



Frohe Weihnachten or Merry Christmas Hahndorf

ST NICHOLAS COMES TO HAHNDORF— Friday 3 December 2021

The village is very excited to welcome back the 'St Nicholas Comes to Hahndorf' parade on Friday 3 December, after it was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19. The much loved event is on the 'must-do list' for locals and hills folk each year, and this year won't disappoint with the event being held in Alec Johnson Park. This annual event preserves the unique European tradition, which has been on the Hahndorf calendar for nearly 50 years!



The Covid Safe event will run;

6.30pm- Craft activities, games and free sausage sizzle at Alec Johnson Park

7.20pm- Parade commences through the park, Hahndorf Town Band leading St Nicholas and his helper characters

7.45pm- 'St Nicholas Message' to the children - 'Giving to Others', Community Carol Singing, live music, gingerbread biscuits for the children, and tea, coffee and cake for adults (located centrally between the fountain and the creek). Donations on the night supporting the Hahndorf CFS and their volunteer work.

DECORATE YOUR HOMES THIS CHRISTMAS— December 2021

The inaugural event encourages us to decorate our front gardens or homes in the Christmas spirit with prizes awarded. See page 3 for more information.



HAHNDORF CHRISTMAS VILLAGE AND GATHERED MARKETS— 10, 11 & 12 December

Hahndorf Business & Tourism will once again put on the Hahndorf Christmas Village including decorating the street and this year the whole Gingerbread Family will feature in the Main Street, Children's Treasure Trail and extended trading hours until 8pm each night.

The Gathered Markets will feature again in Laudhaus Lane with over 60 local stalls. 4pm—10pm daily, 10th -12th December. Gold coin entry with part proceeds donated to Love Out Loud Christmas Appeal. Kids entry is free.



CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Let's celebrate! This year we're able to come together as a community and celebrate Christmas together. Games, activities, carols and festive music commence from 4.00pm in the car park and will continue between services. Café 3:16 will be open for coffee and Christmas treats. Continued restrictions mean service will not be in the car park, as in previous years. Instead two indoor services will be held at 5.00pm and 7.30pm. It will be necessary to book either by email church.office@stmichaels.com.au or by calling 8388 1225.



Happy Christmas To You All & a Safe & Healthy New Year in 2022!



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Rebekha Sharkie MP

hahndorf.org.au/villagevoice

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Messages from Hahndorf Community Association...

Obituary for Eric Aliffe

09/04/1938 - 10/11/2021

VALE to our esteemed member ERIC ALIFF

Eric served Hahndorf as the booking officer and treasurer for the Hahndorf Memorial Institute for over 15 years. He was also treasurer for the Hahndorf Community Association for many years. He was active in the National Trust, and many other local community groups. He will be remembered by his friends and colleagues as a learned man, who was a deep thinker and who was devoted to his community. 'Now at rest after so much that he gave to all'.



THANK YOU ERIC FOR ALL YOU DID FOR THE HAHNDORF COMMUNITY!

HCA AGM

The AGM of the Hahndorf Community Association was held on 27th October 2021 at the Hahndorf Institute. It was attended by 35 local residents, business owners and local councillors.

The guest speaker for the evening was Sheree Bowman, Chairperson of the Nairne Landcare group. Sheree shared at the meeting the work she and her fellow members have been doing to revegetate and clean up the Nairne Creek and Matthew Smillie Reserve. She certainly inspired and motivated the attendees of what could be achieved within our own Village, even with a small dedicated group!

The HCA are planning a similar project for Hahndorf and would be very interested in any contribution local residents can offer. There are five creeks in Hahndorf which flow through private land as well as council land and it is essential for the health and well being of these creeks that they are kept in good condition. Next year the HCA will be looking for all residents who would like to be part of this project to contact us.

The HCA Committee and Project Team Members would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Gail Vort-Ronald
Secretary HCA

Diary Reminder

Our next general community meeting is on [WEDNESDAY 8th December 2021 at 7.30pm](#) in the supper room (entry from side laneway) of the Hahndorf Institute. All are welcome.

PLEASE MARK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY AND COME TO HEAR & SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION'S WORK IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF ISSUES AND ONGOING PROJECTS.



Coordinator Ann Haines with fellow locals 'planting' poppies in time for Remembrance Day with local children Xavier and Paul



Children drawing hands of friendship

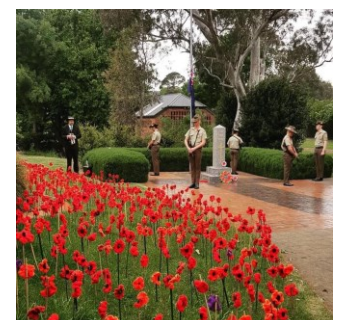
REMEMBRANCE DAY 11.11.2021

Remembrance Day this year was a day of unseasonable weather - very cold and damp. Despite this, a wide range of the Hahndorf community attended. Prior to the formal ceremony, the young children and their carers from Zebra Child Care came to share their 'friendship hands' and poppies. Junior classes from St Michael's Lutheran School and Senior students from Hahndorf Primary School participated with readings and wreaths.

The background of our 1,150 handknitted poppies, the presence of the catafalque party from Woodside Australian Artillery 16 Regiment, and the senior community members proudly wearing medals, set a sombre tone.

