are survivors of domestic violence and others are widows or out of work. They come for protection, progress and fellowship.

Leanne Jenkins was one of the first members. A mother of two, she had been struggling with severe anxiety and depression when her therapist suggested that the shed might be a good place to make friends and develop new skills. At first, showing up brought

panic attacks. Now, she's at the shed almost every day.

"They treat me like family, and if I'm not here or not around for a week, they come get me," she said. "I feel like I'm relied on. If I don't make it to the shed, I actually feel guilty," said Ms Jenkins.

Early on, the shed secured a small local grant and has grown organically with more than 130 members and more than 800 women who regularly come to the shed seeking services and support.

Many local businesses have provided support, such as Bunnings Munno Para who donated a Sidchrome toolbox on wheels. Shed Treasurer, Jessica St John Starks had the idea of using it as a 1st prize in a Christmas raffle. The list of prizes was immense, 41 in the end, and a few thousand dollars was raised.

Donations of useful goods are in regular supply and some of it can now be found in a "room of love." To get to the room you have to walk down a long school hallway, past a wall of photos with women of all ages smiling. The former classroom has been transformed into a storage warehouse of beauty supplies, dresses, jeans, towels and linen, all of which is provided free for women fleeing domestic violence.

"When they run, they run with nothing," said Ms Wlochowicz.

SMALL AND HOME BUSINESS OWNERS TO HAVE THEIR SAY



Tony Piccolo with Enchanted Café business owner Mr Duc Phan who will host the Business Forum in August

Small business owners, including home based businesses in the Munno Para and Munno Para West areas are invited to come long and share their views and concerns at a business breakfast forum to be hosted by Local Member of Parliament, Tony

Piccolo at 7 am on Tuesday 31 August at Enchanted Café.

Mr Piccolo said the forum will provide an opportunity for local business owners to connect with each other and collaborate to stimulate more positive business activity in the area.

"Given the impacts of COVID19 on business operations, productivity, and confidence I want to boost morale and help local business to thrive and be able to provide more local job opportunities," Mr Piccolo said.

"We are extending the invitation to all types of businesses, including food outlets, retail, services, gyms and in particular people who operate a business from home to come out and tell us about what they do."

"It will be a great networking opportunity, to build deeper and stronger relationships between local business owners."

"I want people to raise any challenges they are facing directly with me so I can better advocate on their behalf."

"I want to work with local business leaders, to re-charge the local economic drivers of the area, and help to re-set our local economy."

"In some cases, it cannot be business as usual, and where possible we need to show how we can all operate in the new digital economy and society."

"We need to ensure we understand our local strengths and how we can make them work for us."

"By working together, we will be better placed to take advantage of Local, State and Commonwealth Government support."

There is no cost to attend the forum where coffee and a light breakfast will be served. Any enquires regarding the forum should be directed to Tony Piccolo's office on **8522 2878** or via email at **light@parliament.sa.gov.au**.

CHILD SAFETY IGNORED IN MARK OLIPHANT COLLEGE EXPANSION



Local MP Tony Piccolo at MOC

The Marshall Liberal Government has brushed aside concerns about child safety expressed by the local community in the \$5.3 million

expansion of Mark Oliphant College (MOC).

The expansion of the college will create places for an additional 100 students and generate more traffic in the locality.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said that while he welcomed the investment in the college the Marshall Liberal Government has failed to listen to community concerns about child safety which will be further compromised by the increased traffic along Newton Parade and Douglas Drive.

Mr Piccolo raised the risks in the Public Works Committee of State Parliament earlier this year to share repeated concerns raised by the MOC Governing Council and the community generally.

“Traffic congestion has now reached a crisis point, where the government must take action before a serious incident occurs,” said Mr Piccolo.

“The current drop off zones do not

cope now, and will be worse with the planned expansion.”

“I am advised that the additional 100 places are likely to create an additional 80 traffic movements in an area which is already not coping.”

The committee was advised that the new project would create an additional 20 staff and visitor carparks.

Mr Piccolo said the Marshall Liberal Government should work alongside the City of Playford to resolve this dangerous situation immediately.

“A solution exists to reduce this problem significantly, but the Marshall Liberal Government have to be prepared to listen to the community and work with the local Council,” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said that the government needs to overcome its short-sightedness because in addition to the traffic issues, he was concerned that the expansion will only cater for 2021 students, and by 2022 the college will be at capacity again.

“The committee heard evidence that there are currently 1672 students enrolled at the school and the expansion will cater for up to 1700,” said Mr Piccolo.

“The expansion is based on a current enrolment of 1600 which is clearly out of date and wrong.”

“Students and teachers at MOC deserve better.”

Mr Piccolo called on the Marshall Liberal Government to start planning for the next expansion now so our community is not disadvantaged.

“Sadly, the concerns I raised were brushed aside by the Marshall Liberal Government dominated committee.”

The congestion and safety issues also affect the Adelaide North Special School.

In an endeavour to improve safety in the area, the City of Playford has agreed to review the speed limits along Douglas Avenue adjacent to the College and Adelaide North Special School.

DALKEITH CFS NEEDS MORE YOUNG CADETS

The Dalkeith CFS has kick off a new recruitment drive and is calling for more young cadets aged 14 to 18.

“As a cadet there are lots of benefits that you can take advantage of. Young people can gain SACE points through school, participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, become involved with ANZAC day services, camps and learn how to become a firefighter,” according to Cadet Co-ordinator Ashley Thompson.

“Our program runs on a Monday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm during the school term and we are currently doing a recruitment drive to take on more cadets aged 14-18 years of age.”

The cadet program at Dalkeith CFS was first launched back in September 2019 and has steadily progressed over that time with two cadets successfully transitioning to firefighter status with

another two cadets set to move up this year.

“If you are looking for something where you would like some adventure, fun, and an opportunity to learn some new life skills and camaraderie then being a CFS cadet might be for you.”

If this sounds like something you would love to be a part of please email an expression of interest to the following email addresses: ashley.thompson@sacsvolunteer.org.au and tash.billing@sacsvolunteer.org.au. Please include your name, D.O.B. contact number, email address and tell us a little bit about yourself and why you would to become a part of our program.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate in contacting us either by email or my details below Ashley Thompson on **0421 192 051**.



Cadets with their coordinators at Dalkeith CFS

RECONCILIATION THROUGH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING



Some of the students who participated in the special assembly.



Teacher, Ms Smith talks about the significance of Reconciliation Week.

Mark Oliphant College, like many schools in the local area, held a special assembly to mark Reconciliation Week 2021.

Reconciliation comes from the word which is to re-establish a close relationship to mend, settle or resolve.

In Australia this means that the process of reconciliation is about promoting a harmonious relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader Australian community.

National reconciliation week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

Children in schools have been learning about Aboriginal tradition and form a better understanding and respect for Australia and its true history.

The 27th of May marks the anniversary of the 1967

referendum when 90 percent of Australians voted to change the constitution to better recognise Indigenous Australians as full citizens.

The 3rd of June represents the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the high court of Australia recognised Native Title – the Aboriginal right over British colonized land. The myth of Terra Nullius was overturned.

Reconciliation is about positive, respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. Learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures and raising awareness is something you can do to be a part of the reconciliation process.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans have returned from wars only to find they did not have the same rights as their non-Indigenous peers. Indeed, almost all Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander peoples have not enjoyed the same rights as non-Indigenous Australians simply because of their identity.

This history profoundly affected, and continues to affect, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities today.

Until we accept our past, make amends for injustices and pledge that these wrongs are never to be repeated, Australia cannot achieve reconciliation.

The Dreaming is a term that describes unique stories and beliefs owned and held by different Australian Aboriginal groups.

In a traditional sense Aboriginal people believe that the world was created by Ancestor Beings. The spirits of the Ancestor Beings remain in the country, in the animals and the places and the people of the country as an ongoing presence.

BAROSSA BUDGET BETRAYAL



Tony Piccolo at the Angaston Hospital

Claims of a commitment to a new Barossa Hospital have been exposed as a mirage following the release of the Marshall Liberal Government's Budget in June.

The Budget only allocates \$5 million to buy land for the hospital in three years' time – with no funding to build the hospital – putting any prospect of a hospital well past the 2026 election.

