

Celebrating Sir Hans Heysen with life-size sculpture

An exciting addition will soon be unveiled in the Main Street, with prominent sculptor Robert Hannaford creating a life-size bronze sculpture of Hans Heysen, one of Australia's greatest artistic treasures, and an especially prominent figure in Hahndorf.

Born in Hamburg, Germany, Heysen was one of Australia's first non-indigenous artists to engage deeply with our country's landscape, with his rich depictions of the outback, atmospheric paintings of the Adelaide Hills and sketches of early twentieth century village life in Hahndorf.

With a love for the South Australian landscape, Heysen purchased the rural property known as The Cedars in Hahndorf in 1912, where he and his wife Sallie lived and raised their eight children. Here he commissioned the build of what is now recognised as the nation's oldest-surviving purpose-built artist's studio open to the public, in which he was to produce many of his most famous works.

He was the first Australian painter to focus on eucalypts as an embraced artistic subject. His unique depiction of the Australian landscape in the mediums of oil, watercolour and charcoal, opened Australians' eyes to the beauty of their own landscape.

An ardent conservationist, Heysen lobbied neighbours and the local council to preserve the great trees around Hahndorf and, in 1938 increased his holding from 14 to 60 hectares to support the preservation of the natural environment.

Robert Hannaford's statue is of a young (45 year old) Hans Heysen, standing in an iconic sketching pose, in knickerbockers, looking intently into the distance. The sculpture is plinthless and will stand on the footpath in front of the newly renovated Old Lutheran School at number 64 Main Street so that the people can walk around, touch and feel connected to the activity of drawing and seeing.



Robert Hannaford bronze sculpture of Sir Hans Heysen

This impressive sculpture has been created using the 'lost wax method of bronze casting'. The first step in this process is to create a clay sculpture. Following this is a series of processes involving the use of silica, plaster, wax and then bronze castings and pourings which were undertaken jointly by artists Robert Hannaford and Tim Thomson. It is with thanks to a group of private donors and the Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association for funding this project for all to enjoy.

Trees Please on over 25 years of volunteering at The Cedars

Since 1998, protecting the biodiversity at The Cedars has been a long term mission for Trees Please Inc Hahndorf since 1998. The dedicated group of volunteers are resolved in protecting the remnant native bush at The Cedars which, in the late 1990's was being destroyed by woody weeds like broom, gorse and blackberry. Unfazed by the extensive task of re-vegetating the area, the volunteers got to work, firstly in the carpark before moving onto other areas. The group started clearing the woody weeds and harvesting



Volunteers at The Cedars

seeds from local native trees and shrubs for future propagation. During this time they have planted over 3,000 trees and shrubs, raised over 12,000 seedlings to donate to other landholders, donated 250,000 seeds donated, discovered 6 local native orchids, a local native daisy and more than 35 different species of birds, and the work of these dedicated volunteers continues. To find out more call Trevor Curnow on 0411 401 416.

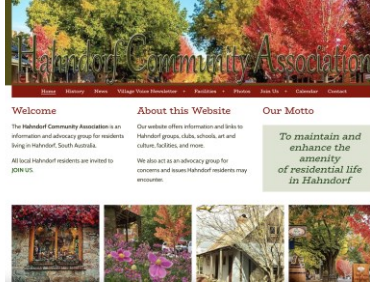
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Hahndorf Community Association's New Website

The HCA has been busy building a new website for locals and visitors to use. The new website is filled with information about our Village's past and current happenings, previous editions of the *Village Voice*, calendar of events and links to local Hahndorf groups.



The website will be regularly updated and can be used to communicate with the HCA.

Hop on and check it out at www.hahndorfcommunityassociation.com.au

Playing It Forward

Hahndorf Bowling Club has donated indoor bowls and bowling mats to Infin8 Care, a residential care facility in Hahndorf.

This equipment came into the bowling clubs possession after the Senior Citizens club disbanded last year. One of our members suggested that indoor bowls would be a good activity at Infin8 Care, and as it was not being utilized the committee decided to offer it to them for the benefit and entertainment of their residents. By all reports this has been well received.



Pictured are some people partaking in a game of indoor bowls.

THE YARN PROJECT!

You wouldn't be mistaken if you thought you heard the 'clickety clicks' and 'yarn chatter' throughout our Village in recent months. Since the call went out in the last edition of the *Village Voice* for crocheters, many locals have been busy knitting up masses of crochet squares for the Village's Christmas project and talking about it whenever they get a chance. The group of more than 50 locals have so far knitted 1,400 squares nearing the target.

