

Hahndorf Community News & Views village voice

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Hahndorf's moment to reset its traffic issues is NOW



Source: Localwiki

For 50+ years residents, district locals and tourists have had to navigate and contend with traffic issues and heavy vehicles in and around Hahndorf, now finally it is hoped, that a solution with positive outcomes for Hahndorf as a whole, can be achieved. However, with this hope comes deep concerns for many residents who are directly affected and who deserve our consideration.

"If you've been to Hahndorf and tried to cross the road on a Sunday you'll find that it's just so impossible with cars and trucks that thunder down the road."¹²

12. Interview with Hahndorf resident, 1974

Source: Hahndorf Vol. 1&2 survey report Australian Heritage Commission, 1981 www.data.environment.sa.gov.au

Looking back as to how we got to here, a \$1m strategic traffic planning study was committed by the Federal Government (long fought for by the HCA and residents) to address traffic safety and connectivity in our Village. Since the study in 2019, the results based on the community's feedback were never publicly shared. The study brought to light all the issues residents have been saying for years (trucks, driver and pedestrian safety, car parking and traffic flow) and was the catalyst for gaining the \$250 million commitment by Federal and State Governments.

Option 1.

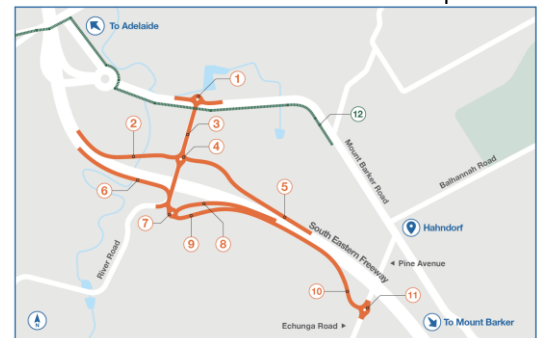
The outcomes resulted in 3 proposed options;

Option 1 - River Road Full interchange and a new link road connecting Echunga and River Road.

Option 2 - River Road Half interchange and a new link road connecting Echunga and River Road.

Option 3 - Verdun upgrading to a Full interchange and a new link road connecting Echunga and River Rd

In addition to these 3 options, the **Main Street Ideas need to also be considered with feedback required**, as modifications to the Main Street such as removing pedestrian lights and dedicated turning lanes at Pine Ave and Balhannah Road are being examined. It is also worthwhile considering in your feedback, how these projects could be staged/rolled out. For example, Stage 1 could be the Main Street Revitalisation Project and Stage 2 the Freeway Traffic Bypass Project.



Residents attended the HCA General Meeting on Wednesday 12 May 2021, vocal in their belief that a better alternative can be achieved and were eager to share this feedback, including the severing of connectivity between the township and the recreational facilities located at the Hahndorf Recreational Grounds and Yantaringa/Blueberry Hill/Tarra IIIa, and the impact it may have on the liveability of Hahndorf.

The Community Information Sessions that occurred on 13 and 15 May 2021 resulted in **more than 150 residents and business owners** turning out to discuss the proposed plans and share their concerns, ideas and alternatives with the Department and Council staff. Whilst these 'drop-in' sessions provide an opportunity to discuss issues in person (great in theory) the real impact is achieved when it is put in writing! If one person highlights an issue or concern, it is seen. BUT if 30,40 or 50 people raise the same concern, then the message will carry more weight!

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY- YOUR FEEDBACK IS CRITICAL! Submitting your feedback in writing will ensure your voice is heard. We have been assured that all written submissions are read by Department and Council staff. **NOW, IT IS UP TO YOU.** SELDOM will Hahndorf have an opportunity like this again, certainly not in our lifetime.

Community Consultation CLOSES, Monday 7th June 2021

CALL: 1300 794 880

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WEBSITE: www.dit.sa.gov.au/hahndorf



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Councillor's Corner

Hi fellow Hahndorfians, Once again I had the honour and privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of Mt Barker Council at the Hahndorf Anzac Day service. Congratulations to the Hahndorf Lions for organising a COVID safe morning of reflection and gratitude. Having never made a wreath before, I took the opportunity to be involved in the wreath making afternoon that the Hahndorf Community Association coordinated. If you have the opportunity at Remembrance Day – I strongly encourage you to get involved, it was a lovely way of learning a new skill, while chatting (Oh and whistling) with very clever wreath makers.



