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VETERANS, EY SID

South Australia's oldest surviving World War II veteran, Willaston resident Sid Ey, has had his story told in State Parliament recently to mark his 102nd birthday.

Local Member of Parliament and Shadow Minister for Veteran's Affairs, Mr Tony Piccolo raised Mr Ey's birthday in State Parliament as he believes his story has the potential to promote our town's history to younger generations.

"It is an era that is so long ago, yet Sid remembers it quite fondly. His recollection of his early life is truly interesting and a door into the past. He has a very vivid recollection," Mr Piccolo said.

"He remembers one night in particular when he was looking after a patient with a broken leg in a hospital [in Tobruk during a six-month siege].

"Because this patient had a broken leg, he was unable to be evacuated to the air raid shelter when the siren sounded.

"Sid decided to stay with the patient to try to stop him in case he tried to get to the shelter.

"He remembers sitting with this patient during the bombing. He remembers it being an incredibly nerve-racking period but thankfully neither were hurt."

From horse-drawn carts to electric cars, Sid Ey has witnessed incredible changes in his 102 years, and his childhood memories are still clear.

The parliamentary speech was based on an interview Mr Ey gave to the Gawler Oral History Project.

In his interview Mr Ey recalls when the grocers used to call at the home to take an order and deliver it later in the day, the baker ran a horse and cart service, and the butcher ran around with meat in a closed box in the back of a horse and cart.



Gawler resident and the State's oldest living veteran - Mr Sidney Ey, who served his country across the middle east and the Pacific during WWII



"It was a totally different experience to what they have today," Mr Ey said.

Mr Ey also remembers climbing onto his back fence to watch the

monthly horse and cattle sales - held behind the Bushman Hotel - as well as buying treats from the lolly shop opposite Lyndoch Rd.

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UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY
This is the first Enlightened since the 2018 State Election. I thank the community for re-electing me to be their representative in State parliament for another four years.

With such honour comes responsibility – responsibility to ensure that my actions reflect the views and needs of the community. Firstly comes listening, followed by understanding, then reflection, and finally action.

Reflection is an important part of this process. Reflection allows you to marry independent advice with personal experience, to take what you hear from the community and balance that with what is the fair, just and reasonable thing to do. In other words, you need to make sound judgements because on any issue there will be a diversity of opinions.

I look forward to that challenge and hope to accomplish it with grace and good humour – well that is the plan!

Engaging the community in an ongoing dialogue is a bigger task than many may think. While I try my best to reflect my community by being active within it, I am always open to new ways to communicate and engage the community in a deeper and respectful dialogue.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, I am very keen to hear them.

I hope you find this edition of Enlightened informative and interesting, and I thank my staff and volunteers who have worked hard with me to put it together. A broad range of topics, stories and issues are covered – from our oldest veteran, to men’s health issues, to community art. Hopefully, something for every member of the family.

I could not run my office effectively without the support of a very active group of volunteers, and I thank them dearly for their huge contribution.




As always your feedback is most welcome.

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TONY’S BACK



Triumphant Tony with his two sons, Raffaele and Stefan, receiving official confirmation of his re-election from returning officer Terry Nathan

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo, has been re-elected to State Parliament to represent the people of Light for a historic fourth term, with a significantly increased majority.

While Mr Piccolo triumphed, the local Liberals achieved their worst primary vote in the electorate since 1943, when the first Labor Member for Light Mr Sid McHugh won the seat.

Mr Piccolo achieved a primary vote of around 53% and around 60% of the two party preferred count.

Mr Piccolo said that while he remained hopeful of holding on during the campaign, in the end he was surprised by the size of the win.

“To win the election with such a primary vote is testament to the hard work of my staff, my team of volunteer campaign workers and my supporters,” said Mr Piccolo.

“They have done a magnificent job over a long period of time.”

Mr Piccolo thanked the people of the electorate for putting their trust in him to represent them in State Parliament for the next four years.

“Sometimes the English language doesn’t have the words to convey the full emotion, so the best words I have for my community is to say a big

“THANK YOU” and I look forward to representing them to the best of my abilities,” Mr Piccolo said.

“To receive such huge support is both humbling and challenging, and I now need to live up to the people’s expectations.”

“I pray and hope that I will do justice to the trust they have placed in me.”

“And if I don’t, they should tell me.”

“While to win Light was a great result for my magnificent campaign team and supporters, it was tinged with a sense of sadness that I will not be part of the team in Government.”

“That said, I look forward to my new role as a Member of Parliament of the party in opposition, with renewed energy, drive and vigour.”

“While my key role will be to be an active and effective advocate for the people in my community, I will also ensure the Liberal Party keep their promises in the local region.

“I will rightly hold them accountable if they start breaking their promises.”

Asked why he believed he did so well, Mr Piccolo said that he focussed on the issues that were important to the community.

“Having lived in the area since 1963 I have been able to gain a great understanding of those matters that the community cares about.”

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Mr Piccolo expressed his delight that Mr Ey’s story has been preserved for future generations, including his military service as a Field Ambulance Officer.

“I think it is incredibly important to acknowledge the work of medical staff in our military,” Mr Piccolo told State Parliament.

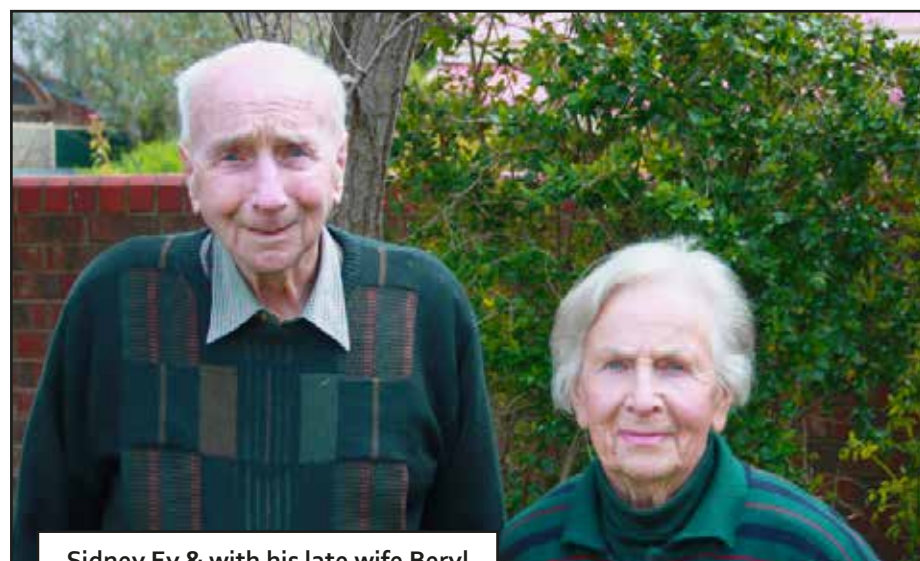
“They too experienced the trauma and brutality of war. They played an important role in making sure that soldiers who were injured had the care that they needed.”

Sid Ey’s story offers a treasure trove of information about Gawler and its history, and was expertly curated by interviewer Barry Neylon.

The Gawler Oral History Project collects, records and preserves the memories and stories of some of our most remarkable local residents.

Sid Ey’s story will become available on the Gawler Broadcasting Association’s website at:

www.gawlercba.org/our-stories-home-page.



Sidney Ey & with his late wife Beryl

LIBS AXE FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



The residents of Reid are unhappy with the new Government's decision to axe the enormously successful Fund My Neighbourhood program

The Marshall Liberal Government has axed the very popular fund my neighbourhood grant program that gave local communities control over which projects or activities should be funded in their local areas.

In State Parliament last week, Treasurer Rob Lucas confirmed that the Marshall Government has scrapped Fund My Neighbourhood, taking \$20 million from communities who work hard to make a difference in their local neighbourhoods.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the decision was revealed during Question Time. When asked by a Labor Member of the Legislative Council if it was true the program was axed, Mr Lucas responded by saying:

“Yes, it was stopped. It was a decision of the former Liberal Party Opposition, but now the Marshall Liberal Government...

and it was one as Treasurer together, arm-in-arm, lock step with the Premier and with my Ministers that we are happy to defend and to support[the axing].”

