

Hahndorf Community News & Views village voice

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INFRASTRUCTURE WIN TO KEEP PACE WITH OUR RAPIDLY GROWING REGION

I was delighted to receive news that Federal funding for the Mt Barker and Verdun interchange upgrades, along with funds to support upgrades to the South Eastern freeway would be reinstated. This was truly a win for the Adelaide Hills community.

Hills residents understand better than anyone, that our region is one of the fastest growing in South Australia, with current infrastructure struggling to keep pace. Built in 1974 the Verdun freeway interchange remains unchanged, despite exponential growth across our region. This meant a two-way interchange was the only viable future option.

As locals would know from regular and frustrating personal experiences, with Hahndorf being the second most visited town in Australia, it is unsurprising that excessive levels of traffic being funneled through the Main Street had become unworkable. Again, an interchange to assist with more efficient diversion of traffic remained a much-needed solution moving forward, as many local residents had shared with me.

It is within this context that I, along with the Adelaide Hills Community, was relieved to receive news that Federal funding for these vital interchanges had been reinstated. I believe this announcement provided peace of mind to all members of our rapidly growing community for whom safe, efficient travel between the Hills and City is essential to their daily lives.

Working alongside my state government colleague, Dan Cregan MP, I have advocated consistently for this funding and was honoured to recently coordinate a delegation to Canberra. During this delegation's visit my team, alongside Dan Cregan and the Mayors of Mt Barker and Adelaide Hills Councils, met with the Federal Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to convey the needs of our constituents and the importance of these upgrades to our community.

Following a productive conversation with the Federal Minister, we now look forward to meeting Minister Koutsantonis to continue these discussions, with a view to further collaboration with the state government who will oversee the operational side of this project.

I eagerly await the commencement of works on this exciting project and look forward to watching them take shape.



Image courtesy- Rebekha Sharkie MP
www.instagram.com/makemayomatter/

LINK ROAD- JOINT COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP UPDATE

Since the SA Government's shock cancellation of the funded Hahndorf bypass project in September 2022 and the Federal Government's axing of the entire \$200m Hahndorf Township and Improvements and Access Upgrade project in October 2023, members of the Joint Community Planning Group (JCPG) have been meeting with the Minister for Transport, Tom Koutsantonis and the Department of Infrastructure to continue to advocate and lobby for a solution to Hahndorf's congestion problem in the form of a Link Road or bypass for the large volume of through traffic going through the town each day.

The JCPG, after gaining independent costings and engineering oversight, pursued a plan for a new Link Road in good faith with the Government that would improve connectivity to the freeway and reduce traffic on the Main Street by 30%. The proposal of this new Link Road stacked up to be a low-cost, low impact solution and the Government committed to reviewing and assessing the proposal. However, at the most recent meeting in May 2024, the Government is now refusing to support the proposal. It has been clear from the meetings that the Minister and the Government know they have a problem and a solution needs to be sought but is not fully committed to finding a solution in a hurry. The JCPG, which includes the leaders of the Hahndorf and Echunga Community Associations, leading business owners and local advocates said the community just isn't going to 'cop' the cancelling of a major, much-needed project, and the de-investment of around \$50m-\$100m from this region. The JCPG will continue to remind them of the Government's responsibility to address Hahndorf's worsening congestion problem.

More can be found at the Facebook group, '[Real Hahndorf Community Traffic Consultation](#)' or by clicking [here](#)

Councillor's Corner

Hahndorf has been a hive of activity recently, with Easter, Anzac Day, AFL Gather Round events, and the school holiday period bringing 1000's to our Village. While it's heartening to see such vibrancy, it has also led to tourist-related parking issues.



Many residents have voiced their concerns about parking congestion. In response, the Council has pledged to increase inspector presence to monitor poor parking decisions. So, those tempted to park on yellow lines for a quick trip to the IGA or Chemist you may want to think twice.

Residents can also help tackle parking problems by using the "Report It" function in the My Local Services App. By submitting clear photos of parking violations, including license plate numbers, date, time, and location, the Council can evaluate and potentially issue fines to offenders.

Once again, congratulations to all those involved with the Anzac Day dawn service and community breakfast, it's an important date in our calendars where we can be reminded of the sacrifices made by our service members.

Recently, I had the privilege of joining the National Trust's Pioneer Women's Walk, retracing the 24 km trail from the Hahndorf Academy to Beaumont House. This walk commemorates the strength and resilience of Hahndorf's Prussian Lutheran women and girls who undertook this journey twice a week, carrying produce and returning with bricks.

