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The Gawler Community has won its battle to have the Gawler Green Shopping Centre intersection substantially upgraded, following a decision by the State Government to allocate \$4 million to the project.

The decision has been welcomed by Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony

Piccolo, who has co-ordinated a long campaign with local traders, residents and the Gawler & District College community to have the Tulloch/Main North Roads intersection upgraded.

Mr Piccolo said the strong campaign by the whole Gawler community has led

to this fantastic decision.

"We did it!" Mr Piccolo said. "The entire community contributed to this campaign which involved paper and online petitions, door knocking and letter boxing local residents by volunteers.

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From the Editor

As we approach the end of another year, many will have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

For Christians it is the time to celebrate new life, attend a place of worship and share their faith.

In an increasingly hurried world, we spend less time thinking and reflecting about the world around us, and our own place in the world.

While we should not be guilty about our blessings, we should give more thought about the people around us; whether in our street, neighbourhood, nation or across the seas, who are facing hardship and injustice.

Growing income inequality in our own nation, and between western and developing nations should give us cause to pause and think of the impact it is, and will have on our community.

Putting aside for a moment, the sheer injustice that comes with growing inequality, many political and economic commentators are warning of the damage it is doing to our democracy and economy. In short, it impacts on all of us, as people hurt

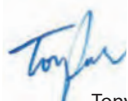
by declining incomes look for more radical, and destructive, solutions.

Social unrest and economic stagnation are the products of growing income inequality. While governments have over recent years paid more attention to remove social discrimination and promote social inclusion, there cannot be social justice in the absence of economic justice.

Economic injustice separates those with a good and bad education and those meaningfully employed and those less so. In turn, they determine our health and the environment we live in.

The bible calls on us to act where we see injustice – so this Christmas let us all reflect on what we can do to reduce economic inequality in this world we share.

All of us at Enlightened would like to wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a New Year full of Joy and Peace.



Tony Piccolo MP
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A FAIR GO FOR ALL SAYS PICCOLO



(Left to Right) MC George Aldridge, Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan, Member for Light Tony Piccolo MP, Member for Wakefield Nick Champion MP, and John Barnet, former Managing Editor of the Bunyip.

Local Member Mr Tony Piccolo said shared values and experiences are his key strengths in ensuring he understands the needs of the local community.

Speaking at the launch of his campaign, Mr Piccolo said “a community is based on shared values and experiences.”

“I share your values, and we have, shared experiences,” said Mr Piccolo.

“Since 1963, whether your ancestors have been here for over 40,000 years, part of the first European families that settled in Gawler in early to mid-1800’s, or you arrived after my family did, my family and I have shared your journey.”

“I look forward to continuing that journey with you.”

Café Nova played host to Mr Piccolo and members of the community as he launched his campaign for re-election in the upcoming State election in March.

The launch was emceed by George Aldridge, former cartoonist for The Bunyip, with the Minister for

Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, the Hon Stephen Mullighan, and former editor and owner of The Bunyip, John Barnet, making speeches in support of Mr Piccolo.

Drawing on his experiences growing up in (what is now) Kudla, he highlighted the strong sense of community in Light.

Mr Piccolo said that a community is based on shared values and experiences, where people are treated with fairness and justice, and can live in dignity and be treated by others with dignity.

“A society is best judged not by its material wealth, as important as it may be, but how it treats its most vulnerable.

“It matters not whether you are a factory worker or cleaner, a farmer or a small business person, a small contractor or a public servant, a teacher or an aged care worker, a plumber or truck driver, these values are universal and apply to all people.”

The next State election will be held on 17 March 2018.

PREPARE YOUR BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN NOW

Emergency Services in the local region joined forces with the Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo to host a Community Safety Day to help people prepare for natural disasters and other major disruptive events.

Mr Piccolo said the focus of the Community Safety Day is to provide information to local people about how they can reduce the risk of any harm to themselves and their families by ensuring they are prepared for an emergency.

Dalkeith CFS joined Salisbury SES volunteers and Gawler MFS officers to provide information at the Woolworths/Big W carpark in Gawler from 9 am till 12 Noon on Saturday 9th September 2017.

“People can take simple measures to make their homes safer from fire and storm events. We all have a role to play in community safety, and being informed is a key element,” Mr Piccolo said.



Tony Piccolo MP with members of the Dalkeith CFS, Gawler MFS, and Salisbury SES.

The CFS say that most people are not aware that when you go to sleep, so does your sense of smell.

“This is why it’s so critical to have a working smoke

alarm to give you the time you need to escape a house fire.

“Extreme or severe storms can bring heavy rain, strong wind, hail, thunder and lightning.”

The State Emergency services (SES) recommend that householders develop an emergency plan in case they need to evacuate.

“FREE information on how people can be better prepared and make their homes safer was given out on the day,” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo thanked the Shopping Centre for making their carpark available for this important community event.

Mr Piccolo urged members of the community, irrespective of where they live, to prepare their bushfire survival plan NOW, using the easy to follow guide that can be found at: https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire/your_bushfire_survival_plan.jsp

TULLOCH TACKLED!

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"Local people have been gathering support throughout the by telephoning local residents, visits to the shopping centre, the publicising my petition through social media.

"On top of the community campaigning I have been involved in countless meetings with Ministers and State Government Officials.

"We left no stone unturned, to ensure we got the message across to the Government how important the upgrading of this intersection is.

"The social media campaign was particularly successful with almost 60,000 people viewing the petition through Facebook and entries on my website.

"Thousands have signed up to the petition.

"The response by the community to the campaign has been just wonderful.

"As a community we can proud of what we have achieved together," he said.

The campaign intensified significantly in recent months when the intersection did not receive funding in the 2017/18 State budget.

Mr Piccolo said he started back in early 2014 when he commenced receiving complaints about the intersection from Gawler and District College and people who shopped at the Centre.

"At that time I started to have a series of meetings DPTI officials and Council to see what could be done to improve the intersection," said Mr Piccolo.

"Regrettably Council did not see it as its issue, a view I disagreed with then and continue to do so.

"While I acknowledge that Council and I did not seek eye to eye about how the improvements should have been funded, it did in May this year come on board and join the campaign for the intersection to be upgraded.

"While my previous budget bids seeking funding for the upgrade have not been successful, I have persisted and worked closely with the community to deliver this fantastic outcome," he said

Recently local traders and employees at the Gawler Green Shopping Centre backed calls to have the Main North/Tulloch Roads intersection upgraded with either a roundabout or traffic lights.

Mr Piccolo said many traders and employees believe that they would see an increase in patronage if the intersection were improved.

"People may be choosing to shop in other locations due to the difficulty in leaving the precinct," Mr Piccolo said.

"I have been advised that the funding would be confirmed in the mid-year budget review and that design work would commence immediately with the upgrade to be delivered during 2018.



Gawler Mayor Karen Redman backed the campaign earlier this year.



Residents like Morgan Smith have worked hard to resolve this issue.

"While I favoured a roundabout at the location, enough funds have been allocated for the installation of traffic lights if that is the recommendation following on from Departmental investigations.

"I welcome any feedback from the community as to their favoured outcome, be it a roundabout or traffic lights.

"Our community can hold its head high in the knowledge that by working together we have achieved this fantastic and long overdue result," he said.

Any feedback can be provided online at: <http://www.tonypiccolo.org/tulloch-feedback-form>.

DALKEITH CFS WELCOME MAIN NORTH ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE

Members of the Dalkeith Country Fire Service (CFS) have welcomed the announcement that the Dalkeith/Main North Road intersection will be upgraded with traffic lights this financial year.

Local Member Mr Tony Piccolo said that he was pleased to be able to confirm to the Brigade Captain, Mr Clint Marsh and CFS members that the project had been brought forward in response to strong community concerns.

"In mid-July, I received a letter from Road Safety Minister Peter Malinauskas saying that the intersection would be upgraded within two years," Mr Piccolo said.

"While I welcomed the commitment to the upgrade, I was not happy with the proposed time frames.

"Following my further discussions with senior DPTI Officers and the Minister's Office, I was pleased to learn that the project would now be delivered in the current financial year.

"I have been advised that work on the intersection will start in the New Year, with design work due to be finalised later this year," he said.

Mr Piccolo acknowledged the hard work undertaken by the local CFS volunteers at the Dalkeith Brigade that ensured this project came to fruition.

"In January 2015, the then Brigade Captain Justin Baxter, first raised his concerns about the intersection and the impact it was having on the Brigade's work," said Mr Piccolo.

"I arranged for a number of meetings to take place between DPTI officers and Mr Baxter to progress the issue," he said.

Dalkeith CFS's current Captain, Mr Clint Marsh has continued to lobby for the upgrade of the intersection.

More recently, the CFS's efforts have been complemented by support from residents in the area and the Gawler Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS).

Mr Piccolo said that by working



Tony Piccolo MP with members of the Dalkeith CFS at the Dalkeith/Main North Road intersection.

together the local CFS, officers at the Gawler MFS, local residents and his office have ensured that the State Government was aware of the importance of this project to the local community.

"The intersection is now carrying greater levels of traffic as more people travel in an east/west direction to take advantage of the Northern Expressway," Mr Piccolo said.

"The major issue with the intersection is the high speed environment.

"If drivers make a mistake, due to the speeds the vehicles are travelling, it could be fatal.

"While some people will not like another set of traffic lights, there is no viable alternative because of the risks associated with the high speeds along Main North Road.

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATES



Tony Piccolo MP with Mates in Construction (WA) CEO Godfrey Baronie and St Patrick's Technical College students Edwije Pendo and Lachlan Osborne.

St Patrick's Technical College in Edinburgh North has reached a number of significant milestones this past year.

The 10th anniversary of College was marked in March this year. In honour of the significant milestone the College issued an interim report which tracked more than 1400 former students.

The report showed that those students who commenced an apprenticeship, 93 per cent went on to complete their qualification and 99 per cent of former students were in employment.