Official Budget Papers reveal the Barossa Hospital was only allocated \$1 million over the next 12 months for yet another business case, despite funding for a business case being announced back in 2018 and the Government previously saying that business case had been complete.

Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the people in the Barossa will have to likely wait another two elections before a single brick is laid to build the new hospital.

"The Liberal Party's commitment to this hospital has just been smoke and mirrors," said Mr Piccolo.

The Marshall Liberal Government was forced into making some sort of loose commitment to a new Barossa Hospital after months of lobbying from Duty Member for Schubert Tony Piccolo.

The Liberals' vague commitment to the new hospital was exposed in April of this year when Infrastructure SA, the agency established by the Marshall Liberal Government to help prioritise capital projects revealed that a full business plan for the Barossa Hospital had yet to commence despite repeated assurances from Liberal Ministers.

In a pre-budget announcement on 8 June Member for Schubert Stephan Knoll was quick to announce on social media,

"The Treasurer has allocated funds for the delivery of the final business case and land acquisition."

A few hours later that same day Mr Knoll changed the social media post to say,

"The Treasurer has allocated \$6m

to finalise the hospital design, scope of services to be provided, acquisition of land as well as early works to the chosen site."

However, no delivery timeline or dates were provided. Mr Piccolo said the Marshall Liberal Government has hidden the fact that commencing the building of a Barossa Hospital is still years away.

"Construction of a new hospital will not likely even start until after the 2026 election," said Mr Piccolo.

"The budget further confirms that work on a full business case has yet to be started or considered by Infrastructure SA."

The issue of the Barossa Hospital has been pursued vigorously by Mr Piccolo since October last year when he demanded the full business case be released.

"It appears that the public have been misled by the Marshall Liberal Government creating false expectations for when an operating hospital could be opened," said Mr Piccolo.

"Should the Liberals win the 2022 State Election, they would have been in power for eight years before a solitary brick was laid for the new hospital, despite all their announcements."

In his budget response this week,

Labor Leader, Mr Peter Malinauskas said if Labor were elected to government at the state election in March 2022, he would cancel the Liberal's basketball stadium project and invest funds in health, with \$100 million for country health.

Shadow Health and Wellbeing Minister Chris Picton MP said "the people of the Barossa have again been misled that there is a commitment to a new hospital, when not one dollar has been committed to build a new hospital.

"Steven Marshall has now had four budgets to commit funding to build a new hospital in the Barossa, but at each step he has just kicked the can down the road.

"Now we have the complete farce of more funding for starting a second business case – even though there already was a previous business case completed last year"

"Why is there a second business case when a business case was just completed last year? This Groundhog Day seems more about delaying a decision than trying to pretend that they are doing something.

"This is a city-centric budget with hardly any commitments for regional health services – and cuts to staff in every single regional health network."

COMMUNITY VIEWS SOUGHT ON BAROSSA TOURIST TRAIN



Caption: Barossa Tourist Train Taskforce. Standing (L-R) Rod Hook, Bob Sampson OAM and Ivan Venning. Seated (L-R) Mayor Karen Redman, Taskforce Chair Tony Piccolo MP and Marie-Louise Lees from the Southern Barossa Alliance. (Absent: Mayor Bim Lange OAM, Rolf Binder, Sharyn Bobridge, Peter Joy and Jon Durdin).

The Barossa Tourist Train Taskforce will now seek public feedback on the economic and social benefits a revival of the much-loved tourist train could deliver to the Barossa and Gawler communities.

Community feedback will inform the taskforce's final report that will provide the basis for a project brief which would

then be submitted to an incoming Labor Government for funding and action.

Taskforce Chair, Member for Light and Duty Member for Schubert, Tony Piccolo says the expert group is making good progress.

"We have been working with local business and community leaders through their representatives on the taskforce to create a draft document outlining the potential benefits of the tourist train coming back, and also listing the challenges that need to be overcome before the train could run again," said Mr Piccolo.

"We now want to know what the community thinks. The taskforce will be holding a series of public meetings to ensure that the project brief reflects the aspirations and needs of the wider Barossa community," said Mr Piccolo.

The taskforce membership includes key leaders in the areas of tourism, business and community in the Barossa Valley and Gawler region, who have been working on policy options.

The group includes Barossa Council Mayor Michael (Bim) Lange and Gawler Mayor Karen Redman. Other members include former long-serving Member for Schubert, Ivan Venning who has long

been a strong advocate for the train's return and new Regional Development Australia Chair, Rolf Binder.

Former Chief Executive of the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Rod Hook represents Chateau Tanunda and brings expertise in major transport project management to the group. Mr Hook also sits on the board of Infrastructure Australia.

The taskforce has relied upon the expertise of Executive Officer of the National Rail Museum, Bob Sampson who has more than forty years of experience in the rail sector. Over his long career, which commenced with SA Railways in 1972, he transferred to Australian National Railways (later became Australian Rail Track Corporation) where he worked in administrative and logistics management roles, and later senior management roles in Public & Corporate Relations and Freight Operations.

The Southern Barossa Alliance representative is Marie-Louise Lees and Sharyn Bobridge represents the Southern Barossa Business Group.

A range of other business leaders, including Mr Peter Joy from Barossa Grape and Wine Association have

joined the taskforce along with Tourism Barossa Chair, Jon Durdin.

Mr Piccolo said the draft project brief will be basis of an independent inquiry into the viability of a Barossa Valley-focussed tourist train, that would be funded by an incoming State Labor Government.

"The project brief could outline one or more models of a possible tourist train service and have regard for how an independent inquiry could investigate a number of matters, including the range of benefits for the Barossa and Gawler region from a tourist train and management and future planning of the Barossa Rail Corridor, Kroemer's Crossing, Altona Bridge and stations and sidings," said Mr Piccolo.

"Other considerations that are being discussed include the train's alignment with brand Barossa, impacts for local tourism planning and major events and the benefits and impacts on local businesses and other transport providers."

Any local person or business wishing to make a submission to the taskforce should direct their enquiry to Tony Piccolo's Office on **8522 2878** or email **light@parliament.sa.gov.au**.

LIBERALS QUASH BAROSSA RAIL CORRIDOR PROTECTION BILL

A law introduced into State Parliament to protect the Barossa Rail Track and corridor from being dug up further, was derailed by the Marshall Liberal Government in May, with every Liberal MP voting against the Bill.

Barossa Tourist Train Taskforce chair and Duty Member for Schubert, Mr Tony Piccolo, introduced the Bill in February based on the work of the Barossa Tourist Train Taskforce.

"I am very disappointed that the Marshall Liberal Government has blocked this important bill," said Mr Piccolo.

"The government has missed an opportunity to protect the rail corridor between Gawler and Angaston."

"Now the Barossa Rail Corridor is vulnerable to Kromer's Crossing style of vandalism, which has cut-off Nuriootpa."

"There may also be potential for the line to be blocked or cut-off again at the Altona road bridge between Rowland Flat and Lyndoch, which has been earmarked for major redevelopment."

"This Bill would have required any development work that would block or cut-off the line to be approved by Parliament."

"This damage to the line will mean more taxpayer funds will be required to undo and fix these problems before the rail corridor can be operational again, potentially costing millions of dollars."

The Statutes Amendment (Barossa Rail Corridor) Bill 2021 would have achieved three things.

- restricted the government from selling off any part of the rail corridor to any third parties,
- formally defined what the corridor is and
- provided a safeguard for any development along the corridor, which under the proposed law, would have required the consent of Parliament.

"It is now open slather for the government to further cut-off the line under the guise of crossing upgrades. It will just delay the entire tourist train



Tony Piccolo MP near the Altona Bridge which could be redeveloped by digging up the rail track.

concept and make it more expensive than it needs to be," Mr Piccolo warned.

ANOTHER SERIOUS CRASH AT “SAFE” NURIOOPTA INTERSECTION

Another serious car crash at the Greenock, Moppa South and Samuel Roads intersection in Nuriootpa on Thursday 29 April should sound a final warning to the Marshall Liberal Government that something needs to be done before a death occurs.

Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said this is the fourth serious crash in six months whilst in the meantime the various Transport Ministers have sat on their hands and have done nothing constructive.

Mr Piccolo said he was contacted yesterday about the crash by local residents who are frustrated and angry by the Liberal Government's lack of action.