In recent developments, the reinstatement of funding for the Mt Barker and Verdun interchanges in the 2024 Federal Budget is fantastic for our region, improving accessibility and traffic flow. Additionally, the Council's purchase of land at 108 Mt Barker Rd presents an opportunity for future partnerships to develop and address the shortage of public parking in Hahndorf.

The Council is also advocating for a Park and Ride facility at Verdun. While not a complete solution to Hahndorf's traffic and parking issues, it will allow visitors to park at Verdun and shuttle, walk, or ride into Hahndorf, easing congestion. Upgrading the Pioneer Women's trail between Verdun and Hahndorf is also part of this initiative.

As winter approaches, I encourage everyone to stay warm and dry but also to enjoy our charming Main Street. Whether visiting our fabulous destinations or taking a stroll, let's appreciate the beauty of our community.

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

Hahndorf Community Association

We have some good news in relation to the HCA Committee composition. John Adcock has taken up the role of Deputy Chairperson and Jaz Constantinou is our new Secretary. We are delighted to have these community minded and experienced citizens join our ranks to continue the good work of those who have gone before in these roles. Please congratulate and support John and Jaz as you have contact.



All Hahndorf residents are automatically community association members and all are invited to attend the monthly meetings and have you say or help out in a small way. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month except for the January recess.

We are also looking for a Treasurer to manage our meagre funds and occasional payments or receipts. This is not a very time consuming role but does require some basic book keeping or finance experience. An opportunity exists for an experienced person to be administrator of our Facebook page and to liaise with our third party support for the HCA web site.

Please express your interest in these voluntary roles by phone to Greg Lomax on 0414 500 150 or email to hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com

Our heritage barn project (celebrating Hahndorf's 185th birthday) is moving along nicely with a small trickle of donations and planning in place to stimulate that activity. We aim to raise \$20,000 to contribute towards the professional rebuilding cost. At this stage the barn has been carefully labelled, dismantled and stored in readiness for re-erection in a yet to be determined site. The objective is to see it re-erected in or near the Hahndorf Main Street where residents and visitors can see and appreciate a piece of the town's history. We are in early discussion with the Mount Barker District Council about a location and welcome any suggestions from the community. Please send your suggestions to hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com or to the HCA mail box at PO Box 518 Hahndorf 5245.

Sincerely,

Greg Lomax
Chairperson, HCA
0414 500 150

Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association

Oh, how wonderful has Hahndorf presented itself over the last few months! We have been blessed with beautiful mild and sunny days which have enticed, it seems, everyone to our Village.



Every leaf has been photographed, along with the historic buildings and businesses. Our marketing manager has shared many of these on Hahndorf social channels and it reminds those of us that live and work here how lucky we are to experience this every day.

It was pleasing to receive the news that the Mount Barker District Council have purchased the property at 108 to develop into car parking along the Main Street. This will help to alleviate some of the issues that visitors and residents alike face.

Stay tuned for the relaunch of our September month long event and program announcement. Learn and discover something new.

Winter is certainly upon us, and the Village will be a little quieter, perhaps. This is the perfect time for residents to walk along the street and discover what is on your doorstep. Several new businesses have opened this year bringing more to entice you. There really is no need to shop, or eat, anywhere else. There is not much that you can't get in Hahndorf. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Follow all that is happening [@hahndorf_southaustralia](https://www.instagram.com/hahndorf_southaustralia)

Regards,

Carolyn Catrall
Chairperson, HB&T



HAHNDORF
EST. 1839

Anzac Day Wreaths

No doubt all residents saw and appreciated the lovely wreaths placed at the War Memorial in Alec Johnston Park on Anzac Day.

For many years, members of the Hahndorf community, usually ladies, have been constructing wreaths for both Anzac Day and for Remembrance Day ceremonies. Long ago, Marie Castle taught us how, as her mother taught this community the skill. We gather at 2pm in the Institute supper room on the afternoon prior to the dawn service, these days, to chat and work on recycled wreath bases for the benefit of towns organisations which request a wreath. Some groups choose to make their own. Donations are always acceptable to cover costs of ribbon and new bases from time to time. Thankyou to the ladies who lend their time to collect the laurel leaves, unstore the bases, provide the native flowers and remind volunteers.



Your Council, Your Say– Hahndorf

If you are reading this, it is more than likely you are a rate payer of the Mount Barker Council. If so, now is the time to have your say on what matters to you and your community within the district.

Mount Barker Council have four important community consultations, Draft Annual Business Plans 2024/25, Integrated Transport Plan, Bi-law Review and Community Plan 2024-2044, currently on review whereby they are seeking our input and feedback.

The Community Plan is for the next 20 years until 2044 so it is imperative you provide feedback!