Mr Piccolo said the glee and gloating with which the axing decision was announced was a slap in the face of local communities who had worked hard to deliver necessary and cost effective projects for their neighbourhoods.

“The decision and announcement smacks of arrogance and a decide and defend mindset,” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said the Marshall Liberal Government are saying that the projects selected and endorsed by local communities under the Labor Government program were a waste of money and unnecessary.

“I would like Premier Marshall and Treasurer Lucas to come to Gawler and

tell the 15 community groups, and all the local people who voted for them, that their projects were a waste of money and time.”

Mr Piccolo said in the first round local churches, service clubs, resident groups, sporting associations and recreation groups in Gawler were amongst the successful community groups.”

“These volunteer based groups are the foundation of our community and the Liberal Government is calling their projects a waste of time.”

Almost \$1million in projects gained community support in the Gawler area.

The Fund My Neighbourhood program was one of the world's biggest participatory budgeting exercises, implemented last year.

The program was created by the previous Labor Government and gave South Australians the power to improve their local community through pitching and voting for their favourite ideas in their local area.

In the first round alone, over 122,000 votes were cast by South Australians, resulting in more than 200 neighbourhood improvement projects being funded.

Mr Piccolo said the Liberal Government has shown they don't trust the community to decide how and where funds should be allocated.

“The success of this program speaks for itself, with over 33,000 people having a say in what matters to their community.”

“Fund My Neighbourhood wasn't just about new funds for communities; it was about bringing people together.”

FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD DELIVERS



FMN provided half of the funding to build the Town of Gawler's new Dog Park being constructed at Clonlea Reserve



The Rotary Club of Gawler Light has been able to fund their Wheels in Motion project to help youth improve their employment opportunities

Over a dozen projects in the electorate received combined funding of nearly \$1 million dollars to solve local community issues and improve services



The Gawler Road Safety Group has been able to purchase a new speed trailer to tackle the issue of cars speeding around the town

RETRENCHED EMPLOYEES ABANDONED BY MARSHALL LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

FUNDING CUT TO NORTHERN EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE

In the wake of Holden's closure, and Telstra's announcement of the loss of 8,000 jobs Australia-wide, the State Liberal Government confirmed it will cut funding to the Elizabeth based employment advisory service, Northern Futures.

Northern Futures specialises in providing northern suburbs residents with assistance in developing pre-employment skills needed to become job ready.

These include assistance with identifying training pathways, tailored advice about local industries and job opportunities, and assistance with resume writing, job applications, and interview skills.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo has expressed his strong opposition to the cuts, along with his concern for the welfare of Gawler and Northern Suburbs job seekers.

"Northern Futures have already provided extremely valuable services to displaced Holden workers," Mr Piccolo said.

"Having won a tender to provide career coaching to more than 1,200 Holden employees, Holden offered a glowing testimonial thanking the team: 'for genuinely caring for our people and helping so many of them effectively determine pathways back into employment.'

"This is the type of service that is still needed in the Gawler and Northern Suburbs area, and could prove valuable for workers soon to be made redundant by Telstra."

Mr Piccolo has joined his Labor colleagues in calling out the ineffective policies of the new State Liberal Government.

Speaking in Parliament, Member for Ramsay, Zoe Bettison, stated: "The Marshall Liberal government told the people of South Australia they had a plan for more jobs, lower costs and better services. But it seems that for the most disadvantaged, the unemployed or the underemployed, the Marshall Liberal government have decided to axe the very services that have helped get people into jobs in the first place.

"I welcomed the Marshall Liberal government's commitment to an increased number of apprenticeships and traineeships; however, it is a simplistic world view for many jobseekers to be able to walk straight into an apprenticeship. There is a distinct gap between being unemployed and job ready, and career services have been developed specifically to address this need."

The cut to Northern Futures, in conjunction with cuts to other employment service providers, such as Career Partners Plus and WISE Employment, is estimated to remove a \$1.9 million investment in the futures of people seeking work.



The sun has set on the Elizabeth Holden factory after more than 50 years of local production, and now Telstra is to cut over 8000 jobs

LIBERALS TO DISCONNECT CRIME STOPPERS LINE?

The Marshall Liberal Government has refused to honour a funding commitment made by the former Labor Government to Crime Stoppers, placing the future of the vital service in doubt.

Earlier this year, the former State Labor Government budgeted to invest \$960,000 in the community-based service over a four-year period that has a stellar record in crime prevention and detection.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo, has called on the State Government to commit to this funding in the interests of crime detection and public safety.

"Almost 30,000 crimes have been solved, and more than \$8.8 million in property has been recovered over the past two decades, because of the assistance of Crime Stoppers," Mr Piccolo said.

"Crime Stoppers' strong record of working with the South Australia Police speaks for itself"

Mr Piccolo praised Crime Stoppers' methods and warned of the risks to crime detection if the organisation's activities

were to be significantly cut.

"The maintenance of an evidence and information gathering service - where witnesses can submit information anonymously - has become a key component of effective law enforcement both here and overseas.

"Without Crime Stoppers' protection of anonymity, many witnesses with valuable information and evidence may not come forward. This could lead to fewer crimes being solved or prevented."

The State Government's final decision on Crime Stoppers' funding may not be announced until the September Budget.



DEREGULATION TO SHUT LOCAL SHOPS

Small business owners are joining forces with their employees to stop the deregulation of shopping hours, which will help big business wipe out small businesses and have a negative effect on family life.

The Motor Trade Association (MTA) has joined a long list of industry associations that support small business' opposition to the deregulation of shop trading hours.

Members of the MTA oppose further deregulation because:

- Evidence demonstrates that sales volumes remain constant despite higher costs;
- Difficulty in retaining and attracting staff;
- Regional dealerships would suffer viability issues if forced to compete with metropolitan dealerships;
- Anecdotal evidence suggests consumers welcome opportunities to access sale yards without pressure of salespeople;
- Increased competition from online sales have already increased market access; and
- Processing of finance not available to complete sales on Sundays' and public holidays.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said he has been inundated with letters from motor trade employees who are strongly opposed to the further deregulation of shopping hours.

Letters have been sent to all Members of Parliament and candidates and state that:

"As an employee of a vehicle dealership, I do not support Steven Marshall and the Liberal Party's policy to remove the Shop Trading Hours exemption for dealerships, and neither do my family or friends."

Thousands of people have signed the 'Save our Sunday' petition across South Australia.

The letter writers state that the petition indicates the level of opposition from dealerships, their staff, family, friends and customers to the policy put forward by the Liberal Party.

The campaign by the MTA, their member dealers and employees, is supported by small retailers and independent supermarkets.

Mr Piccolo said South Australia's independent supermarkets have warned a Liberal move to deregulate shopping hours would hand more market power to Coles and Woolworths, and would in the longer term, lift the cost of groceries.

Drake Supermarkets CEO Roger Drake has previously said that he was staggered by the Liberal Party policy to fully deregulate shop trading hours.

Mr Drake has said that there is no doubt that extra hours will mean extra costs, which must be passed on to the consumer in the end.

Mr Piccolo said that South Australia is one of the cheapest places to buy groceries because we have a strong independent retail sector, so if that were the case, why would we want to extend shopping hours.



Deregulating shop hours will adversely affect small businesses



Is this the fate of small business after trading hours deregulation?

"Full deregulation of shopping hours only helps the big retailers like Coles and Woolworths at the expense of smaller, family owned businesses," Mr Piccolo said.

"Fully deregulated shop trading hours will wipe out the remaining butchers, fruit and vegetable shops and the like.

"The Liberal Party policy will only serve the interests of the big end of town."

The SA Independent Retailers, which represent local IGA and Foodland supermarkets, have warned that

Liberal Party policy would shift the balance in favour of the big two supermarket chains.

Mr Piccolo said one of the great success stories of South Australia has been the independent retail stores like Foodland.

"They have been incredibly successful and they're much bigger here than in any other state because of current trading hours," Mr Piccolo said.

"The current shopping hours help protect our small businesses from unfair competition from the big boys in the retail industry," he said



Evanston Gardens residents campaigning to stop the Gawler Council from selling their local park for housing development are taking their fight to State Parliament.

Residents have sought the assistance of Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo, to ensure their voice is heard.

