

# Hahndorf Community News & Views village voice

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## We are celebrating our 70th edition!

Congratulations to The Hahndorf Community Association- and the many people who have contributed through articles and imagery, advertising, sponsorship and deliveries.

As we celebrate volunteers, and their endless support to various community groups and causes, we would like to introduce the volunteers who help to bring the *Village Voice* to life and into your hands each season. Thank you to everyone of you, it could not be done without your help.



Village Voice Volunteers: April 2022

### History behind the *Village Voice*

The first edition was published in Autumn 2005, and originated from a comment from Ann Haines (then President of the Hahndorf Community Association) to Andrew Rammell, "*Hahndorf needs a Voice*" and so the *Hahndorf Village Voice* was born — whereupon Ann, Sonia Hunter from the Main Street and Andrew set to work! Colin, then at Bush Traders, Hahndorf, printed the original newsletters. Cheryl McLean then became involved producing the next five editions of the *Village Voice*. To this day, Ann and Cheryl continue to contribute to the *Village Voice*.

The *Village Voice* had become, and remains, a very successful and popular local publication, the oldest continuous one of its kind in the Adelaide Hills. During Ann's time as editor, she was *joined by* Wendy Williams in 2009 as co-editor. Wendy thoroughly enjoyed researching and editing the publication, uncovering wonderful history articles, and became well-known in the Village through her work as editor. Wendy remained full time editor from 2009 until 2020, to which she then handed over the reins, whilst still overseeing each edition until 2022.

## Thank you!

Wendy was very passionate about the *Village Voice* and loved sharing what she unearthed and discovered about Hahndorf with its readers. I was very fortunate to have met Wendy purely by accident, but she quickly convinced me to become involved with the *Village Voice*, and I am glad she did. This edition is dedicated to Wendy for her commitment and devotion as editor. The community, the HCA committee and I are very grateful to have had such an intelligent and loyal resident at the helm. Vale Wendy Williams.

Your friend and co-editor,  
Nadia Fountas



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# VALE WENDY HELENA WILLIAMS

04/09/1939 - 29/04/2022

*Village Voice Editor, HCA Member and Secretary*

"You see her here. You see her there. You see that lady everywhere." [Attributed to comments about the Scarlet Pimpernel long ago]

That was Wendy Williams... a hard act to follow.

When I contacted various friends and organisations soon after her passing, the worded responses were always, 'She will be so missed', 'hard working lady', 'so very kind', 'caring', 'passionate animal lover'. I shall add, in the most positive of ways 'determined', 'persistent', 'brave'.



The Wendy that Hahndorfians knew had 4 main passions - not necessarily in a particular order.

Her beloved Frank and her family, her dogs.

Her lovely garden, her dogs.

Hahndorf Community, her dogs and sheep.

She and Frank joined the Hahndorf Community Association as interested spectators, but quickly became a very working part of the Association and therefore the town. Happenings such as 'Tour Down Under' street decorations, sundry fundraisers, like the Quiz Night, watering pots along the street, being the conduit of information about events with traders, then most importantly, secretarial responsibility to the HCA committee.

Wendy then stepped into the role as Editor of the town newsletter *Village Voice* at about edition 20. She prepared and formatted this newsletter with a brief break when a cancer diagnoses was first treated, then resumed with gusto until about edition 66, when

health issues became a serious problem. The *Village Voice* is the most important purveyor of news, events and history in our town. Each quarter, every household and business finds a copy delivered to their letterbox by a volunteer member of the HCA- including Wendy.

When a local printing business and sponsor closed several years ago, HCA owned a photocopier, so we printed the *Village Voice* ourselves- "we" being Wendy, sometimes Frank, myself and always a dog. The photocopier, housed in the Institute, was persuaded to print from the lap top computer, while Wendy and/or myself crossed *our* fingers and spoke to it encouragingly, then collated, folded and packed said *Village Voices*.

This took at least two days. Thank goodness for the long and high table in the Institute kitchen. A dog slept underneath while supervising and reminded us of tea and toilet breaks. Later the *Village Voice* was printed in colour and Wendy kept close note of each edition, collaborating and checking and encouraging our wonderful sponsors.

Not only did Wendy publish the *Hahndorf Village Voice*, but some years back, edited the Ladies Probus Club of Aldgate Bulletin, together with Mary Turner, her long time friend. Again, she was a contributor.