We have kindly received an offer by local, Brian Schirripa, to build the Christmas tree frame, and once the crochet squares are joined together, it will be transferred onto the frame. The community tree will be unveiled later this year during the Christmas period and will be erected on the Hahndorf Academy lawns for all to enjoy.

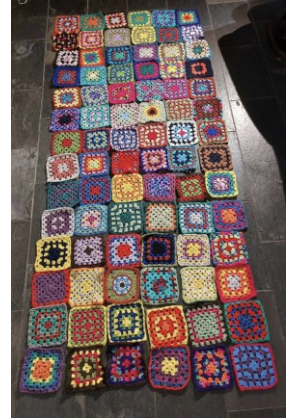
It would seem, the vision from HCA Treasurer Gail Vort-Ronald to initiate this project, has struck a cord within the community, as it has brought a great many people together who have not done anything like this before. A joyful project bringing our little village together.

Congratulations to all involved.

The next meetings are scheduled for 19th June, 17th July and 21st August, 7pm at the Hahndorf Bowling Club- Church Steet.



Volunteers knitting up a storm for the Christmas Tree project.



Some of the crochet squares

Access to Your Memorial Institute

Your Committee is asking for lateral thinking. This town asset was built in 1893, with big additions in 1957. Well done to the committees and fundraisers who did such a great job during that time.

However at that time little thought was given to access for persons with a mobility problem. Today we are grappling with the need to address this issue, so are asking for your input. Many ideas make a good, workable solution for all.

Think elderly people, wheelchairs, prams, troubled knees, community fair equipment on trolleys.

Your Committee has explored many ideas and now want to hear your voice for solutions. This is a joint project with Mount Barker Council and your ideas are welcomed.

Please phone Kate 0458 260 605 or Ann 0427 082 053



Side entry at the Hahndorf Memorial Institute



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High Tea on the Cards for 2023

Last October the HCA put on a High Tea event, held at the Hahndorf Bowling Club, to bring the community together after so much distancing due to Covid-19. It was such a success, many have been asking for another this year!

A great deal of planning and effort went into last year's event and Gail Vort-Ronald and the team did an amazing job. If another is planned for this year, we will be sure to let you know in the VV and also on the community notice board outside of the Post Office.

DOG FRIENDLY VILLAGE BUT NOT DOGGY DOODOO FRIENDLY

Walking through the streets of our Village at anytime of the day is beautiful, and you can't help but look up at the trees, birds and wildlife. But lately, many are having to look down to be sure not to step in doggy doodoo.

Whilst we all enjoy seeing the vast array of different types of dogs in our Village, please if you walk your dog anywhere within the Village, please pick up after your dog and dispose of it correctly, and do not throw it under a bush bagged or unbagged!
Thank you!



Councillor's Corner

Hi Everyone,
Firstly, congratulations and thank you to all those involved with the Anzac Day service in Hahndorf. Once again it was a fantastic service and an opportunity for us all to take the time to reflect and appreciate all those who have served our Country.



Annual Business Plan

The 2023/24 Annual Business Plan is currently out for community consultation and feedback. This is your opportunity to review and provide feedback on how your Council rates are spent. With regards to rate increases, Council has sought to minimise the impact of significant increases in inflation on ratepayers via adopting a "smoothing" approach to general rate setting. What this means for the 2023/24 (year 1 of strategy) is that General Rates are proposed to increase by 5.6% compared to March Adelaide CPI of 7.9%. What this means for 2024/25 (year 2 of strategy) and 2025/26 (year 3 of strategy) is that General Rates will need to increase at a rate greater than CPI. The objective of the rating strategy is for General Rate income to be increased by CPI on average over a 3 year period. Decision making on general rates and annual service charges occurs annually in July following community consultation. So please, visit the Council website, read the Annual Business Plan and provide your feedback via the "your say" link on the website.

Regional Aquatic & Leisure Centre

Ground has been broken to mark the beginning of construction of stage 1 of the Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre. It will feature 4 pools, including a 25mtr 10 lane competition capable lap pool, a warm water therapy pool, a splash pad and learn to swim pool. In addition, the centre will also include a gym, café and community meeting rooms. Construction of the facility is expected to be completed by the end of summer 2024/25.