Image- Narelle Hardingham

The Draft Annual Business Plan is now available for you to HAVE YOUR SAY. This is an opportunity for the community to see what, where and how rates are spent and allocated for the forthcoming financial year. Council provides a wide range of services, far more than simply collecting rubbish. Building and maintaining infrastructure, resourcing the community library, managing the cemeteries, sporting grounds, parks and playgrounds. So please have your say before 26th May 2021. <https://yoursay.mountbarker.sa.gov.au>

The Summit Sports and Recreation Park has now opened, both football and soccer games are now being scheduled at this new state of the art facility. Maybe our very next Taylor Walker or Sam Kerr will start their sporting journey after playing a junior game at our district's new Sports Park. I encourage you to either take a short drive along Springs Rd or a leisurely stroll ongoing the recently completed new section of the Laratinga trail and take a look; the name reflects that the view back to Mt Barker Summit from both the Soccer Pitch and Football Oval which is simply stunning.

I think there is plenty of information in this edition about the Traffic Bypass, I encourage you strongly to provide your feedback in writing directly to DIT (www.dpti.sa.gov.au). Please be mindful in your discussions and interactions that there are people whose properties, homes and lives have been totally turned upside down by this project, we need to be considerate and kind when voicing our views.

Stay warm and dry as our winter hits Hahndorf, but don't stay by the fire all the time. Rug up and get out and about to one of our fabulous eateries, or just simply go for a walk and be grateful for where we live.

Sincerely,

Narelle Hardingham,
North Ward Councillor
0411 144 544

hca happenings

There is a lot promised to happen in Hahndorf, some of which, at last, is now to eventuate!

The \$1 million study grant attained by MP Dan Cregan, and long pleaded for by HCA, has finally produced options for the future Freeway road works to alleviate our Main Street of the unnecessary and heavy transport traffic. I believe we will achieve a good result with the addition of local opinion and nuances explained to DTI Staff. \$250 million is a massive amount granted by Federal and State Governments without a plan, so let's be thankful we have an opportunity to have input before the project starts, which is expected in late 2023. Individual submissions to DTI must be made before 7th June 2021.

We have seen work begin on the old historic Schneemilch 1840-1890 family home at 23 Victoria Street. This property is in private hands for its re-development having met all regulatory requirements, taking the building into another century. Following my Deputation to the Mt. Barker District Council on Monday 3rd May, I asked for openness and collaboration with planning issues, so that the HCA could continue taking a caring interest in our heritage. We need to be kept abreast of changes in our township, now under pressure from the new building Code introduced last month.

Before long, we should expect a start on the Main Street upgrade, however small, as Council have yet to be granted the State monies matching theirs, to commence the major works.

The Council has granted the funds for the Byard Place water course and serge pond beautification, and we know the residents in that area will enjoy the changes over time.

Finally, we appeal to our local residents to get involved with the changes to our community; best kept abreast of by attending our bi-monthly General Meetings held in the Institute Supper Room on Wednesday evenings. Watch for dates and agendas on the Post Office notice board.

Keep warm as winter approaches; as before long the previously beautifully coloured trees will be green again to start the Spring to Autumn "show" for which Hahndorf is so well known, bringing visitors by the 'millions' to enjoy with us, the lucky residents!

Sincerely,

Malcolm Kentish
Chairman, HCA
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HAHNDORF BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Once again HBTA will be hosting the **HANDMADE. HANDCRAFTED. HANDPICKED.**

HAHNDORF event in September. The month-long festival was warmly received and is a wonderful opportunity for businesses to showcase and present themselves. This event is not just for 'visitors' but everyone and we warmly invite locals to participate in the many workshops, talks and events that are on offer.



While life on the street seems to have returned to 'normal' we still need to be vigilant in the new way of life. We thank all locals who have followed the rules on checking into each business that they visit and appreciate you continuing to do so. It ensures that we continue to carry on as we do.

There has much publicity on the announcement of the outcomes of the Traffic Study by DIT. Whatever option is chosen, HBTA will continue to lobby for the Mount Barker District Council Main Street upgrade to be included in any works that are undertaken.

I will be Acting Chair while Jordana takes a few months leave after the birth of a beautiful baby daughter, Sadie Ashcroft O'Sullivan on the 21st of April. The committee and traders congratulate her and Ryan and their families on such an exciting occasion.