Mr Piccolo said he tabled the 584 signature strong petition today and delivered a speech to the House which ensured the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Stephan Knoll, was aware of residents' views.

"Under the Local Government Act the Minister for Local Government must approve any decision made by a local council to revoke the community classification of a park or reserve before it can be sold on the open market," Mr Piccolo said

"Through the petition, residents have made



Evanston Gardens residents show their dissatisfaction with the Gawler Council's decision

Parliament aware of Gawler council's intention to seek revocation of the Musgrave Street Reserve and are calling on Minister Knoll to refuse to approve the revocation of the community-classified reserve."

Residents argue that the sale of the reserve "will remove important open space from the immediate vicinity, which is utilized by local fauna and adds to the amenity of the suburb".

Council is in the process of reviewing the public submissions received in response to its proposal, and at the time of printing, are preparing a report containing a series of options for consideration at the 24 July Ordinary Council Meeting.

But Mr Piccolo said that the residents had taken the step to petition parliament because they were not confident that the Gawler council was listening to their pleas.

"A number of decisions and actions by the Gawler Council over the past two years on a range of issues has created an atmosphere of mistrust and a lack of confidence that council's consultation processes are a genuine attempt to gauge community views on issues," he said.

"Residents do not believe the Gawler Council is listening to them.

"The residents are leaving no stone unturned, and hope that the Minister will listen to their arguments - even if the Gawler Council doesn't."

TROTTING RETURNS TO GAWLER

Trotting returned to the Gawler Harness Club in a spectacular way, with a heritage and family fun day at its new site on Two Wells Road, Buchfelde.

Local Member of Light, Tony Piccolo has welcomed the announcement that racing will return to the Gawler Harness Racing Club site, albeit as a one off event at this stage.

Mr Piccolo said he has been working over the past year with both the Gawler Harness Racing Club and the industry body, Harness Racing SA, to explore the best way to have racing take place once again in Gawler.

“The idea of a one off special event is a great way to showcase the new site and reward the years of hard work and patience of the committee and members of the Gawler Harness Club,” Mr Piccolo said.

“Harness racing is steeped in history in Gawler with the first pacing and trotting race being held in 1910 at the Evanston Race Course.

“In 1937 the Gawler Trotting Race Club was formed and the inaugural race for the newly formed club was held in 1938 at Willaston and later moved to the Gawler Oval.”

“Night trotting attracted crowds of 10,000 people in the 1950’s,” he said.

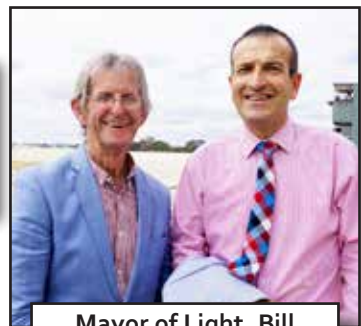
The Club continued to actively race in the Gawler area until June 2008, when the Club’s



Above: (from L to R) Chair of HRSA, Chris Hartwig, Member for Light, Tony Piccolo, and Gawler HRC President Peter Bain. Below: Tony with event major sponsor Peter Kemp



Above and below: The races were back on, the competition was fierce and the crowd enjoyed the action at the new Gawler Trotting Track



Mayor of Light, Bill O'Brien, with Tony Piccolo

track was acquired by the Northern Expressway development.

Mr Piccolo said that since that time, the Club’s volunteers have worked tirelessly to rebuild a superior racetrack, which has been successfully hosting trials on Sunday mornings over the past 6 months.

“Celebrating 80 years of the Club, and 10 years since the last race in Gawler, this one-off event reflected on our heritage, and celebrated a decade of dedication towards rebuilding this facility and showcasing sensational harness racing,” Mr Piccolo said.

Mr Piccolo said the event was a testament to the hard

work of the local committee and volunteers to keep the dream of having harness racing at Gawler alive.

“I have been very privileged to be able to work alongside the local committee and the industry body, HRSA, to help harness racing return to Gawler,” Mr Piccolo said.

“I am aware how painful it was for local supporters when the original track closed down due to the construction of the Northern Expressway.

“That is why I have worked closely with the local members to make this happen.”

WARNING: SOLAR PANEL SCAMMERS

When local woman Marie Hardie was doorknocked by people trying to sell her solar panels, she thought the deal sounded suspicious - and it was.

Following the visit from the potential scammers, Mrs Hardie contacted the Light Electoral Office, and local member Tony Piccolo went to work, visiting the scammers, and, after establishing that there was something not right about the way they conducted their business, lodging a complaint with the ACCC.

If you, like Mrs Hardie, have any suspicions regarding salespeople who knock on your door or ring your phone, there are organisations that

can help.

But you can help protect yourself, by following these simple steps outlined by the ACCC for dealing with solar panel salespeople.

Get at least three quotes

Solar panel suppliers will have different deals so it’s best to get at least three quotes from different suppliers to find which offer best suits you.

Make sure you only deal with accredited installers who use licensed electricians and check that your quotes contain the full cost of the system including

- Panels
- Mounting frames
- Electricity or meter

connection

- Connection to the electricity supplier or grid.

Check your contracts

If your contract is for \$12,000 or more, there must be a written contract and the supplier cannot take more than \$1,000 as a deposit, or more than 5%.

If the contract costs more than \$20,000. Make sure your contract/quote has a clear start and finish date.

For contracts less than \$12,000, it’s still recommended that you get a written quote which outlines all the details.

Payments

Ensure you get a receipt for any money paid.

After installation, make sure you receive written confirmation about the energy output estimate, the performance claims, and any guarantees or warranties. If there are any issues you will be protected under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

Telemarketing and door-to-door sales

If a supplier contacts you without invitation, such as through telemarketing or at your door, don’t feel pressured to sign up on the spot. Take your time to consider the offer

and compare quotes with other suppliers. If you buy from a telemarketer or door to door seller you are entitled to a cooling off period of 10 clear business days, which means you can cancel the contract if you wish. and the supplier cannot take any payment from you or supply any goods or services during the 10 days.

For more information

For helpful tips and a list of accredited installers visit the Clean Energy Council website cleanenergycouncil.org.au.

To find a licensed electrician or to report concerns about a solar panel business contact Consumer and Business Services (CBS) – visit cbs.sa.gov.au or phone 131 882.

IT ALL ADDS UP FOR LEVI

At just 10-years-of-age, Munno Para resident Levi Pesin made it rain gold at the final round of the International Mathematical Olympiad held in July – the first Australian to do so.

Levi has won three gold medals at the final of the “Mathematics Without Borders” International Mathematical Competition held in Bulgaria - a number unprecedented in the history of the competition.

With his individual score being the highest within all age groups competing at the event, Levi was awarded the title “Mathematical Star of the Competition”. Another great achievement for someone just starting out on what promises to be an incredible journey through the world of maths.

This incredible achievement comes on the back of Levi’s rapid educational development and natural aptitude for maths and science learning.

Levi’s University mentor, Assoc. Professor Vlad Ejoy has detailed his student’s remarkable development since early childhood.

“At the age of 2, Levi was introduced to basic arithmetic concepts; at 3 he solved his first linear equation; at 4, Levi was completing secondary school problemsolving tasks; and at 5 simultaneous and quadratic equations. ... At 6, he did algebra and a geometry program [designed] for Years 8 and 9, and at 7-years-of age programs for Years 10 and 11,” Prof Enjoy said.

Levi’s mum, Dr Nonna Pesin is proud of her son’s many international awards, which includes first prize for Year 4 students at an international competition run through the Physics and Techniques Moscow University in 2016.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo, is thoroughly impressed by Levi’s abilities and his passion for his studies.



L to R: Dr Nonna Pesin, Mr Leonid Pesin, Professor John Benyon, Vice President & Executive Dean, Levi Pesin with his hard won gold medals, Member for Light, Tony Piccolo, and Associate Professor Vlad Ejoy

“Levi is obviously a special talent and I wish him the very best as he heads to Bulgaria for the International Olympiad’s final round,” Mr Piccolo said.

“I’m also happy that he has been given the opportunity - through the Garth Gaudry Maths Mentoring Program scholarship - to pursue tertiary maths study at Flinders University which is both stimulating and will open up many opportunities for Levi in the future.

“I was pleased to play a small role in Levi gaining the State Government scholarship that has helped him travel overseas.