It's worrying to think that, if we as a community don't provide feedback during these consultations, the allocation of resources and future planning are at the sole discretion of Council staff. This is our community and our rates, therefore we have an obligation to share our opinion on how we want our district to be in the future. **Before the consultations close, log onto the Council's website <https://yoursay.mountbarker.sa.gov.au> or scan the QR code and have YOUR SAY!**




June 5, 2024

Draft Annual Business Plans 2024/25

Council is seeking your feedback on the Annual Business Plans (wastewater services and Council...

Have Your Say



June 5, 2024

Integrated Transport Plan

Council is seeking your feedback on the six draft Action Plans of the Integrated Transport Pla...

Have Your Say



May 20, 2024

Community Plan 2024-2044

Council is reviewing its the long-term plan for the District, known as the Community Plan. We ...

Have Your Say



June 26, 2024

By-law Review

Council is seeking the community's feedback on our By-laws. Councils in South Australia ...

Have Your Say

First Step in Relieving Car Parking Pressure

A strategic land purchase opportunity at 108 Mount Barker Road, Hahndorf was presented to Council in March 2024 and following negotiations, the property was purchased by Council for \$2.3 million.

The land is zoned Township Main Street and has potential to be redeveloped for a number of uses including retail and commercial. Preliminary design investigations undertaken by Council staff have indicated that a potential car parking yield of between 88-95 car parks is possible on this property.

Council have stated that prior to any redevelopment of the site, Council would undertake master planning and importantly seek community input. The community look forward to the opportunity to share their input in this project as this strategic opportunity to relieve the car parking pressures on the Main Street may seldom come around again and it's important to get it right.



History of FAEHRMANN'S COTTAGE, 108 Main Street

This land was originally allotted to Christian Schubert, a day labourer from Mostchen in 1839. At the time of Nicholas Friedrich Carl Faehrmann's marriage to Mary Jane Jones in 1897, the old cottage near the road was replaced by the present stone cottage, a style popular at the time. Carl was a blacksmith. He died in 1906 when acetylene gas exploded in his smithy near the house.

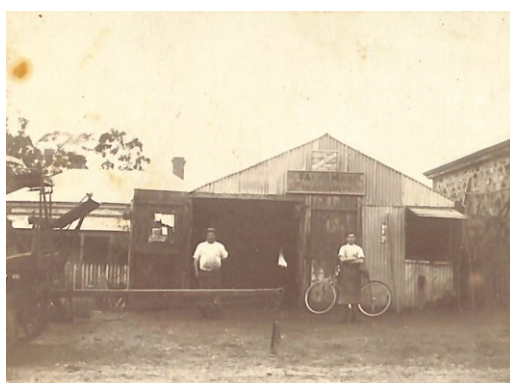


Image right: Faehrmann Blacksmith Shop
Source: localwiki.org/adelaide-hills/
Faehrmann_Cottage_-_Hahndorf

Council's Tourism and Business Update

Visitor Servicing

Mount Barker Council's Tourism and Business Development Officer, Ebony Christian hosted two informative sessions for HBTA and the HCA to discuss the evolving servicing program for the Visitor Information Centre and to gather input.

Ebony has stated that she continues to develop plans and concepts for visitor servicing tools in Hahndorf and with the closure of the Visitor Information Centre, Ebony acknowledges the necessity to adapt and accommodate changes in visitor servicing. The focus is on understanding how visitors access information and developing a comprehensive strategy to meet their needs. This strategy entails introducing servicing tools in multiple locations along the main street of Hahndorf, with the aim of catering to a larger portion of the one million annual visitors. These tools will not only provide information on visitor amenities but also share the rich history of Hahndorf, enhancing the overall visitor experience.

Ebony is committed to keeping the readers of the *Village Voice* informed as plans progress, and we thank her for that.

Gather Round

The Gather Round in the Hills event was held on the lawns of the Hahndorf Academy and Adelaide Hills Wine Bar, attracting a total of 3,000 attendees over two days. Hahndorf businesses reported record-breaking sales and visitation, highlighting the significant positive impact of the Gather Round on the local economy.



Photo: @explorehahndorf (via IG) in Hahndorf

St Michael's School wins Woolworths SA Junior Landcare Award

On Friday May 3rd, at the SA Landcare Awards in Pt Augusta, the St Michael's Lutheran School community was awarded the Woolworths SA Junior Landcare Award for their work along the Hahndorf Creek.

Over the past 6 years, students and staff have been working to regenerate a section of the Hahndorf Creek which runs along the back of the school. Each week, a group of students spend a lunchtime in the creek, collecting rubbish, planting, weeding and generally maintaining the environment. Throughout the year, students also complete a variety of water monitoring activities to assess the success of the regeneration project.