The interim report was released at a special ceremony where former student and South Australian Apprentice of the Year, Jack Donaldson spoke to the current students and special guests.

Principal of the College, Mr Rob Thomas, said that the College came about because the Federal Government was seeking expression of interest in establishing a Technical College in Northern Adelaide.

"Much hard work went into the establishment of the College," Mr Thomas said.

"The staff, past and present...have worked tirelessly over the years to change the outcome for young people, to help them seize opportunity to grow as people and as valued members of the workforce," he said.

The College also celebrated their 800th student securing an apprenticeship during the year. The total, at the time of printing, stands at 806 with more 50 students starting apprenticeships this year alone.

Mr Piccolo recently hosted the College's student leaders Edwije Pendo and Lachlan Osborne at the Mates In Construction charity lunch at Adelaide Oval.

Mates In Construction is a charity established in 2008 to reduce the high level of suicide among Australian construction workers.

LOOKING AT FOOD SECURITY THROUGH PROJECT BASED LEARNING



Tony Piccolo MP with Xavier College students.

Xavier College have trialled Project Based Learning at the school this year and Year 9 students undertook a range of projects dealing with food security.

The students used different media to convey the outcomes of their research.

Community Liasion Officer at the College, Ms Janine Atkinson said as a school they understand that learner needs are changing.

"We are committed to developing learning that is, at its centre, transformative both morally and pedagogically," said Ms Atkinson.

"This transformation is required to help work with complex 21st century problems, which are more integrated and interconnected."

"Rapid changes in work and the world of work mean that there is a pedagogical gap between curriculum and learner expectations."

"A curriculum that only offers stand-alone subjects and topics does not

help create learners ready to work with complex future issues of the 21st century where social skills and creativity are going to be key."

"Many jobs that our children could currently engage in will not be around in 15 years."

Ms Atkinson said project based learning involves creativity, critical reflection, communication and collaboration.

Local Member Mr Tony Piccolo visited the school and met some of the students involved in developing a newspaper to communicate issues about food security in the word.

Mr Piccolo said he understood that the project enabled students to make some decisions about the project, including how they work and what they create.

"They also need to learn to work collaboratively, and work through issues that will always arise in group and team work, without affecting relationships or the integrity of what it is they are trying to achieve."

"They value each person for their skills and what they are able to contribute, and understand that each person is unique and different, and this is needed to ensure the complexity of issues is addressed."

LOCAL TEACHERS AND SSOS RECOGNISED ON WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Over 750 teachers and support staff in schools that service the Light Electorate received Certificates of Appreciation last Friday from local State Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo, as part of the celebrations to mark World Teachers' Day 2017.

Mr Piccolo said the certificates were a symbol of appreciation for the work teachers and support staff perform in educating and caring for the students in their care.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers and support staff in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society.

Mr Piccolo said this is a day on when students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers and support staff have

made to their community.

Mr Piccolo said he wrote to all school principals in the local area inviting them to nominate teachers and support staff in their school they would like to see receive a certificate of appreciation.

World Teachers' Day was initiated on 5th October 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

In adopting this day governments recognise the importance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers in society and important role support staff play in the management of our schools.

Internationally, World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October, however as this usually occurs during Australian school holidays, so in Australia, it



Tony Piccolo MP with Adelaide North Special School teachers and SSOs and Principal Byron Stuart.

is celebrated on the last Friday in October which this year was Friday 27 October.

Every year Mr Piccolo personally presents the certificates at one school and was honoured last Friday to present the certificates to teachers at Adelaide North Special School,

which does an outstanding job in developing our young people living with disability.

Mr Piccolo said volunteers also play an important part in educating our children and their contribution would be acknowledged and celebrated on another occasion.

GAWLER & DISTRICT COLLEGE \$10M INVESTMENT

Students in the electorate of Light will benefit from a \$10 million upgrade to the Gawler and District College B-12 announced by Premier Jay Weatherill and Education Minister Susan Close.

Member for Light Tony Piccolo has welcomed the State Labor Government's unprecedented investment in public school infrastructure upgrades at the Gawler and District College.

The \$10 million announced today is in addition to the \$3.5 million dollars announced in July 2016 to build STEM related facilities and equipment, and the announcement in December last year to expand the Special Education Program.

"These three important projects represent an investment of over \$15 million in improving the educational facilities for children and young people in our community," Mr Piccolo said.

Gawler and District College is one of 91 public primary and secondary schools across the state to receive funding to upgrade or redevelop their school facilities under the Building Better Schools program.



Tony Piccolo MP with GDC students, Principal Andrew Dickinson and Chair of Governing Council, Leanne Conway.

"This State Labor Government understands the importance of continuing to grow and improve our public education system, because every child deserves a chance to reach their full potential," Mr Piccolo said.

"In addition to providing better education outcomes for children, these school upgrades will also create local jobs for South Australians.

in STEM will assist our young people in obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary for the jobs of the future.

"The additional places for children with special needs mean that some more Gawler families will be able to send their children to a local school rather than sending them to schools located out of the area," he said.

"Three quarters of the fastest growing occupations are technology-related, so our children and young people will need new skill sets in the workplace, with a strong focus on STEM.

Gawler and District College Special Class Unit will receive a major upgrade to accommodate the new places.

"The infrastructure program will not only provide exciting, new facilities for students in our local schools but also a boost to local economies through the significant building works generated," he said.

Mr Piccolo said the investment

"A VISION FULFILLED" SAYS SPECIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



Tony Piccolo MP with ANSS Principal Byron Stuu and Minister for Education Susan Close.

The Minister for Education, the Hon Susan Close MP, officially opened the Adelaide North Special School (ANSS) on Friday 22nd of September.

Ms Close paid tribute to all those who had been involved in the design and construction of the new school which is located adjacent to Mark Oliphant College.

The \$12.4 million facility is purpose built for students living with disability and was formerly located at Elizabeth.

School Principal, Mr Byron Stuu said, "as an extremely proud Principal of Adelaide North Special School it has been my privilege to be involved in the collaborative work that has led to building of the new school."

"We have a specialist educational facility that we showcase to fellow educators and it's here in the Northern suburbs of

Adelaide," said Mr Stuu.

"ANSS is more than a building. The feedback I receive on a regular basis and I never tire of hearing it, is how welcoming and genuinely happy our staff and students are."

"We constantly strive to be the best educational service for students living with disability."

"I am in awe of my staff; they are committed, talented and driven for our students to achieve without limitations."

Mr Stuu thanked families and carers for entrusting the school with their beautiful children.

Mr Piccolo said the new school not only showcased the best in facilities but also an educational program that gives young people the opportunity to be the best they can.

"The school promotes young people managing their own lives as much as they can," said Mr Piccolo.

"The school philosophy encourages students to confidently use at least one form of communication, learn to make choices and persevere with and extending their learning.

"Importantly, the school seeks to develop the whole child but providing opportunities for physical and social development.

Mr Stuu ended his speech by thanking all those involved as they have built a wonderful school and fulfilled a vision.

BUILDING MORE JOBS

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo, is urging local workers and businesses to take part in the state-wide infrastructure upgrade resulting for the launch of the Building Better Schools program.

The recently announced Building Better Schools program, which yielded a \$10 million windfall for Gawler and District College, is not just a boon for our local students about also for our local builders and contractors.

More than 1700 jobs are expected to be created when the 91 public schools across South Australia are upgraded through the program.

More than \$690 million is being invested to improve, refurbish and expand capacity at public primary and secondary schools across the State.

Mr Piccolo said that not only are students, teachers and the College community benefiting from this incredible announcement, but it will also create a massive jobs boost for the greater Gawler area.

"The tender process for the building works program will be open to local builders and contractors," Mr Piccolo said.

"Local builders can apply to take part in the Building Better Schools program across the state by visiting www.decd.sa.gov.au/your-public-school.

"Alternatively, businesses can contact my office and I will point them in the right direction," he said.

The announcement also builds on the State Government's \$3.5 million contribution to STEM funding and the major upgrade to accommodate the new places within the Special Class.

COMMUNITY MARKET SPRINGS INTO ACTION IN MUNNO PARA

Building on the success of the first (spring) market, a second community market to usher in summer and Christmas will be held in Munno Para on Saturday 2nd December from 9am until noon at the car park of Life Church in Karri Street.

The market was an initiative of community organisations involved with the Munno Para area including the Munno Para Kindergarten, Munno Para Primary School, the City of Playford, Renewal SA and the Office of Tony Piccolo MP.

Mr Piccolo said the purpose of the community

market is to give local residents a place where they can meet and chat with other people in the local area while browsing the various stalls.

"It was a traditional town square community market offering a variety of items from fresh produce to bric-a-brac and more," said Mr Piccolo.

"Local people were able to purchase some great bargains, chat to neighbours and provide feedback on any concerns they may have about their community.

"The market was run by local people for the benefit of local residents", Mr

Piccolo said.

There was something for the whole family with emergency services volunteers and staff, service clubs and other community organisations joining in to help make the market a success.

Mr Piccolo thanked the City of Playford and Renewal SA for providing financial support for the event, Life Church for making their car park available, and the school and pre-school for taking on the organisational tasks.

Subsequent markets are planned for the first Saturday in March (autumn) and July (winter).

MUNNO PARA SUMMER/CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MARKET



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DON'T LET TRAFFIC "BOWL" RESIDENTS OVER SAYS LOCAL MP

Concerns about the Munno Para Bowling Club Development Plan Amendment (DPA) have been raised in State Parliament.

Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo, recently appeared before the Environment, Resources and Development Committee of State Parliament to seek assurances that any infrastructure required to effectively manage traffic generated by any new developments on the site can, and will be, addressed.

While Mr Piccolo did not oppose the DPA, he did raise concerns and seek assurances that traffic infrastructure issues at the intersection of the development site and Mingari Street, and Curtis Road and Mingari Street can be addressed.