“In fact, Levi could very well follow in the footsteps of internationally renowned Australian Mathematician, and UCLA

Right: Success for Levi at the International Maths Olympiad in Bulgaria



Professor, Terence Tao – who graduated with a Master’s Degree from Flinders at 16, and then went on to complete a PhD at Princeton, before becoming the youngest ever full professor at age 24, and the only Australian winner of the prestigious Fields Medal at age 31 in 2006.”

Outside of Levi’s study of maths and science, he also enjoys science fiction and thriller books, poetry, and classical music.



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Xavier College student Ethan White is off to travel the country, and he’s got a dream to inspire teenagers and their families to get off the couch and into the outdoors.

Ethan writes, edits and produces “Off the Couch with Ethan”, a brand new travel show aimed at teenagers and their families, aiming to show how much fun you can have when

you get off the couch and head on out for adventures

Ethan will be heading to all sorts of destinations, including coming to report on the Gawler Show in late August.

Off The Couch, hosted by Ethan White is on Saturdays at 5:30pm on Channel 44



Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo's electorate office will once again become a South Australian Living Artists (SALA) venue for the August 2018 festival with young people taking pride of place.

Mr Piccolo said his third SALA exhibition has the title of "Life in Light".

"The SALA initiative has come about as a result of my interest in the history of the area and I am keen to see how the community views the area and its people, through the medium of art," Mr Piccolo said.

s year young people will be invited to submit works of art, in any medium, of how they see any aspect of our community."

"It can be its historical, natural or built environment, or the people who make the community what it is.

"It will be interesting to see how young people, through both their innocence and experience, see the local community.

The Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Education, Susan Close MP, will officially open the exhibition this Sunday.

In officially opening the exhibition in 2017, Ms Gillett-Ferguson said artists have, in fact, been at work in our district 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!," said Ms Gillett-Ferguson.

The exhibition will run from 1-31 August and can be viewed 9am-5 pm, Monday to Friday.

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

COMMUNITY HOUSING DEMOLISHED

The Liberal State Government should commit to the rebuilding of recently demolished SA Housing Trust homes in Munno Para, as promised by the previous State Labor Government.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo, has lobbied hard for the replacement of a group of outdated public housing units, which adjoined the Munno Para Primary School, and has welcomed their recent demolition - which began on 20 July.

Mr Piccolo expressed his hope that these demolished homes would now be replaced with modern public housing on the same site.

"Homelessness is a real scourge in our community, and the renewal of our public housing stock, with modern amenities and integrated community-building urban design, plays a vital role in lessening its impact," he said.

Prior to the March State

Election, the previous State Labor Government had committed to expand its Housing Trust renewal program by 600 homes.

This \$150 million program was designed to replace old and outdated homes with modern dwellings which reflect current tenant needs, and was estimated to have created 500 jobs during its construction period.



Tony Piccolo outside the Housing SA complex being demolished

SALA 2018 – THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF GAWLER MAKES ITS MARK AGAIN

The Anglican Parish of Gawler ran community workshops with local artist Scott Rathman and created an installation of "totem poles" in the grounds around St. George Church in Orleana Square, Cowan Street.

This year the Parish is hosting another SALA community event, with the culmination of the workshops to be presented at Café Nova in August. The exhibition is entitled Blessings Through Stitches and focuses on making a style of flags modelled on traditional Tibetan Prayer flags, but with a contemporary twist.

Our interest and involvement in the project came about from an association with local textile artist Sue Prothero, our facilitator.

Sue has long been interested in fabric art and was excited about the prospect of teaching others how to use fabric pieces with Japanese Boro stitching as a way to construct the colourful flags.

The SALA exhibition at Café Nova will allow us to show the products of our community workshops, which occurred over two calm and peaceful afternoons in June.

The colours of traditional Tibetan prayer flags are Blue, White, Red, Green and Yellow. Each colour symbolises the five elements: blue representing the sky, white, the wind, red, fire, green, water, and yellow representing the earth. All colours are used on a string in order to bring harmony through a balance of these five elements.

Our understanding is that traditionally such prayer flags are used not to carry prayers, but to promote peace, strength, compassion, and wisdom.

The wind is said to carry these messages from the flags to all people and is thus a fitting way for our community to engage in a SALA project.

By Deb Russel

Tibeten prayer rugs made by Sue Prothero



MALINAUSKAS LISTENS TO LIGHT

SA Labor Leader, Mr Peter Malinauskas paid a visit to the Light Electorate on Sunday 24th June, as part of his "Labor Listens" tour of all 47 electorates around the state.

Upon his election as leader, Mr Malinauskas committed to listening to all South Australians about their needs and priorities.

Mr Malinauskas visited two shopping centres in the Light Electorate meeting with many locals who had issues they would like addressed or an opinion they wish to express.

Mr Malinauskas is determined that every South Australian will have the opportunity to have their say through these Labor Listening events, social media or the Labor Party's website.

Mr Malinauskas said he wanted to hear directly from South Australians about their priorities.

"The reality is Labor lost the state election, and that means there are lessons to be learnt," Mr Malinauskas said.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo joined Mr Malinauskas at the two shopping centre listening events.

Mr Piccolo said the listening events are not about telling people what is good for them, or what is not possible.

"Peter just wants to listen to the concerns of ordinary people in our community," Mr Piccolo said.

Mr Malinauskas said he wants to hear from people of all different backgrounds - in safe seats and marginal seats, in the suburbs and the regions, lifelong Labor voters and those who have never voted for Labor.

"Nobody wants to be in opposition, but opposition does present Labor with an opportunity to reach out to the



Opposition Leader Peter Malinauskas spent the day in Light listening to the issues of concern for local residents

community, listen to them and formulate policy priorities," he said.

Issues raised with Mr Malinauskas included: disappointment at the Liberal State Government's axing of the Fund My Neighbourhood program; concerns about planning and urban development;

traffic congestion; opportunities for skills retraining - including in the automotive sector; services to support children with dyslexia; supports for foster carers; superannuation reform; regional health funding; and support for small business tenants.

FUNDING SCARE FOR G.F.G

An Evanston Grandmother has expressed concern that children would be the ultimate losers if the Grandparents for Grandchildren organisation had had its funding stripped by the incoming Liberal Government.

Evanston grandmother, Lorraine Morton, who cared for her grandson, recently contacted her local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo, concerned that the not-for-profit organisation would have its annual funding cut by the new State Liberal Government.

Mr Piccolo was told how valuable Grandparents for Grandchildren's support services had been for Ms Morton in raising her grandson.

"I have had to deal with organisations such as Family Court, Centrelink to resolve custody, family allowance issues etc. which has not been easy," Ms Morton explained.

"I am very appreciative of the help, advice and support I have received from Grandparents for Grandchildren in dealing with these matters, as well as providing Christmas hampers and entertainment."

Ms Morton was concerned by recent reports that the new State Liberal Government had plans to discontinue the organisation's funding after 30 June.

Mr Piccolo explained that the threat to the valuable



Member for Light, Tony Piccolo, discusses funding arrangements with local resident Lorraine Morton. The important Grandparents for Grandchildren organisation is worried it will receive a funding cut in the budget

advocacy service was real and has only been averted for a year because of the strong parliamentary pressure applied by his Labor colleague, Jane Stinson, the Shadow Minister for Child Protection.

"As a child who was cared for by her own grandparents, Jane was determined to see the funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren continued," Mr Piccolo said.

"The organisation has proven its worth in supporting around 12,000 children to stay with family members

when state care may be the only other viable alternative.

"Grandparents for Grandchildren has also delivered its valuable advocacy services at minimal cost to the taxpayer - with annual State Government funding amounting to approximately \$120,000."

Despite statements from the State Liberal Government in recent months promising to fund Grandparents for Grandchildren for three years, their contract is guaranteed for only one year.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES ACROSS THE ELECTORATE

ANZAC Day services across the electorate again received huge crowds in 2018, showing that there is no sign of the ANZAC spirit dimming in the Northern Suburbs.

For the last decade, the number of people attending dawn services has steadily increased to the point where an estimated 5,000 people attended at the Gawler Dawn Service held at Pioneer Park.

The service provides the community with a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by service personnel in all wars, including those currently serving overseas.