"While we have been very fortunate that no lives have been lost, vehicles involved in the crashes have been written

off, which just demonstrates the thin line between a serious crash and a fatal one," said Mr Piccolo.

"The Liberal Government's mantra that the intersection is safe and doesn't warrant any upgrading is no longer accepted by the local community."

The Government have refused to consider the possible installation of a roundabout or any other improvements at the "dangerous intersection".

Neville Linke, who lives adjacent to the intersection, is one such resident who has been fighting for the upgrade and reached out to Tony Piccolo to ask for his help in exploring the issue with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).

Mr Linke said the intersection is so tight that there is no margin for error,

meaning any crash is ultimately a severe one.

"The intersection is part of the freight vehicle route and B Doubles require more space to turn at the intersection," he explained.

"I understand the need for a freight vehicle route, but it must be safe for truck drivers and residents who use the intersection to access local schools."

Ironically, the State Government was busy having larger "STOP SIGNS" installed at the intersection at the time of the crash.

"I'm very disappointed that the Marshall Liberal Government has passed up an opportunity to improve safety at this intersection, as it is quite clear that more needs to be done about it than simply a few larger signs," Mr Piccolo



Tony Piccolo at the Notorious Intersection.

stressed.

"The people of Nuriootpa deserve better than this; they shouldn't have to fear for their lives every time they cross this intersection."

REVIVING GERMAN LANGUAGE IN THE BAROSSA



Tony Piccolo at the teacher's residence and old school room, which now serves at the church hall for the Lutheran Church at Bethany.

The State Government has been asked to re-establish a German bi-lingual school in the Barossa.

Speaking in State Parliament in May, Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo said, "I think the time has now come to consider some bilingual schools, acknowledging the importance of English but also accessing the culture of

the Barossa through an understanding of the German language."

Mr Piccolo said the Barossa German Language Association are very keen to re-establish a bilingual German program either as a subject or subjects to be taught in German or as a bilingual program throughout the Barossa.

"With appropriate government support, I believe a pilot program could be initiated to see what the uptake would be," Mr Piccolo said.

"German is a heritage language in the Barossa. There is an emerging younger generation of local families and migrants who want their children to learn and retain bilingualism with effective German programs."

Dr Peter Mickan from the University of Adelaide has been a key driver of this initiative as a project leader of a Barossa German language revival and renewal project, which led to the establishment of the Barossa German Language Association in 2015 along with Steffi Traeger, the current president of the Barossa German Language Association

and local historians Everard Leske and Don Ross.

"The history of spoken German in the Barossa is a combination of the resilience of language transmission across generations and the fragility of language in the face of ethnic hostility, exacerbated by global conflicts," said Dr Mickan.

In the Barossa community, German was spoken normally until the second half of the 20th century. People spoke German with families and neighbours and in their day-to-day business. They attended local Lutheran churches with services held in German.

When children went to school, they were required to learn English as an additional language. Celebrations and social events were in German. German was the first language at home, in church, in schools and for business. It was for quite a while the community's language in the Barossa.

"A bilingual program would re-establish bilingualism for community members who have missed out on the

opportunity to be competent in the use of German," said Mr Piccolo.

I hope the debate in this parliament will contribute to the rehabilitation of the status of German as significant in the lives of people and in the history of the Barossa Valley," said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo plans to introduce a motion in State Parliament to recognise German as a heritage language in the Barossa Valley and promote the need for more bilingual programs in local schools.

Before 1914 and the First World War, there were 29 bilingual German-English schools in the Barossa Valley. The schools were closed down due to anti-German sentiment in 1917. This has had a big impact on the practice of spoken German in the valley.

Labor Duty Member for Schubert Tony Piccolo will introduce a motion to State Parliament to recognise German as a heritage language in the Barossa Valley and promote the need for more bilingual programs in local schools.

LABOR TO GIVE FARMERS A VOICE ON PLANNING ISSUES

Labor Duty Member for Schubert Tony Piccolo has introduced legislation into State Parliament to give farmers and rural landowners a stronger voice on planning decisions made by the SA Planning Commission.

Mr Piccolo's Bill is based on feedback from broad acre farmers in the Barossa Valley in the context of the confusion and anxiety created by the botched introduction of the Planning and Design Code by the Marshall Liberal Government.

The Planning, Development and Infrastructure (Constitution of Commission) Amendment Bill 2021 will enable the appointment of a part-time member of the SA Planning Commission with expertise in primary production, agriculture and farming methods and rural land management.

"This reform is needed in South Australia to find a better way to assess the inevitable planning decisions that will include consideration of land for agricultural purposes," said Mr Piccolo.

"Expertise is needed to properly consider the impacts on all stakeholders, and for rural landowners to have an informed voice at the decision-making table."

"We must find the right balance between protecting prime agricultural land with the residential growth in our regional communities."

At present the SA Planning Commission comprises four members with expertise in planning, urban

design, construction, economics and public policy and a representative from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). Commission members are appointed by the Minister for Planning.

"Experience of current SA Planning Commission members has a strong urban focus and includes a mix of experience including a property industry and local government."

"There is no specific legislative requirement for rural land use expertise or experience in agriculture. There is a need to expand the commission's scope."

Speaking in Parliament Mr Piccolo said,

"What is quite clear is the increasing importance of the capacity to have a very efficient agricultural system in this state. As the demand for food grows exponentially around the world, we need to be able to grow food in this state to make sure that we can feed our own population, but also make a contribution to feeding the world's population."

"There are, at the margins a lot of conflicts between urban development and rural land use. Sometimes there is a conflict between viticulture and agriculture. Those sorts of things the commission may not understand because it needs people with expertise on the commission to understand that."

"When you are dealing with urban development, of course it is not required, but once you start to look at the peri-urban, agricultural or rural areas it would



Tony Piccolo MP with Gomersal farmer, Mr Peter Grocke.

be very helpful to make sure that there are people on the commission—who advise, who decide the policy, who advise ministers—who have that expertise and background."

The government will now have an opportunity to debate the Bill in Parliament.

EVENTFUL YEAR AHEAD FOR THE SOUTHERN BAROSSA



Local residents enjoying the SBA Nature Adventure Day Event in the Barossa



Crowd at the the Budburst Festival



The Tour Down Under's Southern Barossa Gourmet Village

Passionate and skilled volunteers are forging ahead to promote and run community events in the Southern Barossa after the ‘pause we had to have’ over the past year due to the COVID crisis.

The volunteers gather under the banner of the ‘Southern Barossa Alliance’ (SBA) which advances the wellbeing of the community and businesses in the Southern Barossa which takes in Williamstown, Lyndoch, Sandy Creek, Cockatoo Valley, Gomersal, Altona, Rosedale and Rowland Flat.

SBA Sub-committees include the Williamstown Action Group, Lyndoch Community Committee, the Barossa Local Drug Action Team, Southern Barossa Business Group, Barossa Wildlife Rescue and Friends of Wirraminna.

Along with the sub-committees, the SBA has been and continues to be involved in many projects in the Southern Barossa, including past Tour Down Under events on the Lyndoch Green, the Budburst Festivals, and the iconic Lyndoch Christmas Parties and Williamstown Christmas Parades. Most

recently, on March 22, the SBA ran the highly successful Nature Adventure Day at the South Para reservoir, a pilot event that showed off the natural resources in the Southern Barossa area. This was just the beginning of new and exciting outdoor-adventure sporting events planned for later in the year.

The SBA will also be running a new community event, the Southern Barossa Antiques Roadshow, to be held on 15 May - an event which is receiving a lot of interest already.

With funding from the Barossa Council,

the SBA is always happy to partner with other like minded organisations that share a focus on community wellbeing, including co-ordinating such things as emergency relief meals and the Family Drug Support Group.

The SBA is always looking for volunteers with enthusiasm, drive and love for their region. Have a look at their website or facebook page for more information.

The SBA’s catchcry? “We love the place we live!”

40 YEARS OF LYNDOCH’S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

On 4 June 1981 a meeting was held in the Barossa District Council Office at which the Lyndoch Community Group was established with the support of the District Council.

Eileen Strachan was elected as the contact person for the community and Ian Strachan, Scott Bray, Anne Hausler, Leslie Andrews, Betty King, Mick Levin, Eileen Wiegand, Barbara Alexander and Ian Cutten were elected as members of the Community Group.