Thank you for the support shown to your local traders

Regards,

Carolyn Cattrall
Co-Chairperson, HB&T



HAHNDORF
EST. 1839



The Ladies Probus Club of Aldgate INC.

Has vacancies for new members. We meet on the third Friday of each month at 10am. Sunset Rock Uniting Church Hall, Stirling.

We enjoy visiting speakers, occasional outings, celebratory lunches and the company of each other.

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Secretary: 0407 607 738

Honouring the Passing of Three ICONIC Hahndorf Locals

It is with sadness that we recognize the passing of three long standing business owners, and local residents; Otto Sames, John Entwistle Senior and Max Noske.

At some point, as a local, you would have been served by one of these gentlemen in their respective stores. Otto Sames at Otto's Bakery or Kaffeehaus, John Entwistle Senior at Hahndorf Pharmacy or Max Noske at Max Noske and Son Country Meats. Each of these three men added to the charm of the town in their own individual ways and we thank these hardworking, dedicated gentlemen who added to Hahndorf's culture and through their professions. They will be missed by many in the community and we send our deepest condolences to their families.

Otto Sames - Aged 86

30/04/1934—19/03/2021

Born and raised in Germany, Otto relocated to Australia in 1954 aged 19 and established Otto's Bakery in the Main Street in 1978. As a qualified baker, Otto was determined that his products were of the highest quality. As a direct result of his hard work and ambition Otto's Bakery became a successful destination in itself, with travelling motorists, tourists and local residents flocking to the shop as they passed through Main Street, Princes Highway back then. Otto was involved in the Hahndorf community in various ways including the Hahndorf traders and many other community groups. Otto's passion for Hahndorf and its history, saw him crowned Hahndorf's Burgermeister (town master) in the early 1980's— a role he humbly embraced. Wanting to give back, in 1982 Otto donated the Captain Hahn memorial bust that sits in the Hahndorf Pioneer Memorial Gardens still to this day.



John Entwistle - Aged 95

26/12/1926 - 02/04/2021

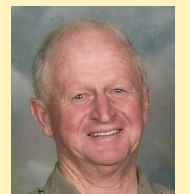
John, a long-standing Hahndorf resident, owned and ran the Hahndorf Pharmacy in the Main Street for more than 35 years, only retiring as a pharmacist aged 70. John was a familiar face in and around town and at the Hahndorf Lions Club where John served as a Lion for 50 years and was instrumental in the success of many local community projects. John was awarded life membership and a Melvin Jones Fellowship award, both for outstanding community service. PDG Robert Dewell, added 'John was an ornament to the Hahndorf township and the people thereof'. Early in his career, John worked in Alice Springs and saw a need to improve the way people on remote outback stations received help and pharmaceutical goods. Working together with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, John created the Medical Chests allowing people to have access to pharmaceutical items, which enable emergency and non-emergency treatment to be given where there was no access to a hospital or clinic. These medical chests are still widely used today. A great achievement and legacy. Simply put, John worked behind the scenes to help other organisations and brought many ideas and visions with him.



Max Noske - Aged 85

27/11/1935 - 13/04/2021

Max's family history links back to the migration of his grandfather from Prussia in 1847. Life as a butcher was not unexpected for Max, a fourth-generation butcher, with his grandfather, father, uncle and three brothers all in the trade. When Max's brother Herb opened a shop, Max was alongside him as his apprentice. The first shop was located at 37 Main Street, Hahndorf and in 1968, Max purchased a farm in Hahndorf and opened his shop at 78c Main Street. Besides excelling in his trade for 70 years, Max also became well skilled in associating with his many customers in the shop and while doing home rounds in the shop's butcher's delivery van. Throughout the years, Max has remained a loyal contributor to the Hahndorf community providing meats for local fund-raising events, as well as donating time and effort towards many community functions. A talented, generous and hardworking man, who had a wonderful sense of humour and loved the simple things in life, with his greatest love for his family, his shop, farm and pets. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



Hahndorf Link with HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

A fleet of 'sleek black cars' brought a very special visitor to Hahndorf in 1974.

On Monday 4 March 1974, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, stopped off in Hahndorf on his way to Murray Bridge, for an informal tour of the Hahndorf Academy. The visit was kept secret, with the gallery director Mr Walter Wotzke, some of the artists exhibiting at the gallery and the eldest son of the late Sir Hans Heysen, David Heysen and his wife being the only ones "in on" the secret. At the last minute, the local school children were told about the visit and were lined up to greet Prince Philip on his arrival.



