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A BARN WORTH SAVING

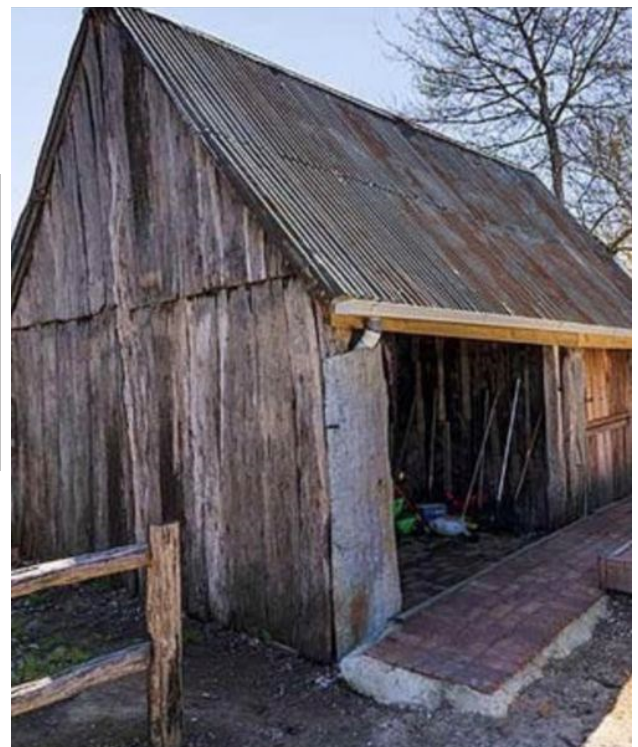
In the heart of our community lie many treasure troves of Hahndorf's long history, and yet many never get seen by locals or tourists alike because they reside on private properties.

This weathered, yet resilient, historic barn on Church Street represents a tangible link to our past, and as a living testament to the toil and triumphs of those who came before us. Its weathered façade speaks of hard work, innovation, and the pioneering spirit that helped shape our community into what it is today.

Yet, as 'progress' marches forward, the preservation of such historic structures is frequently at odds with modern development and the fate of these vulnerable structures often hangs by a thread. A very fine thread as it appears, as this Barn was approved for demolition. However thankfully the fate of the old historic barn has taken a different turn—a turn towards preservation.

It was the efforts of a local resident that rallied the Hahndorf Community Association, who, in conjunction with the property owner, together have safeguarded its future and ensured its legacy will endure for generations to come.

Turn to page 3 to read more about this barn and the plan the HCA have to ensure it survives another 165+ years!



Farm	1839	Gottfried Lubasch	cottager	Hahndorf	From Rissen, Brandenburg
	1853	Gottfried Lubasch #	farmer	Hahndorf	GRO title.
	1856	Maria Liebelt %	widow of Gottfried Liebelt	Hahndorf	Daughter of G Lubasch
	1869	Wilhelm Paech ^	farmer	Hahndorf	1869 LTO title. Husband of Maria Liebelt, nee Lubasch. He operated the 'Union Inn' at this stage, at the other end of Hahndorf's main street.
	1869	Thomas Ide *	publican	Hahndorf	
	1898	August Haebich	blacksmith	Hahndorf	Nee Blasiesing. Died 1908.
	1905	Juliane Menzel	widow of Wilhelm Menzel	Hahndorf	Executor. Executor.
	1908	Wilhelm Heilmann & August Haebich	bootmaker blacksmith	Hahndorf Hahndorf	Daughter of W & J Menzel.
	1921	Hulda Linke	wife of Ernst Linke	Warracknabeal Vic.	Niece of H Linke
	1943	Ella Menzel	spinster.	Hahndorf	

Above: Historic records of previous owners of the property in Church Street. Source: Hahndorf Property Title Data-Base by Reg Butler.
Right and above right: 165+ Year Old Barn in Church Street [January 2024]



FREE GREEN WASTE DAYS
Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th May 2024
8:30am-4:30pm DAILY
Windmill Hill Transfer Station



HAHNDORF NEEDS YOU!

The Hahndorf Community Association (HCA) needs your support. In particular we are seeking expressions of interest to **fill three vacant voluntary positions on our committee executive**. These are Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer positions result from the recent resignation of Gail Vort-Ronald who served us well in both positions held concurrently. We have decided to keep those positions separate in the future, hence two vacancies. The Deputy Chairperson is a key committee member who helps provide leadership and can step into the Chairperson's role when needed.

Our key focus is: "To enhance and maintain the amenity of residential life in Hahndorf."

These roles are not arduous or too time consuming and the tasks are relatively simple and now quite streamlined. Every assistance will be provided to help residents who are interested in any of these roles and becoming more involved in our community. If your community spirit or even sense of duty is sparked by this call please contact any committee member (see below) to learn more about these opportunities.