She loved the Cedars, the Academy, held an interest in all things and people both local and at Council, where she had entrée to staff when information was required on an issue for *Village Voice* or for HCA business. Wendy was awarded the Mayor's Australia Day Award for Community service.

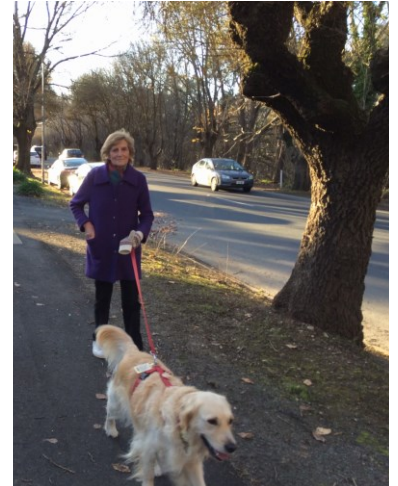
Townfolk noticed Wendy's failing health, but greatly admired her tenacity as she walked the dogs, determined to be involved and share information.

Wendy, you believed in the saying "If you don't ask, you don't get".

We miss you. I miss you. Your town misses you.

St Peter had the door on latch waiting for you Wendy. Be at peace.

Ann Haines



Wendy at one of the newly opened pedestrian crossing: September 2014. Photo: Richard Simmons

## Councillor's Corner

Once again, I had the honour of attending our Hahndorf Anzac Day service and lay a wreath on behalf of the Mt Barker District Council. Thank you to the many volunteers, particularly the Hahndorf Lions and community wreath makers who worked incredibly hard to make this event such a success.



With Easter and Anzac Day public holidays falling on consecutive weekends within a school holiday period, it was certainly amazing to see Hahndorf Main Street thriving. Unfortunately for many residents, this thriving comes with tourist car parking issues. I have passed on the feedback I received and have been advised that they will increase the Parking Inspector presence. **So be warned – this will include locals who park on yellow lines to “just duck in quickly”** and may also include speed detection on back roads, particularly Auricht Road.

The Draft Annual Business Plan will soon be 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.** There are different challenges for Mt Barker Council given we are the **8th fastest growing Council in Australia**, compared to metro Councils who have very established infrastructure in place. For example, Mt Barker has over 600km of unsealed roads within the district and over 1000 new residents moving here each year. Mt Barker constantly needs to juggle all the competing priorities of both the new and established areas which is never an easy process. So please be informed and have your say. Visit [www.yoursay.mountbarker.sa.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.mountbarker.sa.gov.au)

As Winter sets in, please stay warm and dry, but don't stay by the fire all the time. Rug up and get out and about to one of our fabulous eateries, wineries or distilleries, or just simply go for a walk and be grateful for where we live. Tara-Illa and Yantaringa on Fairview Rd is over 11 hectares of open space on our doorstep and is just beautiful this time of year. It's certainly worthy of a wander (please stick to the trails in Yantaringa, this is a key native vegetation site and volunteers do amazing work protecting this wonderful space).

Recently I participated in the National Trusts Pioneer Women's Walk, retracing the trail Hahndorf's Prussian Lutheran women and girls walked, sometimes twice weekly, carrying their produce from Hahndorf to the market in Adelaide. What an incredible walk from the Hahndorf Academy to Beaumont House, just over 26kms. It certainly made me appreciate how strong and courageous these women were. I thought my feet were sore, I wore sandals, the pioneer women did it in bare feet, I've got nothing to complain about!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me anytime on 0411 144 544.

Sincerely,  
**Narelle Hardingham,**  
North Ward Councillor

## hca happenings

Sadly we must record the passing of Wendy Williams, a treasure in our Community. Her keen eye in our Association's activities never missed the opportunity to record interesting events for the benefit of all Hahndorfians.



Fortunately, Wendy was able to hand over to our new Editor, Nadia Fountas, in good time, allowing us to see opportunities in front of us, utilizing our history and heritage, of our now, beautifully winter-clothed village.

Residents in Hahndorf are continuously challenged by the visitation numbers flocking here to enjoy our treasured views, sometimes making it difficult to do our shopping in the township. We are spoilt for choice, and often delighted at the quality on offer.

As a community, residents, traders, and business people, we obviously all have a desire for this township to succeed based on our Hufendorf plans now some 185 years of age. We have treasures in buildings, heritage and stories recognized across Australia, meaning visitor pressure to appreciate should be our joy to share. Yes, the main street is too narrow, but that accents its beauty.