Source: Local History Database Mount Barker Council Mt Barker Courier 6 March 1974.

The Queen is known to have several Heysens in her private collection and is particularly interested in his life and work. During the visit, David Heysen presented Prince Philip with a copy of the book 'Heysen of Hahndorf'.

Three of the artists who had exhibitions at the gallery were present to meet Prince Philip and discuss their work with him. They were Anni Luur Fox, Mervyn Smith and Ruth Tuck.

Hahndorf Winter Lantern Fest Sat Aug 21, 2021



Alec Johnston Park, Hahndorf
4pm Saturday 21 August 2021

Thongaphone Ensemble will play as we light the lanterns. Open lantern workshops to be held in the July school holidays on Saturday's in July and August. For workshop information www.facebook.com/hahndorflanternfest or call 0414 558 752

Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club.



LIONS who are we. Some people think we are a group of old people who cook sausages at Bunnings :) Yes, we cook sausage sizzles and BBQs and some of us are old but we were young when we joined LIONS International and we have many younger members in our great organisation. We are Community minded Men and Woman helping the community in many ways be it Local, National and International. In Australia there are 1,350 LIONS Clubs with a membership of 30,000+.



There are Hundreds of different and exciting projects happening across the country every day including; Emergency and Disaster Relief, Environmental Projects, Childhood Cancer Research, Skin Cancer Screening Programme, Hunger Relief, Vision and Hearing Programmes, Infrastructure Projects to create a better Community.

To be able to support these and many more projects, we need to fundraise be it BBQs, recycling bottles and cans, raffles etc **so get behinds us and support where you can.**

Thank you all who attended the ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE. Due to COVID-19 we had to move into Alec Johnson Park which enabled us to do the right thing re spacing. **450 people in attendance!**



Including a group of returned Service Personnel from the Delta Company 3RAR on a Reunion one reading the Ode another raising the flag at the rouse. The Catafalque party under the command of Bombardier Oliver came from the Woodside Barracks.



Thank you to those who joined Ann Haines to make wreaths (20). A total of 25 were laid by local dignitaries, representatives of the community, members of the community also children from the Hahndorf schools.

Greg and Lester Francis from the Hahndorf Town Band played the trumpets/bugles, thank you. Big thanks to the CFS for cooking the gunfire breakfast and also to the members of the Australian Hearing Dogs Lions club for helping us.

LIONS. Always there for the community. Our President and Members acknowledge the passing of John Entwistle a life member with 51 years of valued service to Hahndorf Lions. Thank you John.

If you are considering joining us, Community Membership is open to all. If you wish to know more about Lions and our club please call 08 8390 1139 / 0428 609 343

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Lion Jenn Hodgson
0429 024 657



Art, history and the community.



Hahndorf Academy has lots of news to share with you...

What's on? History Month was a delight, a big thank you to Lyndell Davidge who organised "Imagine the Past" with 19th C trades and crafts displayed in our gardens and what a great turn out of goats, horses and visitors. Rachel Harris has also been busy with an exhibition in our Gallery and the paste ups in the street, plus the scan fest. These events have attracted many visitors to Hahndorf to celebrate the South Australia History Festival.



Event organizer Lyndell Davidge



Bach to the Beatles and Beyond

Cello performance by William Jack. Featuring iconic songs including The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Cold Chisel and more. Intertwined with works by Matthias Bartolomey, Svante Henryson, Pēteris Vasks, Péter Pejtsik, J.S Bach and William's own compositions.



Sunday June 20th at 3pm. Book online Hahndorf Academy FREE EVENT - Donations welcome for a charity organisation.

Up Coming Exhibitions:

John Ashcroft- 23 June - 28 July

Kathryn Hill, Ray Meandering, Barbara Palmer and Robyn Zerna-Russell- 25- June 28-July

SALA 2021- with Suzie Lockery, Alison Mitchell Hannaford and Fran Callen- 1 - 31 August

What's new?

We are excited to announce that we are growing with a new Community Development Program which includes a new staff member and the new shed, in partnership with the Lions Club and Lothar Brasse. **We will run more events and workshops for the community and we would love to hear your ideas about what interests you.**

You are most welcome to our exhibition openings which we hold on a regular basis, this is a great way to meet artists and we serve wine by Bird in Hand. Please join our email list.