The HCA meets monthly at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month in the Supper Room at the Hahndorf Institute. Occasionally a short, preparatory committee team meeting is held a few days before the public meeting, if needed. The monthly General Meetings are informative, cover a range of issues that impact and benefit our community and are usually good fun. We strive to finish around 9pm although the occasional meetings where wine and cheese are served see residents and guests linger a little longer.

Our "Save the Barn" project is a key activity to help celebrate the 185th anniversary of Hahndorf and we would love to have as many of you involved in the project as possible.

Please give these opportunities to help support our Community Association and the broader community your consideration. We are keen to hear from you. Please contact any of the people below to learn more. Thank you.

Greg Lomax – Chairperson 0414 500 150

Deb Painter – Minutes Secretary 0417 812 325

Nadia Fountas – Committee Member, *Village Voice* Editor 0401 881 730

Harold Gallasch – Committee Member 8388 7218

Monique Lomax – Committee Member 0433 961 596

Upcoming HCA General Community Meetings

WEDNESDAY 13th March 2024 at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY 10th April 2024 at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY 8th May 2024 at 7:30pm

Hahndorf Institute Supper Room (entry from side laneway). All are welcome.

ANZAC DAY WREATH MAKING

FREE WORKSHOP

Learn how to make commemorative wreaths.

Join us in a relaxed workshop making wreaths that will be presented and placed on the War Memorial at the Dawn Service.



Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 2pm
Hahndorf Institute Kitchen (side entry). All Welcome

2023 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WINNERS

We just love how much you have embraced the lights display at Christmas with each year getting bigger, more creative and more difficult for the judges to decide the winners.

This year the winning categories were expanded as the quality was so high. Congratulations to the following winners

1. Best Display (Day and Night)- Unit 6, 1 Johns Lane
2. Best Street- Strepel Avenue
3. Most Creative- 15 Pine Avenue
4. Classy Award- 7 Male Crescent



Winner- 15 Pine Avenue



Winner- 7 Male Crescent

Christmas lights winners for 2023. Prizes courtesy of the Hahndorf Community Association and the Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association



Winner of Best Display- Unit 6, 1 Johns Lane

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

Roughly 12 months ago the idea to have a Christmas tree display made from hand crochet squares was conceptualised and golly, wasn't the end result something spectacular?!

Led by Gail Vort-Ronald, many from the Village and beyond got busy crocheting, and before we knew it over 2,000 'Granny Squares' were donated. With the kind donation of time, muscle power and materials from many individuals and local businesses, the Christmas Trees were assembled and displayed for all to enjoy on the lawns of the Hahndorf Academy.

And for the month of December, except for a few stormy days, hundreds of tourists stood around daily, taking photos of the trees to share with friends and family back home.

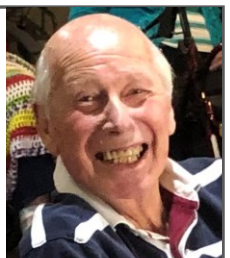
This project was a wonderful display of community coming together to enhance well-being of each other's lives by learning a new skill or by meeting new friends within the Village. A huge congratulations to Gail and everyone who was involved. Bravo! We look forward to seeing the trees again in 2024!



VALE Russell Grivell

24/10/1938 - 17/01/2024 Aged 85

Russell lived a full life in Hahndorf, served his community through many committees, worked in various businesses, played a variety of sports but above all, treasured his family. Our thoughts are with Gail and family.



SAVING THE HISTORIC CHURCH STREET BARN

Hahndorf Community Association is undertaken a very special Project to celebrate this year's 185th Anniversary of the founding of Hahndorf. The Association has arranged to purchase, dismantle, and re-erect of an historic German slab barn, which had been given approval for demolition in late 2023, to ensure that this iconic piece of Hahndorf's history is preserved for the Community.

What started this?

In early January 2024, a private advertisement appeared on social media for the lawful sale, demolition and removal of an historic barn from a private property in Hahndorf. The barn is typical of the gum slab sided, steep gabled roof style built by the early German settlers in the area. Early knowledgeable estimates put its construction date around the 1840's to 1860's. The building is 7 metres long and 4.6 metres deep. Keen eyed locals saw the advertisement and thankfully raised their concern about the potential loss of the barn to the Community. These concerns were aired at January's Hahndorf Community Association meeting where there was strong feeling that losing this barn was unacceptable, and there was unanimous support from those in attendance for the situation to be investigated with the view to purchasing the structure. This has now been achieved through generous donations from a few locals and temporary use of HCA's limited funds and because the property owner shared our view that it should be saved for the broader community.

Our early objective was to carefully and methodically disassemble and safely store the barn, raise funds to assist with the reconstruction and preservation of the building, and work in conjunction with the Mount Barker District Council to find a suitable, publicly accessible site, ideally within the historic precinct where it can be enjoyed by the community and visitors.