It is a chance for us all to contemplate and remember the enormous sacrifices that have been made by men and women, both living and dead, to build this country we call home.

In Gawler, the local RSL sub-branch is active in supporting our community's veterans and honouring their commitment to Australia, but all across the

electorate dawn services were extremely well attended by people from all walks of life.

At Smithfield, Hillier Park, and Wasleys, local groups held services in memory of hometown heroes who had left to serve, and the sacrifices they made in uniform.

On Sunday, 22 April, in a special event prior to the day itself, the Gawler RSL held its annual march to commemorate ANZAC Day.

This year was especially significant, as the parade replicated the march down Gawler's Murray Street that occurred in 1918 celebrating the end of World War I.

This year Gawler RSL's oldest member and the oldest World War II veteran in the state, Mr Sidney Ey, led the march.

Mr Ey is now 102 years old, but he still looked sprightly as he led current and former service personnel on their march down Murray Street.



The ANZAC Service at Pioneer Park, Gawler



Upper Left: The Bugler at the Hillier Park ANZAC memorial Service



Left: The mood is sombre as the Bugler plays The Last Post at the Smithfield ANZAC Memorial

Above and Below: Past and current servicemen & women parade down Murray St on April 23



Lower Left: Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, Tony Piccolo, lays a memorial wreath at the Pioneer Park Memorial



Above: Servicemen at the Wasleys ANZAC ceremony, Right: The ANZAC Window display in the Light Electoral Office



RITA MEE'S QUILTS

Rita Mee keeps a photo of every quilt she sews, and she constantly receives emails of thanks from the many service personnel who have been gifted one of her handmade Aussie Hero Quilts.

Rita started making quilts in 2011, to keep her occupied while her husband underwent treatment for cancer, and she's

been busily sewing ever since.

It takes Rita about a week to sew together each quilt, and over time her designs have gone from basic patchworks to the quilting works of art shown above.

Last year Mrs Mee helped create a poppy themed quilt which is now on display at the Australian War Memorial.

ABORIGINAL VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Indigenous Australians approximately one-third of have served in almost every conflict and peacekeeping mission our nation has ever been involved in - from the Boer War to East Timor and Afganistan.

Despite being denied both citizenship and the right to vote, our aboriginal veterans fought alongside other Australians during both world wars, ith some paying the ultimate price.

During the First Word Indigenous service stretching War, it is estimated that back over 100 years, it is only

Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, Tony Piccolo, was honoured to be invited to attend the Aboriginal Commemorative Service during Reconciliation Week 2018.

“Given this history of Indigenous service stretching back over 100 years, it is only



right that we remember and honour their service during reconciliation week,” Mr Piccolo said, “It really is a testament to how we all come together as a nation in times of crisis - no matter where we originated from”.

During an emotional ceremony at the Torrens Parade Grounds in Adelaide current servicemen and veterans gathered together to pay their respects to the many indigenous Australians who have given their lives for our country.



BOMBER COMMAND MEMORIAL SERVICE

On the 2nd of June, past and present members of the Defence Forces gathered at Torrens Parade Ground to pay tribute to members of Bomber Command.

Those who attended remembered the amazing dedication and sacrifice of all the Australians who served in Bomber Command during WWII, risking (and often losing) their lives defending their allies in Europe.

The statistics are horrific; of the 10,000 Australian airmen who served with the Bomber Command during the war, nearly 1 in 3 never returned home, and it was recognised as one of the most dangerous jobs for an allied airman to do.

As time creates a distance between the events and ourselves, we run the risk of losing sight of the many sacrifices Australian servicemen and women have made over our history as a nation. It us wonderful to know that organisations like the Bomber Command Association of Australia continue to keep the memories alive.

BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA MEMORIAL

On the 6th of May, the Australian American Association held a very respectful remembrance service in the beautiful Adelaide Botanic Gardens to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Described as a turning point in WWII, where the combined allied naval forces managed to check the onslaught of the Japanese Navy.

The Battle of the Coral Sea was the first naval engagement in history where neither side sighted nor fired directly at each other, with both sides using planes launched from aircraft carriers as the main attacking strategy.



Member for Light, Tony Piccolo, with veterans at the anniversary ceremony

FIREBASES CORAL & BALMORAL

The 50th anniversary of the battles for fire support bases ‘Coral’ and ‘Balmoral’ was marked on the 12th May.

The Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, Tony Piccolo, attended the moving service with members of the Gawler RSL Sub-Branch.

26 young Australian men gave their lives while another 100 were injured in the battles.

The exceptionally good keynote address was delivered by Dr Brendan Nelson, Director of the Australian War Memorial, as he spoke of the sacrifice many of our youth have made over the years to keep our country safe.



No. 6 Gun and crew of 102 Field Battalion at the Battles of Coral and Balmoral (image courtesy of the Australian War Memorial)

THE NEW HONOURABLE MEMBER

Growing up on the family farm on the Yorke Peninsula, Emily Bourke never dreamed she would be referred to as an 'honourable member', let alone be sitting in the chambers of State Parliament.

The newly elected Member of the Legislative Council's passion for country South Australia won her that position, and her passion to implement positive change was evident the moment she was sworn in.

One of five children born to cereal and cattle farmers Austin and Dianne Bourne, Emily and her siblings – Colleen, Bronwyn, Sonya and Steven – were raised in Cunningham on Yorke Peninsula.

In her first speech as a member of the Legislative Council, delivered in May this year, Emily expressed her deep-seated desire and commitment to serve regional South Australia, and preserve the practice and idea of community.

"I do not bring to these benches a degree in law, economics or commerce," she said.

"Unlike many of my esteemed colleagues on both sides of the chamber, I do not bring a lifetime of experience.

"However, I do bring two things that I hope will be of tangible and longstanding benefit to parliament and therefore to our state.

"Along with many others in this chamber I share a common interest, a proud and personal connection with regional South Australia.

"The second thing I bring – and this goes to the very core of who I am and what I hope to achieve here – is a strong and unwavering belief in the value of community."

Emily married her high school sweetheart – fellow 'Yorkesman' Aemon Bourke, who she met in the sandpit at the Maitland kindergarten.

The two of them are now raising three girls, Madeleine, Annabelle and Lucy. All three are in primary school; a balancing



Newly elected Labor MLC Emily Bourke is ready to represent her community

act for any young family, and no less for a member of parliament.

"It's because of my girls, and my family, that I'm spurred on to do the best I can while I have the honour of serving this great state," she said.

"Labor nominated a young mum to stand in the Legislative Council, and I want to do other young mums proud.

"Not only that, I want to do my regional alumni proud as well.

"Representation is the most important part of democracy, and I am both humbled and honoured to represent many facets of the communities I love so dearly."

Emily stands for community, and locals backing locals. She has long advocated to keep a balance in trading hours, a balance that protects farms, jobs and shops.

"Unlike the Liberal Government, which is pushing to open all shops, 24/7 every day of the year – including large international chains – Labor is backing hardworking South Australian local businesses," she said.

"We are backing the local florists, butchers, and independent retailers that keep their profits and jobs in South Australia."

NEW LABOR WOMEN BRING NEW IDEAS



The Hon. Irene Pnevmatikos MLC and the Hon. Clare Scriven MLC

Joining Emily in being elected to the Legislative Council at the recent March poll were former journalist Irene Pnevmatikos and Clare Scrivens.

Both bring a wealth of experience and unique perspectives to their new roles as elected representatives, and their election demonstrates Labor's commitment to ensuring women stand for (and win) contestable seats.



International Women's Day was celebrated in March at Nixon's function centre, with a networking breakfast that featured Deputy Chief Executive of the Department of State Development Alexandra Reid as headline speaker.



Guest Speaker Alexandra Reid at the 2018 Gawler IWD Breakfast

With the theme of "Empower a woman, build a community", attendees met to celebrate and acknowledge the positive changes that have occurred for women in society over the last few decades. Pam Young, the Event Committee Chair for the Gawler International Women's Day Event, said that although there are still many issues facing women in our society, it is important to recognise the progress that has been made.

In addition to the speakers, the day included a scholarship ceremony for three female Gawler students – one from each of the local high schools,

Gawler & Districts College, Trinity College and Xavier College. The recipients, chosen by the schools, received scholarships aimed at ensuring they can maintain their schooling despite personal adversity. The scholarships are fully funded by local community groups and independent donors.