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, catch a game being played at the Hahndorf Recreation Grounds or just simply go for a walk around our incredible township and be grateful for where we live.

As always, please contact me or any of the South Ward Councillors should you required any further assistance with Council related matters.

Sincerely,
Narelle Hardingham,
South Ward Councillor
0411 144 544

South Ward Councillor Update

Due to the recent resignation of elected South Ward Councillor Richard Coombe, a countback was conducted by the Electoral Commission of SA which saw Rowan Voigt elected to represent the South Ward with fellow Councillors Narelle Hardingham and Rebecca Hewett.



Rowan is a local resident of Macclesfield.

Image: Mount Barker Council

HAHNDORF BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The leaves have nearly all fallen, the skies are grey, and the air is filled with wood fires burning. Ah, winter, another season that Hahndorf does so particularly well.



Surprisingly, we get a lot of visitors from Queensland at this time of the year (easily recognisable they are the ones shivering in their shorts and thongs!) just so they can experience the change of seasons. How lucky we are to live and work here each day.

HBTA continues to source and seek solutions for the carparking issues that we face for both visitors and residents. As council have told us, there is no one silver bullet. As traders we understand the frustration that residents face with impolite drivers who park on yellow lines. We are not the only community that has to deal with this. Increasing education to all about how and where to park is one area that we are working on with Council.

Change does not need to be scary, in fact for things to grow and evolve it needs to happen. As things move forward in improving the infrastructure of the Main Street, we reflect and grasp the past, its richness and history and create a future for all to share in. The stories, the experiences and wellbeing that encompasses everyone.

Our beautiful Main Street is home to wonderful, small family businesses and we welcome several new ones to our Village this year. So, this winter take an amble along the Main Street, and see what you discover!

Regards,
Carolyn Catrall
Chairperson, HB&T



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National Volunteers Week 15 - 21 May

The week of National Volunteers provided us with the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the essential contributions made by all the dedicated volunteers that make our Village the wonderful place it is.

Volunteers are the backbone of many communities and Hahndorf is no exception. You would be hard-pressed to find one of our local groups that isn't partially or fully supported by volunteers and we are very fortunate to have so many volunteers in our community who give up their time to help others and support the local community. Thank you for everything you do.

Thank you!

Hahndorf Community Association

HCA meetings- Hahndorf Community Association meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Hahndorf Institute on the second Wednesday of each month. These meetings deal with whatever issues or opportunities face our community in our quest "to enhance and maintain the amenity of residential life in Hahndorf."



All residents of the town, including Paechtown are welcome. Come along and help strengthen our community.

Traffic Concerns- Accordingly, considerable time and effort has been and continues to be expended on addressing the State Government's failure to address the traffic problems in our Main Street. The problem relates to excessive numbers of heavy vehicles, trade vehicles and commuters using the street to simply transit onto the South Eastern Freeway or move north or south of the Freeway. This concern does not relate to visitors who are always welcome.

Our narrow Main Street is dysfunctional and unsafe in several ways and the government is fully aware, but has adopted a pedestrian oriented focus for the Main Street Upgrade (MSU). The current proposed MSU design will compound the traffic problems and, without a bypass or significant link road to remove unwanted traffic it seems illogical to spend the MSU \$34 million budget without addressing the traffic, and parking situation first. We are working with the Mount Barker District Council and Department of Infrastructure and Transport to ensure the MSU is delivered sympathetically and logically.

Jacobs Report- After six months of persistence, and only through using the Freedom of Information Act, with help from the State Ombudsman, the HCA has secured a copy of the Jacobs traffic study which was commissioned to determine how best to solve the Hahndorf traffic debacle. This document spells out the problems and offers intelligent solutions that do not match with the State Government's decisions. We will continue to agitate for a workable solution that best serves the people of Hahndorf and surrounding areas.

The beauty of winter- Hahndorf is picturesque in all seasons but in winter, once the leaves have fallen, we see more of the wonderful stone and faechwork buildings that line the Main Street and the magnificent silhouettes of the mature street trees. It is a unique glimpse of old Europe nestled our Adelaide Hills landscape.

Regards to all,
Greg Lomax
Chairperson, HCA

The World of Mechanica

You sit, the hard rocks spiking up underneath you, as you watch the beautiful Fast Parrot perform graceful acrobatics high in the setting sky. Suddenly, it plummets down, catching an unaware King Dragonfly in its beak. The parrot slowly devours it as you watch the sparks of the dragonflies and motor fade into the warm night sky. It takes off towards its squalid nest full of eggs made of intertwined wire and metal. The parrot glides down gracefully to her nest, as the eggs begin to hatch. The wire slowly peels off, revealing a bundle of feathers peering out from the shell.