Where are we up to now? Two successful working bees were held in early February to lift and stack onto pallets 80sq metres of brick paving, ready to be sold, and others stored for potential use when the barn is reconstructed. Since then, disassembling has taken place, following the careful mapping, photographing and labelling of all the Barn's elements, prior to the careful dismantling of the structure, which is now safely in storage.

We have an early "cost of project" estimate of \$20,000 from start to finish, and to date have raised \$3,000 from very generous individual donations, and from the sale of brick pavers, with more funds pledged.

This is your opportunity to contribute to securing an iconic piece of Hahndorf's history for the Community! If you would like to contribute to the Heritage Barn Project, this can be done either by cheque in the name of Hahndorf Community Association, PO BOX 518 Hahndorf 5245 or

Direct Debit:
BSB 805 050
Account No: 102212676
Reference: Barn Project

The progress of the Barn will be reported in future editions of the *Village Voice* in addition to the HCA's Facebook and Website pages, so be sure to keep an eye out to see what stage we are at with the Barn.



Work in progress for the careful dismantle of the Old Barn in Church Street. The first working bee included lifting, stacking and wrapping bricks and paving. Many hands make light work. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with this project so far.

Gathered
Easter
Market
30th March - 1st April
102 Main Street, Hahndorf

BOOK CLUB



Ever thought of joining a book club and craft club but just never got around to it?

The group will be an extension of the crocheting and walking groups that were formed last year and we would like to extend the opportunity to others in the community who care to join.

If you would like to be involved please contact Gail Vort-Ronald on 0408 830 204.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS:



Have you thought of a great community or environmental project that could use grant money? Here is your opportunity to get that project off the ground. DCMB's Community and Environmental Grants Program, is now open and closes on 11th March 2024. For more information visit the DCMB website:

www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/community/communitygrants

The garden and bench seat at the corner of Balhannah Road and Stempel Avenue is a great example of a project that was funded by the council's grant program.

Councillor's Corner

WOW are we really heading into Autumn – 2024 appears to be flying past. Just a few highlights of the year so far:



Tour Down Under

It was truly a fantastic experience to be a part of all the action when Hahndorf hosted the start of the 2024 Women's Tour Down Under. We then had the opportunity for both the women and men's stages to pass through our district on a number of different occasions throughout the TDU event. The Tour Down Under is the second most globally watched sporting event, surpassed only by the World Cup. This was an incredible opportunity to showcase our town and region on the grandest of stages, capturing the attention of audiences worldwide.

Australia Day

Each year we receive numerous nominations for awards across the categories. I am constantly inspired by the passion and hard work shown by so many in our community. That "can-do" attitude and commitment to serving others is such an important foundation for our community's continued wellbeing and prosperity. We are so fortunate to be a part of a community that is filled with people willing to volunteer their time, talent and resources towards making Hahndorf (and our wider district) such an incredible place.

Congratulations to our 2024 Australia Day Award winners

Citizen of the Year – Charles Sheldrake

Young Citizen of the Year – Tom Megson

Award for Active Citizenship – Jade Brook

Event of the Year – 2023 All British Day

Township traffic speed: 40km p/hr

For the past few months, our township has been operating under a speed limit of 40 km/h. While it's unlikely that this speed would be reached along Main Street, the implementation was primarily focused on enhancing safety within our residential areas. A reduced speed limit plays a crucial role in bolstering road safety for all users, especially pedestrians and cyclists. Within our community, we host two childcare centres, two primary schools, and two aged care facilities. It's imperative for our health and wellbeing that we promote walking, cycling, scootering, and Gophering as preferred modes of transportation. However, to ensure the safety of everyone, it's vital that all residents adhere to the lower speed limits. While we may not have jurisdiction over the speed of visitors to our town, I urge fellow locals to remain vigilant, respect the 40 km/h limit, and invest the few extra seconds necessary to ensure the safety of our community.

As we head into the most beautiful season in our village, take the time to walk around and enjoy watching the season change and kick around a few autumn leaves.

Take care,
Narelle Hardingham, South Ward Councillor
0411 144 544

Hahndorf Community Association

These past months have once again been busy in our town. We've enjoyed the very popular and much photographed crocheted Christmas Tree display in the grounds of the Hahndorf Academy, the Christmas Lights competition, the Tour Down Under bicycle events, the International BSA motorbike convention and the ever growing number of overseas, interstate and South Australian visitors. The relatively mild summer weather, with occasional rain, has kept the countryside greener than usual for this time of the year which adds to the visual appeal.



Traffic and parking are perennial areas of concern in our town. Parking is a local council issue and it seems that the importance of this issue has recently gained better traction with the Mount Barker District Council. Sadly but deservedly, Hahndorf is gradually developing a reputation among some tourists as a problem location for parking and this is damaging our "brand". Behind this issue is the impact frustrated visitors' parking attempts have on residents' ingress and egress to their homes.