The headline speaker was Alexandra Reid, then the Deputy Chief Executive with the Department of State Development, and now the interim Chief Executive of TAFE SA. Alexandra, a former actor, has been a key player in the cultural growth of the State, and her work across multiple industry sectors combines to support the economic development of Adelaide and the state's regions.

In between speakers the crowd was entertained by the Pleasin' Choir, with a powerful rendition of Helen Reddy's classic "I am Woman", to the delight of the audience.



Above: Win Nicol (Girl Guides) & Daphne Philip (VIEW) at the IWD 2018 Breakfast



The Gawler International Women's Day 2018 Organising Committee hosted the successful IWD Breakfast



International Men's Health Week, which ran from the 11th to the 17th of June, gives us an opportunity as a community to focus on the health and wellbeing of men and boys in our community.

Mental health experts are concerned that for older men the rate of suicide is actually increasing - particularly for men aged 85 years and above. When you look at people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent, once again they are disproportionately represented in these figures regarding suicide.

Commenting on these trends in 2016, the National Mental Health Commissioner, psychiatrist Professor Ian Hickie AM, suggested that many Australian men now entering middle age have not addressed mental health concerns that manifested in their adolescence in the 1990s. Clearly, as people of this generation get older, the problem of suicide is actually moving with that cohort of men in our community.

A Men's Wellbeing Network to better promote services available to men and boys

has been proposed for the Gawler area.

The Network would comprise men and women who deliver services or run activities at the "coalface" for men and boys in the greater Gawler area.

The network will help share information so local men and boys can learn about and access the services available to support them when they need it.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the proposed network will complement the support provided by the Northern Men's Wellbeing Network which operates throughout the City of Playford.

"The proposed network is an outcome of events held in the electorate to celebrate International Men's Health Week, including a BBQ Breakfast held at Willo's Men's Shed," said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo told parliament that the latest ABS data available for 2016 shows that, tragically, 2,866 people died from intentional self-harm, and that 75 per cent of those people were men and boys.



"It is not only the people who actually take their own life who are affected but also their family and friends," Mr Piccolo said.

"While we as governments are putting more money into that sort of work, I think more needs to be done because the figure is not slowing down."

"The decline in manufacturing and other traditional blue collar employment has displaced many men from the workforce, leading to considerable stress on families"

"Men involved in hands on work find it harder to access support services rather than those in more white-collar industries."

"Men become disconnected from community, which can lead to poor physical and mental health."

"The network will help promote services already available and hopefully help advocate to fill in gaps."

The Gawler Men's Wellbeing Network would function in a similar manner to the Northern Men's Wellbeing Network - a group of men and women based in Playford who are delivering vital services to men and boys in the community.

They work with the most vulnerable to improve the wellbeing of men in the community and to improve outcomes, not just for those individuals involved, but also for their families and their communities, because mentally and physically healthy men are needed for healthy families and communities.



LIGHT EO'S COMMUNITY COLLECTION CORNER

Don't forget, the Light Electoral Office at 148 Murray St is a community Collection Corner, where you can drop off your donations to a range of worthy causes. The Light EO welcomes all donations to the below organisations, and we can ensure that they get to the people their intended for



Life In A Bag

Our goal is to put together 100 bags of practical items to help make the lives of those struggling a little brighter this season.



Essentials 4 Women SA aim to provide the basic, but costly, items for feminine hygiene for disadvantaged women across the State



Spreading the reading bug, collecting and distributing free books for children aged 0-12 to promote literacy and learning from a young age



Did you know you can drop in your old x-rays to be recycled to extract pure silver, which can be re-used as new electronic components



Socks, Jocks & More provides local homeless men and boys with basic dignity items to assist with personal health and wellbeing



DISABILITY AND AGING EXPO COMES TO TOWN

COMBINED AGEING & DISABILITY EXPO A HUGE SUCCESS

Over 150 different service providers from the aged care and disability sectors gathered to be part of the 'Ageing in Style Roadshow Expo', held at the Gawler Sports & Recreation Centre in May.

The expo, which is a collaborative effort involving the Town of Gawler and the Barossa, Light and Mallala Councils, allows aging and disability service providers to advise local residents about what types of assistance and support they have available to meet individual needs.

Member for Light, Tony Piccolo, who attended the event with more than 300 locals, said the expo was extremely well organised, and the inclusion

of the disability sector for the first time was a successful initiative that should continue in the future.

"This is a fantastic result for an initiative that started small, and now, thanks to the interest and the support of the community and service providers, is growing to be an important resource for locals in the area looking to access aging or disability services," Mr Piccolo said

"The introduction of the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) is bringing large changes to the way disability services are funded, provided and made available to people living in and around Gawler, and having them all together in the one place makes it much

easier for people to access and compare services they may need"

More "Ageing in Style" Expos are scheduled, the first to be held at Kapunda on August 30, and then moving to the Barossa Valley on October 25, and if successful, more could follow in 2019.

For more information about the future expos, call senior collaborative project officer Deb Anderson (8563 8414), and if you require information about the services you can access in the Gawler area, the Gawler Home Assist Program offers a free aged care at home information service and can be contacted on 8522 1177.



Services including Uniting Care (right), NASC (lower right) Barkuma (far right), and Sing Australia (below) were all on hand to show how they can assist



GAWLER SHOW LAUNCHED

It's official, the Gawler Show for 2018 has been officially launched by Nixon, the show's yellow duck mascot!

On June the 1st this year, staff, volunteers, sponsors and supporters gathered at Nixon's Function Centre to officially launch the 2018 Show.

Running over 3 days from Friday the 24th to Sunday, the 26th of August, this years show is promising to be bigger and better than ever.

With over 300 traders, 2000 exhibitors, and an expected influx of over 30,000 visitors, the Gawler Show has a huge positive impact on the economy of Gawler and the surrounding Northern suburbs.



Gawler Show 2018 is launched by Show Mascot Nixon

This year's show will feature a huge range of events, including Drake's Treasure Trail, an Animal Learning Centre, Working Dog Demonstrations, Cooking demonstrations, the Young Farmers' Challenge, displays of steam engines and tractors, and stages filled with music and kids entertainment!

Not to mention there's all the usual Show Competitions, including prizes for home-brewed beer, extra virgin olive oil, photography, cookery and preserves, junior and senior handicraft competitions, and

all sorts of animals.

Show President, Patricia Dent OAM, is looking forward to another great year.

"Our staff and volunteers have been working hard to bring the people of Gawler the best show possible," said Ms Dent, "And I'm sure the people of Gawler and our visitors will love what our team has put together".

The Gawler Show, now in it's 164th year, is staged by the Gawler Agricultural, Horticultural & Floricultural Society.

UNLEASH THE ENTREPRENEURS

In February, the Young Entrepreneur Program Pilot was launched in Adelaide's North.

The pilot program, funded through a \$120,000 state government grant and managed by the Stretton Centre, will be delivered to young people aged 15-26 years, living or studying in the Greater Gawler and City of Playford areas.

The program is designed to provide students in the North of Adelaide the opportunity to develop their passion and product concepts into marketable skills and ideas.

Having met the program participants Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo, is excited about the opportunities the program

will provide young people in area.

"The young people who will be selected for the program will have an entrepreneurial spirit and an innovative mindset, and with the right guidance and support they will be able to achieve great things," Mr Piccolo said.

"Some young people often have the ideas and passion to succeed but sometimes they lack the support to help them to convert dreams into reality."

City of Playford Mayor, Glenn Docherty was also full of praise for the program.

"This program inspires the next generation of business ideas that will create the jobs of the future for our local community," Mr Docherty said.



Member for Light, Tony Piccolo, with the YEPP Team

CONSTITUTION DAY

THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION IS CELEBRATED

On the 9th of July, Australian Constitution Day passed by most Australians with little fanfare, despite it marking the birth of a new nation.

More can and should be done to promote and celebrate our Constitution Day, according to local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said that Constitution Day was effectively the day the Australian colonies were presented with Australia's "birth certificate".

"On 9 July 1900, Queen Victoria signed into law the Commonwealth of Australia Act (UK) and the Federation of Australia was created," Mr Piccolo said.