Students have also created signs, which have been erected along the creek, to show the different micro invertebrates, birds and wildlife that they have found since working in the creek.

Members of the Hahndorf Community are invited to take a stroll along the path that we have created by the creek, to see the work the students have done. The path can be freely accessed from Alec Johnston Park.

As winners of the SA Junior Landcare Award, St Michael's will now go on to represent SA in the National Landcare Awards, to be held later this year.



Photo (left)- Tracy Downing, Terri Taylor and Mary Whittaker accepting the Award at a Ceremony in Pt Augusta.
Photo (right) – Esther, Lilly and James proudly display the award, along the creek.

A Wonder Weeder!

Hahndorf has many wonderful residents who selflessly give their time and energy to improving our town. One of those residents is Alison Mouatt, from Byard Place, who you may have seen heading to the Academy or Institute in her gardening clothes, with bucket, rake, broom and other clean-up paraphernalia in hand. In addition to weeding in the Byard Reserve Habitat Garden, Alison rakes up leaves and bark from the surrounding Reserves and gutters, helps tidy up the garden at the Institute Carpark, sweeps up leaves outside the Academy to help reduce the risk of slipping, picks up rubbish left in the Academy courtyard, and ensures the Academy rubbish bins are put out for collection. Discarded refundable bottles are also picked up, to be put out for the monthly Lion's bottle collection.

Alison prefers not to have her photo included in the *Village Voice*, but you'll recognise her when you see this 'weeding, raking, cleaning up wonder' around Hahndorf, so stop, say hello, and thank her for her efforts to make Hahndorf more attractive for us all.

Deb Painter



Hahndorf Country Fire Service

A Special Thank You

Hahndorf CFS would like to thank the community and local businesses for their generous support during our current fundraising campaign, including *Christian Care and Share* for a wonderful \$5,000 donation. We are on the way to achieving our target for the purchase and installation of a diesel generator to power the station and town siren in the event of a power failure.

Serving Hahndorf For 75 Years

Since 1949, the Hahndorf Country Fire Service has worked to serve and protect our fellow community members in their toughest times. 2024 marks our 75th Anniversary, and we'd like to invite you to celebrate with us! We are planning a special event on September 21, with details to follow in the coming months. Register your interest now by emailing your name and contact details to hahn.cfs@sacfsvolunteer.org.au.

Recruiting Now

Ever thought about joining the CFS? Now is the perfect time to sign up and be trained ahead of the 2024/25 Fire Danger Season. Come along to our Training Night on Mondays at 7.30pm (public holidays excluded) and "try before you buy"! We can't wait to see you there.



Locals supporting locals in Hahndorf

Over two Sundays in May, Hahndorf residents came together at the Hahndorf Bowling Club to partake in Community Led Disaster Resilience Workshops, facilitated by Red Cross and supported by Mount Barker District Council. The workshops provided opportunities for community members to connect and work together to develop locally appropriate, community-led activities to strengthen their disaster resilience. The Red Cross content supported participants in determining the strengths of Hahndorf that can be leveraged, identifying any gaps to be addressed and collectively develop a local resilience action plan. Local resident Fred said "The experience was stimulating, connecting, and hugely informative. The facilitators were top class, making the experience of community resilience planning truly neighbourly".

The connections forged over the two workshops highlighted the potential for Hahndorf to greatly strengthen their resilience. "This was an opportunity to make contact with residents from all corners of the town, who we possibly would not have met under daily circumstances. Each participant was eager to share knowledge, past experiences, and brainstorm thoughts for improving our town cohesiveness", local resident, Ann said.

Four working groups were established at the conclusion of the workshop series and these working groups will collectively develop the Hahndorf Disaster Resilience Action Plan. Members of the working groups invite other local Hahndorf residents to contribute their knowledge to this important community plan which is supported by Mount Barker District Councils Fire to Flourish team. For further information about this important community-led project please contact Amelia, Community Resilience Officer at Mount Barker District Council adix@mountbarker.sa.gov.au or 8393 6413.



Hahndorf's Avenue of Trees

As locals, we are very lucky to enjoy the beauty that is on display by our trees as we pass through the Village each day, particularly during Autumn time. After spending time away, be it a day, a week or a month, the welcoming nature of the arched trees that line the Main Street always warms one's soul. Now more than ever, this beauty is being adored by those who come up to visit during the Autumn months, and there wasn't a day that passed when I didn't see visitors taking photos with the bright, bursting coloured trees.