The passionate and forthright address, given by Vietnam veteran, Paul Vort-Ronald, highlighted the futility of war, the misery both during war and afterwards for the servicemen and their loved ones, and the ongoing physical and emotional damage which bound and binds the veterans. Governments and Associations have paid insufficient attention to these matters. Paul's address drew emotive responses from the audience.

Thankyou to CFS volunteers who assisted with seating, the HCA volunteers who set up infrastructure and Covid safe management of our Ceremony and to the MC, pastor, flag raiser and bugler. All Hahndorf People aided by an Events Grant from DCMB.



Service Personnel hold one minute silence

Hahndorf Township Traffic and Bypass Project Update

The most recent correspondence from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) has highlighted that through the consultation period (April—June 2021) for the proposed 'Option 1 - 3', another interchange option was suggested by a number of community members. These members came together after the initial announcement, in a passionate attempt to save many homes and businesses from compulsory acquisition. The department has indicated that after further review, this suggested 'Option 4' interchange has been determined as also a potentially viable option and is now being considered, along with Option 1 - 3.

DIT has proclaimed that **a final decision on the preferred interchange has not been made**, and after the community consultation period has been finalised, along with site investigations for 'Option 4' **a final decision will be made early 2022**.

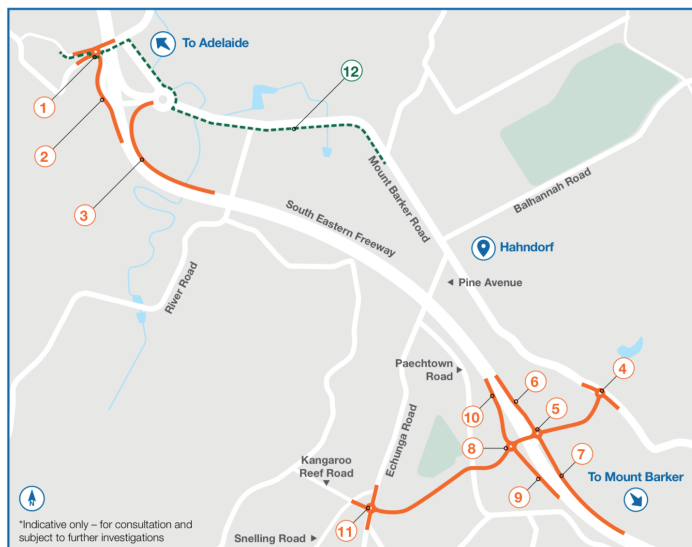
Community information sessions were held at the Hahndorf Institute on Tuesday 23 November and Sunday 28 November 2021, where locals came and spoke with members of the project team and provided direct feedback.

We have said it before, but **NOW is the time to have your say this time on Option 4** in writing. By doing so, provides greater weight to the feedback.

- To provide your feedback, complete an online form at www.dit.sa.gov.au/hahndorf
- Email dit.communityrelations@sa.gov.au
- Or call 1300 794 880

Alternative Option 4 – for consultation and subject to further site investigations

- 1 New roundabout
- 2 New westbound off-ramp for access from freeway
- 3 New eastbound on-ramp for access to freeway
- 4 New roundabout
- 5 New roundabout
- 6 New eastbound off-ramp for access from freeway
- 7 New eastbound on-ramp for access to freeway
- 8 New roundabout
- 9 New westbound off-ramp for access from freeway
- 10 New westbound on-ramp for access to freeway
- 11 New roundabout
- 12 Shared Use Path



Closing Date for the consultation period is Friday 10 December 2021.

DECORATE YOUR HOME THIS DECEMBER



For the month of December, let us decorate our front gardens or homes in the Christmas spirit, then take a stroll in our beautiful village with your family, to enjoy seeing others doing the same.

Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association have kindly donated prizes for this inaugural event.

Our North Ward Councillors will tour all streets, then award prizes at the end of December.

No registration. No fee. Just fun.

Coordinated by Hahndorf Community Association

Flyers have been delivered to your letterbox.

Thank you to Councillor Narelle Hardingham for arranging the printing.

WENDY WILLIAMS- VILLAGE VOICE EDITOR

Wendy Williams has been an Editor of the Village Voice for more than 15 years and has done a wonderful job sharing interesting articles and notices with locals, along with her, caring heart, good sense of humour and quick wit.

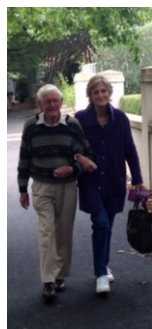


Sadly, Wendy, and her husband Frank have experienced some ill health and are recuperating in hospital together. Wendy hasn't been able to help edit this edition, which she still loves to do, as well as delivering editions to your letterboxes.

Many well wishes have been passed along and from all of us at the HCA, myself in particular, we wish Wendy and Frank speedy recovery and hope to see Wendy walking the dogs 'Zoe and Bella' along the Main Street soon.

If you would like to write a message or sign a card of Thanks and Well Wishes for Wendy, please visit John at the Post Office. Please do so before Thursday 9th December 2021.

With thanks,
Nadia Fountas, Editor



Wendy and Frank



Frequently seen walking her dog Bella

Councillor's Corner

As I write this Village Voice article, we are all preparing for the opening of our state and international borders to travel again. Whilst Hahndorf is our home, it is also one of South Australia's premier tourist destinations, so it is incredibly important that we adhere to the SA Health guidelines, are vaccinated, and work together to protect our town and state. While I was reflecting on the events of 2021, what has come to the forefront of my mind is that despite the many challenges (which affected everyone very differently) many of us realised that it is the little things that matter the most – time spent with those we care about and the simple pleasures way may previously have taken for granted.