Mr Piccolo said his concerns arose from other DPAs in his electorate that have resulted in developments that have generated considerable traffic, without any mechanism in the DPA to address them through the Development Assessment process.

"The intersection of Main North and Tulloch Roads at Evanston is a case in point," said Mr Piccolo.

In responding to his concerns, DPTI officers said the DPA had a number of provisions in it to address

any traffic management issues and additionally, Council's contract with the developer purchasing the site contained additional infrastructure requirements.

While the DPA is a public document, the contract may be a confidential agreement so Mr Piccolo has written to the Mayor and CEO of the City of Playford seeking details of provisions in the contract that will address any traffic management issues.

In his correspondence to the City of Playford Mr Piccolo said that "while I can read the DPA, I would be very grateful if you could advise me of what provisions exist in the contract to purchase, that will ensure that the developers (or other parties by prior agreement) will fund any traffic management infrastructure required as a result of developments on the site."

Mr Piccolo said that he understood that the ERD Committee has forwarded his concerns to the Minister for Planning and Development for his consideration.

"It is important that any traffic issues are nipped in the bud and are not permitted to escalate out of control and cause huge problems for local residents," said Mr Piccolo.

SA JUNIOR AMBASSADOR



Tony Piccolo MP with James Larsson.

Mark Oliphant College student, James Larsson, recently became the first South Australian Junior Ambassador for the Fred Hollows Humanity Awards.

Fred Hollows' name is synonymous with caring. Fred Hollows believed the most basic attribute of mankind is to look after each other.

The award recognises Year 6 students who are making a positive contribution to their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their lives, as Dr Hollows did.

James was nominated by his teacher, Larissa Schinella who said James shows compassion, integrity and kindness every day.

"A student in our class, Alex, has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. James is an amazing friend to Alex, and supports him with his movement around the school and his learning," Ms Schinella said.

"James will often take time out of his day to ensure that Alex is comfortable and happy.

"James is particularly kind during PE lessons, when he ensures Alex is able to participate by playing modified games with him

"James' selflessness and compassion is inspiring," she said.

James received his award from Premier Jay Weatherill and Gabi Hollows at a State Presentation Ceremony at Parliament House.

THE HOLDEN STORY



When the last Holden rolled off the assembly line on 20 October 2017 it marked an end of an era for people living in the Gawler area and the northern suburbs.

According to local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo, the closure was more than a loss of thousands of jobs – it was the end of a way of life for a whole community. Mr Piccolo said that as part of the 'Holden family' he was personally aware of the important role the plant has played in the lives of many families, including many 1950's and 60's migrants.

"My family arrived in South Australia on 13 March 1963, and the very next day my late father, Raffaele started work at Holden, and did so, for over 20 years until he retired," Mr Piccolo said.

"If my dad were still alive, he would have been heartbroken by the news, as Holden gave our family a fresh start in our new home, Australia," he said.

Brigitte Bassanese started at Holden in 1994 as an assembly operator and moved through to spray painting, cutting and finally plastics.



"It's my house and car, it put my daughter through school."

- Brigitte Bassanese

She was at Holden for 23 years until her retrenchment during the wind down in Holden's final weeks.

Ms Bassanese said Holden had meant everything to her.

"It's my house and car, it put my daughter through school," Ms Bassanese said.

"I met great people [at Holden]," she said.

Ms Bassanese said Holden did everything they possibly could to help in the transition.

Coming to Australia from England in his early 20s Adris Salih started a 30 year career at Holden in the paint shop.

He progressed to become a Team Leader in the Plastics Plant and remained in that role for 20 years.



"I thought I'd be there until I retired."

- Adris Salih

(pictured with client Ms Sheila Cadman)

Mr Salih said he was shocked when the closure announcement was made.

"I thought I'd be there until I retired," he said.

Mr Salih first considered a new career in logistics, until a woman at the Transition Centre asked him about a career in aged care.

Holden provided Mr Salih with the funds to undertake training, which saw him complete a Certificate in Aged Care.

Mr Salih's experience as a Team Leader at Holden led him to becoming a Senior Care Worker with Anglicare, with 21 care workers working under him.

Mr Salih says he loves his new role.

"I find the work very rewarding. The clients look forward to seeing me and for some it makes their day," he said.

Graham Hill began his career at Holden on 4 March 1968 at the age of 19.



"It had its ups and downs, but it was a good income, a safe income."

- Graham Hill

Starting in Plant 1, he worked as a press operator, before becoming a die setter and moving to the Vehicle Assembly Plant in 1975, where he stayed for the remainder of his time with Holden.

After nearly 38 years at Holden, Mr Hill retired in 2005 after being diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Mr Hill said it was a good job.

"It had its ups and downs, but it was a good income, a safe income," he said.

Mr Hill still has a copy of his first payslip, proud of his time at Holden.

Mr Piccolo said like his father many migrants, or their children worked at Holden.

Fritz de Bruin was born in Holland and moved to Australia in 1960.

Mr de Bruin started at Holden on 6 October 1992, initially in the body shop as a spot welder.



"Holden gave us a house, a car, a good lifestyle."

- Fritz de Bruin

Mr de Bruin said Holden's closure has been an upheaval for his family.

"Holden gave us a house, a car, a good lifestyle," Mr de Bruin said.

"This transition has been as good as any transition could be...[the Transition Centre] is very well set up," he said.

His advice for others moving on from Holden is to go up and speak to someone at the Transition Centre.

Keith Hamilton worked at Holden for 36 years, commencing when he was 19 years old.



"I was there to the very end, I turned off the lights in my plant."

- Keith Hamilton

Mr Hamilton ended his long career with Holden as a Team Leader in the warehouse and was honoured with the task of turning out the light on the final day.

"It [Holden] has been my life; it has given me my house and helped me provide for my family. Without Holdens, I would've been on the streets," Mr Hamilton said.

"I was there to the very end, I turned off the lights in my plant."

"Turning off the lights, I didn't think it would affect me but once I turned them off, I realised I wasn't coming back here."

"It was lonely, the warehouse was empty, there were no parts in it. It was just a sad day."



"We expected it to always be there, for the next generation."

- Craig Carmody

Craig Carmody summed up the importance of Holden to the local area when he said generations of workers in the area relied on Holden for their livelihood.

"We expected it to always be there, for the next generation," Mr Carmody said.

"It offered young people the opportunity to learn the trade, and provided them with a foundation for their adult life."

"So important was Holden to the community that everybody knew someone who worked there," he said.

Mr Piccolo said the South Australian Government would continue its support for workers, suppliers and northern Adelaide, by providing millions of dollars in support to help workers move into new employment.

Details of programs to support workers and companies are available at: <http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/industry/automotive> and details of the Northern Economic Plan are available at: <http://looknorth.com.au/>

IS OUR STORY

NEW IMAGING SERVICE LAUNCHED AT PLAYFORD

Benson Radiology unveiled its new Playford clinic at a launch event held recently.

Almost 50 local referrers and their practice staff had the opportunity to tour the new purpose-built facility.

The clinic provides low dose CT, digital x-ray, ultrasound, dental imaging and interventional procedures.

While Benson Radiology already has existing clinics in Salisbury and Gawler, its Managing Partner Dr Andrew Wicks said the

practice was excited to continue its growth in the northern region.

"Extending our service offering in the northern suburbs has been a deliberate focus of our practice for some time," Dr Wicks said.

"The growth that's occurring in the northern suburbs, the fantastic relationships we have with northern referrers and the historic strength of our network have been things that we've genuinely valued." "We're excited about opening

a new clinic, but more importantly, we're excited about the ability to work in partnership with the local referrers to provide them and their patients an excellent diagnostic imaging service."

The clinic is located at 256 Curtis Road (corner of Curtis and Peachey Roads) and has been in operation since June.

Member for Light Tony Piccolo said it was great to see new services delivered to people living in the north, and in particular, the



Tony Piccolo MP with Dr Andrew Wicks and Radiology Technician Kate Borg.

Playford Alive area where many young families live.

"Benson's investment in this area is a reflection of their confidence in the ongoing growth in the Munno Para locality," said Mr Piccolo.

"It helps local families if they do not have to travel long distances to access services."

BOOKKEEPING: THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

A small business initiative has recently launched here in South Australia that will help take the stress out of starting and running your own small business and best of all, it started right here in the Light Regional Council District.

Founded by Hewett's Dean Allan, BookPals is a simple to use bookkeeping solution for sole trader small business owners to get their business receipts stored quickly and easily so that they can get back to doing what's most important in their lives.

"The idea of BookPals came about while I took part in the Business Owners Coaching Program set up by the Northern Area Business Enterprise Centre (NABEC - now the Polaris Centre in Mawson Lakes) back in 2010" Dean explains.

After several years of development, the BookPals bookkeeping program was created, but the founders were not convinced that it made bookkeeping simple enough so they decided to look for ways to make BookPals even easier.

"We decided that the easiest way for small business owners to do their bookkeeping was by creating an app for their phones that would allow them to get their receipts recorded "on the run," Dean explains, "but our challenge was that there was no-one on the BookPals team who could create phone apps. So we approached the Uni SA Computer Science campus at Mawson Lakes to see if they could help us and final year student Alan Samuel Joseph accepted the offer resulting in the creation

of both the iPhone and Android Phone Apps for BookPals."

BookPals has now grown to a point where it requires a software team to help support it, and another South Australian business - Ennovative - have joined the BookPals team to assist in further software development and maintenance.

"We understand that small business owners have a mountain of costs when they first start out in business so we are making sure that the cost of our bookkeeping product does not add to this burden."

Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo recently met with Mr Allan to discuss BookPals.

"BookPals is a fantastic initiative. Small businesses play such an important role in our local economy and it is innovations like this that help our small businesses thrive" Mr Piccolo said. "It is great to see small businesses in Light like BookPals succeeding."