For what we enjoy today, we have the locals of more than 139 years ago to thank! The history dates back to 1884/1885 where public meetings were held at the Union Hotel in Hahndorf to discuss how to 'Beautify Hahndorf', to make the Main Street trees the ornament of the colony that rivaled world-famous avenues such as the limetrees "Unter der Linden" in Berlin or the Boulevards Montmartre in Paris. They believed the beauty of these trees would attract a large population, enhance the value of all properties and the children would bless the forethought of their fathers for "showing good will and putting their hands in their pockets of a few shillings". The success of these meetings culminated and on 19 August 1885 the tree planting program commenced with 220 chestnut, cork, elm and plane trees, donated by Robert Barr Smith and chosen by Dr Richard Schomburgk, then Director of the Adelaide Botanic Garden, planted along the street. Speeches were held and all school children participated. It is believed that this tree-planting exercise was most likely the first public tree-planting program in the state, pre-dating Arbor Day in Adelaide by three years.

But did you know that at multiple times in the past, these trees were under real threat? A few years after the Main Street avenue of trees was planted, a systematic annual lopping of the trees commenced to prevent interference with the overhead telegraph wires. This aroused fierce debate amongst the townsfolk such that in September 1895 the Commonwealth Telegraph Department installed 28 new poles to raise the height of the wires out of reach of the trees. This was successful for a number of years until 1910, when due to the rapid expansion of South Australia's telegraphic services, it was necessary to erect additional transmission wires. To enable this, the Commonwealth Telegraph Department cut a 'valley' through the tops of the trees leaving a mere shell of branches on the outside. This was done without consultation with the District Council or the residents, and as a result re-ignited the debate over the trees. The arguments for and against the trees climaxed in 1913, however, the controversy was dispelled with the outbreak of World War I in 1914.

In 1963, the Mt Barker Council announced that it intended to remove 38 avenue trees in order to allow the Highway's Department to widen a section of the road. Intense local and State wide reaction to this announcement ensued with petitions organised by Walter Wotzke (artist and local resident) presented to the Government and Council. The eventual result was that the advice of Noel Lothian, Director Botanic Gardens, that five only trees should be removed plus the gradual removal of alternative trees along the main street was agreed by Council. This decision resulted in further protests and although the Council removed a small number of trees, the protesters eventually won the day.

In 1983, Mt Barker Council, the Heritage Unit of the Department for Environment and the Electricity Trust (ETSA) joined together, finally relieving the avenue of trees of their four-yearly lopping, in a redevelopment \$250,000 project that saw the stobie poles and power lines installed underground.

As a result of the '2000 Community Consultation Workshops' to develop concepts for public art works to celebrate the role played by the Hahndorf Pioneer Women, the Mt Barker Council extended the Avenue of trees to River Road. 54 additional trees representing the founding families were planted. Additionally a Community Grant received from the Council by the Hahndorf Community Association (HCA) of \$2,500 to honour pioneer women resulted in a plaque being placed on a Granite Rock on Main Street, just beyond Ambleside Road. The wording directed people's attention to the 54 trees that had been planted by Council along Main Street as far as River Road. The wording on the plaque says: "This Avenue of 54 trees commemorates the Pioneer Women of Hahndorf and the part they played in the provision of fresh produce to the early settlers in Adelaide".

Image top, bottom right and left- Source: https://localwiki.org/adelaide-hills/Hahndorf_-_Main_Street. 'Cork Elms and Controversy at Hahndorf' by Reg Butler, 'From Byways to Highways - Hahndorf's Changing Streetscape' by Reg Butler

Source: <https://data.environment.sa.gov.au/Content/heritage-surveys/2-Hahndorf-Historic-Main-Street-1991.pdf>



View of Main Street Tree Planting Ceremony on 19 August 1885



BEAUTIFYING HAHNDORF.