This chick is the next generation of Mechanica. It will stand alongside those created by the students of the Hahndorf Primary School Senior Unit.

This term, senior students have been creating the next generation of Mechanica. There are some amazing creations, including a dragon, manta ray and a scorpion. Don't miss your chance to step into the world of Mechanica. Visit the Hahndorf Academy from the 22nd of May to the 16th of June and see some of our amazing creations.

By Darcie and Bella
Hahndorf Primary School, year 6 students



On May 21, the National Trust of South Australia held its annual Pioneer Women's Trail Walk.

This year, close to 1,000 participants descended in the early morning from the Adelaide Hills, trekking all the way to Beaumont House, where they enjoyed post-event celebrations.

This included a Welcome to Country by Kurna and Ngarrindjeri man Robert Taylor, live music from the Baker Boys Band, various bric-a-brac stalls, and delicious food and beverages.



The walk recreates a path used for millennia by the Kurna and Peramangk people for trade and ceremonial purposes. In the 19th century, the trail was used by German migrant women to transport their produce to sell in town.



The National Trust thanks all organisers and participants for making this a fabulous event! Special thanks go out to the Hahndorf and Burnside branches, whose assistance was indispensable. We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Words and images from National Trust SA Facebook page

Hahndorf CFS Well Short of Fulfilling Membership Targets

Hahndorf is an incredible place to live, work and visit, and we're blessed with a strong sense of community spirit.



It's that spirit which we hoped would drive our April Volunteer Recruitment campaign to great success. Unfortunately, our CFS Sign Up month only resulted in the recruitment of one potential member. Currently Hahndorf CFS has 15 actively responding volunteer firefighters. To put differently, that's only 1.3% of the eligible Hahndorf population. Having 15 actively responding volunteers may sound like a lot, but when you consider work and personal commitments, it can sometimes mean our Brigade is at risk of not being able to respond to an incident.

If you've ever considered volunteering for the CFS, now is the time. Don't wait for the next big bushfire. **Come down to the station next Monday night at 7.15pm and say hello.** We'll even give you a ride on a fire truck!

Volunteering is incredibly rewarding, and we have a wonderful group of like-minded men and women who all care about their community. Full training and uniform provided. The friendships are a bonus! We promise you won't regret it. So what's stopping you?

Ros Smith
Hahndorf CFS President



One of Hahndorf's Favourite Attractions, Sadly Passes Away

We have all seen Ellie the Horse in the Main Street at some point or another and I, like many of you may have even had pats and cuddles with her. So when I heard the news that Ellie suddenly passed away, I was sad that such an iconic Main Street personality was no longer with us.

Ellie has been involved in the Main Street for more than 12 years, from her first public appearances at the horse shoeing demonstrations on the Academy lawns with owner Richard Simmons, to head steed, leading Captain Hahn through the Main Street in the Village's 175th Birthday Re-Enactment Celebration. But she was most well-known for being loved upon by tourists all along the Main Street, whilst drawing a crowd and collecting donations for local animal charities and shelters through 4 Feet First Fundraising pledges.

Ellie's owner Richard, plans to continue the Main Street attraction and will honor Ellie's positive legacy.



Above: Ellie as Head Steed in the 175th Birthday Re-Enactment Celebration in 2014.
Left- Ellie drawing a crowd on the Main Street



Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club



As we come to the end of the LIONS year for 2022/23, it is time for President Stephen and Members to disperse the funds we have raised from our fundraising events. These events include; the Annual Swap Meet, Bunnings BBQ's, The Bottle and Can recycling and the Christmas Raffle.

A few of the recipients include Yantaringa Reserve/Blueberry Hill Lookout. Two benches, The Sleeping Rough Project, The Makers Space at Mount Barker Library, Australian Lions Foundation for Flood Relief, Foodbank SA, Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation plus many more. President Stephen would like to thank the community for their support in helping us to be able to help others.

To those who attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and the breakfast afterwards thank you. We would also like to acknowledge the Hahndorf CFS for their assistance with the chairs and cooking the eggs and bacon with the help from members of the Hearing Dogs Lions Club, many hands make light work. Our incoming President for year 2023/24 is Simon Westwood and he has plans for some new service projects and will also continue with our well known fundraising projects.