BUSHFIRE ACTION PLAN

I couldn't write a Village Voice article in the lead up to summer without encouraging you all to be BUSHFIRE READY. Whether you have a large garden or a small courtyard, you need to have a Bush Fire Action plan and your family need to know what your plan is. Our local CFS volunteers did an extraordinary job in Jan 2020. Please, please, please be prepared, clean up around your home on the assumption that the CFS may be helping someone else, so may not be there to help you.

40km SPEED LIMIT & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Council has formally requested a speed limit change from Dept Infrastructure & Transport (DIT) for the township of Hahndorf. With this change there will also be a review of the yellow lines (no parking areas) to improve traffic flow and safety, particularly around the schools. The need for these changes is due to not only tourist vehicles and pedestrian traffic, but also numerous requests from residents for a reduction of the speed limit in the residential streets of Hahndorf.

SUPPORT LOCAL

I can't encourage you enough to support local businesses this Christmas in lieu of Amazon! Purchasing from a local SA business is so much more than a marketing campaign. It's a lifeline for our local economy and the simplest way to make a real and practical difference. There are so many fantastic gift ideas not only in Hahndorf but in our wider Hills area. Consider giving "an experience" this year, it not only helps the traders, but brings people to our incredible district.

LIGHT UP YOUR HOMES THIS CHRISTMAS

The Hahndorf Community Association is coordinating a "Light Up Your Home" event this December. It's just for fun, to encourage residents to decorate their front gardens and homes, then take a stroll around the village and appreciate what your neighbours have created. The Association will not be advertising this outside of the Hahndorf residents. The aim isn't to become another Lobethal, it's simply a fun way of connecting the Hahndorf community. The Hahndorf traders have donated a few prizes. I encourage you to join in.

DEPUTY MAYOR

I was very privileged and honoured to be voted by my fellow Elected Members to be Deputy Mayor until the next local government election in November 2022. This is an incredible opportunity to support and assist Mayor Ann in any capacity she deems appropriate.

A side note about the next Local Government election, Hahndorf will fall within the boundaries of the "South Ward", neighbouring towns of Echunga, Macclesfield and Meadows. Similarly with the State electoral boundaries, Hahndorf is now part of Heysen rather than Kavel.

From all of the North Ward Councillors (myself, Simon, David and Harry), we wish you and your family a very happy festive season. Please enjoy, make some great memories, and stay safe.

Sincerely,
Narelle Hardingham, North Ward Councillor
0411 144 544

hca happenings

The HCA congratulates Councillor Narelle Hardingham's elevation to the position of Deputy Mayor of the Mt Barker Council. Narelle also is a member of the HCA's Target Team working on the Yantaringa/Tara Illa development, at which we hope to have a village picnic to celebrate the development by that team, once COVID-19 settles down.



DIT (Department of Infrastructure and Transport) is the State Department responsible for the designing of the much waited Hahndorf Township Improvement and Access Upgrade Project. It has just announced Option #4 for public comment. There are parts of the design we should welcome, but some need more thought before being consolidated into the eventual plan.

Information sessions were held at the Hahndorf Institute on Wednesday 23rd November and Sunday 28th November where locals, once again had discussions with members of the project team from the Department. **DIT has invited residents to have their say by 10th December 2021.** Details on how to do this can be found on page 3 of this edition.

We could expect some initial push back until the consideration of the greater good materializes. This plan will be presented to the Community shortly and be part of the consultation being managed by DIT. Please **consider all options with an open mind and be part of the solution;** not staying with the problems of the past as we consolidate the best outcomes for Hahndorf.

We are indeed fortunate to have been advanced \$250 million without a plan by the Federal and State Governments, so it is up to everybody to look beyond their backyard and help find solutions for which our future generations will be grateful.

All best wishes for the Christmas period and stay safe, observing health advice, and may 2022 be a kinder year than the last.

Sincerely,
Malcolm Kentish.
Chairman, HCA
0428 849 530

HAHNDORF BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

It's such an exciting time to be in Hahndorf!

Hahndorf Handmade Handcrafted Handpicked has wrapped up for our second year and we're thrilled with its success!



This year:

- We had over 300 individual events and experiences
- \$52,836 of tickets sales went directly to our local traders
- An estimated \$340,000 additional economic revenue was generated for our beautiful village.

We hope to see even more businesses get involved next year!

We recently had the South Australian Tourism Awards held with Hahndorf well represented amongst the finalists and award winners.

Hahndorf Handmade Handcrafted Handpicked won GOLD as did The Cedars! Bean & Bikkie Co and The Lane Vineyard were finalists in their respective categories. Congratulations to all involved!



Allan Campbell, Curator The Cedars, Tori Dixon-Whittle CEO The Cedars, Peter Heysen Hans Heysen Foundation Director



Carolyn Cattrall, Andy and Mikyla Gilbert

We're excited to host the **Hahndorf Christmas Village** again this year, from the **10th to 12th December. Join us for extended trading (until 8pm) Children's Trail and The Gathered Markets (note the Christkindmarkt will not go ahead this year).** Spend some time wandering through Hahndorf and buy your Christmas gifts from your neighbour.

On behalf of Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association I wish you all a fantastic Christmas and New Year!