Parking is a problem, if you don't look hard for it. Our service standard for all manner of things in town, will surely be aided by Mt. Barker Council's spending up-grade of the Main Street. **But let us not lose the original 'Germanality' sought by our pioneers for a better life, all those years ago.**

No doubt, the Department of Transport & Infrastructure will shortly announce their chosen route for our transport alternatives, which will divert unnecessary Main Street traffic wishing to travel easterly, north and south. This decision will not suit everyone, but it will allow our affected landholders an opportunity to move on, having been captured by planners for far too long. With \$250m proffered by Federal and State Governments, it means that they are serious in providing us with a safer community for all to share.

Sincerely,

**Malcolm Kentish**  
Chairman, HCA  
0428 849 530

### UPCOMING EVENT

The HCA are currently planning a delightful fundraiser to be held in Spring.

More information in the next edition of the Village Voice as well as the Community Notice Board at the Post Office and the HCA Facebook Page.

## HAHNDORF BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The street is a hive of energy, the last of the autumn leaves are falling and just like that-it's winter!



It's time to invite some friends to show off our beautiful village for **Hahndorf. Handmade. Handcrafted. Handpicked. which will again run for the month of September.** There will be so much to see, do, learn and experience with incredible classes, workshops, activities, stories and flavours to indulge in. Something for all ages, abilities and interests. Stay tuned for the program which will be published in *The Advertiser* and online at [www.hahndorfhands.com.au](http://www.hahndorfhands.com.au)

This fantastic festival, an opportunity snatched from Covid, **won GOLD at the 2021 South Australian Tourism Awards!** In the past we've had to rely on estimates of economic impact and visitation to a degree, but thanks to Mount Barker Council, we now have access to the real data. When Covid hit, we worked incredibly hard to build our local visitation and engagement by creating *Hahndorf. Handmade. Handcrafted. Handpicked.* In the years since, **expenditure in Hahndorf for the month of September has grown exponentially from \$7.44mill in 2019 (pre-covid impacts), to \$7.71mill in 2020 (inaugural festival) and \$9.52mill in 2021!**

Again, we're asking traders to get involved. Whether you have something in mind or need assistance to put an idea together, we can help! Get in touch with Mikyla via email at [ideaschick@adelaidehillsinc.com.au](mailto:ideaschick@adelaidehillsinc.com.au)

I was saddened to hear of the passing of one of our local icons, Wendy Williams. Her warmth, kindness and passion for Hahndorf will be dearly missed.

Regards,

**Jordana O'Sullivan**  
Chairperson, HB&T



**HAHNDORF**  
EST. 1839

As Term 2 gets underway, our new unit structures are established and are providing wonderful opportunities for teamwork, collaboration and growth for all students. Students regularly work in more flexible groupings with a small staff team to promote learning. This may mean grouping by year level to meet parts of the curriculum or grouping for targeted teaching to cater for different focus teaching points.

Our community feel is enhanced by an emerging program for the development of leadership, with school captains working with teams and classes to organise assemblies and house challenges. This term, we'd love to share with you some of the additional opportunities we offer as part of our curriculum. Our specialist teachers cover The Arts, Physical Education and German. Some children are currently involved in producing plays that they have written and filming in front of a green screen. 3D printers are being used for a special project in the upper primary.

Our youngest students are excited about a planned excursion to the Hahndorf Academy for a workshop to build upon their unit of investigation. Other children have chosen to participate in weekly choir lessons, building towards a performance with the Festival of Music in Term 3. Instrumental teachers visit weekly to offer lessons in piano, keyboard, drums or guitar. Other students will soon begin training in creative and critical thinking towards participating in Tournament of Minds.

Each week, teams of students join the Volleyball Spikezone competition at Heathfield High School. Many of our upper primary students enjoy trialling for and participating in SAPSASA sporting opportunities to represent our district. Dancify lessons will soon be happening and our House Captains will motivate their teams with an in-school musical talent item to round off the term. We always celebrate academic achievement too, but it is wonderful to see children participating in, and finding great enjoyment and success with a range of options.

Debbie Taylor, Deputy Principal



Children's drawing and weaving workshop for SA History Festival.