Hahndorf and District Lions Club are a not-for-profit service club. We meet on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month. To find out more about Lions, please contact our membership chair, Lion Denis Haseldine, on 08 8390 1139 or 0428 609 343.

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Lion Jenn Hodgson
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Labor's abandonment of a proper solution to Hahndorf's traffic woes has been fully cemented in the most recent Federal Budget, which slashed more than \$1.3 billion from South Australian infrastructure projects, including \$45.5 million from the abandoned Hahndorf Bypass project.



This follows figures that were revealed earlier this year under Freedom of Information (FOI), which show that the Malinauskas' State Labor Government is ripping \$80 million away from our regional community as part of its controversial decision to scrap the proposed Hahndorf Interchange.

The FOI documents tell us that the total estimated cost of the Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade Project as of August last year is \$171 million – which is **\$80 million short** of the \$250 million combined commitment by our former State and Federal Liberal Governments.

A \$250 million project would have included an Interchange that would allow freight vehicles to bypass Hahndorf's main street, improving safety and reducing congestion.

Unsurprisingly, locals are telling me they feel short-changed. The lack of respect given to the feedback from local residents by our Labor Governments is appalling. It's shameful Labor could be using tens of millions of dollars that could fund an Interchange to plug a hole somewhere else.

Hahndorf sorely needs a solution to its traffic woes and it's time for our Premier Peter Malinauskas and Transport Minister Tom Koutsantonis to solve this problem for visitors and locals alike, instead of slashing the spending that we promised in order to find a solution, once and for all.

Josh Teague MP
Member for Heysen

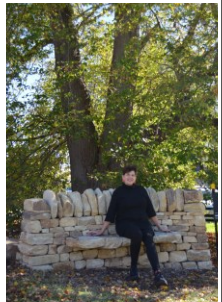


Josh Teague, Vincent Tarzia MP and Adrian Pederick MP



We celebrated the History Festival in May with exhibitions and events. It was wonderful to hear all the stories about the Prussian settlers and how they lived here in Hahndorf. A big thank you to **Hahndorf's treasure and historian Lyndell Davidge** who volunteers with us and manages our museum collection. Lyndell spent time talking to our exhibiting artists about the history of Hahndorf and about our museum artefacts.

The *Imagine the Past* event in the gardens, held on May 7th with traditional trades and craft demonstrations was popular with Hahndorf visitors and locals.



Rachel Elwee and new stone seat located behind the Academy

WHAT'S ON AT THE ACADEMY?

Exhibitions being held at the Academy during June and July feature nature, the environment and landscapes, including native flowers, the ocean and Ngarrindjeri country with artists - Andy Rasheed, local Hills photographer, Irina Nazarova Adelaide painter, Cecilia Gunnarsson Adelaide painter and Amanda Westley First Nations painter all showcasing their works.



Rita Hall, Dancing Scissors II

August is *SALA Festival* time, and we celebrate with Nicola Semmens Adelaide painter, Rosina Possingham Adelaide artist, Cynthia Schwertsik Adelaide Hills artist and Rita Hall local Hahndorf artist and print maker.

The Zebra Room! We are building a new space at the back of Hahndorf Academy which is quarter of the way built. We need to finish it to run creative workshops for the community including individuals, kids and adults plus vulnerable groups and social groups.



The new Zebra Room almost complete

We have a crowd funding campaign to raise \$15,000 to finish the last quarter of the build which will include 2 external back walls, insulation and cladding plus lighting, windows, electrical fixtures, plumbing, sink, furniture and fixtures, labour, and materials.

Let's make this happen and complete the Zebra Room! Let's celebrate the community and creativity! Please visit our website and Facebook page or pop in to donate to the crowd funding campaign.

Thank you to Hahndorf District Lions and International Lions, Stronger Communities Grant and Architect Lothar Brasse for helping us get us 3/4 of the way, only 1/4 to go!!!

Thank you to everyone who visits us and supports us.

Warm wishes to you all from Rachel and the team.

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130 Years Young Hahndorf Memorial Institute

Why Memorial Institute? The original 1893 building was set back from the street, housed a library and meeting space suitable for the times, but over the years, needs grew. In 1947 a public meeting was held, at which it was agreed to enlarge the Institute as a Soldier's Memorial.

Extension plans were put on hold due to building restrictions (remember this was post WW2 period), then lapsed until 1955/56 when a building committee was elected. From then, building plans and activity moved apace. The Institute is actually recognised as a "monument".