We look forward to significant inroads being made in 2024 to finally address the lack of visitor parking for cars, caravans and motorhomes. Hahndorf can't continue to be "the goose that lays the golden egg" without being fed and cared for.

When our State Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Honourable Tom Koutsantonis MP now talks about Hahndorf in the media he displays a far better understanding of the traffic issues. His decision late last year to remove trucks greater in length than 15 metres from the Main Street has made a difference, but the bigger issue is commuter traffic. Hundreds of vehicles transit through the Main Street in both directions as a means to get somewhere else. Hahndorf is not their destination. Mostly this transiting traffic has no other option and the numbers are growing steadily. A group of residents has presented the Minister with a professionally prepared "link road" concept that will address this issue. We await a decision from the Minister on that proposal.

Also elsewhere in this edition is a story about the "Save the barn" project. We have adopted this project to preserve a piece of Hahndorf's early history and to celebrate this 185th year since Hahndorf's establishment. It is a wonderful initiative and the careful deconstruction for temporary storage was finalised on February 20th. This follows two recent community working bees to remove and stack 4,000 brick pavers that came with the barn and the dedicated labour and knowledge of local tradespeople and helpers.

Regretfully the HCA accepted our Secretary/Treasurer's resignation in late January. Gail Vort-Ronald has served the HCA exceptionally well over the years. Her energy and fount of ideas will be missed. We understand her prioritising her family and her health and wish her well. Elsewhere in this edition is a call for HCA Committee positions. Please have a read and give the opportunities serious thought and action for yourself or someone you know.

Sincerely,
Greg Lomax
Chairperson, HCA
0414 500 150

Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association

The mornings are crisper, and the trees have started to change their colours. The start of Autumn is beginning to show.



Hahndorf shines this time of year and attracts many visitors to enjoy the beautiful, changing canopy of our Village.

This season will see several events being held in Hahndorf and its surrounds. These aren't just for visitors to be involved in, we encourage our local residents so come along and enjoy the fun! The best way to discover what is happening is to follow the Hahndorf Facebook page www.facebook.com/hahndorfsa

A game I like to play is, "what can't you get in Hahndorf?" It's tricky! We are so blessed to be a Village with a true High Street. Where we have a butcher, a baker, or three, and several candlestick makers with everything else needed in between! Our street is full of small business owners who often are the ones behind the coffee machine or counter. Several new businesses have opened, we encourage you to pop in and discover what they have to offer.

Enjoy a wonderful season, and happy sweeping up the falling leaves.

Regards,
Carolyn Catrall
Chairperson, HB&T



HAHNDORF
EST. 1839

COME & SUPPORT THE HAHNDORF TOWN BAND

The Hahndorf Town Band has been invited to perform once again at the **Murray Bridge Band Festival on 17th March 2024** as the opening performance at 1.00pm.

In collaboration with the St Paul's Lutheran Church in Hahndorf, the Band is once again excited to perform at Hahndorf's annual **'Hymns & Classics' event on 24th March 2024 commencing at 2.00pm**, under Musical Director Philip Paine and with guest vocalist Katelyn Crawford and accompanist Haowei Yang.

Hahndorf Town Band is keen to recruit new local learners and existing brass players for 2024. Contact Katherine on 0402 422 310.

LEARN TO PLAY A BRASS INSTRUMENT
Hahndorf Band Hall, 15 Balhannah Road Hahndorf
www.hahndorftownband.org



Hahndorf Brass Academy Classes every Monday during school terms
☆ New Learners 5.00pm ☆ Repeat Learners 5.30pm ☆
All enquiries to Kathrine on 0402 422 310 or email: secretary@hahndorftownband.org
Adults & Children over 9 years welcome! Instrument Supplied

ENSEMBLE GROUPS FOR MORE EXPERIENCED PLAYERS



Image courtesy of Ann Haines

Wattle Bark, Leather Tanning, Industry and Innovation in Hahndorf– Article submitted by Lyndell Davidge

Tanning was one of the earliest industries in South Australia with tanneries in the Adelaide square mile, Thebarton, Bowden and Hindmarsh areas. The leather industry employed many full and part time workers including wattle strippers, gum pickers, people who prepared and boiled the hides, leather craftsmen producing shoes and other products for sale such as glue and gelatine.

The first tannery to be established east of Adelaide was Henry Timmins' 1851 tannery at Nairne. In 1853 Heinrich Storch established a tannery at Hahndorf halfway up Windmill Hill on the road which locals referred to as 'Tanner's'. The tannery operated for 5 years at this site until the excessive pollution of the Hahndorf Creek forced the tannery to close. In 1858, Storch constructed a tannery building on the southern bank of the river, near the point where the main road crosses the Onkaparinga between Hahndorf and Verdun. The stone residence became known as 'Ivy Home'. After Heinrich's death, the tannery business was taken over by his sons Hermann (aka Carl) and Albert who ran the tannery together. Again, pollution was an issue so Storch converted the tannery to a wattle-bark mill. Wattle bark was used for processing tannin for use in the tanning industry. Wittwer's mill in Main St became a bone and bark crushing mill when the grain industry declined in the region.