"This act of the UK parliament gave effect to the Australian Constitution on 1 January 1901, uniting the Australian colonies.

"It is unfortunate that most Australians are not aware of the significance of the day, nor the process and the journey the Australian colonies undertook to federate our continent into one nation.

"Previously each colony had its own defence force, customs control and different rail gauges.

"Federation brought

us together, laying the foundation for modern Australia," he said.

In an endeavour to increase the awareness of Constitution Day, Mr Piccolo held a special seminar at Parliament House on Friday, July 6 for a group of year 11 legal studies students from Xavier and Gawler and District Colleges.

The students celebrated the day with a tour of the South Australian Parliament and listened to presentations from Associate Professor Hayden Manning, the Chief Justice of the South Australian Supreme Court, His Honour Chris Kourakis, and the former Speaker of the House of Assembly and Attorney General in the Rann Government, the Hon Michael Atkinson.

Mr Piccolo said that the three speakers provided the students with the opportunity to hear about the three arms of government, from people who actively participate in the different areas.

"I see Constitution Day being a unifier of the Australian people, not just for those who were here at the turn of the century, but for all Australians, whether they came here 40,000 years ago, or more recently, and regardless of their country or origin," Mr Piccolo said.



Gawler & District College and Xavier Students celebrated Constitution Day with a tour of Parliament House led by local member, Tony Piccolo

TONY LISTENS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

As local member it's important for me to stay abreast of all the different services offered in the electorate, and one of the most important services for any family is education.

Whether privately or publicly schooled, the education our children receive can set them up for life, and I like to make sure I keep open communication channels with local school principals and their staff.

Recently I have been touring the schools in the electorate, and taking the time to listen principals and staff to hear about both the issues that hinder our children's education, and the success stories that show the passion and dedication of the teachers and students involved.

We are lucky in Australia that our schools, be they private or public, have so many dedicated teachers amongst their ranks that are determined to help

Tony Piccolo with: R (from top): Xavier's Mark Flaherty; Danny Deptula and Terry Neville (Principal & Deputy at St Patrick's Technical College; Mark Simpson from Trinity South; and Belinda Kopania from Munno Para Primary School.



Above: Tony Piccolo with Alec Tibbitts from Gawler East primary school, and (below) with Dianne Jamieson, Principal of Hewett Primary



give our children the best start in life they can possibly get

STUDENT TOURS OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE



It's selfie time after Gawler & Districts College Students have finished their tour

Did you know that schools can get free tours of Parliament House, hosted by your local member?

If you're interested in taking your class to see how democracy works in the State, call the Light Electoral Office on (08) 8522 2878, and we'll organise to show your students the history in the house.



Can you see yourself sitting here? Xavier students find out how comfy the chairs in Parliament in parliament really are.

BUTLER SERVES IT UP FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

At the end of the mystery you hear the refrain, “the butler did it!” But what did the butler do? Why he started the Northern Adelaide Small Business Network and began to serve the businesses of his community.

The butler in question (yes, he really is a butler) is Munno Para West resident and small businessman, Mr Henry Lawson, the owner-operator of Henry’s Executive Services, South Australia’s premier provider of professional hospitality services.

Aside from his love of providing five-star service, Mr Lawson’s other great passion is to support other small businesses in the region. With that in mind, Mr Lawson has established the Northern Adelaide Small Business Network.

Mr Lawson said at the Northern Suburbs Small Business Network, they are all about bringing businesses together to grow and support each other.

“To this end we have decided to create a ‘Tradefest’, an event where local small businesses and artists can showcase what they do to the general public,” Mr Lawson said.

“The Trade show will be hosting local small businesses and also market style stalls.

“We are hoping that this will increase lead generation and therefore sales, enabling more small businesses to grow and hopefully employ staff.”

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo, has welcomed Mr Lawson’s initiative believing that micro, home-based and small businesses in the northern suburbs of the Light electorate need support to grow.

Mr Piccolo said, “the philosophy of the Network is that, as business owners, they can all help each other.”

“It could be just a friendly chat, or it could be a customer referral, but they can all empathize with

the issues that can arise from being a business owner.

“They all know that positive word of mouth or referrals are one of the best ways to gain new clients and customers.

“The first Northern Suburbs Trade Show will be held on the 12th August 2018 at the Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club, running from 10am to 4pm,” said Mr Piccolo

“So if you are a micro, home-based or small business in the northern suburbs, I would urge you to contact Henry and become a member of the Northern Suburbs Small Business Network.”

If you would like the opportunity to host a stand at the upcoming Northern Suburbs Trade Show, or if you are interested in becoming a member of the new network, you can contact Henry Lawson at info.nssbn@gmail.com or on his mobile 0419 255 897.



Butler Henry Lawson is looking to serve the small business community with the first Northern Suburbs Trade Show on August 12 at the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club

A WHOLESOME LIFE FOR VICKI

Freeling can now boast a wholesome living store that promotes sustainable living through selling products in “bring your own” containers, which reduces unnecessary packaging.

Ms Luke has wanted her own store for quite a few years, however she worried about security, being on her own with young children, so it had never eventuated.

But after working for many years in a role that she wasn’t happy in, it was the recent passing of her father after a long illness that gave Ms Luke the strength to take the risk of going into business for herself.

Ms Luke chose Freeling as the place to open her brand new wholefoods shop, mainly because she lives and loves it here!

Ms Luke said the Community is great and she feels that people out here (in the North) miss out on a lot that is offered in other regions of SA

“I hope to achieve a place that’s unique, fun and sustainable for the locals and surrounding areas,” Ms Luke said.

“I believe we all need to be more planet-focused, and have the opportunity to buy with a conscious focus that is still affordable”



“I live here and love it, I love the history of the town, and I have loved this old store since my arrival.”

“It needed some major repair and I am a sucker for a good reno job!”

Member for Light, and Duty Member for Schubert, Mr Tony Piccolo, said Ms Luke just wants local people to have access to organic healthy options, reduce waste and to help the environment at the same time.

“She was keen to find a comforting space and to offer wholesome food that people

could access without the long drive, the expense or the hassle of buying online without viewing it first hand,” said Mr Piccolo.

In addition to the huge range of organic foods available, The Wholesome Living Store on Hanson Street is also a café which sells locally made products and great coffee.

Ms Luke says she’s finally happy within her workplace. She plans to continue to change to suit her customers’ needs, to listen and try to deliver what people in the area want.

NEW BUSINESSES OPEN THEIR DOORS

It’s always good to see new businesses opening up in the electorate, providing new services and job opportunities to the local area. Just a few of the new businesses that have opened in the last few months include:



Member for Light, Tony Piccolo, joined Mayor of Gawler, Karen Redman to open The Eyebrow Studio on Murray St



The Injury Hub boasts a range of medical specialists and equipment designed to make recovering from sporting injuries a whole lot easier.

A RESERVOIR OF MEMORIES

Image courtesy of Diceman via Wikimedia Commons

The South Para Reservoir will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in October with a range of activities planned to commemorate the event.

Local writer and poet, Martin Johnson, has spearheaded a campaign to ensure the occasion was not overlooked. But apart from its historical significance the occasion has a special meaning for Mr Johnson - because he and his family were part of the workforce who constructed the reservoir 60 years ago.

To mark the occasion, Mr Johnson has updated and republished a book that depicts the lives of the workers who lived on the reservoir site during the construction phase.

Mr Johnson said the book not only portrays an immediate enjoyment of the times and place, but also evokes a palpable sense of sadness at the loss of community unity that hit the workers, mothers and children who - after a decade of

construction and communal living - were forced to find new lives once the project had ended.

“Each story, independent of the others reflects these sentiments,” Mr Johnson said.

“It really does reflect those human emotions of the 50s as we moved into the, perhaps, more liberating times of the 1960s and beyond.”

“I trust today’s young readers might even be slightly envious of those reservoir workers and their families.”

“The ‘resy kids’ that grew up to help form today’s society.”

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the book represents a significant social history of times now lost to posterity, but not lost to South Australia’s heritage and cultural growth.

“Martin’s story mirrors the lives of many people whose families worked on the site at the time.”