2023 Current happenings. Ask a busy person to do a job, and it will be done. All our committee members have a full agenda within the community, but are committed to the maintenance of this precious heritage place and council asset. The elected Management Committee has quietly continued our responsibilities during the summer period. With regret we accepted the resignation of Booking Officer, Brian Smith due to his ill health. Thankyou Brian for an amazing volunteer job. We wish you well.

In recent months, we have welcomed Graham Brand as a Committee member and Booking Officer (Contact details at bottom of article). Booking hire is the Committee's source of income, and as expenses have escalated for us as well as you the reader, we have implemented a moderate fee increase.

Old buildings, like older people, require constant maintenance, so the unexpected, as well as planned expenses keep us alert. Recently the toilet for disabled persons felt its age, and stopped! Tricky problem for the plumber. The refrigerator quietly died and exit sign batteries failed. Electricity bills escalate, as do all small maintenance tasks.

Above all, the Access for all Persons Project is a priority. A recent audit indicates several areas of concern to be addressed, which Council staff are in the process of prioritising. This is a partnership task with Council for which the Committee has requested inclusion in 23/24 DCMB Budget. The Management Committee is working on the co-design principle for this project, therefore your practical suggestions or contact for assistance along the way is welcome.

If you choose not to join a Committee, consider becoming A FRIEND of the INSTITUTE . We can use your talent or muscle at your leisure. Contact, Bookings Officer- Graham Brand 0448 068 861 or President- Ann Haines 0427 082 053



Cannon Cradles No Longer Empty

When the Wolf Blass Wine Bar and Museum first opened in the Main Street in 2018, a new home was found for two maritime artefacts. The heavy cast iron cannons stood proudly at the carpark entry for many years with tourists taking photos and kids having a sit on them.

The cannons were onboard the replica tourist attraction ship and restaurant, The Buffalo at Glenelg. When that ship was removed from Glenelg the artifacts remained in storage until finding a home in Hahndorf.

In the early hours of September 2022, the two artifacts were stolen, leaving the gun cradles empty. Efforts were made to relocate the missing cannons but unfortunately they were not found. Not wanting to leave the cradles empty, Wolf Blass commissioned replicas of the originals to be made and the new fiberglass cannons were installed in the first weeks of May.



New fiberglass cannon and cradle



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HEYSEN THE CEDARS

Green Light for State-of-the-Art Gallery

The Hans Heysen Foundation is delighted that council has approved plans to build a state-of-the-art gallery at The Cedars.

The new development, designed by Snøhetta, will include a purpose-built gallery and gift shop plus bushfire-safe storage for artworks. Incorporating the surrounding natural landscape, the design will allow for an invigorated

and immersive experience of the Heysen legacy.

Through the Adelaide City Deal, the Australian Government has committed \$9 million to the project which will complement the current heritage-listed, national award-winning cultural destination.

Work on the new development is expected to commence in the coming months with the new gallery to be sited on the hillside above the original studios of Hans and Nora Heysen and the family's historic home. Together these spaces, old and new, will continue to inspire generations to come.

“Please, sit still!” Nora Heysen exhibition. April – September 2023

The new Nora Heysen exhibition, “Please, sit still!” has opened at The Cedars and has already received great reviews from visitors. Running throughout the winter months to early spring, this is a remarkable exhibition and not to be missed. One of the most notable Australians to call the Adelaide Hills her home, Nora Heysen was born in Hahndorf and she was an artist from her childhood until the end of her life in December 2003. Nora is recognised as a trailblazer in Australian art in the 20th century. She was the first woman to win the Archibald Prize for portraiture and the first female Australian war artist. Among all of her well-known works of art, and those in private collections, are hundreds of portraits of children.

The Nora Heysen Foundation will display this new exhibition of specially selected Nora Heysen drawings and paintings in her former studio at The Cedars with the exhibition's focus on children as her portrait subjects. Nora did not have children herself, but drew and painted hundreds of portraits of children throughout her long career, her first models being her own siblings. Visit The Cedars and to see 36 of her works including the recently stretched oil portrait of Nora's youngest sister Deirdre, aged about 16, which has come out of storage for its first public display. Significant series within the exhibition are Nora Heysen's early studies of her siblings, in particular her brother Michael, as well as the Hahndorf girl known as “Ruth”, and Nora's superb portraits of Pacific Islander children.