In conjunction with this group a community newspaper funded by the Barossa District Council was to be produced as a way of Barossa District Council liaising with the local community of Lyndoch. Ian Strachan became the inaugural editor and the first publication was produced on 1 July 1981 in an A5 pamphlet style. It was aptly named “Apathy Weekly Published Monthly”, a name decided at the original meeting.

The community news paper is now celebrating its 40th year with only a few publications being cancelled due to COVID-19 shut down. Nine editors have

been responsible for the publication over this period. Ian Strachan (July 1981 – May 1985); Paul Horwood (June 1985 – October 1985); Raelene Kauffmann-Malone (November 1985 – October 1986); John Alexander (November 1986 – February 1988); Paul Horwood (March 1988 – May 1989; Annette Roestenburg (June 1989 – March 1993; Jo Filsell (April 1993 – June 2012); Diana Lane (July 2012 – July 2020) and Zoe Phillips (August 2020 and current editor).

Over the years each editor has used their own creative style and selected their choice of name which fluctuated between “Apathy Weekly” and “Lyndoch Grapevine”. In February 1998 a change of name was debated in the publications that followed until the community were asked to vote in July to choose the publication’s name. 24 people responded with the top 3 choices being “The Lyndoch Grapevine” (7), “Apathy Weekly” (6), and “Lyndoch in Focus” (6) and from the latter part of 1998 it has been called “The Lyndoch Grapevine” continuing to keep the local community informed.



Marking the discovery and exploration of the Barossa Range by Colonel William Light were Tony Piccolo, Ivan Randall, Lorraine Moore, Quentin Nuske, Anne Hausler, Lea Rebane, Shane Sloan and Margaret Sloan.



Colonel William Light



Copy of the First Issue of Apathy Weekly, Printed in July 1981

\$5000 COURSE FEE BACKFLIP TIP OF TAFE ICEBERG

The Marshall Liberal Government’s deliberate agenda to dismantle TAFE is starting to cut deep and is hurting local people trying to gain skills and get a job.

In March TAFE SA was forced to backflip on overcharging of course fees by more than \$5000 to a local student thanks to lobbying by local member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo.

In November last year a young mother of two who lives at Willaston applied for a Certificate IV in Workplace Health and Safety and a Certificate IV in Marketing and Communications. At the time she was told by TAFE SA that the course fees would cost her \$110 for WHS and \$262 for the marketing course.

She received quite a shock when she received two very large invoices from TAFE SA, one for \$1114.00 for the WHS course and a whopping \$4500 for the marketing course.

She sought assistance from Tony Piccolo who contacted the CEO of TAFE SA to see what the confusion was all about, and if the original advertised course cost could be honoured by the government.

“After attending the information session, I was comfortable that I could afford the fees, which would be less than \$400 in total. I was shocked and upset when I received invoices for more than five and a half thousand dollars. As a student this

is money that I just don’t have,” the young mother said.

“In a panic I contacted Mr Piccolo’s office to see if he could help me. His quick action has been great, and I am so thankful to him for his efforts that will save me thousands of dollars.”

“I am a student, but I am also a single mother of two children, one of whom has a disability, and these courses will help me get back into the workforce to better provide for their future.”

Mr Piccolo received an apologetic letter from Education Minister John Gardner on behalf of TAFE SA who said,

“The original price of the Certificate IV in Workplace Health and Safety and the Certificate IV in Marketing and Communications will be applied and honoured.”

Mr Piccolo said if there are any other local TAFE SA students who think they have been overcharged for their course fees they should contact his office for assistance.

“I would like to thank the Minister for reversing this decision, but this should never have happened in the first place,” said Mr Piccolo.

“We should not put this type of unnecessary stress and anxiety on young people who are living on tight budgets and are trying to gain skills to secure employment.”



TAFE CUTS HURTING STUDENTS IN GAWLER & NORTHERN ADELAIDE

Cuts to TAFE by the Marshall Liberal Government are forcing students from Gawler and the Northern Adelaide suburbs studying carpentry and joinery at the Elizabeth campus to travel a round trip of more than 100 km to Tonsley to complete their courses.

Mr Piccolo raised the issue in State Parliament highlighting the unreasonable travel and cost burden being lumbered on young people living in Gawler and the northern suburbs of Adelaide, adding considerable commuting time to their already busy days.

“COVID-19 has already created more youth unemployment and underemployment. Young people

working hard to gain skills to start their careers are being punished,” said Mr Piccolo.

“They are casualties of the Marshall Liberal Government’s mission to cut and privatise TAFE,” said Mr Piccolo.

“It will also make it harder for young people with part-time jobs, who may lose shifts or lose their jobs altogether.”

“The delivery of Certificate III Carpentry and Carpentry Joinery Courses at the Elizabeth TAFE Campus has been raised with me by a number of local young people and their families who will be impacted by the decision to shift part of the carpentry course components to the Tonsley campus.”

“I call on the Minister to reverse this

decision.”

“The majority of students who will have to travel to Tonsley will rely on Gawler rail services to connect with the Tonsley line to access their courses.”

“This problem is compounded by the current local public transport chaos, where trains are not running, and substitute buses are inadequate. Many people need public transport as they have no alternative.”

Mr Piccolo also wrote to TAFE CEO Mr David Coltman on 16 December last year after being contacted by local families concerned about the unreasonable expectation that young people living and studying in the northern suburbs will be able to travel all the way down to

the southern suburbs.

Education Minister John Gardner wrote back to Mr Piccolo on behalf of the TAFE CEO in late January to advise that,

“Due to changes to the Construction, Plumbing and Services training package nationally, Certificate III Joinery is now a stand-alone qualification. TAFE SA continues to deliver Certificate III Carpentry.”

The Minister also said that students will be able to attend the TAFE SA Tonsley campus for the machinery and joinery components of these qualifications, which will provide access to specific plant and equipment required to deliver particular units of competency in carpentry and joinery.

YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL TO TACKLE UNNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR



At the YAP meeting were (from left sitting) Emily Coughlin (NASC), Caitlyn Watson, (St Patrick’s Technical College), Nina Swinkels (Playford YAC), Matthew Cole and Isabella Mondello (Trinity College Senior), Keeley Menadue (Xavier) and from left standing, Ben Innes (trainee in Tony Piccolo’s Office and former St Columba student), Keith Lobegerger (NASC), Jessa Cedamon (GDC), Michelle Kryenburg (GDC Wellbeing Leader), Renee Chamberlain (Gawler YAC), Liam Roberts (GDC), Luca Harper (Xavier), Robert Polito (Assistant Principal, Xavier), Adam Bennett, (Teacher for Student Voice),

Local young people are keen to get a better understanding of the values and beliefs that drive unacceptable behaviour like sexual harassment, bullying, racism, homophobia, and the like, in our community.

Their concerns were raised at the Light Electorate and surrounding

regions Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) hosted by local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

During National Youth Week, the YAP held its first meeting for the year and they set an agenda of issues they wanted to discuss and take action on over the next six to nine months.

The YAP comprises students from St Patrick’s Technical, Northern Adelaide Senior, Mark Oliphant, St Columba, Trinity, Gawler and District and Xavier Colleges, a nominee from the Gawler and Playford Youth advisory Committees. Nurioopta High are also considering joining. The students are accompanied by a teacher from their respective College.

Mr Piccolo said the purpose of the YAP is for him to be able to hear firsthand the views and concerns of young people, and secondly to assist them in taking action on matters they want to address in their communities.

At the first meeting, students introduced themselves and identified issues they wanted to address, and a priority list was agreed to through discussion.

The YAP also agreed that they wish to tackle youth mental health issues which they believe are widespread in the community and exacerbated by the fallout from the COVID 19 pandemic.

Mr Piccolo said the students are also keen to tackle sustainability issues and

explore how they can reduce waste at their schools as part of their contribution of addressing global warming.

The YAP will be meeting a further three times this year, with one meeting taking place at Parliament House.

“I was heartened by the students desire to work together across the colleges irrespective of whether they were a public or non-government school,” said Mr Piccolo.

At each YAP meeting the students will discuss an issue with the assistance of a specialist in the field they are debating, with the goal to draw up an action plan to implement what they have learnt.

At the next meeting the YAP will discuss “respectful relationships”, tackling those behaviours which undermine the dignity of another person and will address the challenge of mental health at the parliamentary meeting.