Regards,

Jordana O'Sullivan
Chairperson, HB&T

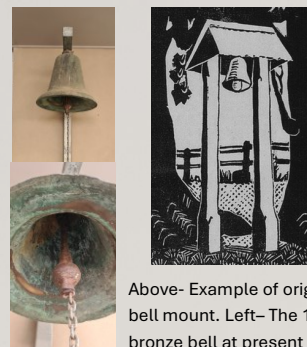


HAHNDORF
EST. 1839

The Bells of Hahndorf- They are a ringing

For more than 162 years Hahndorf and the surrounding areas have heard the sound of the church bell. The chimes have re-echoed from the bell at St Michael's Church, at the junction of Balhannah Road and Church Streets, and from the bell tower at St Paul's Church, on the rise, set back and overlooking the road from 10 Main Street, Hahndorf. Have you recently heard them on a Sunday morning?

The first church bell from the original settlers, was located at St Michael's Church and was hung via a ground mounted wooden frame where it remained for approximately 65 years. It was cast in Germany from bronze that was taken from guns and war weapons at the conclusion of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. One of several ordered by Germany's first Prime Minister, Otto von Bismarck. Otto and his wife Joanna von Puttkamez were devout Lutherans and presented these bells to churches across Europe, with one eventually coming to Australia. This 'old' bell was transferred to the school yard across the road, that being St Michael's Lutheran School. The presence of this bell proved irresistible to successive generations of mischievous children at the school who loved to annoy the villagers by attaching a Billy goat to the bell's rope at midnight. The 'old' bell remains still at St Michael's Lutheran School for the community to see.



Above- Example of original bell mount. Left- The 1871 bronze bell at present at St Michael's Lutheran School

In 1938, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the barque ship Prince George into Adelaide, a St Michael's Church belltower was constructed by two local farmers Benno and Oscar Nitschke on the front of the church and the 'new' bell was a gift by several families to the congregation. It was cast in bronze by Messrs Stuckstede and Bros of St Louis, in the USA, then shipped to Port Adelaide, arriving in time for special celebrations commemorating the anniversary of that congregation. This was quite a massive bell, with a height of 77cms and a mouth width of 94cms, weighing approximately 400kgs. Imprinted on the bronze of the bell were the words 'St Michael's Ev. Lutheran Church, Hahndorf'. To the glory of God and in memory of the Lutheran pioneers founders of this congregation in 1839'. The bell was installed in the newly erected bell tower and steeple adjoining the church. Rather than the bell being swung, it is rung by means of a 'clapper', being pulled by rope to strike the internal side body of the bell and set up resonance. For some reason the bell developed several cracks and these impacted on the tone. Finally the bell was retrieved from the steeple and sent to Melbourne for repairs, then with much difficulty reinstalled in the tower. Unfortunately, the problem had not been rectified, necessitating another removal and repair interstate before the original tone was finally restored.



St Michaels Church in 1920 before the belltower was built

St Paul's congregation's original church bordered on Windsor Avenue, on the southern edge of Hahndorf. The 'new' church 'on the hill' was built in 1890. The bell was cast in Appolda, Germany, and was hung in the bell tower on the 6th August, 1890. This swinging bell, weighing some 130kgs, cost a total of 25 pounds 11 shillings and 3 pence (including freight from Germany and all other charges). Imprinted on the bell is the scripture text, 'Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever.' To this day the St. Paul's bell, with its melodious tone, is rung before all services, for weddings, funerals and at midnight on New Year's Eve.



St Michaels Church post belltower construction and present day

In the early years, the bells were rung usually half an hour before the Sunday service, calling people to worship. It was a reminder call. Sometimes during the week the bell was heard tolling and the number of clear, distinct rings would be counted by the village folk of Hahndorf. Each ring would represent one year of life for a member of the congregation who had recently died. Many people would thus recognize the identity of the deceased and come pay their respects, with offers of help, to the family. The continuous tolling of the bell was also used in emergencies, to call the towns people together, and has been used for such, with bush fires in the past.

While we now have watches, mobile phones and fire sirens for communication, the old bells ringing in the crisp Hahndorf air still gives many Hahndorfians a sense of community and pride.

Harold Gallasch (including information supplied by John Wittwer and Brian Thiele)

Hahndorf Residents



St Paul's Church and belltower present day

RANDOM SHOPPER- NEW HAHNDORF BUSINESSES



Guten Appetit
Shop 1/76 Main Street

We wanted to introduce ourselves, we're Jen (left) and Marie (right) a couple from the Adelaide hills who have decided to pursue our dream of running our own café. Jen is from the German town of Krefeld and has been a chef for the last 25 years and Marie is an emerging interior designer, but we both share a passion for delicious fresh food and coffee. Our opening hours are 8am to 4pm Wednesday to Sunday. Please come in and say hi. We

look forward to meeting you.

Phone: 0405 481 121

www.facebook.com/GutenAppetitHahndorf



Limoux's Larder
Shop 3, 44 Main Street

Limoux's Larder is all about making quality, home made baked goods with love, whilst collaborating with local producers and suppliers. Limoux, is a small family run business that is owned and run by Natasha Limoux. A selection of sweet treats can be found in store everyday and can be packaged as gifts.

Phone: 08 7380 1329

www.limouxslarder.com.au



2022 SANTOS TOUR DOWN UNDER

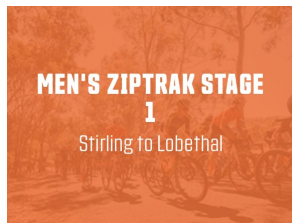
Festival of Cycling

The best of Australian cycling is set to return to the streets of South Australia, including Hahndorf this January.