A large and influential public meeting was held at the Union Hotel, Hahndorf, on Saturday evening, July 18, to consider the advisability of planting both sides of Main-street with ornamental trees. Mr. Wm. Ey presided. In reply to a few introductory remarks of the chairman, Mr. E. W. SCHROEDER stated that he and a number of residents had last year held meetings for the same purpose, but that on account of the then far-advanced season the scheme had dropped. Now, however, was the time to go to work and to plant. Hahndorf was the oldest German settlement in South Australia but Klemzig, and offered greater opportunities for beautifying than either Tanunda or Angaston, where he had lately admired the streets planted with shady trees, 9 feet high, standing in regular distances — a work that greatly enhanced the beauty of those well-laid-out townships. Main-street, Hahndorf, is a straight, wide line, one and a quarter miles in length, and what could be more handsome to look at than such a long alley of beautiful ornamental trees, planted in equal distances, and all of the same height? What beautiful shade they give during the hot summer months, but not the eye alone would be pleased; the purses and pockets of the inhabitants too would profit, for every foot of frontage would then fetch a much higher value than it did now. The expenses, compared with the greater advantages, would be comparatively nil. Hahndorf was far-famed for its beautiful surrounding scenery, and if people would only show a little good will and put their hands into their pockets for a few shillings the place would become the ornament of the colony, would attract a large population, and their children would bless the forethought of their fathers. He would move—"That the work of planting Main-street, Hahndorf, with ornamental trees should be commenced at once." Mr. F. H. SONNEMANN, in seconding, had no doubt that the work would greatly beautify the place and would highly enhance the value of all property. People should think of the beautiful world-famed avenue of limetrees "Unter der Linden," Berlin; or the Boulevards Montmartre, Paris; or, to come nearer home, should look at the trees planted in Wakefield-street, or before the National Hotel, Pirie-street, and they would be willing enough to incur a little expense to ensure a street with the glorious surroundings. He brought to the meeting a specimen of a Moreton Bay fig tree, about fifteen inches high, and stated that Messrs. W. Hackett, and E. B. Heyne, were willing to supply the same trees for £3 10s. per hundred. The expense and the cost of protection would be the only real expense, and this would amount to not more than 2s. per tree. But a committee should be appointed to see that the trees were planted carefully, second row apart, and in equal distances, so that nothing would be left for the people to do but to water and tend them in the hot summer months. He was sure, if the motion were carried and the work done speedily and well, in ten years time Hahndorf would be the prettiest country township in Australia, and Mr. Schroeder, the promoter of the scheme, would be honored and venerated as "Father of the Hahndorf Moreton Bay Fig Tree Avenue." The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. H. STORCH wanted to know whether the district council would be prevailed upon to furnish the trees, and asked the present councillors to state their opinion. Mr. G. JAENSCH, councillor for Hahndorf ward, thought it much the best that the district council should supply the trees, as the cost of it would be so very low, only about 100 being necessary. He and his colleague, Mr. W. Paech, would have some hard work to get the sum passed, but they would do their utmost to succeed, and he felt certain people would in a very short time be quite satisfied with the innovation. The fencing in of the trees would be the greatest expense, but he was perfectly sure money would be forthcoming, by subscription, to make the enclosures uniform from the first tree to the last if one and another would assist. Mr. W. Paech briefly endorsed these remarks and promised his support. After several more proposals were discussed, it was decided to ask the district council of Echunga to grant the necessary sum, and the Central Road Board to give permission, as nothing could be done before this was given. Messrs. E. W. Schroeder, G. Jaensch, H. Storch, C. Born, F. H. Sonnemann, W. Paech, W. F. T. Ide, and Dr. Doepke were elected a committee, with power to add to their number, to carry out the object of the meeting, and to take all necessary steps to ensure its speedy consummation.

Source: trove.nla.gov.au/; The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA) Wednesday 22 July 1885, page 5

In 1963, our trees were in danger of being cut down by the Council—

Tree Signs At Town's Victory

"Don't cut our trees down! They hold up our colors. Black and white forever." On Saturday night jubilant Hahndorf footballers placed these words on 14 of the 34 signs in Hahndorf's main street which the Mount Barker District Council is proposing to cut down. On Saturday, Hahndorf won its first premiership in the Hills Central Football Association for 31 years. It defeated Mount Barker which had won the past two grand finals. One small sign containing one word of the slogan was nailed to each of the trees on the western side of the Prince's highway in the middle of the town. Black and white ribbons (the team colors) were also placed on the trees.

The star of Hahndorf's victory was former State and Sturt forward Tony Goodchild.

The team was captained by John Mullins, of Neirne, who is not related to the John Mullins, who captained Hahndorf to its last premiership win in 1951.

ABOVE: Miss Barbara Clark, of West Croydon looking at some of the signs on the trees at Hahndorf yesterday.

Source: localwiki.org/Adelaide-hills/Hahndorf_Village_Voice_-_Issues_26



Main Street Lopped Trees c1913.



Right: Main Street at Echunga Road Junction just before avenue of trees planted in 1885.

Heysen Gallery Update

It has recently been revealed that the new Heysen Gallery project, that will house and protect the artistic works of Hans Heysen and his daughter Nora Heysen, has further progressed with the project achieving Planning Consent.

Since the project gained an initial \$22 million funding with federal grant money in 2018, the project has seen multiple designs created but not progressed further. The current smaller redesign by local Hahndorf business *Beyond Ink*, appears to have met the planning criteria and also strikes the balance with construction costs and the overall footprint size of the project. The design has evolved to balance the operational needs of a modern gallery whilst responding to the current financial realities of the construction environment.