The YAP will finish off the year by developing sustainability strategies for their schools and wider communities to consider implementing.

LOCAL MP THRILLED TO MEET PM



Local MP, Tony Piccolo chats with Prime Minister Hayley Cornwall at Evanston Gardens Primary School

Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo was thrilled to recently meet the Prime Minister of Evanston Gardens Student Parliament, Year 7 student Hayley Cornwall.

The Student Parliament structure is the brainchild of Wellbeing Leader at

the school, Mrs Jo Boardman.

Mrs Boardman said the Student Parliament is the structure the school uses to implement student voice.

“Each class elects 2 MPs to represent their views and opinions about issues,”

Ms Boardman said.

“Students tackle questions such as, How can we make our yard a safer place? or Which charity shall we fundraise for and how shall we do it?”

“For the students who are in year 3 -

7 this structure also supports part of the civics and citizenship curriculum as it outlines how the Government is structured at national and state level.”

“School Principal, Ms Libby Clift is the Head of State.”

The Parliament meets once a fortnight to discuss the feedback from these questions.

Mr Piccolo said it was great to see schools teaching students how our system of government works, and the important role democracy plays in the way we live.

“In my meeting with the Prime Minister she explained to me what issues they had discussed at the first session of Parliament,” said Mr Piccolo.

“They discussed issues surrounding bullying in schools and the community.”

“This is a powerful way to teach young people about important social issues.”

“The Parliament also engages young people by asking them to accept responsibility for the wellbeing of their peers.”

“I hope to attend a session of the student parliament, when my own parliamentary commitments permit.”

UPGRADES TO OVAL AND CANTEEN AT EVANSTON GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Tony Piccolo with Evanston Gardens Primary School Principal Libby Clift who welcomed the upgrades

Evanston Gardens Primary School will benefit from upgraded canteen facilities and students will be able to play on a levelled and returfed school oval thanks to lobbying from parents and Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo.

The school has been allocated \$60,000 under the priority maintenance funding program after undertaking an investigation process in March in response to advocacy by Mr Piccolo on behalf of a parent.

“I hope the upgrades will greatly benefit

the school community,” said Mr Piccolo.

The Department for Education will redevelop the oval including levelling and returfing and also undertake improvement works to the canteen.

“The oval is such an important central place for sport and other big school activities such as sports day, so the levelling is much needed.”

“I would like to thank Tanya Woolley of Evanston Park for taking the time to contact me and raise this issue.”

YEAR 5 COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB



Trinity College Year 5 students Chloe Deilena, Claudia O’Brien, Lewis Sanders, Noah King, Brodie Stevens and Mitchell Brown.

On Monday and Wednesday at lunchtime a group of Year 5 students have started a community garden at Trinity College.

The Agricultural Department has kindly donated an area for the students to develop a garden. The project will involve more than just digging in the soil and planting seeds, students will be involved in promoting the garden and then marketing the produce grown.

Co-ordinator Pat Fabian says, “The students have been involved in designing a poster, preparing the soil and finally planting vegetables.”

“The students will continue to maintain the garden and eventually be able to offer the produce for sale or donate to local charities. This develops student’s understanding of sustainability and entrepreneurial viability.”

“There are no costs involved for students, just a willingness to get involved and donate their time.”



Celeste Matthews has been with the Department of Education for 28 years. From her first position as kindergarten teacher at Andrews Farm Community Children’s Centre, she then moved to the country and worked in junior primary classes in Pinnaroo, Roxby Downs, Whyalla and Pt Augusta before taking up the opportunity of a teaching exchange to Birmingham in the UK for a year.

For the past eight years she has been Deputy Principal at Elizabeth North Primary School. A large school of over

CELESTE MATTHEWS PRINCIPAL GAWLER PRIMARY SCHOOL

700 students.

“My work there was extremely rewarding and enjoyable, but I knew that it was the right time to challenge myself professionally, and therefore sought to win a principal position,” said Ms Matthews.

2021 has been going well, “It has been a fantastic start to the school year. I have felt very welcomed by not only the teachers and students but by the entire school community. Gawler Primary School is a lovely site with beautiful well-maintained grounds which are a credit to the grounds person Brian, staff and students.”

The transition of Year 7 into secondary schools is having an impact and the school will lose both year 6 and 7 students at the end of the year.

“I will be working really hard to get out into the community, including local kindergartens to share great things about Gawler Primary School with the aim

of building numbers into the future,” said Ms Matthews.

There will be a strong focus in 2021 on what the student data is telling us about where each individual student is at, and then using this knowledge to plan next steps forward in line with actions on our Site Improvement Plan.

“I am really invested in Gawler Primary School and improving outcomes for our students and look forward to leading the school with the support of staff, Governing Council and community over my tenured 5 year position.”

Now a mother to two high-school aged children she has settled in the Northern suburbs. When not at work she like to keep physically active, “I get up to go to the gym at 4:30 in the morning. I enjoy park run and have taken part in some longer running events over the past 2-3 years including a half marathon,” Ms Matthews said.

STEVE BOUSFIELD PRINCIPAL TRINITY COLLEGE SENIOR

Steve Bousfield is delighted to have been appointed as Principal of Trinity College Senior and he is thoroughly enjoying this new role.

Mr Bousfield has been spent a total of 16 years at Westminster School when he stepped down as Principal of in 2016.

He was then immediately employed by Xiehe as the foundation co-principal of Shanghai United International School in Xiamen, China. Since returning from China he helped open an international, bilingual school at Mawson Lakes, which was jointly established by UniSA and a Chinese-based school organisation.

Trinity is benefiting from his wide expertise as a school leader in Queensland and NSW and extensive experience in the development of cross-cultural and international partnerships.

As a respected leading authority in the South Australian education sector, he was part of the secretariat charged with reviewing secondary schooling in South Australia and preparing the current South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

He has held positions on the SACE Board and was Secretary of the SA/NT branch of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA). He has previously been Chair of the AISSA School Groups Representatives Committee and has received an AISSA Award for his outstanding commitment to curriculum.

He has established valuable relationships with schools in Shanghai, Qingdao and Hangzhou. His work earned Westminster a place in the World Leading Schools Association, an organisation of 50 Chinese and 50 Western schools recognised for their international outlook and cross-cultural leadership.



VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOLS RECOGNISED



Mr Piccolo with some of members of the St Patrick’s Board.



Governing Council members from Evanston Gardens Primary School with their Volunteer Certificates of Appreciation

Volunteers at our local schools were presented with “Appreciation Certificates” during National Volunteer Week 2021.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said volunteering Week is an opportunity for the community

to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution that volunteers make to our community through a range of roles and settings.

“I am aware volunteers play an important role in our schools, including as members of governing councils

(boards), sporting coaches, fundraising committees, helping students read, etc,” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo invited schools to nominate volunteers in their school community who they would like to see receive certificates of appreciation,

Several local schools participated in the volunteer recognition program with Mr Piccolo personally presenting certificates to the Board members of St Patrick’s Technical College and Governing Council members at Evanston Gardens Primary.

LEARNING FROM SCHOOL VISITS

Schools play an important role in our local community. Often the issues a community faces are reflected in the local school.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo endeavours to meet with every principal in his electorate and duty area in the first half of the school year, to see how the school and the general community are progressing.

Mr Piccolo said this year he has noticed a much stronger focus on core literacy and numeracy skills which appear to be generating great results.

“The visits with the principals are in addition to the regular visits to schools for various events and activities,” said Mr Piccolo.



Hewett Primary School - Matt Saunders



Angaston Primary School - Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown



Immanuel Lutheran School Gawler - Daryl Trigg



Nuriootpa Primary School - Jill Hess



Nuriootpa High School - Gerri Walker



Redeemer Lutheran College - Andrew Kelly



St Brigid's Catholic School - Paul Bennett



Sandy Creek Primary School - Brett Eagles



St Columba College - Leanne Carr



Tanunda Primary School - Nick Wuttke



St Jakobi Lutheran at Lyndoch - Julian Helbig



Trinity College - Nick Hately - Head of Trinity College



Xavier College - John Cameron - Head of Campus



Adelaide North Special School - Byron Stuuat



Gawler East Primary School - Alec Tibbitts



MOC Principal Kym Grant



Acting Principal at Munno Para Primary School Aaron McPherson

COVID 19 DISRUPTS LOCAL VOLUNTEER EFFORT



From top left: Top (L-R): Kathryn Krieger, Trevor Earl, Sandra Sullivan, Pat Adams, Michael Johnson, Kym Reynolds, Kim Potger, Jeffery Jedani.
Bottom (L-R): Denise Earl, Judy Ferguson, Christine Haverland, Jacqueline Raphael, Tony Piccolo

During National Volunteer Week 2021 in May the valuable contribution local volunteers make was acknowledged and celebrated in State Parliament.

Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo delivered a speech to State Parliament acknowledging the significant economic and social contribution they make to their local communities.

Mr Piccolo said, "it has been estimated that from an economic point

of view volunteers make a \$46 billion contribution to Australia's economy."

"While that is important, I think some of the greater work that volunteers do is the social aspect of their work, connecting people and helping people to be connected," said Mr Piccolo.

"We just have to look back over the last 12 months, when the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that more people have been isolated because of restrictions in movement."

"It is the work of volunteers over the past years and decades that has helped connect people."

"A small but important example of this is Meals on Wheels, who deliver food to people who, for whatever reason, are not able to care for themselves."

"The reality is that for a lot of people who make contact with the Meals on Wheels person at their door on a weekly or twice-weekly basis or whatever is the case, may be the only contact they have with their community. That is sad, but also important to note."

"Volunteers do a lot of work connecting communities and preventing people from being isolated."

Mr Piccolo told parliament that there is not an area of our community that is not touched by the hand of volunteers, whether it is aged care, disability support, emergency services, the arts, education, sport, environment, health, tourism, and general community wellbeing.

"The importance of volunteering is that they pick up where both governments and the market fail. They fill the gaps in our communities where both governments and free market enterprise do not deliver," said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo also paid tribute to volunteers in his electorate office who help him provide a very extensive JP services while other do a range of tasks that help him to better serve the community.

Mr Piccolo warned that without proper support many community organisations would not have as many volunteers they did prior to COVID 19.

"Some research has shown that up to two-thirds of volunteers no longer volunteer as a result of COVID."

"It is so important that we as a community and government help support the volunteer effort and work out what we need to do now to make sure we get those volunteer numbers up."

"Our communities need our volunteers. Thank you to all our volunteers."

25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO GREATER GAWLER



2021-2022 President and Board members



Original club members meeting



Original members (L-R) Roger Freeman, Steven Arthur, Dick Milner and David Perry

The Rotary Club of Gawler Light has celebrated 25 years of service to the greater Gawler community at its recent annual handover event.

The Club held a high tea on Sunday 4th July in the Gawler Civic Centre which marked the club's 25th birthday.

Outgoing president, Mr Dick Milner was also the club's charter president back in 1996 when a group of enthusiastic local residents met to form the club with a view serving the local community.

At the time, Mr Milner was a member of the Tea Tree Gully Rotary Club and was asked by the District Governor at the time to establish a second rotary club in the Gawler area.

Mr Milner said that he had recently moved to the Gawler area and felt that the town was big enough to have a second rotary club.

"When the opportunity arose, I jumped at it, and

25 years later the club has grown from strength to strength," said Mr Milner.

The Club has a very proud record of service and innovation, including opening the club to both men and women. The Club's second president was Ms Deidre Fischer who also helped the club launch is youth exchange program with China, which was a first for any Australian Club.

Ms Fischer was teaching in China and helped facilitate the contacts required for the exchange to take place.

Mr Milner was also very proud of the fact the Club was the first in the rotary world to hold a cyber meeting with a sister club overseas.

Around 15 years ago, the club held a cyber meeting with sister club Mabalacat in the Philippines.

In addition to these innovations the Club has also undertaken a number of local projects to support the

community.

The club run a breakfast club with a local school, provide volunteer readers at a school, support student exchanges and run the Wheels In Motion program.

The Wheels in Motion programs helps young people gain the necessary driving hours to gain their "Ps".

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo said the club has done a fantastic job in serving our local community.

"Their wheels in motion program helps young people who don't have access to a vehicle or adult driver to gain the supervised driving hours they need to obtain their Ps," said Mr Piccolo.

At the event Marie-Louise Lees was inducted as the incoming president for the 21/22 financial year.



2020 Gawler Cup-L to R Jackson Murray (Troy's son) Troy Murray, Josh Thompson, Brett Thompson (an owner who helped on the night), Sue Thompson with Major Major and Golde

This October, the town of Gawler will come alive for the inaugural Gawler Carnival of Cups (GCOC). A joint initiative of Gawler's three racing clubs, the Carnival will bring the community together to celebrate the local racing industry during a 10-day carnival which will incorporate the annual Cup days for the thoroughbreds, trots and greyhounds.

The Carnival will kick off with a Gala Dinner at Nixon's Function Centre on Friday 15 October and conclude with the Gawler Greyhound Cup on Sunday 24 October. In addition, local businesses and community organisations will host affiliated events during the Carnival, including the ever-popular Calcutta night for the thoroughbreds and greyhounds at the Kingsford Hotel on Thursday 21 October and an after-race concert on Friday 22 October. GCOC

committee member Aaron Bain said the Carnival would continue to grow over the next few years to incorporate tours to racing facilities and wineries in the Barossa, while a polo exhibition match, gymkhana and barrel races were other possibilities. "With the support of the local community, it won't be long before the Carnival will become Gawler's premier event, attracting people from all over South Australia," Aaron said. "This will not only be a real coup for the Carnival, but it will be a fantastic boost for businesses in Gawler and surrounding districts."

To support the delivery of the Carnival, the GCOC committee has been busy signing up sponsors. "We are delighted to welcome the Ahrens Group on board as the Carnival's Major Partner for the first two years," committee member Shane Collins said. "The Ahrens Group is a hugely successful business



with a strong tradition of supporting the community, so it's a perfect fit. We are really keen to secure more sponsors to ensure the very first Carnival is one to remember." If you are interested in sponsoring GCOC, contact Aaron Bain at aaron@gawlercarnivalofcups.com.au

One of the goals of GCOC is to acknowledge key contributors and promote career and employment opportunities within the Gawler racing industry. To this end, GCOC has established

an annual Awards Program and will present its first two awards at the Gala Dinner. The Youth Award will provide a young person aged 15-25, who shows great potential for a career in racing, animal health or an associated endeavour, with a \$5000 rewards and experience package to support their career development. The prize

will be tailored to suit the recipient's area of interest. In addition, a Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to a person who over their lifetime has contributed positively and extensively to the Gawler racing community. Nominations for these awards close on 27 August 2021. Details are available at www.gawlercarnivalofcups.com.au

To ensure the smooth running of GCOC, Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club, Gawler Harness Racing Club and Gawler Greyhound Racing Club have formed a not-for-profit organisation known as Gawler Carnival of Cups Limited. Representatives from each of the three clubs form the management committee.

For further information on the awards, membership or the program of events visit www.gawlercarnivalofcups.com.au

2021 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT & VENUE
Friday 15 October	Gawler Carnival of Cups Gala Dinner (including Trots Calcutta) Nixon's Function Centre
Sunday 17 October	Gawler Harness Racing Cup Gawler Harness Racing Club
Monday 18 October	Heats of the Gawler Greyhound Cup Gawler Greyhound Racing Club
Tuesday 19 October	Breakfast with the Stars Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Wednesday 20 October	Gawler Carnival of Cups Bowls Night Gawler Bowling Club
Thursday 21 October	Calcutta for Greyhounds & Thoroughbreds Kingsford Hotel, Gawler
Friday 22 October	Gawler Cup (Thoroughbreds) & After Race Concert Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Saturday 23 October	Community Music Festival Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sunday 24 October	Gawler Greyhound Cup Gawler Greyhound Racing Club



GRANTS KICK-START FOR LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS

It was pleasing to see so many local sporting clubs receive grants in Round 49 of the Active Club Program managed by the Office for Recreation and Sport.

2020 was a tough year for local sporting clubs, with many games and competitions suspended or significantly scaled back due to the pandemic. COVID19 also put a handbrake on the

confidence of the many dedicated volunteers who make local sport possible every week.

These grants will help to kick-off the

2021 sporting season(s) in a positive way and I hope to see more people of all ages getting out and about, keeping fit and active, and having fun while making new friends.