The Storch wattle-bark mill was a successful business exporting to South Africa and Germany. It remained a significant local industry until at least 1939, and during the 1930s in particular, was a vital sustaining industry for a much wider area. Michaelis Hallenstein & Co of Fitzroy Melbourne operated the largest tannery in the Southern Hemisphere. In 1919 they established their own wattle plantations on land at Jupiter Creek, between Echunga and Meadows, and crushing mills at Jupiter Creek and Ambleside Railway Station. A small branch line allowed railway trucks to be loaded with bagged crushed wattle bark inside the mill sheds. Stripping and gum gathering was a valuable means of income for local families, particularly during times of economic depression. Hallensteins gave up their sheds at Ambleside Station following the disastrous 1939 bushfires. Hallensteins imported their wattle bark from South Africa when the war was over. Wattle stripping season was between September and Christmas when the warmer weather made the sap flow. Farmers kept stands of wattles for this activity. Wattle growers were paid £10 for each ton of wattle bark, which took a week to collect. Strippers were paid £2 for producing one ton of bark, or else paid 1/- an hour for working when it suited them.

Many young wattle strippers enlisted for WW2 and with no one to do the work plantation land was cleared and used for dairying. Hahndorf growers Benno & Oscar Nitschke continued to sell their wattle bark to Paltridge Tannery at Mt Barker. 300 tons of bark was supplied a year. This Tannery was eventually closed in 1975. Wattle stripping was hard and dirty work. A tree was felled at the base, limbs removed and the trunk placed over a bench and beaten with the back of a tomahawk axe to break open the bark. The bark was then peeled off and placed in a heap. The stripped bark was tied into tight bundles to dry and were then loaded onto a truck for delivery to a mill.

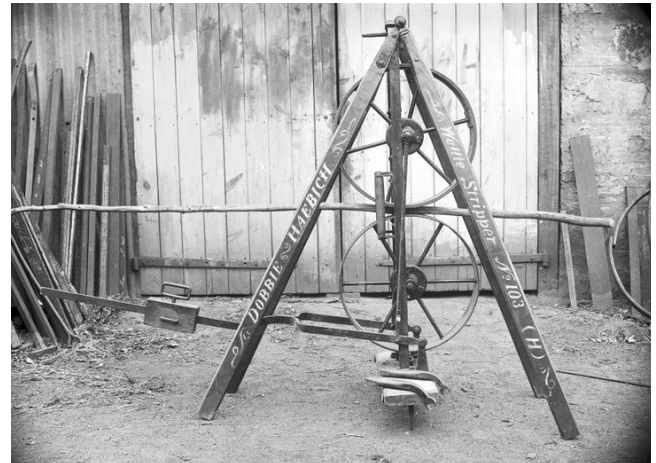


Wattle sticks for delivery to Halensteins Wattle Bark Mill at Ambleside Station.

In an effort to mechanise wattle stripping and speed up production, Bill Haebich of Hahndorf developed and patented an innovative Wattle bark stripping device, "The Dobbie Haebich Wattle Stripper 103." This consisted of revolving steel rollers, into which the wattle trunk would be fed. The rollers would slightly compress the wood and split the bark. Haebich Blacksmith became Storisons in 1975 and when Kyley Storey sold the premises in 2023, she donated "The Dobbie Haebich Wattle Stripper 103" to Hahndorf Branch, National Trust. It now resides in English St awaiting restoration. If anyone is interested in being involved in this project, please contact Lyndell Davidge, preferably by text message on 0417 802 685.



Edmund Diederich, Australia, 05 February 1854 – 24 April 1923
glass plate negative (dry plate) both photos of Haebich were taken by Edmund Diederich at Haebich's



Dobbie Haebich 'Wattle Stripper no. 103' c.1890-1923

H. A. HAEBICH & SONS' Patent Improved Wattlebark Stripper. PRICE REDUCED TO 10 pound 10 shillings.

No Wattle grower can afford to be without H. A. Haebich & Sons' Patented Wattle Bark Stripper as the following will demonstrate:—

It reduces the cost of stripping be one-third. It strips the bark right up to the leaves, far beyond what can be accomplished by hand, thus producing more bark per tree: the bark comes off in one piece, the full length of the tree.

It strips with perfect ease and great speed wattles from 1in. to 3in. diameter: wattles which previously have been thrown away on account of being too small to pay for stripping by hand can be speedily treated.