The COVID-safe event will once again pass through the Main Street for both the Women's and Men's Road Race stages.



24th January 2022



27th January 2022



28th January 2022

Be sure to come out and support the athletes as they zoom past our beautiful Village.

BEST DRESSED TOWN-

Let's once again show off how vibrant and welcoming our Village is by being involved in the Santos Best Dressed Town. The competition is open to the town, schools, businesses and households along the race route with some pretty good prizes to be had.

After you take down your Christmas decorations make sure you put out your cycling decorations. Judging criteria can be found at www.tourdownunder.com.au



Quality Fresh Fish - Taste The Difference

All fillets are thinly battered in a light tempura style and served with lemon

- HAKE (BUTTERFISH)
- CALAMARI
- FLATHEAD
- GARFISH
- GUMMY SHARK
- KING GEORGE WHITING
- COORONG MULLET
- PRAWNS (LARGE AUSTRALIAN)



OCTOBER - MARCH
12 - 8PM
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

OPEN
7 DAYS

APRIL - SEPTEMBER
***12 - 7PM**
INCL. PUBLIC & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
* (4.30 MON/TUES/WED)

Hahndorf
FISH & CHIPS

1/44 Mount Barker Road (Main Street)
HAHNDORF (Opp Hahndorf Inn) 8388 1243

EFTPOS Available (No minimum)

HAHNDORF SOCCER CLUB

2022 Season Info

Senior Preseason

Men, Women
U17 & U17G's

Starting 18th January
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Pine Avenue
7:00pm-8:30pm

Existing and new
players welcome

Registration Period

Open: 9th February
Close: 23rd February

Registration Day

23rd February
4:00pm-7:00pm

Pine Avenue
BBQ & Canteen open

Junior Preseason

6yo to 15yo
boys & girls

Come & Try Sessions
Starting 9th February
Pine Avenue
U8-U11 4pm-5pm
U12-U15 5pm-6:30

Existing and new
players welcome

Membership forms, registration information and club policies can be found at www.hahndorffc.com.au

Poop ... Stoop ... Scoop

Please do remember to clean up after your dog it is important to keep walking areas including paths and grass verge clean and pleasant for locals and visitors. Thank you



Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club.



Firstly I must apologise for the wrong information I gave in the last VV re the bottles and cans recycling date. **The correct date is the first Sunday of the month.**

We are very happy at long last that the seat we donated to the verge garden at the corner of Stempel Avenue and Balhannah Road is now finally in place and looks really good. This was a project in conjunction with HCA.



To be able to fund projects like this and others in our community, we have to fundraise. Over the weeks leading up to Christmas we will be out and about selling tickets to our Christmas Stocking full of goodies including the trailer it sits on plus other prizes. Keep a lookout on Facebook for where we are selling tickets.

We also have our famous yummy Christmas cakes for sale and are available for sale at The Post Office and Noske's Butcher Shop.



Preparations are well underway for our **Annual Swap Meet to be held Sunday 16 January 2022.** Sellers from 6am and Buyers from 8am with a \$5.00 entry fee. If you would like to book a selling site (over 200 sites on the day) for the event call 0481 950 228 or visit our Facebook page.

The yearly calendar we distribute around the Township each year, will not be published for 2022. **Will it be missed? We need feedback from the community so that we can review the decision for 2023.** Please share your opinion by contacting us on 0429 024 657 or emailing hahndorfionclub@gmail.com



WE SERVE ... CHEERS
Lion Jenn Hodgson
0429 024 657



Art, history and the community.



Hello summer - do your thing!
The roses are blooming in our gardens as we welcome spring and interstate visitors back to Hahndorf. We look forward to the hustle and bustle as we rush into the Christmas season with our masks on and very clean hands!

Chatting to locals is always good for the community so keep popping in and saying hello. If you want to become more involved with us, we are looking for volunteers to work in our lovely shop and as tour guides in the museum. If you are interested in joining our super friendly team please come and chat to us.

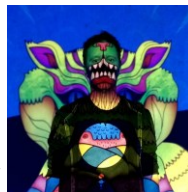
We are celebrating the beautiful and diverse Adelaide Hills region with **The Adelaide Hills Landscape Arts Prize** and we have raised the prize money to \$10,000 to support SA artists.

The finalist exhibition is **December 11th to February 13th, 2022.**

Followed by the Adelaide Fringe exhibitions with **Wendy Dixon-Whiley and Luku Kuku** with interactive digital art installations from **February 18th to March 20th, 2022.**



Artist Wendy Dixon-Whiley



Artist Luku Kuku

Put these dates in your diary...

- * **The Adelaide Hills Landscape Arts Prize launch December 11th at 4pm**
- * **William Jack Christmas Solo Cello Recital December 12th at 3pm.** Bookings available via adelaidefringe.com.au
- * **Harry Baulderstone & William Jack Cello, acoustic guitar and vocals. March 20 at 3pm** Bookings available via adelaidefringe.com.au
- * **Yoga Sunday mornings at 9.30am.** Contact us for more info
- * **December - there are various workshops for kids and adults including pottery, basket weaving and painting with bubbles.** Keep an eye out on social media or join our mailing list.