Self-guided tours for Nora's exhibition or a full guided tour of the Heysen home and studios, including the exhibition, are available Tuesday through Sunday between 10am and 4:30pm with public tours at 11am and 2pm. Bookings can be made through www.hansheysen.com.au, phone 8388 7277. We also welcome private tours and school groups to The Cedars, please call to book your private tour.

The Cedars Café and Tea Rooms Now Open

The Cedars has long been renowned for its delectable hospitality. A regular entertainer of famous guests, Hans' wife Sallie Heysen's cooking was legendary. In more recent years our catered events including the Heysen High Teas have had rave reviews. The Cedars is delighted to have recently opened the doors to a permanent Café and Tea Rooms in the newly renovated original tack and laundry room. Thanks to a Heritage Tourism Grant from the Department of Environment and Water, visitors to The Cedars Café and Team Rooms can now choose from an extensive coffee and tea menu and a delicious range of local Adelaide Hills sweet and savoury items. Visitors can stop by before or after one of our guided tours of the property or come and while away the hours watching the changing colours of the autumn garden, either inside by the cozy fire or outside under cover overlooking the historic house of the Heysen family.

The Cedars Café and Tea Rooms is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10am – 4:30pm and Monday public holidays.



Recently renovated original tack and laundry rooms now home to Cedars Café and Tea Rooms



Concept images of the state-of-the-art gallery to be built



Ash Wednesday and Royal Visit - 40 Years on

The Ash Wednesday fires devastated many parts of South Australia and Victoria, and our local area was no exception, with the fringes of Hahndorf and large parts of Paechtown directly impacted. During this time, many local volunteer firefighters helped fight the fires. In 1983, weeks after the fire, the then Prince Charles and Princess Diana came to Stirling Oval to meet those affected and all who were involved in the devastating fires.

Prince Charles met Nairne CFS volunteer Jeff McKenny who is flanked by fellow volunteers John Kaesler (left) of Hahndorf, Mike Franson of Brukunga and Lyall Strout of Nairne.

As we reflect 40 years on, the message from the CFS is be fire ready, have a bushfire survival plan, understand the new fire danger ratings and prepare your homes and yards before the bushfire season.



The then Prince Charles in 1983 with local CFS volunteers

OUR BY-PASS

The Hahndorf Community Association and the Hahndorf Business & Tourism have jointly signed a letter to Council, D.T.I. and the Government informing that the priority for Hahndorf must be a bypass and parking, to be effected prior to any upgrade or beautification of the Main Street. Be that as it may, the Federal Government in its 'wisdom' has now backed down on its committed funding to infrastructure projects across Australia. One Government not honoring the commitments of its predecessor gives one little faith in any promise made by either party. It has of course happened before. Some 20 years ago the Howard Government made a series of Infrastructure Grants available to communities across Australia. The Hahndorf Academy Foundation received a grant of \$ 6 million for re-roofing and restoration of their Academy building in Hahndorf's Main Street. The Shire of Yarra Ranges in the Dandenong's, out of Melbourne, with whom I had association, also received a grant of \$ 15 million for the building of a concert hall /auditorium. The situation then arose, due to a change of Government, that all these grants were cancelled. Hahndorf accepted this rebuff. In contrast the Shire in Victoria went to the media, and kept lobbying loud and long for their grant. They achieved their grant and a wonderful hall was built. Hahndorf got nothing.

The By-Pass is too important for Hahndorf: not a luxury, not a simple improvement, but, for safety sake, a sheer necessity. Every year the trucks get larger and there are more of them. For the current State Labor Government to deny the need, is certainly ludicrous. D.T.I. itself, through the traffic survey, demonstrated an urgent need, but then, due to political interference, rewrote their rhetoric to justify a cop-out of the project. They hoped, even anticipated, that a revamp of the Main Street would mollify the people of Hahndorf. In fact the opposite has happened. The recent communique from the Residents Association and the Hahndorf Business & Tourism Association states that 'the success of any Main Street upgrade is dependent upon a solution to remove heavy transit vehicles and commuters from the narrow through-fare,' and that there be transparency and engagement with Hahndorfians in respect to any changes proposed for our Main Street. We do not want an upgrade of 'non-essential stuff', designed by a consultant to justify his fee.

We need to keep lobbying hard and long for the by-pass. An ad-hoc substitute will never do.

Harold Gallasch, Hahndorf Resident

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