

## Historic 170-Year-Old Barn to Find a New Home in Alec Johnston Park

The Hahndorf Community Association (HCA) is proud to announce the exciting heritage project that will see a 170-year-old barn carefully reconstructed in Alec Johnston Park. Councillors and Mount Barker District Council supported the motion for this location at its meeting in February 2025. As part of Hahndorf's 185th anniversary celebrations, this initiative is a significant step in preserving and showcasing the town's rich history for generations to come.



The barn, which was acquired from a private seller last year, has been painstakingly dismantled and stored, awaiting its new home. Once rebuilt, it will stand as a tribute to the early pioneers who shaped Hahndorf, demonstrating traditional building techniques and providing a focal point for community engagement, education, and cultural appreciation.

Alec Johnston Park, located in the heart of Hahndorf's Main Street, is a beloved gathering space for locals and visitors alike. With its playground, barbecue facilities, shaded seating, and historical significance, it is the perfect setting for this restoration. The reconstructed barn will not only enhance the park's character but also serve as a tangible link to our town's early days.

The HCA is working closely with local heritage experts, council representatives, and community members to ensure the project remains authentic and true to its historical roots. This effort reflects our ongoing commitment to preserving Hahndorf's identity and sharing its unique story with the wider community.



We look forward to seeing this vision come to life and invite everyone to support and follow the progress of this remarkable restoration.

More information on how you can support this community project, please turn to HCA Chair's report on page 2.

## Frohe Ostern (Happy Easter) Hahndorf

As Easter 2025 arrives, we celebrate the joy of new beginnings, togetherness, and the beauty of our historic village. Whether you're spending time with loved ones, exploring our charming village or simply enjoying and making the most out of the autumn weather, may this Easter bring you happiness, hope, and plenty of sweet treats!

Let's take a moment to appreciate our wonderful community, support local businesses, and create special memories. Wishing you all a joyful Easter filled with love, laughter, and a touch of Hahndorf magic.



### Church Services at Easter: All welcome



#### St Michael's (Balhannah Road)

Maundy Thursday 17th April at 7:30pm  
Good Friday 18th April at 9:30am  
Easter Sunday Dawn 20th April at 6am  
Easter Sunday Service 20th April at 9:30am



#### St Paul's (Main Street)

Maundy Thursday 17th April at 7:30pm (TBC)  
Good Friday 18th April at 10:15am  
Easter Sunday Service 20th April at 10:15am

## Councillor's Corner

Hi Everyone,

A few Council and community updates for your information:



**Advocacy Plan Update.** Council recently endorsed a Advocacy Plan—a key document to help secure State and Federal Government funding by prioritising the critical infrastructure and services our growing community needs. I'm pleased to share that the plan includes several important projects for Hahndorf, including:

- Upgrades to Main Street, • Tara Illa Bike Park (Stage 2), • Expansion and a number of enhancements to the Hahndorf Rec Grounds, • A Hahndorf Bypass, • Improved disability access for the Hahndorf Academy and Institute buildings, • A new access path along Mount Barker Road over the Onkaparinga River.

This plan ensures we maximise every opportunity to enhance our district and support its future growth.

**Hahndorf Community Association Heritage Barn Project.** I was proud to support the motion to place the Hahndorf Community Association's heritage barn in Alec Johnston Park. This fantastic project reflects the HCA's dedication to preserving Hahndorf's rich history. The barn has been carefully dismantled and labelled for reconstruction, and with this endorsement, the HCA can confidently fundraise, knowing the barn will have a permanent home on Council land for future generations to enjoy.

**Hahndorf Main Street Maintenance Works.** Council has committed an additional \$200k to essential maintenance on Hahndorf Main Street to improve safety, accessibility, and infrastructure. Works will commence in mid-March and are expected to take approximately four weeks. Upgrades will include safer footpaths, improved drainage, refreshed signage, and better accessibility. While this is just the beginning, we are committed to extending the life of our Main Street assets while continuing to seek further funding for major upgrades.