Warm wishes
Rachel and the Team

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



There are some issues that the Trust as a whole are greatly concerned about. Last year we were actively involved in the petition to parliament, asking them to debate the new Planning and Design Code that contains many elements to the detriment of heritage buildings. With over 16,000 signatures, the petition was presented, and ultimately resulted in some minor changes and improvements, but overall the government was able to press ahead with its major overhaul of the sector. We have already seen some of the results, particularly the planned demolition of the Waite Gatehouse, which was abandoned after massive public demonstrations.

The National Trust is very disappointed that the State Government has evicted them from Ayres House, which it has looked after for many years. Many people will have been to exhibitions and events there, and enjoyed the beautiful building and furnishings. This will no longer happen in the same way.

There is an ongoing campaign to save **Martindale Hall from being sold** into private hands. A beautiful property near Mintaro, Martindale Hall was the location of the film 'Picnic at Hanging Rock'. **It was originally left to the University of Adelaide (as was the Gatehouse) by its previous owner William Tennant Mortlock, to be conserved for the people of South Australia.** The University put it in the hands of the South Australian Government, which, in both cases, **wishes to unwind the original legacy.**

If you would like to show your support and help save it from falling into private hands, visit: www.nationaltrust.org.au/sa/martindalehall
Email: martindalehall@nationaltrustsa.org.au or call (08) 8202 9200.



On a happier note, our branch is currently planning to install interpretive signs along the Pioneer Women's Trail. We hope to enhance the experience of walkers by telling them stories of the Peramangk People, the traditional owners, and of the pioneer women. After the designs have been finalised we hope to obtain grants for construction and installation.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy and peaceful New Year.
Annette Humphries
Chairperson
0451 030 357

MESSAGE FROM HAHNDORF CFS



With the **Fire Danger Season beginning in the Mt Lofty region from the 1st December**, it's only a week away now so before it really warms up and the grasses dry out it's time to do those jobs that will reduce the risk of a fire grabbing hold and putting our community at unnecessary high risk.

We've already had a few small burn offs that needed CFS attendance and the fires back in 2019/20 are still very much in everyone's minds and we'd rather have nothing to do than have that happen that's for sure!

First and foremost is to have a Bushfire Action Plan. It literally **takes 5 minutes** and in a time of crisis, you don't want to be thinking of things you could've done in the weeks and months prior. **The Pinery fires in 2015 spread at a rate that was too fast to warn communities in its path, so getting out early or advance preparations can only happen if you know what your plan is ahead of time.**

Keep your **property clean and removing hazards will give it a much better chance of survival and make it more defensible.** Regardless of if it's a town block or a rural property, there are numerous examples of how being on top of property maintenance has saved homes and livelihoods.

Having a **box or tub somewhere handy filled with important items or keepsakes will save lots of time** so all you need to throw in would be phones or laptops, chargers, extra food and water or even pet needs. **Tell your family members of the plan** as things can happen when family members are out and about.

Keeping an eye on the media outlets such as CFS website, the ABC and local social media initiatives. **The Hahndorf CFS will activate the siren to alert residents of potential serious dangers so if you hear it during the Fire Danger Season, check the radio or internet for alerts so you can act quickly.**

This is not the time to be complacent or think that it's someone else's problem. CFS volunteers also work and live in the regions they protect and cannot be everywhere at once. Help our volunteers by doing your bit, as they will be, and let's enjoy what freedoms we do have!

Kind Regards

Chris Hoffman - 0400 285 344

Vice President of Hahndorf CFS Management Committee and Senior Firefighter



DID YOU KNOW?

HAHNDORF CFS HAS A TOTAL OF 38 MEMBERS

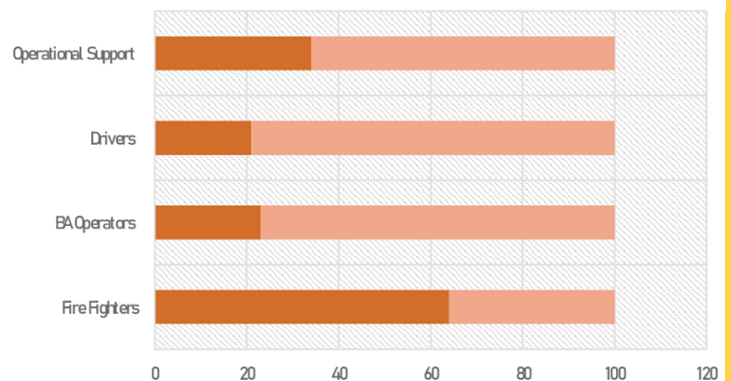
11 % of our members have been part of our brigade for 40+ years

18 % of members have been part of the brigade for less than 2 years

Members volunteer for an average of 16 years in our brigade

The longest member has been part of the brigade for a total of 57 years

Percentage of Members in Specialised Roles



Every member in our brigade plays a special part to keep our division functioning effectively. Here are some quick facts about the different roles in Hahndorf CFS.

Operational Support– Members may assist with administration work, fundraising or general housekeeping.

Drivers– In charge of driving active firefighters to incidents and monitoring firefighter safety by scoping surrounds for potential risks.

Breathing Apparatus Operators– Specialised firefighters who enter structure fires.



Going, Going, Gone - Historic Pear Tree

Planted over 160 years ago in the original Hufendorf Village (the U-shaped village of 1839), the historic old pear tree in the carpark of the Old Mill has gone. Its cause of removal is unknown.