Would you like to become a volunteer at the Hahndorf Academy? We are looking for people to join our team in the shop and museum. As a bonus you will be able to receive 20% Discount off all of our beautiful items in the shop, but most importantly you will have the opportunity to work with a fun, happy and supportive group that in turn supports the Arts and Heritage Community of SA and the vibrant community of Hahndorf. Please email rachel@hahndorfacademy.org.au

Keep an eye out on our Facebook Page or join our mailing list for all the updates, The events and workshops are great fun for every age.

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

Warm wishes
Rachel and the team



PIONEER WOMEN'S TRAIL WALK

ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!
SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021

1,000 walkers registered for the **11th annual walk on the Pioneer Women's Trail, a History Festival Event** that honours Hahndorf's pioneer women who walked to Adelaide once or twice a week, in the early years of the settlement, carrying much needed produce, and bringing back other supplies for their families.

The weather was kind to us, with the threatened rain not eventuating, and no wind. **Over 600 walkers gathered at the Hahndorf Academy Gardens and the Pioneer Gardens** to check-in, and were all on their way by 8.30am. Others joined them in Bridgewater and Stirling. The very last walkers arrived at Beaumont House just before 4.00pm where there was food, beverages and entertainment. And the sun came out!

Over 30 volunteers helped out on the day, and without them this event would not be possible. They were much appreciated by the walkers, many of whom took the time to thank them along the way.



Joanne Demasi and Jo Larkin at Bridgewater

If you are interested in Hahndorf National Trust's activities and would like to become a member or a volunteer, please contact chairperson, Annette Humphries 0451 030 357





Life and Achievements of Nurse Bertha Emilie Schmidtke

Bertha Emily Schmidtke has been described as a trailblazer for her time, always progressive in her ideas, forthright in her personality and resilient in her nature. Whilst having a deep and quiet level of compassion, integrity, and humanity at her core. This remarkable woman, whom against all odds established and ran the Hahndorf Maternity Hospital, in what is now the Hahndorf Academy for 16 years. Showcasing and recognising the valuable achievements Bertha made during her life and career is critical in building upon and celebrating our town's long and interesting history.

Bertha was born in Hahndorf on the 22 March 1885. She was the daughter to August Henrich Schmidtke and Wilhelmine Schmidtke (nee Ritter), Prussian immigrants aboard the ship Elisabeth from Humburg in 1878. Bertha was sister to Johanne Auguste, Bertha Hulda, Carl Edward, Otto Gottlieb, Louise Emma, Wilhelm August, Augusta Bertha (exact names, number and order of siblings is not entirely known).

In the early 1900's Bertha Schmidtke resided at the homestead 'Shady Grove', the residence of her sister Bertha Hulda Hirte (nee Schmidtke) and brother-in-law Heinrich Alfred Hirte.

From the years of 1910 to 1918, Bertha was mentored by Dr Theo Auricht (Hahndorf district resident medical doctor) as his Midwifery protégé. This was invaluable experience for Bertha as most births occurred in the family home.

In 1918, Nurse Bertha Schmidtke gains a Maternity license from the local Echunga District Council to operate a small Maternity Hospital. On 28 January 1919, the former Hahndorf College located at 68 Main Street, now the Hahndorf Academy, was purchased by Nurse Bertha's brother in law, Heinrich Hirte. The premises were offered on loan to Nurse Bertha to pursue her vision of a Private Maternity Hospital for the district. During this time, Nurse Bertha moved into Douglas Byard's former residence attached to the hospital and continued to live there for 39 years. Under Nurse Bertha's direction and care, the Hahndorf Maternity hospital grew in its reputation with many expectant mothers coming from districts far and wide to give birth at the Maternity hospital.

On 27 July 1925, The Hahndorf Maternity Hospital extends its licence and becomes a Private General Hospital. During this time with the support of Dr Theo Auricht, the hospital expands to include a men's ward, an infectious disease sanatorium, an operating theatre, later a dental surgery, a lying-in ward and a place to temporarily store the towns deceased in preparation for burial. At this time the former bathroom used for the College was converted into an operating theatre and prior to a procedure, Nurse Schmidtke sterilised surgical instruments in a huge cauldron on the kitchen stove.