## VOLUNTEERS NOTICE BOARD -



Would you like to volunteer?  
Some local groups would love to hear from you

**HAHNDORF MEMORIAL INSTITUTE**  
Register by calling Ann on 0427 082 053

**HAHNDORF LANDCARE GROUP**  
Register by emailing  
i.kilpatrick01@optusnet.com.au

**ADELAIDE HILLS VISITOR CENTRE**  
Register by calling 8393 7600 or  
vic@adelaidehillsvic.com.au

**HAHNDORF INTERIM ANIMAL SHELTER INC**  
Register by calling 8388 7514

**THE CEDARS, HANS HEYSEN FOUNDATION**  
Tour Guides, Retail shop staff  
Register by calling 8388 7277

**HAHNDORF LUTHERAN CARE**  
Register by calling 8269 9333

**LIONS CLUB**  
Register by calling 0429 024 657

## PROTECT our HERITAGE

### AYERS HOUSE RESTORED TO NATIONAL TRUST

In June last year, the National Trust of SA was summarily evicted from its long term stewardship of

Ayers House by the then, Environment Minister David Speirs. His brutal and misguided proposal was to install offices and commercial catering and function facilities in this State Heritage building. This plan was universally opposed by Opposition political parties, and provoked widespread public anger and concern.

The Hahndorf community was once again, strongly protective of our heritage, and contributed substantially to the 18,000 signature petitions in support of Ayers House. The incoming Labor Government has now publicly affirmed and initiated its election promise to cancel these plans and to re-instate the National Trust in permanent occupancy and management of Ayers House. This will be preceded by restoration of the heritage status of the building with improved facilities and disability access. It is gratifying that the government has moved expeditiously to ensure permanent heritage protection and public access for this historic South Australian icon. Wendy Williams and the *Village Voice* have been powerful advocates for heritage preservation both within Hahndorf and beyond. Wendy would have been well pleased with the outcome of the fight for Ayers House.



### UPDATE ON MARTINDALE HOUSE

Any threat to Martindale is in abeyance. The Speirs Bill to commercialise it lapsed in the Upper House with the advent of the election. In any event our lobbying would have ensured its defeat. Environment Minister Susan Close and the new government have assured us that any consideration of its future will preserve and conserve it and the adjacent Conservation Park, and that the National Trust will have a central role in its care and management.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Warren Jones AO  
Convenor, Protect our Heritage Alliance

### HAHNDORF'S CREEK PROJECT

Since the last edition of the *Village Voice*, **preliminary work and planning of the Hahndorf Creek project has commenced**, with Mount Barker District Council staff providing support, grant funding applications being sought and a few locals putting their hands up to help the HCA with this valuable project. This will be an **ongoing 'slow burn' project** but one that is worthwhile for generations to come.

A decision to **focus on a section of creek that is visible to locals and visitors to Hahndorf has been made and this area stretches from the footbridge at Alec Johnston Park to Balhannah Road**. St Michael's Lutheran School have already been hard at work on part of this creek for a few years, and it looks wonderful, so now it is time for us as a community to work together and rejuvenate this special creek that runs through the heart of our village. If you would like to be involved, please email [hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com](mailto:hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com)

### COMMUNITY PRODUCE EXCHANGE Could it become apart of our community?

Sharing our excess homegrown fruit and vegetables with friends and neighbours is second nature to many, but what about sharing or exchanging them with other locals? The idea to set up a local exchange has been suggested and we wanted to put it to the community to gauge interest. Love to hear your thoughts.

Email [hahndorfvillagevoice@gmail.com](mailto:hahndorfvillagevoice@gmail.com)

**We will explore this idea further in the SPRING edition**



Hahndorf  
and Districts  
Lions Club.



**ANZAC DAY**

Thank you one and all for attending the Dawn Service on a fine but cool morning and attending the breakfast at the institute where you enjoyed the bacon and egg sandwiches cooked by the CFS and ANZAC biscuits cooked by our Members and Mayor Ann. We will have larger urns next year to meet the requirements for all those cups of tea and coffee. We thank you for the monetary donations that you made. We were happy to host and include the reunion of the veterans of 1ARA in the service. I would like to thank Ann Haines and her band of helpers who made the wreaths.