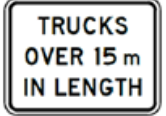
The gallery is set to foster an immersive exploration of the works of Hans Heysen and Nora Heysen whilst being at the iconic Cedars. Sympathetic to the natural surroundings, the design will use earthly tones and rich timber elements to mirror, the equally iconic, majestic gum trees that Hans Heysen featured in his works.

The gallery is set to begin in August 2024, with the aim of it opening to the public 12 months later.



Heavy Vehicles Coming Through Hahndorf

There are still instances of heavy vehicles coming through Hahndorf. After consultation with Sergeant Sean Bell, Traffic Sergeant at Mt Barker Police Station, the best advice to get a result is to provide as much of the following information as possible. In this way our Village can get to the best outcome if reporting/identifying a heavy vehicle that should not be travelling on Mt Barker Road, Hahndorf or within the township of Hahndorf:



- Record the time and location where the heavy vehicle was seen;
- Take a photo of the Prime Mover Registration number and the rear trailer registration number where possible;
- Immediately call Police on 13144 for attendance.

Sergeant Bell said not to be concerned about making a call to this number as they are very happy to receive the calls. If they can stop and speak to the offender themselves then it is much more successful. Registration numbers on both truck and trailer are best recorded so that the offender cannot state that their vehicle combination was under 15 metres.

Hahndorf Soccer Club celebrates Female Football Week!



In a day to recognise the female players, referees, coaches and supporters that make our game great, the club hosted all the Hills girls' games for the round, with some of our younger players on hand to assist (Keep an eye out for our HSC girls around the Matilda's game in Adelaide!) Perfect to accompany our recent success in being awarded a 'Growing Football Community' grant from Football Australia, to help us expand opportunities for local girls and women keen to be involved - get in touch! www.hahndorfsc.com



Heritage Barn Project—THANK YOU

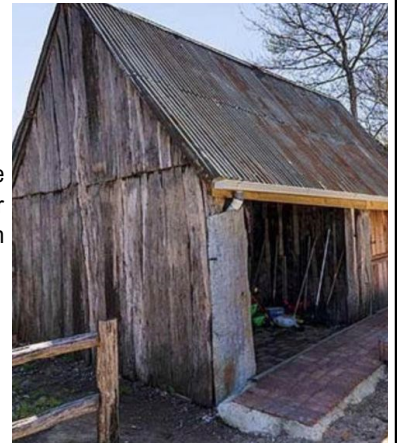
A BIG thank you to the generous donations the HCA has received so far for the Heritage Barn Project. The HCA is currently working with Mount Barker Council to secure a location for the barn within the Village so it can be enjoyed by all.

This wonderful barn is going to be a gorgeous addition to our Village and fundraising efforts continue, so 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

Partial funds raised from the High Tea event in September will go towards the Barn Project.



A Request from Fergus

Hey there, all you Hahndorf Hounds!

Didn't your people see the article in the last *Village Voice*, where our lovely *Village Voice* Editor asked VERY nicely if your people could pick up our dog droppings, and dispose of them properly?

Well, let me tell you, MY person was not at all impressed when she found THREE lots of BIG droppings in Pioneer Park last Monday morning - two fresh lots on the big lawn, the other a bit older on the brick path nearby, just where people walk! My person picked them up and dropped them in the bin, which was close by, as were the supply of dog waste bags.

Hey Hounds, if your people are going to be so inconsiderate and not do the right thing, how about you just do your business at home?

Thank you, Fergus



Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club



The Hahndorf Lions club would like to extend a big congratulations to a very special member whose long standing service to the community has spanned 54 years. Lions Lady Kaye Dewell's commitment to service is an inspiring one as her efforts during this time have positively contributed to our community. Upon thanking Kaye for her achievements, President Simon Westwood presented Kaye with a very well deserved Melvin Jones Fellowship! Thankyou so much Kaye for all that you do, together with PDG Bob Dewell, you both make an outstanding team.



Bob and Kaye Dewell with President Simon Westwood

Following this year's ANZAC Dawn Service at Alec Johnston Park, the Hahndorf Lions hosted the gunfire breakfast for attendees. It was a great turn out and the breakfast offering was obviously appreciated by all who attended. It was a great way to connect with others and share stories. Were you there? Thank you and well done to all the Lions volunteers who made it happen.



Images: courtesy of Hahndorf Lions Club Facebook Page

Hahndorf Institute

The Management Committee is setting priorities for the coming financial year, so your input from the Hahndorf community is welcome. New members with new ideas are also welcome. This is your hall, we are the trustees.