Nurse Schmidtke largely ran the hospital herself with one support nurse on duty. This person was often one of her sisters or nieces. Surgeries were performed by Dr Auricht and visiting Surgeons. During these years, 999 patients were cared for and 580 babies were birthed and officially recorded (actual birth numbers are likely to be higher). In 1935, Nurse Bertha Schmidtke retires from institutional nursing aged 50 years. Patients and equipment are transferred to the Ambleside Private Hospital located at 110 Main Street and continues servicing patients for another 5 years under the management of Dr Auricht.

Nurse Bertha's brother-in-law, Henrich Hirte dies in 1939 and Bertha inherits the property located at 68 Main Street. Bertha makes history by continuing to run the Betting shop (1934), she is claimed to be one of few females in South Australia to do so.

As the Second World War begins in 1939 the continuing effects of the economic depression in Australia has an impact on the availability of housing. Nurse Bertha starts to let out portions of the former Hahndorf hospital (Hahndorf Academy) to struggling families, in particular newly married women with children whose husbands were away at war. Nurse Bertha continues to take on extended periods of nursing in the district. She could often be seen driving around the district in her black Humber.

In the 1940 to late 1950's post war with immigration on the rise many displaced families found themselves occupying all corners of the former Hahndorf hospital, now referred to as the Hahndorf College flats. Comforts were rare as conditions were crowded with make shift walls; amenities were shared. Life was largely communal living. Despite this, a thriving community life existed in these times with many stories of card nights and children playing in the hidden treasures of the old building and the garden and creek that surrounded the property.

In 1958 aged 73, Nurse Bertha either alone or in agreement with her niece, Dulcie Paech nee Hirte (daughter of Nurse Bertha's sister Bertha Hulda Hirte and Heinrich Hirte) decided that the guardianship of 68 Main Street (Hahndorf Academy) had come to an end. The building was sold to an old Scholar Otto Haebich. Nurse Bertha retired to a small cottage on Church Street, opposite St Michael's church where she remained until she passed away aged 90. Nurse Bertha was laid to rest in 1975 at the Hahndorf Cemetery. Bertha Emilie Schmidtke was the heart and soul of the Hahndorf Hospital and Hahndorf College flats for 39 years.



Main Street and Hahndorf College
1912



Hahndorf Academy c1950 (with balconies
still intact)



Ambleside Private Hospital -110 Main Street

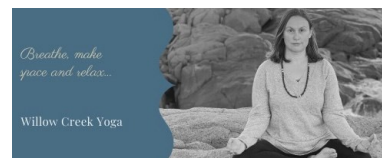


Bertha Schmidtke headstone
Hahndorf cemetery

RANDOM SHOPPER- NEW HAHNDORF BUSINESS

Willow Creek Yoga at Luna & Sol Wellness Studio - 5/76 Mount Barker Road (behind Petrol Station)

Restorative and Yin Yoga classes and workshops. Taking time out to relax and renew is essential to our modern, busy lives. Offering restorative yoga classes for those managing stress, anxiety, chronic conditions or simply needing time to relax. Floor based positions held for 5-10 minutes with the aid of soft props to restore the nervous system and deeply relax the body. Includes breathing practices to help calm the body and mind. Yin yoga classes for those who need to stretch, improve/maintain their flexibility and joint mobility. A nourishing practice for gaining clarity and balancing the mind, body and soul. First class only \$10!! Small classes in a relaxed environment to receive the care and attention you deserve, taught by Amelia.



Phone: 0414 949 538

Website: momoyoga.com/willowcreekyoga



As part of our ongoing outdoor improvements, St Michael's has recently installed some new play equipment in the school playground. The installation of a swing set and a 'ninja warrior' style bar system has been a huge hit with students of the school. **The school playground is open to the public outside school hours and we hope that the families of Hahndorf enjoy spending time in our beautiful grounds.**



Business owners of the main street may have been one of the **lucky recipients of a handmade pocket heart** from our Year 6 students at the start of April. Students, concerned about the wellbeing of local business owners, who have endured challenges during the past year, spent time creating small pocket hearts and distributed these, together with an encouraging letter to stores along the main street. **This gesture of kindness was met with many expressions of genuine thanks to the students.** We appreciate our diverse town and hope to make further connections in the future.



If families of Hahndorf would like an extensive tour of the school, bookings for a tour with me can be made by visiting www.stmichaels.sa.edu.au



Terri Taylor
Principal



'hills' schools, I am particularly excited about the possibilities Hahndorf presents to develop in our young people an authentic sense of community.