For \$5.00 per month - with no lock in contracts - small business owners can get their bookkeeping done quickly and easily and get back to doing what's most important in their lives. If you want to find out what BookPals is all about, check out their website at: www.bookpals.biz



Dean Allan of BookPals, Alan Samuel Joseph of UniSA and Kee Fai Foong of Ennovative show how to turn your receipts into financial records using your smart phone when you start using BookPals.

GRANT SUCCESS FOR TWO LOCAL BUSINESSES



Tony Piccolo MP with successful applicants Sally Ryan and Naveesh Sharma

Two local small businesses based at the Stretton Centre will join 33 other small businesses and start-ups in Adelaide's north to share in nearly \$1.6 million of grant funding through the State Government's Small Business Development Fund.

Sally Ryan, the manager for Pathways to Recovery, a disability and mental health support service in Munno Para, will receive \$12,770 in grant funding.

Pathways to Recovery is an NDIS Registered provider of disability and mental health supports in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, Light and Barossa areas.

Ms Ryan said the program involves working with families, youth and adults to promote health, wellbeing and the creation of a meaningful life through a combination of supports.

"The supports provide opportunities for independence and skill development, but also assistance in things people may be challenged to complete on their own," said Ms Ryan.

The Small Business Development Fund grant will be used in the creation of their first share-house, which will support their Developing Independence program.

The program is designed for people who have never lived on their own before, to learn those skills in a 24/7 supported environment.

The other successful applicant, Naveesh Sharma is the founder of Solution for Construction, a start-up for project management services for building and construction operators.

Receiving \$8,180 in funding, Solution for Construction (SFC) provides targeted services and support in the areas of Residential Construction/Extension, Commercial Construction, Civil Construction, and Mining Construction.

Mr Sharma said SFC provides sub-contractors, builders and those looking to build their own home or investment property with the opportunity to increase efficiency, reduce costs and risk, and enhance the capabilities of a project beyond its construction.

"SFC has a focus on making the life of construction contractors and builders easier, via improved management of challenging paperwork from tendering to handover, and liaising with principal contractor and sub-contractors, to ensure all parties' requirements are met," said Mr Sharma.

The funding will help in the creation of the start-up, including office equipment, software, and marketing.

Mr Piccolo said to date, the Small Business Development Fund has distributed over \$4.8 million worth of grants to small businesses and start-ups.

The Small Business Development Fund is available exclusively to small businesses and start-ups in the Port Enfield, Salisbury and Playford council areas by the State Government to drive economic growth in the local and surrounding areas.

NEW RECYCLING FACILITY PROMOTES 'CLEAN GREEN STATE'



Helping Minister Hunter switch on the new recycling facility at NAWMA are from left, Teresa Dolman (aka NAWMA – Norma), Tony Piccolo MP, Minister Hunter and Gawler Mayor, Karen Redman.

Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Ian Hunter officially commissioned the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority's (NAWMA) new recycling facility at its Edinburgh site in early October.

The \$8.4 million facility will process up to 20 tonnes of recyclable material per hour to be made into new products.

The commissioning of the Material Recovery Facility follows the recent announcement that Australia's first combined landfill gas-to-energy and solar power plant will be established at NAWMA's Uleybury landfill.

Integrating a solar farm with the landfill gas renewable energy, the facility will generate enough electricity to power around 1,800 homes while preventing thousands of tonnes of carbon being emitted into the atmosphere each year.

"Our emphasis on resource recovery and regeneration will deliver local benefits, including helping our constituent Councils to minimise costs and improve environmental

outcomes with flow on benefits to residents," NAWMA Chair, Brian Cunningham said.

Minister Hunter stated that vision and innovation were the driving forces for NAWMA to ensure the 250,000 residents in 110,000 households in the region were active participants in world's best practice in waste management and resource recovery.

"This Government has worked with the community and the industry to help achieve the best recycling rates in the country. This effort has helped create a \$1 billion industry that employs almost 5,000 South Australians" Minister Hunter said.

Mr Tony Piccolo said NAWMA's facility is helping to create local jobs and showing the potential this sector has in Adelaide's northern regions.

"Our State has a strong record of recycling and resource recovery and this Government is passionate and committed to ensuring we continue to lead the nation in waste management. "Maintaining this leadership helps underpin our reputation as a clean, green state," he said.

WORKSHOP SHOWCASES WAYS TO SLASH POWER BILLS



Tony Piccolo MP with Jon Dee at the EnergySmart Saver Workshop

Planet Ark and Do Something founder Jon Dee spoke with locals at Café Nova on Monday evening about how they can reduce their power bills.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who arranged for the EnergySmart Saver Workshop to be held in Gawler said that Mr Dee provided many helpful tips about how we can reduce energy costs in our homes and businesses.

"When I heard that Jon Dee would be providing the EnergySmart workshops I approached the then Assistant Minister to the Treasurer, Chris Picton and requested a workshop be held in Gawler," Mr Piccolo said.

"Jon literally wrote the book on how households and businesses can take simple steps to save significant dollars on power bills," he said.

The EnergySmart Saver Workshops follow the 10-step

guide that Mr Dee produced in association with the State Government.

The workshop covered topics such as negotiating a better energy deal, cutting the cost of lighting, heating, cooling and hot water, and saving money with insulation and solar.

Jon Dee said that there is huge potential for South Australians to reduce their energy bills with energy efficiency measures having already saved Australians billions of dollars and it has the potential to save billions more.

Those attending the workshop received a copy of the EnergySmart South Australia booklet with tips on reducing energy costs.

You can pick up your free copy of Jon Dee's "The 10 Step Guide to Reducing Your Energy Bills" from Tony Piccolo's electorate office at 148 Murray Street, Gawler.

A BETTER WASTE SOLUTION



Tony Piccolo MP with Eco Waste Solutions owner Mark Baker.

Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister, Ian Hunter was in Gawler recently to open Willaston's Eco Waste Solutions Resource Recovery Facility.

Eco Waste Solutions received a State Government grant of \$300,000 earlier this year to assist in establishing the new facility.

The facility will ensure that hard waste is recycled and kept out of landfill.

Business owner, Mark Baker said Eco Waste Solutions aims to minimise illegal dumping in the Gawler and surrounding areas by providing a waste facility for local businesses.

"We will at the same time be generating recycled products from the incoming waste stream," Mr Baker said.

"The benefits from Eco Waste Solutions for the community are long

overdue," he said.

Eco Waste Solutions will be employing 10 people once it is running at full capacity.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the business would also be providing employment to people living with a disability.

"It is great to see employers, like Mr Baker, giving people living with disabilities an opportunity to work which helps them to develop their social skills and independence," Mr Piccolo said.

Eco Waste Solutions has been open to commercial operators for the past few months and is now open to the general public.

Eco Waste Solutions accepts hard waste from the public on Saturdays and Sundays.

2017/2018 EDITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORY LAUNCHED

The 2017/18 edition of the Greater Gawler and Playford Communities Services Directories for people living in the Light electorate was launched by local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo recently.

Mr Piccolo produces the directories in response to the numerous enquiries his office receives regarding access to local service providers, particularly from seniors.

Mr Piccolo said seniors wanted to know who to contact about a range of services, particularly when things went wrong.

"We have developed these booklets in response to the type of enquiries

my office has received from seniors in our community," said Mr Piccolo.

"Wherever possible, we have provided local contacts for a range of government or community based organisations and agencies."

"We have tried to provide as much information as possible without making it too complex."

"It is designed to be easy to read so that information can be found quickly."

This is the fifth edition of the publication, which has been redesigned to reflect the feedback received.



Tony Piccolo MP with Cr Ian Tooley and representatives from seniors community and advocacy groups.

A range of seniors groups across the electorate attended the launch, including advocacy groups the Catalyst Foundation, COTA and the National Seniors Australia, (Northern Districts Branch).

Seniors in our community can access the directory online at: www.tonypiccolo.org/publications-1 or order, free of charge, a hardcopy from our office.

A GREAT REFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY GROUP

The Playford Alive Community Reference Group has celebrated its 10th birthday.

Representing the Premier at the celebration event, the Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo paid tribute to the hard work of the members CRG who acted as a conduit between the community and the various spheres of government.

Mr Piccolo said his main purpose for being at the event was to simply say thank you to all the volunteers.

"Thank you to the past and present members of the Group for their invaluable, grassroots efforts on behalf of their local community," Mr Piccolo said.

"And thank you, also, to the partner organisations – the City of Playford, Housing SA and Renewal SA – for working so constructively with the group."

"This Group has done an outstanding job of consulting with – and advocating for – the people of this part of Adelaide."

The Playford Alive initiative has carried out an enormous amount of good in the past decade, and the results are all around us to see.

They include:

- almost 200 new public-housing dwellings built and 335 renovated;
- construction of the Munno Para railway station;
- the opening of three new schools;
- the establishment of the award-winning Playford Alive Town Centre and Town Park; and
- the redevelopment of this John McVeity Centre.

Mr Piccolo said the successes of the Playford Alive initiative wouldn't have been so impressive – or in some cases been achieved at all – if it hadn't been for the advice and insight provided by the Reference Group.

"We have in place a Reference Group that deeply understands the needs, wishes and aspirations of local citizens."

"And – for me – there's no better example of that than the work of the Reference Group over the past decade."

CELEBRATING DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH

Trevu House held a special afternoon tea in September to mark Dementia Awareness Month. Around the world, Dementia Awareness Month seeks to raise awareness, support those living with dementia, and help raise funds to find a cure for this disease.

The event was emceed by Nadia Stankevicius, the Lifestyle Coordinator and Dementia Champion at Trevu House. Ms Stankevicius said the theme for the month this year is the launch of "You're Not Alone".

"This campaign is recognized throughout the world and the purpose of this awareness is to break down the barriers linked with the stigma around dementia, here in Australia," said Ms Stankevicius.

"As we know dementia is a condition, a collection of signs



Tony Piccolo MP with event coordinator Nadia Stankevicius and Jarrad Hewittson.

and symptoms that are caused by a number of diseases, the changes in a person can be memory loss, confusion, mood changes, and communication problems."