Children from Hahndorf Primary School



Image: Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

The first Lions Club in Australia was formed in Lismore NSW in September 1947 and **now in 2022 we have grown to 1,350 clubs and still growing.** For over 70 years, Lions have been working to raise funds to overcome preventable blindness and hearing loss, fund research and treatments for cancer and diabetes and fund humanitarian support for disasters. We will continue to serve our communities be it local, national or international. **We have come the end of the Lions year 2021/22 and are busy distributing our funds** and getting ready to start all over again in July.

Keep on eye on our Facebook page for dates for when will be at Bunnings Mount Barker, if you see us there drop by and say 'Hi' and buy a sausage from us. Our **monthly 'Bottles and Cans' collection drive makes up a important part of our fundraising efforts** throughout the year, which in turn supports a variety of local projects that benefit our community as a whole. Please, if we miss any properties when we do the **bottle recycle pick-up on the first Sunday of each month** call us 0429 024 657 so we can rectify. We start our rounds just after 8am.

We were saddened to hear the passing of Wendy Williams. She will be missed after leading a long involvement in the community and especially the *Village Voice*.



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

**HAHNDORF ACADEMY**



Vale (Farewell) Wendy Williams, a **much-loved community member who contributed so much** to Hahndorf and the *Village Voice*. Wendy volunteered at Hahndorf Academy and often attended our events and artist talks with Frank. Vale Frank and love to you both, we will miss you.

Thinking about community. **Have you seen our new garden? Bukatilla Garden**, this space celebrates Peramangk country, designed by Aboriginal artist Dave Booth and proudly supported by Beerenberg, Mount Barker District Council, Adelaide Hills Garden Supplies and Festivals Australia. Bushtucker plants and cooking workshops will be coming up, accompanied by storytelling in the garden and museum.



**4 June - 26 July, 2022**

We are celebrating **Reconciliation and NAIDOC week** in the gallery with Port Augusta artist Marli Macumba, and her colourful paintings about country.



Marli Macumba

**4 June - 26 July, 2022**

We also have an exhibition by **Nora Heysen in partnership with the Cedars**, curated by Allan Campbell and Jill Swann, with drawings from 1926-2002. During this time we will host panel talks about Nora's arts practice with Allan Campbell, Christopher Orchard, Cathy Speck and Tracey Lock and an additional special tour with Jill Swann. **For bookings please visit our website or shop.**



Nora Heysen: Self portrait 1926

*Imagine the Past* was a **huge success in May, with displays of early 19th C trades and crafts.** Thank you to local historian, Lyndell Davidge, for organising this event and for curating our museum collection.



Coming up: **'Friends of the Hahndorf Academy'** and the **'Heysen Prize for Landscape'** plus we have **regular pottery workshops and yoga in the gallery every Sunday morning.**

Keep in touch with us on social media, at our events or pop into the shop and say hello.

Wintery warmest regards, Rachel & the team

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

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 ancient Warta.

**NATIONAL TRUST**  
South Australia

The annual open day at Hahndorf's oldest surviving **hof (farm yard)** at 20 Main Street took place on Sunday 1 May. A steady stream of visitors explored the 1839 barn and the stone house built a couple of years later. They watched bread baking in the old wood-fired oven, tasted traditional cheese and sampled damper still hot from the fire.



**PIONEER WOMEN'S TRAIL WALK**

These girls added to the fun when they brightened up a rather dull, cold day. The walk honouring Hahndorf's pioneer women took place on Sunday 15 May with a record number of participants. Last year, although 1000 walkers registered, only about 750 actually completed the walk. This year saw **832 participants stream into Beaumont House in Burnside** throughout the day. 542 started in Bridgewater and Stirling. **The first (runner) arrived at about 10.00am, while the last, very determined lady, Colleen, made it down at 4.30pm,** accompanied by the volunteer 'sweepers' (tail-end charlies) Peter and Steve. They are seen here with organisers, Lyndell (left) and Catherine.



**A WIN FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

After seeing a number of heritage sites being sold, destroyed or dismantled, the National Trust of SA are delighted to have finally achieved a major win!

The National Trust of SA's long association with Ayers House on North Terrace, Adelaide city, was revived in March when the new State Labor Government overturned its eviction by the former Liberal Government the year before.

In June 2021, after deciding to replace the Ayers House museum with \$6 million offices for its History Trust of South Australia, the state Liberal Government served a 30-day eviction notice on the National Trust. The trust's museum at Ayers House was closed in September that year. The National Trust launched a petition and legal action against the order from then-Environment Minister David Speirs but was unsuccessful.