Hahndorf has such a rich history and provides a tapestry of opportunities with which to design real world learning opportunities for our students. One such opportunity which has been a long-standing tradition here at Hahndorf Primary and Preschool, is that of our bi-annual Long Walk, which mirrors that of the historic Pioneer Women's Trail.

Students from across the preschool and school take in key sections of the trail, with our years 5, 6 & 7 students this year completing the 26km journey from Beaumont House back up to the school. So well supported is this event by our whole school community, in 2019 we had nearly 100 additional 'adult' walkers that supported and walked the trail with our students.



If you are looking for a family friendly, community orientated learning environment for your child, we welcome you to contact us for a personalised school tour, phone Jenny on 83887058 for more information and to make a booking.



Ngari Boehm
Principal

Proposed Park in English Street Update and the Shortage of Public Open Space

Here is some great news! At Mount Barker Council's April meeting our local North Ward Councillor, Narelle Hardingham successfully moved an alternative motion to delay the decision process for proposed sale of Council's vacant land in English Street. The **original proposal from Council's planning department was to sell this land**, split the proceeds with the Hahndorf Bowling Club and use Council's half to fund the development of the lower (unused bowling rink) as a multi-use park. Narelle's motion reads: "Note that further information is to be prepared and provided for consideration at the September 2021 council meeting on the suitability of Parcel A (English Street) as an area of open space and potential alternative funding mechanisms and the associated timing implications for the development of council land consistent with the Hahndorf Bowling Club Open Space Design Report."



We have until September to rally community support and input on this issue. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated via the contact details below. You may choose to include all North Ward Councillors and myself by email.

It is important to note the State Government guideline for the percentage of public open space in a township or subdivision is 12.5% of the township land area. The current Hahndorf Township Plan Section 9 - Open Space and Community Facilities (page 22) contains mathematical and sampling errors in relation to the open space calculation for Hahndorf township. These lead the reader to understand that we are only 6.6% short of that State Government target. This is quite incorrect and confuses percentages with percent points. A recent review (by Council staff) of this flawed calculation **reveals that Hahndorf is actually 94% short** of that target. **Hahndorf township achieves only 0.75% of open public space against a target of 12.5%.** Consequently, vacant, undeveloped Council land like Parcel A in English Street are a significant and very limited resource with real potential to help address this large shortfall. The community health benefits of access to open space are well documented. Web page <https://www.healthyactivebydesign.com.au> is worth a read in this context. Through the Hahndorf Community Association we will continue to work with Council towards preserving this land for a simple local park as well as supporting initiatives for other open public spaces in the township including developing the centrally located, Council owned, Hahndorf Bowling Club. Creating significantly more open public space within Hahndorf township must clearly be a township and Council priority.

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History has been made with our Club's Wednesday and Saturday Top Division Teams winning their respective Grand Finals. **This feat has never been achieved in the history of the Club.** Both matches went down to the wire until the last end, with our teams winning by two and four shots respectively. Both teams went into the matches as underdogs against Lobethal BC, one of the power houses over the past three years. The vocal support by the players' family members, plus Club members should not be underestimated. It was great to see around twenty-five sharing both ends of the rinks to give their support.

Following on from the historic wins, husband and wife team Rob and Sue Hutchinson went on to win the Hills Singles Bowls Champion of Champions, also a history making win! The team dubbed 'Sue Duo' went onto win the Hills Pairs Champion of Champions plus the Regional Pairs finals. Also, our other teams, three of the four others, finished in fifth place whilst the other in seventh place. All teams were competitive with an enormous team spirit. It is a great credit to our Club members, only fifty strong, to come away with such excellent results. President, Chris Button stated at the end of season dinner that this has been a most successful year for the teams and individual members of the Club.



Sue Hutchinson & Sue Maddern

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Winning Team

WHAT WOULD HAHNDORF BE IF NOT FOR OUR HERITAGE??

A new **BILL**, Heritage Places (Protection of Heritage Places) Amendment Bill 2021, providing greater protection for State Heritage has been introduced into state parliament. It will require any alteration, partial destruction or demolition of State Heritage buildings or items to be approved by parliament, with transgressions attracting a penalty of \$120,000.

We welcome this Bill as an expression of the increasing community concern about the threats to our precious heritage. The recent extensive public backlash against the Government's plan to demolish the State Heritage listed Waite Gatehouse Lodge was a hallmark in both the recognition and valuing of heritage by the community, and a warning that vigilance and strong legislation have become necessary to protect these important components of our history and lived amenity.