In recent times, the tree has been suffering from ill-health, but still sprung to life each spring producing blossoms followed by pears. The hollowed trunk was also home to a hive of bees. It is sad to see another piece of our history gone! History and Hahndorf go hand in hand, and this is what attracts visitors and new residents to the village. It's each of our responsibility, individually and collectively, to preserve what we can, even when it is in our own back or front yards, because once it's gone, it's gone.

The history behind the historic pear and walnut trees within Hufendorf, dates back to 1839 when each landholder planted one pear tree and one walnut tree on their land. It is believed that by planting the pear tree near a water well, it would inturn make the water sweeter, and by planting a walnut tree it would purify the water. When Hufendorf was surveyed by Hermann Kook for the original settlers, a total of 54 allotments were allocated, meaning that potentially 54 pear trees and 54 walnut trees were planted. Today, according to Sharon Pippas local resident and history walking tour guide approximately only 10 pear trees remain in Hufendorf and only 1 walnut tree! These trees are a part of our villages' history and are protected, meaning their removal is not permitted but indeed should be celebrated. Let's hope a similar cultivar of the original pear trees could be planted nearby as homage to the 'old tree' behind the Old Mill.

If you are wondering if you might have one of these historical trees on your property, please send through a photo to hahndorfvillagevoice@gmail.com and we can try and find if indeed you are the owner of an original settlers tree.



Old Pear Tree behind the Old Mill blooming in spring, dormant in winter, and gone in November 2021.

Hahndorf Town Band Festival - fostering live community music

The Pioneer Memorial Gardens and LWE Kramm Memorial Rotunda played host to the 14th Annual Hahndorf Band Festival on 16 of October 2021. Being held for the first time in October, previously held in May each year, the Festival saw a record number of 16 bands from the Hills and Metro areas attending the event providing a full day of live music and atmosphere. The bands played to a record breaking full house throughout the day on the lawns of the garden. The bands fought it out for the top prize with our very own Hahndorf Town Band taking 1st place & Gawler Town Band taking 2nd place. A huge thank you for making it such a wonderful community event - one to remember.



Crowd builds at the Memorial Gardens and Rotunda with Hahndorf Town Band President Greg Francis with festival goers.



Band members young and young at heart. Rebekha Sharkie MP officially opening the festival

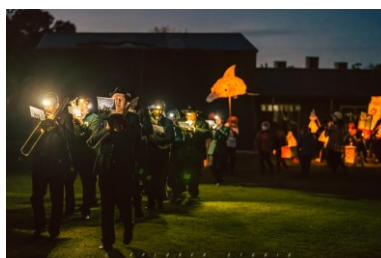


2021 Christmas Pageant. This year, a few of our band members participated in the National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant massed band. It was such a great experience for those members to preform to a crowd of 10,000 at Adelaide Oval!



Hahndorf Winter Lantern Festival. It was such a thrill to lead the parade at this year's Winter Lantern Festival. The band lead the parade in style and played music by head torch lighting, on what was a chilly night. The festival had a wonderful festival spirit and was enjoyed by all.

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Creek Restoration Project Update

Have you visited the Hahndorf Creek lately?

The St Michael's students have been busy working along the creek line behind the school, clearing weeds and planting trees. This project has been ongoing since 2018, with Stage 2 of the project being generously funded by a grant from the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board. Apart from planting native shrubs and hedges, the children have designed signage for the habitat and installed bird and possum boxes. So far our bird boxes have been the nesting home to Eastern Rosella and Galah families.



We have enjoyed sharing the creek with a family of ducks while we monitor the water quality and take observations.

Recently 'South Aussie with Cosi' visited the school and filmed a segment featuring the creek. This will air on television in December so keep an eye out for it.



Hahndorf residents can see the work and enjoy the growing environment, by taking a stroll along the creek's path, which can be entered via Alec Johnson park.



Terri Taylor
Principal— St Michael's Lutheran Primary School

This year we have partnered with Sarah and her team at Café 3:16 to offer our families weekly lunch orders, which has been a HUGE success. In our first week of operation we had over 140 orders, and families have told us just how appreciative they are of Sarah and her team and the way in which they go above and beyond for our students. Partnering with this local group has had positive flow on effects for a school, during what has been a trying year for many. Our parent helpers have been able to connect weekly at the Café, and develop strong friendships moving forward.

We also participated in the recent Hahndorf Lantern festival where two of our classes worked with Tony Hannan and his team of artists to complete a number of lanterns to present in the parade. Lessons were run over a number of weeks which helped the students to form relationships with significant adults from around our community. On the night, students proudly showed their parents and grandparents their lanterns and participated in the march around St Michael's school oval.

At Hahndorf, it is tradition to link together our Grandparents/special friends day with Remembrance Day ceremony. This year, we invited our grandparents to again be a part of our service. The Year 7 class liaised with local service personnel to establish, learn and create a catafalque party and are proudly establishing new school traditions to take into the future.



To encompass our passion about being truly involved in our local community, staff at the end of each term have been 'exploring' the main street, using the opportunity to find, program and plan, future learning opportunities with their classes. If you would like to become involved with us at Hahndorf, or have an opportunity to share, please contact us via email dl.0163.info@schools.sa.edu.au or 8388 7058



Ngari Boehm
Principal

Strempel Avenue Verge Planting Project

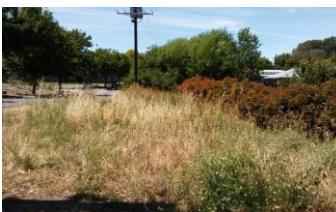
The Strempel Avenue project, like many good things start with a casual thought or comment, and spurs into a flourishing project that brings communities together. And like the song goes, 'From Little Things, Big Things Grow', and this is exactly what has occurred with this project..