GAWLER AND DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION BOUNCING BACK IN 2021

Like many sporting communities, the Gawler and District Netball Association (GDNA) was severely impacted by COVID-19. The pandemic forced the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Winter Season. This was the first time in 75 years netball was not played at GDNA. The last time GDNA was in recess, was due to World War II.

GDNA recognised how important it was for the community to play netball, in particular juniors.

“Netball, for many, is a means to not only maintain health and wellness but to also build friendships, learn new skills, connect with community and most importantly, have fun,” said GDNA Secretary Jo Connolly.

GDNA facilitated the return of netball for the 2020/21 Summer Season, with the support of the Office

for Recreation, Sport and Racing, Active Club Program “Reboot Round”. GDNA was successful, receiving \$3000.

Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo attended the courts in February 2021 to present a grant certificate.

The grant was used to cover costs of preparation for the COVID safe requirements GDNA had to undertake such as new signage, cleaning supplies, and equipment.

The 2020/21 Summer Season is looking much brighter, with 18 clubs, 88 teams, approximately 1000 netballers and over 250 volunteers participating in the competition.

GDNA is extremely grateful for everyone’s willingness to adapt to new rules and continue to be involved in GDNA Netball.



Local MP Tony Piccolo and the Gawler and District Netball Association.

KICKING GOALS AT GAWLER CENTRAL FOOTBALL CLUB

First formed in 1889 the club celebrated its 120 Year Anniversary in 2009.

In the late 1960’s the cricket club was formed with many players filtering from the football club. In 1987 the club then joined the Barossa, Light and Gawler Association where it has achieved great success over the years.

The club in more recent times has continued to grow with the introduction of the Gawler Central City Tigers Soccer Club and the Waratah Central Tennis Club and even more recently a Ladies Cricket Team.

In 2001 the Gawler Central Sporting Club was established to combine the five different sporting codes under one club with the club now having a membership base of over 400 people.

A club with a long and proud history, the Gawler Central Tigers have been through a myriad of highs and lows in its 120+ year journey.



Local MP Tony Piccolo at the Gawler Central FC

GET BACK IN THE SADDLE AT GAWLER RIVER PONY CLUB



Local MP Tony Piccolo the Gawler River Pony Club

When the Gawler River Pony Club (GRPC) was established in the late 1950’s it was the second pony club in the state. The first meetings were held in the beautiful old homestead of Newbold stud in Gawler River.

GRPC has had many ups and downs and has produced many good and clever riders over the years.

GRPC won the RM Williams games at the Royal Show and also won the RM Williams show jumping before it became zone finals.

The pony club has moved many

times over the years from Newbold to Lance Dawkins paddock across the road from Newbold to a couple of paddocks in Gawler, Willaston then to Clonlea Park where they got our first club rooms and ODE course. The next move was to the now par 3 golf club grounds in Willaston across the river from the swimming pool. Then away again to where the club is today, Clifford Rd Hillier some 20 years on.

The club is proud to have steered many young horse lovers to better lives and given loving homes to many ponies and horses.

DIVE IN AT STARPLEX SWIMMING CLUB



Local MP Tony Piccolo with the Starplex Swimming Club

The STARplex Swim Club is run by parents and volunteers to support swimmers to compete at club, state and national level and to be involved in club activities, club championships, achieve club awards and benefit from fundraising activities.

Formed in September 2000, the club affiliated with SwimmingSA in April 2003 and in a relatively short history have enjoyed outstanding success at all levels.

In addition to developing swimmers to the highest level, the club also provides an environment which encourages swimmers of all levels to participate in the sport.

The club has a supportive culture and fosters

relationships between the senior and junior swimmers, within the squads, as well as coaches, swim centre management and parents, encouraging all swimmers to reach their potential.

In a relaxed and fun atmosphere swimmers progress through Club Championships, SwimmingSA Meets & Country Carnivals. The Club supports swimmers with Fundraising and Social events throughout the year and trips to meets within SA.

Head Coach Alex Palmer has been a STARplex Swim Club member for many years. Alex is supported by a team of coaches who each are critical for developing the talent of their swimmers and the pathway through from the swim school to the squad levels.



Tony Piccolo MP With the Giants Softball Club

GIANTS SOFTBALL CLUB

Since being founded in 1985 the Giants have achieved an enviable record of success and have won premierships in every division available.

The club was sarcastically named “Giants” for the small size of its inaugural players.

Many Giants players and coaches have gone on to compete at elite levels representing the district as well as the state.

Coaches have experience and knowledge to pass on, but above all Giants are a friendly, fun club with a family atmosphere and an emphasis on good softball.

THE RICH HISTORY OF GAWLER EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB



Tony Piccolo MP at the Gawler Eagles FC

The Gawler Eagles Football Club has come a long way since its creation in 1978 when the home ground was Argana Park, Elizabeth Downs with training at Evanston Primary School and Gawler High School. Originally called the Gawler Soccer & Sports Club it was admitted to the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association as the Evanston Junior Soccer Club (EJSC). The Club colours were brown and gold

shirts, gold shorts and socks.

1992 the Club fielded its first Women’s team in the SAWSA and adopted the nickname ‘Gawler Eagles’ in 1993. The junior club colours were changed to gold and blue shirts with blue shorts and socks in 1994 to match the seniors. That year Kristy Moore from the women’s team was selected for the Australian soccer squad.

2002 marked the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Club and proved to be the Club’s most successful year achieving three Junior League Championships (two undefeated), two Challenge Cup Winners (three finalists) and the Senior Men being promoted to Division 4. Club caps and a commemorative port were introduced to mark the 25th Anniversary.

In October 2004, the new clubrooms with change rooms were opened. 2006 saw the Club enter teams in the Football Federation SA State League, with the main pitch now being fenced. This meant the club was now represented in five soccer competitions: Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association, SA Amateur Soccer League, SA Women’s Soccer Association, Football Federation SA and the FFSA Junior Premier League.

More recently, the 2020 pre-season saw an influx of players vying for a seniors spot amid renewed enthusiasm. Benny Kovadio and Zac Vannucci headed the list of inclusions.

The club got off to a great start at the top-of-the-table before the COVID pandemic struck and the season was put on hold for nearly three months.

The seniors struggled when play resumed and slowly slid down the ladder. The rest of the minor rounds were an up and down affair, the team thrashing Mount Barker 10 - 0 to cling onto the top 6 by one solitary point.

Two elimination finals, both away to higher-placed Modbury Vista and Adelaide University, beckoned and the Eagles dispatched both 1 - 3 and 0 - 2 respectively, a remarkable turnaround from the fortunes of previous months. One more game was needed to qualify for the grand final and promotion to State League 1, against Eastern United at Athelstone. Despite a great start and opportunities it was not to be as Gawler went down 3 - 2 in an enthralling match, promotion eluding the Eagles by the slimmest of margins.

ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

In November of 1944 the Adelaide Soaring Club (then known as the Gliding and Soaring Club of South Australia) was formed. Flying initially from an airstrip at Virginia a group of enthusiastic pilots quickly developed a tradition of soaring excellence and safety that has seen the club flourish for 60 years.

Over the years club members have constructed a number of ground-breaking aircraft such as the S.A.5, the club’s first two-seater aircraft. Two seat trainers were not available at that time so to promote safer and more efficient pilot training, the ASC built the S.A.5 in 1946. The S.A.5 was ASC’s first two seat trainer.

The Adelaide Soaring Club moved to the Gawler Aerodrome in 1950. This airfield was constructed in 1941 by the Royal Australian Air Force and for a short period was used by No. 86 Squadron, flying P-40

Kittyhawk fighters.

After 1945 and until the construction of Adelaide Airport this aerodrome was used by commercial aircraft as an alternative to Parafield when it was inaccessible due to bad weather.

Over the last half century the club has introduced thousands of people to the thrill of flight and trained hundreds of pilots. In the last decade alone the club has conducted some 50,000 glider flights which represents 32,000 hours of soaring. The club’s enthusiasm for the sport of gliding has also seen it host numerous state and national competitions and even a world championship.

In recent decades the club embraced powered ultra light flying, moving since 2009 to modern and larger Light Sport Aircraft with a fleet of Australian built Jabiru J170 series aircraft. and is now introducing hundreds of people to the thrill of powered flight.