"Dementia is associated with ageing but is not a normal part of ageing."

"It is anticipated by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare that dementia will be the greatest single contributor to disability in the elderly, with 413,000 Australians affected. Over 1300 new cases are identified every week with dementia as the second leading cause of death after heart disease and stroke."

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who attended and spoke at the event said that dementia affected the lives of three groups of people.

"The person living with dementia is robbed of the ability to remain active in the general community, while their family members lose the opportunity to share in the family stories that help us understand who we are and just as importantly we also need to be mindful of the people caring for people living with dementia, to ensure they are properly supported."

"Dementia can lead to people becoming isolated from the rest of the community, so we need to find ways to engage people living with disability."

The event was supported by a number of local businesses and churches.



CRG Members Shirley Harris, Betty Alberton, Shawn Barby and Ron Jones.

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DIRECTORY PROMOTES WORK OF LOCAL SERVICE CLUBS



Tony Piccolo MP and Mayor Karen Redman with representatives from service clubs in the Light Electorate.

A new directory of all the service clubs in the Light Electorate was launched on Sunday 8 October as a prelude to Service Club Week 2017.

The directory promotes the work undertaken by service clubs in the electorate and was prepared by local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo launched the directory at the Gawler Country Women's Association Hall in the presence of the Chair of the Association of Community Service Organisations, Ms Bronwyn Heard and Gawler Mayor, Karen Redman.

The directory covers service clubs that are either located in the Light electorate or provided a service to the electorate.

Mr Piccolo said a shortened version of the directory is posted to all new electors to the Light electorate each month as a way of promoting these service clubs.

"The aim of providing the directory is to encourage people to join and participate in one of the many clubs in the local area," Mr Piccolo

said.

Each listing in the directory outlines the objectives of the club, its office holders, contact details and examples of work undertaken by the club.

Mr Piccolo said through their fundraising efforts, service clubs are able to support a range of projects which benefit children, people in need and the environment, amongst many others.

"In fact, the depth and breadth of activities service clubs are involved in is endless," Mr Piccolo said.

"Not only do service clubs support their communities through their own projects but also by lending a hand to other community organisations.

"A number of local events would not take place if it were not for the volunteer labour provided by service clubs," he said.

The directory is available in print and online version at: <http://www.tonypiccolo.org/publications-1>

GAWLER LIONS TURN FIFTY



coming from Renmark, Yorke Peninsula and many suburbs of Adelaide. The money raised from the markets assist in funding projects in the Gawler area, nationally and internationally.

On Sunday the 26th of November, the Lions will have an opening of their barbeque area in the Lions Park on the corner of Main North road and Victoria Terrace. This will celebrate their 50 years with a gift to the Gawler community to use and enjoy the outdoors.

During Service Club Week in mid-October, Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo congratulated the Lions on their outstanding milestone.

"The 50th anniversary of the Gawler Lions marks fifty years of dedicated service to the betterment of our community," Mr Piccolo said.

"Through projects like the Sunday markets, teaching First Aid courses at schools, the barbeque in Lions Park, and many others, the Lions Club are to be commended for their role in building stronger communities which as a local Member, I value immensely," he added.

If you are interested in joining the Lions Club's twenty-seven other members to volunteer and help the community, please call Membership Coordinator Dean Noll on 0458 616 009.

The Lions Club of Gawler was officially chartered on the 25th of November 1967. On the 25th of November this year the Gawler Lions Club will celebrate 50 years of service to the Gawler community with a dinner at Nixons with foundation members and Humphrey George as a guest speaker.

The Lions have assisted in the community over the 50 years in many ways with some of the projects including the Lions Park wall and memorial wall, Rotunda, adopting the Gawler Railway Station and maintaining it and the carpark and gardens, relocating the train to the Gawler Railway Station, and many other projects. They also assist other service clubs in the town with running events and catering.

The Club has run the Sunday markets at the Gawler Railway Station for around 18 years and they are still running and increasing in size and popularity, with stall holders

LINDA HAS A HEART FOR COMMUNITY



Former Gawler and State President of the Country Women's Association (CWA) of South Australia, Linda Bertram epitomises the selfless contribution of members of community service organisations, according to Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

Over a cup of coffee, Mr Piccolo talked with Ms Bertram about her life in the CWA, and in particular her time as Present of the SA State Branch.

Ms Bertram started her involvement in the CWA in the Riverland in 1987 when a friend invited her to come along to a meeting and since that time she had held numerous positions at both the local and State level.

Ms Bertram said that some of the challenges over the past three years have included how the association could best assist people in the fire-damaged areas following the Sampson Flat and Pinery Fires.

"A disaster like this makes one realise how important and what a privilege it is to be a volunteer and work with like-minded people to help others," said Ms Bertram.

"It takes a team effort to achieve all the things required in various ways to help those in need."

"That would not be possible without funds supplied by members in branches and donated so generously by the public, especially in times of disasters such as fire, floods and drought etc."

Ms Bertram said her involvement in the CWA has been an immensely rewarding time as she has had the opportunity to meet so many people.

The CWA is bucking the state trend when it comes to service clubs, and is opening a number of new branches across the state.

Mr Piccolo said the CWA leadership have been prepared to change to reflect the different

roles women play our community.

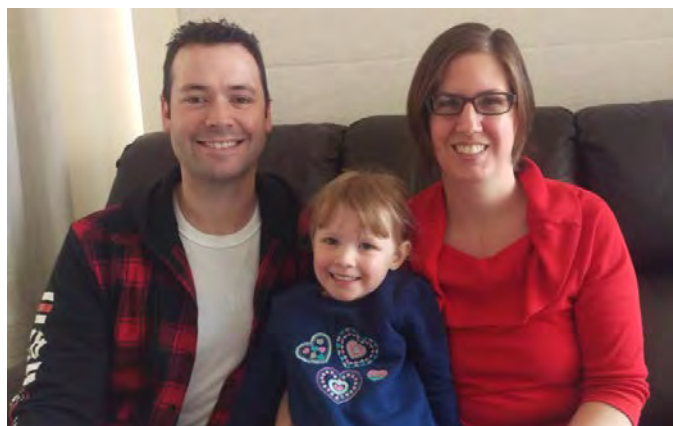
Ms Bertram said one of the rewarding things to happen has been the wonderful enthusiasm from members in new branches, which have formed around the State, and the friendship, skill sharing and pleasure these women are enjoying as well as helping in their community.

"Most of these new branches meet in the evening providing an opportunity for those who have businesses, small children or simply find it is more convenient."

"It has been a pleasure to visit branches around the State and listen to members concerns and plans for the future and share in their successes."

"I feel very humble to have been entrusted with the opportunity to work with women from across the State and understand and am in awe of the countless hours they have and are still providing as they serve the Association and their community."

INTRODUCING REVEREND JOSHUA SCHERER



Rev. Joshua Scherer with wife Eloise and daughter Mackenzie.

Reverend Joshua Scherer was inducted as the new Minister at Gawler Uniting Church in August. He grew up in the north-eastern suburbs of Adelaide and before entering the pastoral ministry field in 2012, worked for five years in the South Australian Police on patrols and specialist areas. He has a daughter, Mackenzie, who is three years of age with his wife of nine years, Eloise.

Rev. Scherer served in both Parafield Gardens and Playford Uniting churches in associate roles but has now commenced his role at the Gawler Uniting Church in a full-time ordained capacity.

"I have a strong vision for a Church which is called to make a difference in the local community. As a Minister, I unashamedly believe that matters of faith play a vital role in a life of fullness," Reverend Scherer said.

"Yet I also believe that many people in our community stand for, and live out, that which the church values, regardless of faith. My hope is to build relationships and partnerships with that in mind, so that we continue to discover ways to enrich our community and see Gawler continue to be a place we are all deeply proud of," he added.

HOPE IS RISING



Pastor Andrew and Rachel Cole, and owner Mr Malcolm Lucas (left).

Hope Chapel is a church committed to connecting and partnering with the community of Gawler and its regional area.

With the cooperation and support of the owners of the Heritage listed 'Abbey' at 8 Cowan Street, Gawler they are fast making headway with the renovation, upgrade and refurbishment of the building.

Hope Chapel Senior Pastor, Andrew Cole said the renovations include a new purpose built ancillary hall at the rear of the premises, built to reflect the scale of the existing church structure.

According to Pastor Cole, a key element of the renovated site will be Community Central, the resource centre of Hope Chapel that will provide a place to facilitate community programmes in conjunction with care

agencies willing to partner with us.

Pastor Cole said an indexed register will be established to enable the Community Central to refer people in need to those agencies that are equipped to handle specific assistance needed for the relevant challenge.

"While we cannot afford to be idealistic about the challenges ahead of us, we do need to be realistic, understanding the tenor of the day and offering value, acceptance and belonging to the community no matter what their 'status', culture or creed," Pastor Cole said.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who has worked alongside the Church through the redevelopment said Community Central is keen to provide a wide range of support services that reflect the lives of people in the greater Gawler area.

Pastor Cole said Hope Chapel is a church of over 200 people with a wide range of diverse abilities able to facilitate resourceful forums, workshops and programmes to help people 'do life better'!

Pastor Andrew hopes to hold his first service at the new church on Christmas Eve.



Major Darren Cox at the construction site.

SALVATION IS COMING

After many years of praying the Gawler Salvation Army are finally on track to have their own church building with constructions works now underway at their site on Edith Street, Gawler East.

Major Darren Cox said this dream at last seems to be becoming a reality.

"The development will not only enable us to have a permanent home for our Church community, but will also enable us to serve the wider community with a greater diversity of projects," Major Cox said.

"We envisage our support services to continue and expand to support those doing it tough.

"These will include food relief, general counselling support and financial counselling," he said.

The Church has plans that will be seeking to introduce a working training scheme based around a small café where hospitality training can occur.