The new Labor Environment Minister Susan Close said the plans of History Trust of SA (a Government body, not to be confused with the National Trust) for Ayers House had been shelved and, after a "comprehensive review", the National Trust could move back to the property. She said the Government was supporting the National Trust "to have a permanent home in Ayers House and we will work with the trust to return to running Ayers House as a place that brings to life South Australia's history".

Annette Humphries  
Chairperson  
0451 030 357

# Nora Heysen– Celebrating the First Female Archibald Winner

Nora Heysen was born in Billygoat Lane (now known as English Street) in 1911. Nora was the fourth child of Hans and Selma (Sallie) Heysen, and The Cedars was her home from 1912 until 1934. Nora’s extraordinary artistic talents were evident from an early age. From 1926 to 1930, she studied at the School of Fine Arts, North Adelaide and by 1933, Nora Heysen’s works had been acquired by the National Gallery of South Australia, the Queensland Art Gallery, the National Art Gallery of New South Wales and the Howard Hinton Collection at Armidale. In 1933 her first solo exhibition in Adelaide at the Royal SA Society of Arts Gallery was a complete sell-out, and Nora won the Society’s Melrose Prize for Portraiture.



Image courtesy Catherine Speck– Art Gallery NSW

From 1934 until 1937, Nora spent much of her time studying in London. On return to Australia she stayed briefly at Hahndorf, and then moved to Sydney. In 1938, aged 27, with her portrait of Madame Elink Schuurman (nee Lambert), the French wife of the Dutch consul-general to Australia, Nora became not only the first woman to win the Archibald Prize but also the youngest in its 17 year history. Her painting beat 144 works by 84 artists and she collected £450 in prize money. Nora’s win sparked controversy, with another Archibald winner, Max Meldrum, remarking that "to expect them [women] to do some things equally as well as men is sheer lunacy." In an interview after the win, Nora asks, "Why not?" "Why shouldn't a woman win the Archibald Prize, anyway?" "After all, women have as much right as men to success." "I work everyday and sometimes draw at night. This is the first prize I have won, apart from a small award in Adelaide," she said.



Miss Nora Heysen, daughter of Hans Heysen, stands with her mother, Mrs. Elise Heysen, when she won the Archibald Prize. She is the

**GIRL ARTIST TAKES ARCHIBALD PRIZE**  
Hans Heysen's Daughter

The Sun Newspaper  
Article, 22 Jan 1939

On 12 October 1943 the young artist became the first woman appointed as an Australian war artist. In various commissions, Heysen completed over 160 works, now in the Australian War Memorial collection. After her discharge in 1946, she spent several months at The Cedars.

Nora’s work has been classified as “Academic realist”. Her favoured subjects were self-portraits, portraits, and still lifes- especially flower pieces. The Hahndorf Academy will showcase an exhibition by Nora Heysen in partnership with The Cedars in June and July 2022. Nora’s Studio at The Cedars is also open for tours.

Source: [www.hansheysen.com.au/nora-heysen-studio](http://www.hansheysen.com.au/nora-heysen-studio); [www.trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/229484688](http://www.trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/229484688)



Welcome back to Heysen!

As we all know, the Adelaide Hills are the best place to call home. I am passionate about the region in which we live and work to provide a voice for the people of our community. I am glad that Hahndorf has returned to the electoral district of Heysen. The home of Hans Heysen, whom our district is named, is at the core of our proud local heritage.

Hahndorf is a premier tourist destination in South Australia. Nominated in this year’s Tourism Industry Council of SA Top Tourist Town Award and placing fifth in the annual Wotif Aussie Town of the Year Awards. Hahndorf’s success, drawing ever more visitors, contributes also to perhaps our single highest priority for infrastructure investment: improving and relieving congestion on Main Street. The ‘Hahndorf Township Strategic Traffic Planning Study’ and ‘Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade Project’ are still in the planning and investigation phase. Now that there has been a change of government, state and federal, it’s all the more important to speak up for Hahndorf. I continue to advocate for these projects as they will assist to improve road safety in Hahndorf and the traffic flow through the Main Street whilst also beautifying the town, and enhancing our capacity to attract and welcome visitors.

As your local member, I remain committed to improving services in our region, from health care and education to safer roads and better communications. I continue to work towards an ever stronger and more vibrant local economy. I am particularly passionate about our environment; among the most beautiful and precious places in the world.