Tony Piccolo MP at the Adelaide Soaring Club



Tony Piccolo MP at the Gawler Bowling Club

JOIN THE GAWLER BOWLING CLUB

The Club, founded in 1907, is one of the town’s oldest and most successful sporting clubs. It has consistently maintained open, men’s and women’s teams in the upper levels of Metropolitan Pennant Competition.

Both club and community members are well served by the Gawler Bowling Club. They have accommodating club rooms, modern synthetic greens and a friendly atmosphere. Club coaches are available for beginners and experienced bowlers.

Social bowlers are well catered for by local competitions held Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

A ‘corporate cup’ competition runs on Wednesday evenings in the summer catering for local business groups. The community also makes use of their facilities. Examples are weddings, birthdays, Christmas functions, choirs, Probus and community meetings. Often groups will hire the facilities for a fun game of bowls and a well catered sit-down meal.

They are located on Victoria Terrace near the tennis courts. Please visit or look them up on our website: www.gawlerbowlingclub.asn.au or phone 8522 2306 (Club) or 0438 323 583 (Secretary).

A LIFE OF FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FISHING

For Keith Bugg, family, friends and fishing were things that helped identify who he was.

Keith lived his life to the fullest whether tinkering around the home, spending time with friends, or going fishing with his son, Glynn.

Sadly though, the former councillor for the Town of Gawler, Keith lost his battle with lung cancer on 6th April 2021.

A master plumber, Keith learnt his trade during the days when occupation health and safety were not really part of the vocabulary, and like many in the trades of his era, has suffered health issues later in life.

Born in Mile End in 1952 in a working-class family, Keith attended Urrbrae and Strathmont High schools where he also learnt the art of

beekeeping.

At 25, he qualified as a master plumber and later went on to qualify as a building inspector. He worked in the old Public Buildings Department, the Housing Trust and in more recent years at the City of Playford.

He married his love of his life, Sharron after dating for about 13 months and he would have celebrated 50 years of marriage within the next year.

Keith was elected to the Gawler Council in 1985 after the changes to the boundaries which more than doubled the size of council, the same year that local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo was elected to the Gawler Council.

Keith and family moved from Gawler West to Lewiston in 1988. As

a result he did not recontest the 1989 Council and retired after two terms.

Son Glynn was born in the former Hutchinson Hospital, and the two were inseparable thought Keith's life.

When Glynn became interested in BMX, Keith helped establish the BMX track along the North Para River near the Murray Street ford.

A keen fisher, Keith was a member of the Gawler Angling Club for many years, including stints as secretary and president, and then helped establish the Little Para Fishing Club.

Keith has been described a very proud working-class man, committed to the union movement and lifelong member of the Australian Labor Party.

Keith's death has hit the family hard, but they are consoled by the fact that he is no longer suffering.



REMEMBERING JOHN BARNET



John Barnett sadly passed away in November 2020. He was the last Barnett editor of The Bunyip newspaper before it was sold in 2003. He. His funeral was held at Taylor and Forgie's chapel, across from the Gawler Racecourse, with Mark Forgie providing a heritage hearse to drive John's casket to outside of The Bunyip office before finishing the journey to Willaston Cemetery.

John's great grandfather William Barnett started The Bunyip in 1863, with first his third son Robert Henry Barnett taking over management, then his fifth son Frank Lindley Barnett became owner from 1917.

Between 1945 and into the early 1970s, Frank's son Kenneth Lindley Barnett took the reigns at The Bunyip, with the transition of editorship to Ken's son John Lindley Barnett being

complete in 1974.

Some of The Bunyip editors under the Barnett's ownership included George Nott (a Gawler Mayor), Edward Grundy (a parliamentarian) and George E. Loyau (who wrote the Gawler Handbook in 1880) and E.H. Coombe (who produced 'The History of Gawler, in 1908).

Originally an eccentric monthly quarto-sized satirical pamphlet, The Bunyip grew into a more traditional-type newspaper four months later, then become a fortnightly edition before finally coming out weekly in 1866 – for a short time it was also produced twice a week.

In 1968 John's 'number' was called in the National Service Lottery and he served two years with the Army, training at Puckapunyal in Victoria. After his service he moved to Sydney,



where he worked for The Daily Mirror as a sub-editor, which also led to meeting the love of his life, Rosemary Stephens.

Rosemary took up various roles at the paper, while also having three daughters, Belinda, Jodie and Meg.

With the strong background knowledge of his father Ken to guide him, John continued to uphold the Bunyip traditions through his editorship and made necessary changes to update and modernise the paper. John never forgot that the heart of any country paper is community, and he became a prominent ambassador for Gawler.

"I was deeply saddened to hear of the death of my friend (and a massive friend of Gawler) John Barnett, former managing editor and part owner of the Bunyip Newspaper," said local member of Parliament Tony Piccolo.

"Like his forebears who started

the paper in 1863 the Bunyip has done more than just act as a journal of record for Gawler, South Australia and surrounding districts. It has been the heart and soul of the Gawler Community; and the Barnett family a key part of that history."

After 140 years in the ownership of the Barnett family, the current owners, the Taylor Group of the Riverland purchased the paper in 2003.

While John no longer lived in Gawler his heart still was and he visited the town on a very regular basis to catch up with friends and the gossip about the town.

"John was a very decent man and will be sadly missed by his family, friends and the Gawler community."

"Sincere condolences to his wife Rosemary and their children, and to Paul and Anthony and their families."

SHOWTIME !



Show President Claire Forgie, April Holmes, Rodeo (Black), Matilda Hill, Roscoe (Tan), Cailin Wallace, Rambo, Alex Jonos and Charlie Lansom

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Ms Forgie said this year's show will look a little different with COVID-19 restrictions which must be adhered to, although it's a small price to pay to be able to deliver this amazing event.

"Finding a balance that keeps the core values and traditions of the show, along with the fun and entertainment, whilst keeping all patrons safe is our aim for 2021," said Ms Forgie.

This year the Show Society is conducting a major fundraiser, the "Grand Lottery" to win a Toyota Yaris Cross GX, which is proudly supported by

Peter Kittle Toyota.

The winner will be drawn on Sunday 29th August at the Show as part of the Grand Parade. Tickets can be purchased online via their website at www.gawlershow.org.au. All proceeds from the raffle will be reinvested back into the Society to ensure they can continue bringing you SA's Largest Regional Show.

All the competition sections are NOW OPEN!!

There are three (3) different ways to enter; online (now enabling multiple entries at the same time), download a hard copy from the website or come into the show office to complete an entry

form.

Some of the attractions at this year's show include, Nixon's Animal Adventures, Treasure Trail, Grand Parade, cooking demonstrations, Touch a Truck, Agricultural Learning Centre, petting zoo, pony rides, licensed bar, entertainment, rides, showbags, food and lots lots more.

The night sky will light up thanks to an amazing fireworks display, proudly brought to you by our partner and well-known Gawler business, Taylor & Forgie.

To say thanks to all our wonderful supporters who have been patiently waiting for another cracker event we have managed to lock in 2019 prices

for this year with Tickets being only available online.

Due to COVID19 there are limited tickets available so don't delay, PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW!!

"There are no tickets available at the gate so make sure you purchase your tickets online for the 2021 Gawler Show, via our website www.gawlershow.org.au," said Ms Forgie.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said a year without the show made us realise how much we look forward to it each year and how important the event is to bring our community together.

ENLIGHTENED GAWLER SHOW COLOUR IN COMPETITION

Enter the free colour in competition to win FREE family (2 adults and up to 4 children) tickets. The picture to be coloured in is on the back page of this edition of Enlightened.

A prize will be presented in each of the three categories – pre-school, primary and secondary school.

The competition is open to all students who attend a school or pre-school in the Light Electorate or who reside in the electorate.

Completed entries need to be submitted to the Light Electorate Office by 5 pm on Friday 6th August and winners will be advised during the week commencing Monday 16th August. Once submitted, entries become the property of the Light Elctorate Office.

The competition will be judged by an independent panel comprising a local artist and a representative of the Gawler Show Society. Their decision is final.

For entries to be considered they must provide the following information:

Name of student :

Name of Student's School :

Student's Year Level :

Name and contact details for a parent/carer for the student: (these details will not be published)

Name of Parent/Carer :

Email Address of Parent/Carer :

Phone Number for Parent/Carer :