Through the Fund My Neighbourhood program the Church is seeking to fund projects that will maintain a native South Australian Bush Garden on the riverside which is a part of the site.

Major Cox said that there are potential training and employment opportunities that may flow from the garden project.

"Other aspects of our vision include children's and young families projects, such as, Mainly Music, Parent and Toddler groups, Children's Clubs, creative arts groups and music groups," Major Cox said.

"With the blank canvas of a brand new building the possibilities for us to serve Gawler are endless," he said.

Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo said he was impressed with the Church's vision.

"Not only are they seeking to Church support their congregation but also provide services to the wider community," Mr Piccolo said.

"Major Cox's vision for the Church continues in the tradition that William Booth started more than 150 years ago," he said.

The Gawler Salvation Army has four projects listed through the Fund My Neighbourhood program, which can be voted for at www.fundmyneighbourhood.sa.gov.au along with more than 40 other projects in the area.

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WAR MYSTERY COMES OUT OF THE WOODS

The recently published book *Raid on Celtic Wood* solves the mystery of what actually happened in Celtic Wood on October 9th, 1917.

The book by Robert Kearney was launched locally at the Gawler RSL Clubrooms.

The book is based on painstakingly research of the official records of the events.

The raid on Celtic Wood was a small raid on the extreme right flank of the German trenches by the 10th Battalion AIF.

It was an attempt to divert German forces away from the main offensive to capture and occupy Passchendaele.

Many of the 10th Battalion had been together since Gallipoli.

One of those killed at Celtic Wood was Gawler's own Lt Frank Scott.

In Doctor Charles Bean's Official History of the Great War, less than one page was dedicated to the raid.

Local Member, Mr Tony Piccolo who attended the launch said at the time little investigation was made into the loss of over 70 men in Celtic Wood, leading to the creation of rumours of men "disappearing without a trace" and a German cover up.

"Several historians have embellished these rumours, jumping to conclusions about what happened," Mr Piccolo said.

The author's research into original documents, eye witness accounts and cross referencing multiple sources allowed him to draw conclusions where there was irrefutable evidence or a strong balance of probability.

The book systematically refutes the myths and rumours surrounding the Celtic Wood raid purported by other historians.

The book also answers the questions of

- why the date of the raid and the date of the deaths of those on the raid are incorrect;
- how many were in the raid and why was



Tony Piccolo MP with Gawler Mayor Karen Redman and members of the local RSL.

it such a small party;

- did the commanding officer send 'inexperienced' men;
- what experience did the men actually have; and
- why did the authorities neglect to investigate the disappearance of so many men?

The book, priced at \$34.95 can be purchased online at: <https://www.digitalprintaustralia.com/bookstore/non-fiction/historical/raid-on-celtic-wood.html>

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY FUNDRAISER FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Tony Piccolo MP with Cibo Gawler Proprietor Joe Russo with Special Olympics hopefuls, (from left) Noah, Holly, Eric, and Nicole

On Sunday October 1st, Cibo Gawler celebrated International Coffee Day by donating a dollar from every cup of coffee sold to help local participants in the Special Olympics.

Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo along with Mayor Karen Redman, volunteered to be 'guest baristas' for the day.

Mr Piccolo said he volunteered to help on the day because the event supports two important causes; our local Special Olympic participants and raising awareness about sustainable coffee growing and promoting fair trade.

"All proceeds went to support the young people in our community who wish to

attend the Special Olympics"

"In addition to the donation being made by Cibo Gawler, there were donation tins, a raffle, and other fun events on the day," Mr Piccolo said.

At the end of the day, over \$800 was raised for the cause.

"It was encouraging to see the community come see what's brewing and show their mug at Cibo Gawler to espresso their support for our Special Olympic participants."

"And yes, we milked these puns for all their worth!" Mr Piccolo joked.

Mr Piccolo said he was thinking about asking Senator Cory Bernardi to help with promoting the day because of his outstanding fund raising skills.

MOVEMBER WITH THE MO-MEMBER FOR LIGHT



Mo-Member for Light Tony Piccolo has put out the welcome mat for all to join his "Movember" team to raise money to improve Men's Health initiatives.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo has rebadged himself for the month of November as the Mo-member for Light.

Mr Piccolo has a long history of raising awareness around men's health issues in the local community.

Mr Piccolo believes that too many men are dying too young from illnesses that could be treated successfully if identified early.

"We need people in the community to talk about men's health, take action and raise funds, or nothing will change," Mr Piccolo said.

"We need to remember men are valued and loved sons, fathers, husbands and brothers.

"By improving the health of men we are supporting families and the community.

"This is why I am joining forces with local barbers Brendan's and Gusto's to promote Movember,"

"I have created the 'Mo-member for Light' team through the Movember website and am asking that residents in Light join with me in raising funds to go towards men's health initiatives," he said.

During November Mr Piccolo will be signing all correspondence as the "Mo-member for Light" and all documents prepared during the month will carry the "Movember" logo.

Men experience poorer longer-term health than women and on average die six years earlier.

Prostate cancer rates will double in the next 15 years. Testicular cancer rates have already doubled in the last 50 years.

Three quarters of suicides are men.

Mr Piccolo said that people can simply join the Mo-member for Light team at <https://moteam.co/momember-for-light>.

"I have arranged for some prizes to be awarded for 'Mo-member for Light' team members who raise the most money and have the best and worst mos," he said.

LIGHT THROUGH YOUNG EYES



Tony Piccolo MP with People's Choice winner Tiahna Ludborz from the Ann Shannon Art School



People's Choice 2nd and 3rd place winners Emily Jolly and Abbie Woods from Xavier College.

Local artist and very active community member, Ms Judy Gillett-Ferguson, officially opened the "Light through Young Eyes" exhibition on the 30th of July at the electorate office of local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

The exhibition was a part of the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) 2017 Festival and was included in the Gawler Business Development group "Art in August" trail, with young people taking pride of place.

In her opening remarks, Ms Gillett-Ferguson said artists have, in fact, been at work in our district for a very very long time – for millennia in fact.

"Artistic creation reaches back for thousands of years to the spiritual art of the Kurna people, the first Gawler artists, who lived here before white settlement and many of whom live here still."

"The young artists exhibiting here today were given the challenge of looking at the

electorate of Light through their young eyes. And that's exactly what they've done in a kaleidoscope of colour, design, composition, subject matter, style and media," she said.

"This year young people were invited to submit works of art, in any medium, expressing how they see any aspect of our community," Mr Piccolo said.

"The artworks submitted by the young artists cover historical, natural or the built

environment, and the people who make the community what it is."

Artworks were submitted by students from Xavier, Gawler and District, and Trinity Colleges, young people who attend Ann Shannon's Art School at the Hewett Centre, and children who attend the Kingfisher Day Care run by April Stanley-Banks.

Viewers of the exhibition were invited to vote in the 'People's Choice Award' for the artwork they liked best. With over fifty votes recorded, the winner of the award was Tiahna Ludbors from the Anne Shannon Art School. In second place and third place were Xavier College's Emily Jolly and Abbie Woods.

Mr Piccolo thanked members of the Gawler Community gallery for their assistance in mounting the exhibition.



Judy Gillett-Ferguson officially opening the exhibition.

COLOUR AND CULTURE AT CAFE SIA

The "Three Worlds, Triple the Insight" Art Exhibition at the award winning Sia Café, recently launched by Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo, showcased the wonderful work of three talented local artists as part of the 2017 SALA Festival and Gawler Art Trail.

Mr Piccolo said the artworks reflect their different perspectives and their diverse life experiences.

"Gawler art history goes back to the local aboriginal people, and more recently, art reflecting European settlement in the area. This proud artistic history brings us to this exhibition today; where we see the work of three fine local artists: one of aboriginal descent, and the other two having a European heritage."

Scott Rathman's Aboriginal heritage, a descendant of the Arrernte people of Central Australia, is represented in his work.

"The rich design of his art is intended as a tribute to his grandmother who was taken from her people as a child, with her memory recorded in his contemporary works," said Mr Piccolo.

"His curiosity to explore and understand his cultural background is the passion that drives him to look at new ways to combine the traditions of his heritage with designs of the present day."

Mr Piccolo said Barbara Palmer is inspired by the patterns in the surface of water, the texture of stone or the elongated shapes in a shadow.



Tony Piccolo MP with Paul Pearce (left), Barbara Palmer (right) and Scott Rathman (far right).

"She has always lived and worked in country areas situated on the edge of urban population, and this space between city and country is often reflected in her artistic expression"

"Her work is inspired by her love of land and sea and the footprints of human activity found where they meet."

Paul Pearce has over 20 years' experience as an Art teacher at secondary schools including North Queensland and Gawler.

Mr Piccolo said Paul finds inspiration from natural landscape forms which provide the basis for compositions in his artwork.

"All three artists have used colour in a very powerful way, allowing us to explore the detail of their objects," said Mr Piccolo.

"While their work reflects three different worlds, one reflecting aboriginal spirituality, one our rural landscapes, and the other our urban experience, all three artists provide an insight into the world around us."

GAWLER ART SOCIETY



Members of the Gawler Art Society at their 50th anniversary.

The Gawler Art Society celebrated its 50th anniversary earlier this year. The group was formed by a small group of artists back in 1967 in what was the Gawler College of Further Education in Finnis St.

Despite establishing and maintaining a community focused group over all these years the society has never had a permanent home. The not-for-profit group currently has about 50 members and over the years has held many successful exhibitions at various locations both in town and surrounding years.

Currently members meet twice weekly at the Zion Lutheran Hall in Cowan Street Gawler on Tuesdays from 9:30am to 3pm and Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9:30pm. While

the Wednesday evening slot is a new venture this year numbers are still building and publicity officer Trish Moores said the group are looking to attract more members who would like to enjoy and share their art.

Annual membership is very reasonable at \$25 concession or \$30 and \$5 each painting day. This includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Workshops covering different mediums are held bi-monthly with visiting or local artists.