There are a number of State-listed items currently under threat, including in Hahndorf, and the weakening of heritage protection under the new Planning and Design Code highlights the imperative to establish a codified structure to send a clear message to the community and to developers that our State Heritage is untouchable.

I urge you to support this proposed legislation by contacting and lobbying Kavel **MP Dan Cregan** to vote for this Bill in both chambers of parliament. Parliamentarians should be aware that heritage protection now has a high profile in the community and will undoubtedly be an Election issue in March 2022. Thank you for your interest and support.

Yours sincerely
Warren Jones AO



Byard Place Park Beautification & Habitat Project

Tucked off to the side of Auricht Road and Byard Place are several drainage systems that flow into a little creek, mostly carrying run off from the Freeway. In May 2020 the creek and drainage sump was cleared out, which activated residents to discuss a means of improving this little park.

Over time discussions have been held with Hahndorf Community Association and Council staff, with residents on Byard Place and those on Auricht Road adjacent to the area, to ensure the project fits within the Council's Community Partnership. It was seen as an opportunity to stabilize the banks, to beautify the area with appropriate plantings which will provide much needed habitat for native creatures, to maintain green space and to create a bond with residents who wish to work on the project.

To this end, after establishing a time line and an orderly procedure with Council, a successful Environmental Grant was achieved allowing the project to commence.

Much 'in kind' input will be necessary. **If you would like to get involved and volunteer** your time, please contact **Ann or Deb** at davidannahaines@bigpond.com



Current state of Byard Place runoff creek - overgrown, full of invasive weeds and polluted

NAMING OF



HAHNDORF

I spent some early years in Hahndorf during the 1940's. Everybody knew the Main Street of the village as Main Street. The road going to Adelaide was known as the Princess Highway or Adelaide Road, the road to Mt. Barker, as Mt Barker Road. Relocating back to the town in the late 1970's, all the locals still referred to Main Street, and this was the name used by the new traders coming into the town and setting up business for the growing tourist industry. Most registrations, insurance and utilities were addressed to businesses at a Main Street address. All advertising was promoted for Hahndorf, Main Street addresses. No problems for 30years.

Then in comes the introduction of G.P.S. systems. Deliveries were addressed to a Main Street number. Drivers got confused as their G.P.S. was not programmed with 'Main Street'. Only that section of road from River Rd turn off through to the junction with Ambleside Rd was 'officially' Main Street, and is so recorded on many maps. The rest of the street was apparently Mt. Barker Road. Some six years ago the Hahndorf Community Association, the Hahndorf Business and Tourism, and St. Paul's congregation agreed that the name, 'Main Street', be officially recognized, and approached the District Council of Mount Barker to commence the change. Nothing eventuated.

The confusion has escalated over recent years and the approach is again being made to Council. Some new traders to the street are using the Mount Barker Road moniker, not knowing the history of the precinct, while the older traders still advertise as being on Main Street. In response to a continuing initiative from the Community Association, our councillor, Narelle Hardington, has recently taken this up again with Council. This follows upon our previous councillor, Jeffery Bettcher's approach to D.C.M.B. in mid 2015.

We do note that with the exception of rate notices, virtually all Councils reference to the thoroughfare through Hahndorf, in its Development Plan, its Beautification Plan etc., etc., is to the Main Street. It is this one kilometre strip, containing some 90 heritage buildings and a character all of its own, particularly beautiful during the autumn festival of leaves, that is known Australia wide as Hahndorf's Main Street, and is a mecca for an estimated 1.8 million visitors a year. Council itself recognizes this, using the draw card of the Main Street to promote the whole district.

Council's response to date has been singularly negative; in highlighting all the regulatory hurdles and the work needed to officialise a de facto name going back 180years. Some of their suggestions would appear contradictory to fact. In the next issue of Village Voice I will assess some of their 'furphys'.

Didn't they recently change the name of Peacock Road, leading west from Adelaide, to Sir Donald Bradman Drive? It can be done.

The name 'Main Street' is part of the heritage of Hahndorf.

Harold Gallasch, Hahndorf Resident

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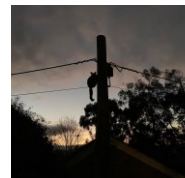
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A familiar sight and apparently the cause of some power outages

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