Martin Johnson gives us a view of the front cover of his new edition

MEMORIES MAKE HISTORY

Member for Light, Tony Piccolo, joined organisers and dignitaries for the official launch of the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the South Para Reservoir.

It’s already been a long process for the organising committee, who are preparing for a big day of celebrations on Saturday, October 13, when a range of community groups will come together to mark 60 years since the closing of the workers’ residential camps at the completion of the reservoir’s construction.

It all began when local artist and resident, Martin Johnson, wrote a letter to the editor about the reservoir’s upcoming birthday, which began to spark interest in the surrounding community.

Mr Johnson had a special interest in marking the occasion. He was born at the old Hutchinson Hospital in Gawler in 1950, when his mother and father were living at his Grandparents’ home in Margaret Street, Williamstown.

When he was six months old they shifted into a transportable wooden house at what was to

become the Married Workers Camp about a mile from the construction site of the South Para Reservoir, where he spent his entire childhood.

“When I left the reservoir and finally Williamstown at just 15 years of age, without my knowing I also took with me strong memories of those reservoir years,” Mr Johnson said.



Martin Johnson (L) with Shauna Gejas and Tony Piccolo at the launch of the South Para Reservoir Anniversary celebrations

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MOTHERS' DAY VISITS

All mothers are special, and to show he feels the same way, right before Mothers' Day Tony spent the morning visiting the Senior Citizen homes in the electorate to hand out flowers and chocolates to some wonderful mums.



At the 2018 Vinnies CEO Sleepout. Tony got cold and wet, but raised over \$3,500 to provide immediate relief for those doing it tough on the streets, and as a bonus, he got a selfie with Kate Ceberano!



The Gawler Park Run turned 1 year old, and keeps gaining popularity, Since our last edition of Enlightened, Tony has managed to up his pace, and set a new personal best!



The Annual Relay for Life was again a huge success this year, thanks to the tireless efforts of the organising volunteers



Tony was a proud Dad when his eldest son Raffaele was installed as the Worshipful Master of the Gawler Freemasons Lodge of Fidelity No 5.



The GVV&CVC showed off their prized possessions before the Gawler to Barossa Car Run in April



Volunteer week was a great opportunity to visit the many people who contribute their time to help others, like the team at Community House



Tony headed out with the Salvos to collect for their annual Winter Appeal



Tony visited the Gawler & Districts College to see the fantastic progress they are making with their new literacy focus



Tony at the unveiling of the L'Emigrante Statue in Berri which celebrates the contribution of the Italian Community to our State



On the 24th of May, Gawler welcomed its newest citizens at a ceremony in the Gawler Administration Centre



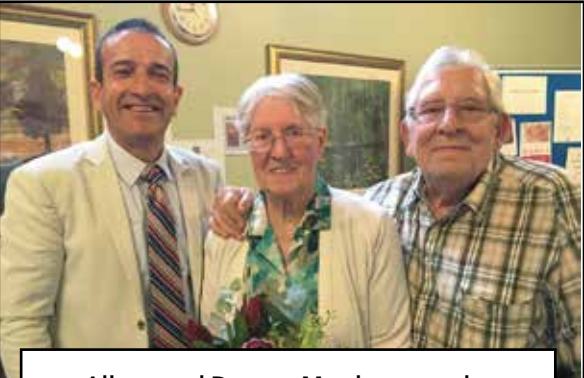
Peter and Rosemary Smith celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May Day



Right: Mrs Eileen Pickworth joined the 90's club on the 13th of April



Mrs Lorna Campbell celebrated her milestone 90th birthday on the 21st of March



Albert and Doreen Merritt were also celebrating their diamond anniversary on 28th March



Above: Barbara Charnstrom and Barbara Andrew cut the cake at the Gawler Pensioners' Association 85th Birthday celebrations



Levi Pesin is on his way home with a haul of Gold from the International Maths Olympiad in Bulgaria



Penka Tayloe and Lynn Goodwin present the cake to celebrate 41 years of Gawler Care & Share



During Volunteer Week, Tony Piccolo had the honour to present Mavis O'Hara with her long service award, for years of dedicated volunteering at Gawler Community House



Kiwanis Gawler celebrated their 30th anniversary in June this year



Below: Volunteers and participants celebrated the Gawler Parkrun's 1st anniversary in style



Above: Stephen Arthur receives the President's mantle from Carol Valentine at the annual handover for the Rotary Club of Gawler Light

Below: Jacqui Atyeo hands over the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Gawler Light to new President Loise Marie-Lees



Left: Ray Brussow shakes hands with Dean Noll on his ascension to the Presidency of the Gawler Lions Club



Above: Tony Piccolo with WWII veteran Norm Ginn at the release of the new book "World War Two in Words"

SPECIAL OLYMPICS AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GAMES

Every four years, hundreds of athletes with intellectual disabilities come together to participate in the Special Olympics Australian National Games.

These remarkable athletes and their supporting volunteers demonstrate their skills and sportsmanship in what has become the flagship event of Special Olympics in Australia.

On the 13th of April this year

the Olympic Torch came to Gawler, with participants and locals carrying the flame through the town to a symbolic lighting of the Flame of Hope at Pioneer Park.

With events being held all over Adelaide, teams from all six states and two mainland territories, comprising of over 1000 athletes came together to compete, inspire and show their dedication to the sports they love.



EAGLES SOCCER AMBASSADORS

Gawler Eagles FC is the only soccer club in Gawler and is proud to represent your local community.

Our vision is to be the premier soccer club in the Northern metropolitan and regional areas. The club is committed to the promotion and development of our community through participation in soccer, to provide a positive, supportive, inclusive and safe environment where soccer players from diverse backgrounds are guided and inspired to reach their full potential.

Established in 1978 and based at Karbeethan Reserve in Evanston Gardens, Gawler Eagles is fully affiliated with the Football Federation of South Australia and currently fields teams in Men's State League 2, Women's League, Junior Premier League, Junior Girls and Mini Roos football.

Gawler Eagles FC has a new website www.gawlereagles.com.au. Check it out, and don't forget to see our wonderful local sponsors who are rallying behind the kids who love the world game.

Sponsorship is pivotal in enabling soccer players, both men and women, boys and girls, to represent Gawler. If you want to help us find the next Riley McGree and Ben Warland we'd love to hear from you - sponsors@gawlereagles.com.au



Soccer star Riley McGree started his career at the Gawler Eagles, before going on to play for Adelaide United, the Newcastle Jets and now Club Brugge in Belgium

The 2018 season is well underway and teams are doing well. With a number of new committee members and generous sponsors, 2019 looks set to be a bigger year. We want you to be part of that exciting journey too.

Keep a eye on our website as we'll be recruiting for the 2019 season towards the end of 2018. We'd also love to welcome more families and players to our soccer community from areas such as Kapunda, Tanunda, Roseworthy, Williamstown and Nuriootpa.



COME AND TRY PETANQUE

Want to give Petanque a try? The Gawler Petanque Club invites you to their open day, with a free lunch, people to teach you how to play, and prizes!

One of the family of Boules games, along with Bocce, Raffa and lawn bowls, Petanque originated in France in the early 20th Century, and following the first ever petanque tournament in 1910, it quickly became the most popular form of boules in France. Even today over 300,000 French citizens are licenced members of the Federation Francaise de Petanque et Jeu Provençal -

the official body of French Petanque.

The Gawler Petanque Club will be holding their 2018 Come and Try Day on Saturday the 8th of September from 11am through to 3pm, but if you can't wait to give Petanque a try the Gawler Petanque Club meets every Sunday at 12 Hallam Drive, opposite the Gawler Oval railway station.



EVANSTON GARDENS INDOOR BOWLS

Born through the vision of the late Stanley Coles in 1977, the Evanston Gardens Indoor Bowls Club officially began operating in 1978, and this year, on the 11th of June, it celebrated its 40th anniversary.

While two original members of the club remain, membership has both increased and fallen over the years. From a peak of 47 registrations in 2015,

the club now supports two teams, but is eager to gather new players and increase its activities.

The Evanston Gardens Indoor Bowls Club holds an open day each year, allowing anyone interested to come along and have a try.

If you're interested at trying your hand at indoor bowls, why not contact Nathan from the Evanston Gardens Indoor Bowls Club on 0408 764 794.