It will strip bark rather earlier in the season and continue to do so rather later than is possible by hand, thus extending the season. It will strip the hard bark from diseased and frost-bitten wattles, which cannot be stripped by hand.

The machine is the essence of simplicity and not liable to get out of order.

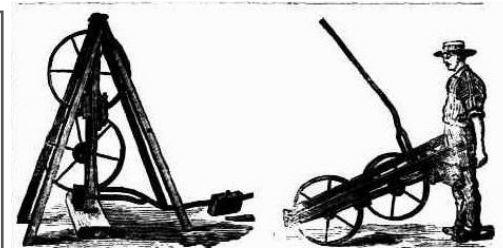
It will repay its own cost twice over in less than one season.

Two strong boys can work it, while one can transport it after it has been lowered onto its wheels, as illustrated above.

CAUTION— "Proceedings will be taken against all persons infringing our patent.

**H. A. HAEBICH & SONS, Inventors, Patentees, & Manufacturers,
MAIN-STREET, HAHNDORF.**

Wording from the advertisement, right, which featured in The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser, Fri 7 Nov 1902, page 1



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Good News for Stirling Hospital

We've welcomed some good news in 2024 for health care in the Hills, including for Hahndorf residents who use the Stirling Community Hospital.

I'm delighted to share that following **sustained work and advocacy** throughout the last year, the Stirling Hospital Board has now reassured the community that the much-loved hospital most likely will not be sold and moved. The Stirling Hospital Board wrote to me last April fearing that to comply with future accreditation standards, the hospital needed \$50 million for upgrades. It foreshadowed a move to leased premises in Mount Barker. The hospital, having been founded and supported by our local community throughout its proud history of nearly 100 years, **would have been closed and the land sold**.

Along with the community, I was shocked and dismayed that the hospital, with its rich connection to the local area, could be moving. From its beginning in the 1920s, the hospital has been supported with the help of the local community, including by the Stirling Community Op Shop today. It was a vital resource for this part of the Hills – and while services in Mt Barker may be accessed by Hahndorf locals with a similar ease, I know that many over the years have utilised services of the Stirling Community Hospital and enjoyed its rich history and beautiful surrounds at important times in their lives.

I held two packed-out community meetings in May and June 2023 at Stirling RSL to give concerned residents an opportunity to raise questions and to seek answers from the Board, and to demonstrate our commitment to keeping the hospital in Stirling. Both meetings were standing room only. Sadly, the Malinauskas Labor government did not offer any support to the community. Health Minister Chris Picton did not attend either forum. I wrote to the Health Minister in July 2023 asking how the Malinauskas Labor government intended to work with the Stirling Hospital to enable it to stay in Stirling and I have not received a response. The Minister said publicly that the Stirling Hospital was privately owned, therefore it was not his responsibility.

An independent community association called Save Stirling Hospital Inc. was established by community leader Isobel Redmond which many residents joined in support. I am tremendously grateful for the association's commitment, and for the expert and dedicated work of its committee, led by Dr Scott Brumby. Stirling Community Hospital has now received a full three-year accreditation. Importantly, a change to compliance requirements means much of the feared \$50 million in upgrades are no longer required in the short to medium term, or at all.

At a time when **ramping is hitting record high levels** under the Malinauskas Labor government (despite its loud but empty promises to fix it), it's vital we **retain and improve local health services**. Together with Save the Stirling Hospital Inc. and our community, I will continue working throughout 2024 to ensure that the Stirling Community Hospital stays in Stirling – and for better healthcare outcomes in Hahndorf, my electorate of Heysen, and all the Hills.

For more information, visit https://www.joshteague.com.au/stirling_hospital

Josh Teague MP

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14/10 Druid Ave, Stirling



Hahndorf Soccer Club 2024 Season Launch



You're invited to join us from 11am at Rob Kilpatrick Park on Saturday 23rd March for a day of celebrations to kick off the 2024 soccer season at your local club! Support the HSC teams playing friendly display matches and meet the coaches; cheer on our popular Past Players match and junior team shirt presentations, plus enjoy food, competitions and fun for all the family. See www.hahndorfsc.com for more details.

If you (or your kids) are keen to play soccer this year but missed our recent registration day, there are still a few opportunities available – email us contact@hahndorfsc.com

All ages and abilities are welcomed at Hahndorf SC: the Heart of Hills soccer.



Hahndorf

COMMUNITY LED DISASTER RESILIENCE PROJECT

A workshop to get connected and get your community prepared.

Workshop: 10am – 3.30pm
Sunday May 5 & 19

Hahndorf Bowling Club
43a Church Street, Hahndorf

To register, QR via Fire to Flourish or call Amelia
Mount Barker District Council
Phone: 08 8393 6413
Email: adix@mountbarker.sa.gov.au



The Community Led Disaster Resilience Project creates opportunities for community members to connect and work together to develop locally appropriate, community-led activities to strengthen their resilience.