Plein Air outings have been another interesting venture this year and while these days are dependent on weather, we have seen some nice paintings emerging from this technique.

For more information contact Trish on 8522 3247 or Zoe Juvan on 8527 2216.

LOCAL MIGRANTS' STORIES TOLD IN NEW BOOK

A book chronicling the lives of migrants who lived at the Willaston Migrant Workers' Hostel on their arrival to Australia after the Second World War was officially launched in August.

About 40 people, including some of the original migrants, and their families and friends attended the launch at the Gawler National Trust of the book 'This'll do' by Gawler resident, Jeff Turner and Town of Gawler Librarian, Ms Anne Richards.

In officially launching the book, local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo drew on his experience as a migrant to Australia as a result of World War II.

Mr Piccolo explained how his uncle, a soldier in the Italian army, was a Prisoner of War in Australia and worked on farms at Gumeracha.

"When the war was over, the farmers who my uncle worked for sponsored his (and his family's) migration to Australia, in 1952/53," said Mr Piccolo.



Tony Piccolo MP with author Jeff Turner

"Ten years later my uncle sponsored my family, and I arrived in Australia in 1963, with my parents and older sister."

Mr Piccolo said that every migrant story is different, because all migrants

have come to Australia under different circumstances; some as post World War II refugees fleeing persecution in their own countries, to others seeking better opportunities for themselves and their families.

"While their circumstances were different, there is one thing that they have in common; they appreciate and are grateful for the opportunity to live a better life here," said Mr Piccolo.

The book, through personal stories, researching of old local newspapers, and the reading of official reports of the time, tells how the Willaston RAAF base was converted into a makeshift camp for migrants from diverse backgrounds.

Mr Piccolo said Mr Turner and Ms Richards have produced an important book that will help ensure that the stories of this group of people is not lost through the passage of time.



Tony Piccolo with two original migrants at the Willaston Hostel, Stella Hasiuk and Felecia Kiryk.

"These migrants have made an important contribution to our town, but we really don't appreciate their place in our community until we understand the hardships many endured before settling in Australia," said Mr Piccolo.

"Despite language and cultural differences, they have all integrated well into our community over time."

Mr Piccolo said the book is available for purchase at Gawler Books at Willaston and at the Gawler National Trust, and was made possible with a community grant from the Town of Gawler."

CALENDAR PROVIDES GLIMPSES INTO GAWLER'S HISTORY



Kim Potger (Events Committee), Brian Thom and Marie Louise Lees (President of the Gawler Rotary Club)

The Gawler Rotary Club in association with the Gawler and District Special Events Inc have launched their second Glances of Gawler Calendar.

The calendar has wonderful photographs depicting Gawler's industrial, commercial and European cultural history.

Mr Brian Thom, the Chairman of the Gawler History Team officially launched the calendar on Friday 8 September.

Mr Thom said that in the late 1800s, Gawler was called 'The Colonial Athens', emanating from the output from the vast array of activity and cultural events initiated by

the members of the Gawler Institute.

"In the early days, Gawler was considered to be 'the most industrialised town in Australia,'" Mr Thom said.

Local Member Mr Tony Piccolo said the calendar was excellent value at \$15 per copy and would make an ideal Christmas gift, particularly for family and friends interstate and overseas who may not be familiar with Gawler's history.

The calendar can be purchased from Tony Piccolo's Electorate Office at 148 Murray Street, the Gawler Visitor Centre and a number of businesses throughout the town.

BOOK PAYS HOMAGE TO GAWLER'S EUROPEAN HISTORY



Tony Piccolo MP with Mayor Karen Redman, Mr Brian Thom and Mr Ian McDonnell.

The Mayor of Gawler, Karen Redman, has launched a "coffee table" book that pays homage to Gawler's European history.

The book will be distributed by Bunyip Print and was collated and written by members of the Gawler History Team (GHT).

GHT Chairman, Mr Brian Thom said "being a volunteer at the Gawler Visitor Information Centre over the last 2 years, it quickly became evident to me that the vast majority of visitors coming to Gawler were not aware that Gawler was established in 1839 and was South Australia's first country town.

"Much of Gawler's history from within the 1800's, had both state and national importance and relevance," said Mr Thom.

Some 18 months ago, GHT executive

member Ian McDonnell started to go through the 20,000 photos and newspaper articles relating to Gawler that are on the Gawler Now and Then website, to identify photos for such a book.

Mr Thom said the "Welcome to Historic Gawler" is very likely to become highly sought after as an excellent birthday or Christmas present.

Local Member Mr Tony Piccolo said the book was timely, as it will help both local people and visitors to gain great insights to the town's history.

"I love history, and this book helps to bring Gawler's European history to life and in a format that is accessible to all," said Mr Piccolo.

"A copy of the book can be viewed at the reception desk of my Electorate Office at 148 Murray Street, Gawler.

FIRE DEVASTATED BOWLING CLUBROOMS RE-OPEN IN WASLEYS



Tony Piccolo MP with Mayor Bill O'Brien and members of the Wasleys Bowling Club.

The Wasleys Bowling Clubrooms, rebuilt because of extensive damage caused by the Pinery 2015 fires, were officially re-opened on September 24.

In officially re-opening the new clubrooms, local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the determination to re-establish the clubrooms, so it can play a role in the recovery of the wider community, shows great guts and dignity by club members.

"In many ways, tragedy has shown us how wonderful humanity can be and how together, we are stronger," said Mr Piccolo.

"It is humbling to see the resilience of the Wasleys community.

"This team spirit, which has seen the community rally together to rebuild Wasleys only sporting clubroom, is nothing short of incredible.

"Club members have shown the same true grit that the founding members of the Club did back in 1935 when the club was first officially opened."

Mr Piccolo quoted from a story appearing on page 2 of the Friday 13 September 1935 edition of the Bunyip that reported on the pending opening of the clubrooms.

The original clubrooms were officially opened on the last Sunday in December in 1935 by the (then) President, Mr Albert Selleck.

Mr. A. A. Seibert offered a suitable block of land on very easy terms, and this led

to the creation of the club and work started during July 1934 to lay the first green.

"There was then a lot of work to be done; grading, loam and grass had to be carted from Gawler River, and Broom-bush had to be cut and conveyed from Williamstown."

"This spirit showed itself in 2016 when, in a time of great challenge, the Club triumphed to win the Men's pennant."

"With the official opening of the rebuilt clubroom, we can appreciate and celebrate a closer community."

Mr Piccolo said he was truly honoured to be present and be invited to unveil the official opening plaque.

"I wish to extend my sincere congratulations and admiration for the dedication you have shown throughout the recovery and rebuilding process."

"I look forward to seeing the positive impact this will now have on the local community and region."

ALEX WINS MAC MEDAL



Tony Piccolo MP with Alex Brackstone.

Angaston A Grade footballer Alex Brackstone has won the 2017 Motor Accident Commission (MAC) Road Safety Round Medal in the BLG League.

The medal is awarded to the player whose impact, based on the decisions they make, positively affects the match outcome and not necessarily, the player judged to be the best on ground.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who presented the award after the game at the Gawler Central/Angaston match, said the aim of the medal is to reinforce the message that the decisions we make can have a major impact, whether in a local footy game or on the roads we drive.

Mr Piccolo said MAC Road Safety Round seeks to drive home the importance of road safety amongst country football clubs throughout the state.

"MAC's involvement with SANFL Community Football, as the major partner, provides an opportunity to promote road safety in regional South Australia, where last year 50 people died and a further 249 were seriously injured in road crashes."

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CROW SWOOPS INTO GAWLER TIGER COUNTRY



Tony Piccolo MP with Courtney Cramey and members of the Gawler Central Football Club's women's teams.

Gawler Central Football Club's under 14's and 17's women's team finals preparation received a boost last week with a visit from Adelaide Crows Women's AFL premiership team player, Courtney Cramey.

Ms Cramey spoke with the young women about her career in football, the challenges she has faced,

and provided advice on how players could further their interests in Australian Rules Football.

The visit was arranged by local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who said he was keen for local young women to hear from women footballers playing at the highest level.

"I have no doubt that the visit was a real boost to their confidence ahead of the upcoming finals," Mr Piccolo said.

Ms Cramey said it was great to come out and share with the girls her journey to becoming an AFLW premiership player.

"I enjoyed jumping in and helping the girls with their training session and wishing them luck for their finals game," said Ms Cramey.

Football Club President, Mr Andrew Pike said it was great for the girls to have Courtney attend training and speak with them.

"Hopefully one day into the future there will be AFLW footballers that can say they started their career at Gawler Central and were inspired by what Courtney had to say," he said.

Seven Clubs in the Barossa, Light and Gawler Football Association now have women teams.



(L-R) The Stretton Centre's Dermot Cussens, Tony Piccolo MP and John Gazzola MLC.

The Hon John Gazzola MLC will be retiring at the State election to be held in March next year.

During his two terms in parliament, the member of the Legislative Council has taken a great interest in the Light Electorate, visiting on a number of occasions, particularly in his areas of interests: job security, the environment and aboriginal issues.

He has visited the Bruce Eastick Dam, the Stretton Centre, and participated in events with our local aboriginal people.

While a 'labor man' to the bootstraps, John always tried to be respectful of those whose views he did not share.

John once remarked in state parliament "while we share the same goal, I acknowledge that our means of achieving this goal differ."

"We are directed by our own life experiences, education and ideologies and, while my approach to the governance of South Australia may not accord with yours, it is

based on the belief in fairness and the right of all to move forward together, rather than the right of individual passage at the expense of the majority," John said.

"These principles should, I believe, underpin all good legislation."

Over the years John has observed the declining confidence in our political institutions by the general community.

John said that according to popular opinion, we are held in the same degree of esteem as journalists, real estate and used car salesmen, and we will soon be joined, if we are not already, by banking and insurance executives.

"Perhaps the reason why we are so disliked and distrusted is that we administer and preside over an economic system that is seen to be palpably unjust," said John.