A few years ago, local residents, led by Jean Germano saw an opportunity to reactivate an unused corner street verge (Strempel Avenue and Balhannah Road) that was overrun by weeds making into an inviting community garden space. The project was supported by the HCA and Hahndorf Lions Club and also received community grant funding from Mount Barker District Council.

The project has shown how community groups working together (with a little elbow grease) can transform an unattractive piece of land into a beautiful garden for residents and visitors to enjoy. John Buchan, a local retired horticulturist created the landscape design and Council cleared the site, provided mulch and a community grant for the plants. The Hahndorf Lions also contributed a new bench seat made by the Macclesfield Men's Shed.

With the installation of the new bench seat in October, the project is complete and ready to be enjoyed by all. I encourage you to take a walk past and see what can be achieved when community works together. The space will continue to be routinely maintained and cared for with extra planting and mulching to occur when required.

The team are very grateful for all the support they received from the community, HCA, Hahndorf Lions Club, Macclesfield Men's Shed and Mount Barker District Council.



Previous with overgrown weeds



Locals all chip in to help with planting day



New verge is looking good

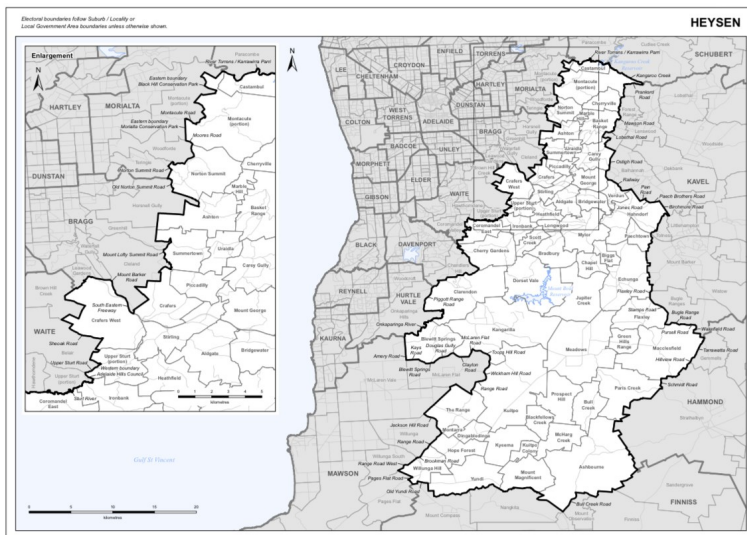


New bench seat lowered into place

KAVEL TO HEYSEN– Our New Electoral Boundary

In 2020, the South Australian Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission (EDBC) conducted a review and subsequently the **town of Hahndorf has been redistributed from Kavel, to the electoral boundary of Heysen.** The cause of this redistribution, as stated in the EDBC final report, 'The Commission considers that it is appropriate that Mount Barker and surrounding districts remain in Kavel, however to accommodate that it has been necessary to move Hahndorf into Heysen'. In other words, Mount Barker and its surrounding towns are forecasted to continue to grow at their already rapidly growing pace, with the urban sprawl pushing further into our prime farming land. Let's hope the much needed infrastructure and health services will follow just as quickly!

At the next State Election, being 19 March 2022, the new electoral districts will take affect.



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HAHN DORF CRICKET CLUB'S New Practice Nets

After receiving a \$45,000 grant from the State Government's Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program in 2020-21, the Club's new training facilities were completed in September, just in time for the 2021/22 season.

State of the art, 4 pitch retractable nets with full synthetic run up and playing surface were all installed. As our club continues to grow, so do the needs of our community, to provide safer, more accessible, compliant and sustainable training facilities which support boys and girls junior cricket and senior teams.



State the art practice nets and surface. Right: Dan Cregan MP, Cory Wingard MP and HCC Committee members accepting Government Sports Grant



The Hahndorf Football Club continues to celebrate their success in winning the 2021 Men's A Grade, B Grade and C Grade Premierships. We are also excited to reflect on the progress of our women and girls' football program since fielding our first teams back in 2019. In 2021 both

Seniors and U17 women's teams have seen an upward trend in participation numbers and support staff registering with our football club. We are delighted to look back and appreciate that over three quarters of our current participants had never played football prior to 2019, so to both retain existing players and welcome new women has been a highlight. Central to this has been placing an emphasis on creating a really supportive, inclusive development environment for our players to feel safe and comfortable, where they can focus on developing their confidence and skills required for our female players.

This year we have seen our Senior team become competitive throughout the year, just missing out on finals and our U17's playing off in the Grand final for the second consecutive year. We have been working hard to expand our current teams to include U14's girls and we fielded teams for 4 games during the HFLW season, culminating in a successful mini carnival held on the women's grand final day.

In 2022 we are working hard to build on our U14's program through the tireless work of our women's committee and Josh Herbert.

We welcome new women players to contact us at womensfootball@hahndorffc.com.au or come out and have a try when we hit the track next season.

Thank you to the families of Hahndorf for their ongoing support as players, volunteers, sponsors and members.



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