The workshops assist communities in determining the strengths that can be leveraged and identify any gaps to be addressed and collectively decide on priorities, brainstorm potential solutions, and develop a local resilience action plan.

The overall aim of the project is to build a connected community who understand:

- the psychosocial impacts of disasters.
- the importance of community connectedness, wellbeing, security and access to information.
- the strengths and resources available to them to leverage their resilience and the confidence in their ability to enact positive change.
- shared responsibilities of individuals, communities, government and emergency services before, during and after disasters.
- promotes the ongoing review and update of identified initiatives.

We invite you to be a part of this local project, working with community members from the Hahndorf area, the Australian Red Cross and Mount Barker District Council.

Sunday 5th and Sunday 19th May from 10am-3:30pm at the Hahndorf Bowling Club.

The days will be fully catered. To register please contact Amelia at Mount Barker District Council on 8393 6413 or email adix@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club



Hahndorf Lions Club have been extremely successful recently, raising funds through our hugely popular Christmas Toy and Trailer Raffle. This is carefully sited throughout our district throughout November and December.

Alongside the trailer is our major Christmas Cake sales and this year we sold out very early and had to re-order, again it is all about raising funds for the community. Our busy members still have a few cakes available for purchase if you contact the Club on Facebook.

In January our members were working hard to deliver our annual Swapmeet at Hahndorf Oval. This started very early and we filled the Oval! At only \$5pp entry, we still managed to raise significant funds for the Club's service activities.



Our extremely popular ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be back again at Alec Johnston Park in Hahndorf, please join us in remembrance, and afterwards for breakfast at the Hahndorf Institute.

Alongside our regular commitments to the community, where else do you think that Lions could help? Send us a message on Facebook. We look forward to your thoughts.

Kati Wenk



We are celebrating the Adelaide Fringe with artists Wen Dixon-Whiley and Oakey. The Fringe attracts many visitors to the Hills who like to gallery hop, so hop on over to Hahndorf Academy and Tinereba Gallery to see the diverse range of artworks.



We started the year with the dog exhibition and a dog fashion parade which was fun for everyone. There were prizes for the best dressed and the craziest, with some fabulous costumes and lots of dog treats. We think this should be an annual event.

The Bukatila Studio is nearly complete, and we are looking for funding for an air conditioner and disability access path. If you think you would like to support this community space, please visit our website 'Help Build Bukatila Studio' or email us for more information.

Meanwhile we would like to offer the community use of the Bukatila studio for community groups and local business groups - for example a Bukatila Book Club, knitting groups, or a meeting or wellness space. Soon Hahndorf Academy will be offering a wide range of workshops and events for the community to enjoy.

Volunteer with us- do you want to connect with a group of like-minded people? Feel like you belong to a team? Do you want to give back to the community? Join us as we have a great team and we have some new roles in the retail shop and as museum tour guides. All training is provided. We offer discount in the shop and gallery, and we have regular get togethers. Have a look at our website under volunteers or email us for more info.

What's on?

- Yoga on Sunday mornings at 9.30-10.30am
- Pottery workshops Bukatila
- Studio workshops
- Exhibitions galore with Wen Dixon-Whiley and Oakey followed by Will Nolan, Cristina Metelli, Claire Ishino
- History month in May with Alison Mitchell
- Textile Exhibition
- Plus the amazing family history event Imagine the Past on Sunday May 5 2024.

For any enquiries email us at events@hahndorfacademy.org.au Keep in touch, pop in and say hello, visit our exhibitions. You are always welcome!

Warm wishes, Rachel and the Team

Hahndorf Academy - 68 Main Street email: contact@hahndorfacademy.org.au or call 8388 7250

BUKATILA

Hahndorf Academy, acknowledges that we work and walk upon the ancient lands of the Peramangk Nation and pay our respect to Peramangk Elders past and living today as the traditional custodians of this traditional land.



HAHNDORF INSTITUTE 1893-2024

Activities in the Institute have resumed for 2024 after minimal down time over Christmas/New Year. During the quiet time the committee and a contracted electrician took the opportunity to make the building more comfortable for you all. We have installed 6 climate change fans in the Main hall • Light timers in the toilets to remain on a little longer, so no risk of being left in the dark • Hand driers do a more effective and more hygienic job • And we purchased a proper computer! This is for efficient and safe invoicing, and financial records, minutes and documents. Funds are now reduced, so watch for an interesting fundraiser.

The committee has made a submission to Council for funding assistance in the forward budgets, in order to advance plans for accessibility to both halls. To this end, some progress has been made with the Design Concept (\$10,000 in the current budget) enabling recommendation coming to committee for discussion soon.

Vandalism has reared its ugly head with damage to an external wall which looks minimal but will require extensive panel work to repair and paint. Why would anyone pull up the termite inspection plates?