John is very critical of the Howard Government's zeal to demolish a fair industrial relations system, which he believes has undermined workers' rights and led to stagnant

GAZZOLA GAZES BACK

income growth.

John said "there are fewer real jobs paying fair wages, denying many the opportunities to afford a healthy and comfortable lifestyle."

"A few in our community have manifest wealth, while the many have little.

"As we embrace global citizenship, politicians sell the community's assets and deregulate health, energy, telecommunication and transportation industries, because governments of the day succumb to the rhetoric of the free marketers, who endlessly bleat about the efficiency and productivity of the private sector."

"The sale of ETSA by the Liberals is a case in point. That decision has caused our small business sector and community a great deal of ongoing pain."

"I support government intervention and regulation."

"Our community needs a government that will diligently and responsibly work for the well-being of everyone."

John believes the Howard government divided the nation on so many important issues.

"Instead of unity we got division."

Even today, where we need national leadership that encourages rational and open debate we get misinformation, censorship and secretiveness.

As a young man John said he was always proud that our state was a leader in education, health, Aboriginal rights, gay and lesbian rights, industrial relations, the environment and the arts.

John was a union official prior to entering state parliament commencing his union career while working as a clerk at the Australian Taxation Office in 1983.

John said should we for one minute believe that unions are irrelevant, then we only need to ask why so much private and public money is spent on questioning and challenging their relevance and importance.

"By comparison, if as much energy and financial resources were expended in regulating or investigating the private corporate sector, the taxpayer would not have to pick up the tab for corporate failures such as HIH, One.Tel and Ansett."

On the eve of his last parliamentary sitting day, John says he is proud to have been a part of a Labor Government that has placed 'fairness' at the centre of its policies.



John Gazzola MLC and Katrina Power at the opening of the Bruce Eastick Dam in 2008

TRINITY STUDENTS REFINE THEIR ART IN SPECIAL EXHIBITION

The Trinity College Year 12 exhibition for 2017, titled 'REFINED' was held on November 6. The title of the exhibit encapsulates the idea of impurities or unwanted elements being removed. To the viewer, this idea manifested itself in the students' art in a few different ways.

Some students expressed 'refinement' in their techniques including using Adobe Illustrator and other software to produce refined shapes and text in their art. Others looked at the concept through a more abstract lens including expressions of how society can push an idea of perfection and refinement onto people.

Lydia Jones produced portraits in the style of Wedha's pop art portraits to reflect on gender equality and personal growth in times of stress



Exhibition piece produced by Year 12 Furniture Construction student AJ Cunningham.

and depression.

The images were first drawn digitally using Adobe Illustrator and then projected on to a wall where she painted them by hand. Lydia has been studying creative arts since Year 7 and intends to pursue the field as her career



Trinity College students in front of Lydia Jones' work.

path starting with studies in Graphic Design at RMIT.

Creative Arts teacher Adele Turner said, "There's this misconception that the visual arts are easy but it's actually

quite hard so the students deserve the credit."

"That's why we do the annual Year 12 Art exhibition; to celebrate the student and all the work they've done."

WILLO'S MENS SHED TURNS 10



Shed blokes getting the shed ready for the anniversary.

From a discussion about the mental health of men at the Gawler Health Service ten years ago has grown a thriving, incorporated charitable body, the Willo's Men's Shed. It is a very active community citizen with strong partnerships with the Gawler Health Service, Gawler Rotary Club, Gawler Show Society, Childcare Centres, Springwood Development and other bodies.

Stalls at community events to raise money from the sale of goods to the public have lead to orders for Tee-Pees, Mud Kitchens and

other products. This year's successful stalls were at the Gawler Show, Rotary Village Fair, and earlier at the Fringe Market. The making of these products provides the men of Willo's Men's Shed with a real purpose to attend on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and also help at community events. The men are out of their wife's way, off the golf course, not in the pub, not fishing, but working to help the community. This is a very positive, informal mental health initiative by the members themselves in the true tradition of Men's Sheds.

Helping to celebrate our tenth anniversary will be foundation members, our patrons, and the CEO of Australian Men's Sheds Association. The official program includes local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo MP, a speech by Minister for Social Inclusion, Hon. Zoe Bettison MP about Men's Sheds in the community and the unveiling of a ten year plaque.

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday 3 December from 10am to 2pm at the Shed located at Lot 5 Little Paxton Street, Willaston.

OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP TURNS 20



Leona Pfeiffer, Barbara Gerlach, Marcene Tesselaar cut the 20th anniversary cake at Cafe Nova.

The Open Door Community Bookshop celebrated its twentieth anniversary on November 5. To this day, the shop continues to trade as a not-for-profit commercial entity, which sells a range of Christian books and gifts and is staffed entirely by volunteers.

The diversity of the contents of the shop is a reflection of the demands in the community. You will find a wide selection of gifts for a birth, a communion, birthday, school graduation or even thanks to your child's teachers.

A collaborative team management led by Manager Shirley Klose ensures the workload is spread amongst as many volunteers as possible.

Mrs Klose paid tribute to past managers including Margaret Purdue who was the first manager, Ros Hofmeyer and Kevin Krieg.

The idea that the Gawler community would benefit from a Christian outreach shop was the brainchild of Dr Frank White, a local dentist who owned the Gawler Arcade.

In 1977 Dr White offered the use of one of the shops in the Arcade to the local Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting Churches. They all donated \$1,000 and the shop was registered under the auspices of the Uniting Church. Local Member Tony Piccolo said that the Open Door Community Bookshop is not your typical bookshop.

"Not only is there a wide selection of books available to choose from but there is also a large selection of great gift ideas that feed the soul and lift the spirits" he said.

If you are interested in volunteering in the bookshop, please drop in and have a chat with Shirley.

GAWLER PARK RUN RACES TO 25TH RUN EVENT



Gawler Park Run volunteers at Clonlea Park.

The local community is invited to attend the Gawler Parkrun which will celebrate its 25th fun run on Saturday 23rd December at Clonlea Park.

Event Director Cheryl McKibbin became interested in the parkrun event when she attended a parkrun at Lochiel Park (Campbelltown) in 2016.

"Parkrun was mentioned to me at a charity fun run organised by Bravehearts at Semaphore as a free weekly 5km timed run/walk so I decided to check it out," said Ms McKibbin

"Initially I went on my own but then my family started to join in as well."

"Lochiel Park parkrun were very welcoming and I loved how everyone acknowledged each other."

For Cheryl, husband

Ian and their 5 children, parkrun is something they enjoy being involved with and participating in as a family.

Ms McKibbin said she felt compelled to share my love of the event with the local Gawler community to promote healthy living and community connection.

"Parkrun is for EVERYONE as it's non-competitive and best of all, FREE."

"It is totally run by volunteers and even children are involved."

Local Member Tony Piccolo is one of the regular Park-runners.

Mr Piccolo said what he loves about parkrun is its inclusiveness; the friendships that are made, the opportunity for families to spend quality time, support for one another's fitness

journey.

"The run has overall positive effects on physical and mental wellbeing and the connectivity of people from all walks of life," said Mr Piccolo.

"Not having undertaken any exercise or fitness activity for over 25 years the first park run was tough, but I enjoy it very much and look forward to my Saturday morning run," he said.

Ms McKibbin is thankful for the support she has received from both Light and Gawler Councils and STARplex (in particular Dale Martin).

"As Event Director it's important to me that our volunteers feel supported and everyone who attends each week has a positive and fun experience," she said.

"The feedback I have received is that everyone's extremely happy we now have a local event and they look forward to their Saturday morning now because of it."

More information can be found on their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/gawlerparkrun/>



Don and Josie Hemsley celebrated their 50th anniversary in July.



Bob and Beth Huggins celebrated their 60th anniversary in July.



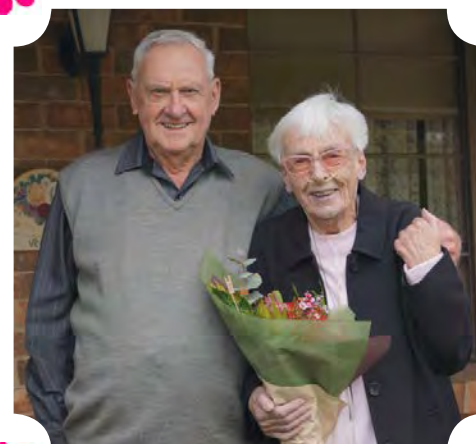
Graham and Shirley Ball celebrated their 60th anniversary in July.



Christine and Malcolm McKiggan celebrated their 50th anniversary in August.



Melva Gwynne celebrated her 90th birthday in August



Peter and Anthea Modra celebrated their 60th anniversary in September.



Les and Joanne Kemp celebrated their 70th anniversary in September.



John Nottage celebrated his 95th birthday in November.

Are you or a family member approaching a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary?

Is your community group celebrating a milestone?

We want to hear about it!

For more information contact Tony Piccolo's Light Electorate Office on 8522 2878 or email: light@parliament.sa.gov.au



DR BRUCE EASTICK CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

On Friday 27 October, a celebratory dinner was held by Gawler and District Events Inc. to recognise the service to the nation, state, and local community by the Hon. Dr Bruce Eastick on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

When he returned to mayoral duties in Gawler upon leaving Parliament he said "I like to believe I've yet got a

contribution to make." This was a statement by which he lives his life.

When asked why he joined the public service, which he went on to give over twenty years of his life, and why he gave his free hours to his community, he only had to say, "If we have talents to offer the community, we must do so. It is in this way you can make your society a

better place for your children."

On November 1, current Member for Light Mr Tony Piccolo spoke about Dr Bruce Eastick in Parliament and paid tribute to Dr Eastick's extensive service to the community.

"The sheer number of people in attendance was a testament to the respect he holds in the community" Mr Piccolo said.

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Kapunda Fri 15 Dec from 5pm



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