I relish the opportunity to continue working for all of the people of Heysen, and serving our community and our state in the South Australian Parliament. Please stay in contact; your engagement and support makes all the difference.

**Josh Teague MP**  
Member for Heysen  
T: (08) 8339 5077



Alec Johnston Park, Hahndorf  
Thongaphone Ensemble will play as we light the lanterns.  
Lantern workshops to be held on Saturdays in July & August. For workshop information [www.facebook.com/hahndorflanternfest](http://www.facebook.com/hahndorflanternfest) or call 0414 558 752

## Hahndorf FISH & CHIPS

Quality Fresh Fish - Taste The Difference

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



OCTOBER - MARCH  
**12 - 8PM**  
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

OPEN  
**7**  
DAYS

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

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

EFTPOS Available (No minimum)

# JUDGES PRAISE HABITAT PROJECT

Judges of the Mt Barker District Show's 2021 Spring Garden Competition were enthusiastic in their comments about the Byard Place Habitat and Beautification Project, and awarded it a Commendation in the recently announced Competition Awards.

The Project, under the auspices of the Hahndorf Community Association, was successful in securing an Environmental Grant from Council in 2021 to clean up and plant a native Habitat garden along the creek line in the Park at the end of Byard Place, adjacent to Auricht Road. Council were very supportive, clearing fallen shrubbery, weed spraying, and delivering piles of mulch, which Byard Place residents spread in a number of working bees. Council also generously provided around 200 plants, which were planted out in another working bee, protected by plant guards. A donation of river pebbles was transported and spread in part of the creek line to reduce erosion.

Although in its infancy, the Habitat Project was entered in the 2021 Spring Garden Competition as an example of Council/resident co-operation, and how a rather neglected looking open space could be beautified and developed into a vital habitat area for native wildlife. The judging took place in November. The 5 judges were excited by the concept, and could see the potential for the plants to mature in coming years, and the Project to achieve its goals.

We were delighted when the Project was awarded a Judges's Commendation at the post-Show dinner on May 7th 2022, and by the encouraging comments made by the Judges, who are keen to see its progression in coming years.

The next stage of the Project will be to install nest boxes and to plant out more native shrubs which were very generously donated by Valley Nursery, and which have been waiting for sufficient rain to prepare the ground. We encourage Hahndorf residents to visit this quiet Park and see how the Project is progressing – especially as there has been NO supplementary watering since the planting took place in Spring last year!

Deb Painter & Ann Haines



If you identify a local project that you believe will enhance Hahndorf for the better, please get in contact with the Hahndorf Community Association for support on how to get the project off the ground.  
Email [hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com](mailto:hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com) or come to the next General Meeting Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7:30pm Hahndorf Institute Supper Room (entry side of building).

## YOU BEAUTY, BYARD!

Hahndorf's charming Byard Place **won the Champion Streetscape Award** in the Mt Barker Show's 2021 Spring Garden Competition.



The awards were presented at the post-Show dinner recently, and the Judges very highly commended the gardeners of Byard Place for their gardening efforts, describing Byard Place as **one of the most attractive streets in Hahndorf**.

They added that Byard Place is **'a hidden secret with so many well-presented and colorful gardens of a very high standard (and) a great community effort'**.

The judges are **keen to see other householders in the district joining together** to present the gardens in their street as a community entry in the Garden Competition, so take the opportunity to spruce up your gardens, join with your neighbours and lodge your Streetscape entry in the 2022 Spring Garden Competition.

Deb Painter



Off the field the club has been active in community activities such as the Inaugural Male-Grivell Cup "Slow-down Football Match" which was run in March in conjunction with St Michael's Lutheran Church and Hahndorf Lions Club to bring the community together and celebrate the lives of two special locals, Anthony Male and Michael Grivell. The event raised over \$3,600 with proceeds going to the Cancer Council.



Members of the Hahndorf Lions cooking the sausage sizzle

Other community based activities have been a local grape harvest fundraiser and a Think Road Safety Seminar to promote road safety awareness among young adults in the community.



We now look forward to our next major days, Family Fun Day on 25th June 2022 and celebrating our indigenous round on the 9th and 10th July 2022.

Anthony Male's son Jarryn, centre, takes a mark. Photo: Janine Liebelt.



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Hahndorf Institute (to book)	0438 812 355
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St Paul's Church Hall Bookings	0417 835 837
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