We will be partnering in the Community Resilience Project in May, and have attended Council briefing on the review of community funding. Of the 34 recommendations made, councillors will endorse 5 Actions for implementation in the next 12 months.

The Management Committee acknowledges the death of resident and community volunteer, Russell Grivell. Russell and wife Gail were master fundraisers for the new hall which opened in 1957. Russell was also a member of this Management Committee in previous times. Vale Russell. Thankyou for your love of and service to Hahndorf.

Ann Haines

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER UPDATE FROM COUNCIL

Following a decision of Council the Visitor Information Centre within Hahndorf has closed with its doors closing at the end of January 2024. Council is working on a number of initiatives to cater to visitation to Hahndorf and the broader Adelaide Hills Region. Such measures include:



Virtual Visitor App Trial

- Supported by AHT (Adelaide Hills Tourism) and HBTA Enhanced Virtual Visitor APP to be operational by end of February 2024.
- Will provide an enhanced user experience for visitors to find tourist attractions/ specific businesses across all main categories in Hahndorf and beyond and enable tailored itineraries to be produced instantly.
- A trial of the visitor APP will be undertaken for 6 months • Usage data can be collected and reviewed to enable updates to improve user experience/click through.

Expanded Website Content

- (AHT) are broadening their digital reach and focus for our District via their website and social media, which is expected to result in greater visitation and resultant businesses engagement.
- AHT have agreed to host a Hahndorf trader workshop soon to support the transition changes and the closure of the VIC. Sessions targeting the broader District will be developed also.

QR Codes

- HBTA are proposing their own QR code which businesses will display and which will be featured in key locations within the street.
- QR code will direct you to the new visitor app – providing up to date information on not only businesses but up-coming events, parking, contact details for key services and public facilities.
- Although the initial trial is being led by HBTA, unique QR Codes will also be considered for other key tourism destinations, enabling this approach to benefit the broader District.

Maps and brochures

- A new Hahndorf Visitor Map and brochure is being developed, with HBTA supporting its distribution to key businesses.
- A physical signage map is also being considered for display in key gathering or arrival points within the street (i.e. car parking areas, bus parking areas) and major tourism destinations.

Extra support:

- A new Tourism Development Officer has started at Mount Barker District Council, who will have a strong focus on assisting the Hahndorf business community.

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7 DAYS

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WHY WOULDN'T YOU BOTHER? To pick up the droppings your dog has just left where someone else can tread in it?



Since the start of the year, I have received many requests to include a reminder to dog owners regarding their responsibility when walking their pets in and around OUR Village. Majority of the requests have come from residents who are dog owners themselves and are fed up with having to clean up after people's dogs—me included!

Recent incidents include at Alec Johnston Park next to the children's playground and Pioneer Park, Auricht Road and John's Lane and Windsor Avenue where 15 discarded bags were collected from underneath the Oak tree canopies! In each of these instances there have been compostable dog waste bags, and rubbish bins, within a few metres, so there is NO EXCUSE.

For a Village of such wonderful residents, this behaviour is unacceptable, so please be responsible and pick up after your dog and dispose of it correctly. Thank you!



Hymns & Classics

Presented by St Paul's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf



A community event featuring the **Hahndorf Town Band** with supporting guest vocalist

Hear the music from the classic composers

Join in the community hymn singing with the classic sounds of brass
Entry by \$15 Admission – Correct change please!

2.00 pm Sunday 24th March 2024

St Paul's Lutheran Church 10 Main Street Hahndorf

Tea and coffee available during interval with a donation towards Lutheran Care's support for people facing crisis and disadvantage in our local neighbourhoods



HAHNDORF Football Club & HAHNDORF LITTLEHAMPTON Junior Football Club

JOIN US IN 2024



OUR VALUES

- Competitive On Field
- Exemplary Sportsmanship
- Growing Next-Generation Leaders
- Inclusive and Social Behaviour
- Willingness to Volunteer
- Connect to Character and Tradition
- Contribution to the Greater Community



PROGRAMS INCLUDE

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Join us in 2024 as we attempt to make history as "Division 1 Best Club of the Year" for the 10th year in-a-row

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE WELCOME

Useful Local Phone Numbers:

Emergency	000
Police Assistance	131 444
SES	132 500
Mount Barker Police	8398 1700
CFS Bushfire Info Hotline	1300 362 361
Hahndorf Medical Centre	8388 7066
Hahndorf Academy	8388 7250
Hahndorf Institute (to book)	0438 812 355
Hahndorf Primary & Preschool	8388 7058
Mount Barker Council	8391 7200
Mount Barker Hospital	8393 1777
St Michael's Lutheran Primary	8388 7228
St Paul's Church Hall Bookings	0417 835 837
St Paul's Lutheran Residential Care	8398 8600
Visitor Information Centre	8393 7600

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