TO DO

- Consider cost to replace chairs in the supper room.
- Investigate kitchen upgrade (a capital cost with Council).
- Improve efficiency by reduction of 'Stuff', and therefore better use of space.
- Address communication with the community and hirers. Committee owns stage lighting, PA system, screen and equipment for digital presentations, chair covers for parties.
- Improve acoustics in the supper room.
- Visit rising costs against income and hirer fees - annual event as we all know.
- Council partnership – painting inside and outside.

And not forgotten All Persons Access.

The current Council Budget has set aside \$10,000.00 to undertake a Concept Design for an all persons access. An architect firm is working on this concept but is governed by a set of codes and building design principles. They must address this and apply it specific to the site and building. Many deficiencies have been recognised with regard to accessibility so the architect will provide a number of solutions and design options to achieve compliance and will share this with Council and Committee for discussion and action.

Recent events, include a Farmers' Market, Wood Turners exhibition, Pop Market, Anzac wreath making and Anzac Day gunfire breakfast (Lions great effort). Seniors gym classes are held each Tuesday and Friday, yoga on Tuesday and Tai Chi on Thursday to mention a few regular activities. We look forward to Carter Minerals on the long weekend and Harpers' Harp Concert in July. A fundraising Quiz Night event is being planned in Spring, so sharpen your brains and look on the Community Notice board for more information.

We are a small committee with big tasks, so join us as "Helper" especially if you have skills or contacts. The carpark roses need pruning, a notice board needs replacing and contacts for acoustic assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou in anticipation.



Wow that was an amazing Autumn! How lucky are we with the four seasons and sometimes all in one day! Thank you to everyone who visits us, we appreciate our locals, and we celebrate "buying local" in our shop, showcasing only SA makers and artists, many from the Hills too.

The galleries are jammed packed full of exciting artwork. Upcoming events..

August – September 2024: Adelaide Hills SALA artist Kasia Tons and Aboriginal paintings from Neriba Gallach's collection.

September – November 2024: Hahndorf artist Sheila Whittam, Adelaide Access2Arts disability artists and Fleurieu artist Chris De Rosa.

November – January 2025: celebrates the Heysen Prize for Landscape, commemorating Sir Hans Heysen, his art and deep connection and passion for the environment. The winner will be announced at the opening launch on November 23, 2024.

Workshops are full to bursting with kid's school holiday creative activities, pottery classes, and yoga on Sunday mornings. The front room is open to all our visitors with free art activities that connect with the exhibitions and storytelling of the building. Come and try something new!



Hahndorf Immersed is a great month for everyone! We are getting right into it with "come and try pottery", kids' classes and paint and sip Frida style with a glass of *Bird in Hand* Sparkling.

The *Bukatila Studio* is almost there. Yes it has taken some time as we need it just right! The new double-glazed door is installed and now we are trying to raise money for the disability access path.

What do you think about our Museum? Do you have any ideas to share with us? We are thinking about local heroes and how to connect with the younger generation so that they can keep sharing the amazing stories about Hahndorf and Bukatila.

Do you like sharing stories? We are looking for guides to join our volunteer team, all training is provided, and this role suits people who like talking to people and engaging them in our museum and galleries. Feel part of a friendly team and enjoy our social gatherings and discount in the shop.



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.



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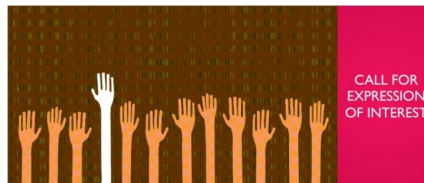
High Tea and Fashion Parade

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 13 September, 2024

Hahndorf Community Association High Tea

More details to follow. Look out on the notice board near the Post Office or HCA Facebook Page



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Hahndorf Community Association (HCA) needs your support. In particular we are seeking expressions of interest to fill two vacant voluntary positions, one of Treasurer and one of Social Media Administrator on our Committee Executive.

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

The roles are not arduous or too time consuming and the tasks are relatively simple, quite streamlined and every assistance will be provided. If you want to be more involved in our community and give back, please contact a committee member (see below) to learn more about these opportunities.

Greg Lomax – Chairperson 0414 500 150

Deb Painter – Minutes Secretary 0417 812 325

Email hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com

Upcoming HCA General Community Meetings
Start time 7:30pm sharp

WEDNESDAY 10th July 2024

WEDNESDAY 14th August 2024

WEDNESDAY 11th September 2024

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



PO BOX 518, HAHNDORF 5245

Email- hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com

www.hahndorfcommunityassociation.com.au

www.facebook.com/groups/hahndorf.community

ALL CORRESPONDENCE WELCOME

Useful Local Phone Numbers:

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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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