**Parking on Yellow Lines.** You may have noticed Council inspectors out and about more frequently, focusing on unsafe parking—particularly vehicles parked on yellow lines. While it might seem convenient for a quick stop, parking on yellow lines reduces visibility, restricts access, and poses a safety risk. Keep in mind that unless you have interstate plates, inspectors can't distinguish locals from visitors, so a poor parking decision could result in a fine!

**Vale Tim Noske.** With great sadness, we recently said goodbye to Tim Noske, our much-loved local butcher. Tim (and previously Max's) generosity touched nearly every club and community group in Hahndorf. He had a special gift for making customers feel like friends, incredibly hardworking, humble, and kind. His passing is a tragic loss and a reminder to cherish every moment. It was heartening to see the Hahndorf community come together to mourn and honour Tim. My thoughts are with his family, friends, and staff.

**Vale Reg Butler, OAM.** Hahndorf has lost a true custodian of its history. Reg Butler's passion for local heritage was unmatched—there wasn't a story about Hahndorf he didn't know! Many will fondly remember being captivated by his fascinating tales at Heidi's. Reg's lifelong dedication to preserving our town's history earned him an OAM in 2015, and his legacy will live on in the records he so carefully documented.

As usual, if you have any concerns or questions Council related, please don't hesitate to contact me, Rebecca or Rowan as your South Ward Councillors.

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

## Hahndorf Community Association

The Hahndorf Community Association meets in the Institute at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month (except for January). All Hahndorf residents are welcome to join in. We endeavour to finish by 9pm. Our occasional wine and nibbles events (held after the meeting closes) see residents and guests mingle and chat until 10pm or so.



The purpose of the HCA is to provide an organisation where the interests of the local community are promoted and protected. The objectives as listed in our constitution are:

- to explore issues which arise from consultation with the community of Hahndorf.
- to identify, develop and encourage activities and projects which enhance the quality of life for local residents and visitors to Hahndorf.
- to support and work with other key interest groups associated with Hahndorf on projects and common areas of interest which have some effect on the community.
- to promote and support the preservation of the history and cultural heritage of Hahndorf and district.

A few current activities include; working with Mount Barker District Council to restore Captain Hahn's statue plinth in Pioneer Park; raising funds for the re-construction of an historic timber slab barn in Alec Johnston Park for use as a picnic shelter; planning the High Tea event for later in the year; administering the Hahndorf Community Association Facebook page; liaising with Council, State Government and where applicable, Federal Government in relation to key infrastructure opportunities; managing the annual Remembrance Day service; providing wreath making and poppy display for Anzac Day and many other interesting things. Come along to our next meeting and enjoy yourself.

If you care to support our fund raising for the historic barn reconstruction please direct your donation to Hahndorf Community Association BSB 805 050 Account 102 212 676 mark the payment as "Barn" and receipts are available if you request one. Contact [hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com](mailto:hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com) or call 0414500150.

Sincerely, Greg Lomax HCA Chairperson  
0414 500 150

### Upcoming Community Meetings at 7:30pm

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Wednesday 9th April 2025

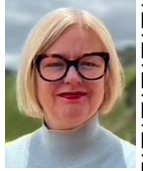
Wednesday 14th May 2025

Wednesday 11th June 2025

Hahndorf Institute Supper Room (side entry)

## Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association

Welcome to the favourite season of the year! I think I say that every year, Autumn is just so spectacular in our Village! The changing of seasons does bring us many visitors to enjoy what we are so lucky to experience every day, please be mindful of the extra traffic and people not always choosing the best spot to take photos. Perhaps, even offer to take one for them.



A major project that we undertook as a committee in the last few months has been to revamp our website, [www.hahndorfsa.org.au](http://www.hahndorfsa.org.au). This is something that was long overdue and we are very excited by the improvements, its ease of use, and how it showcases and promotes the many fabulous business that call Hahndorf home. For residents, this is your directory, to discover stores, services and where to enjoy your next outing and meal. Visit your Main Street and discover that there really isn't anything that you can't find in our Village.

Hahndorf Business & Tourism Association are looking at holding a few events this year, these are not just for visitors but just as importantly for the whole community to enjoy. And, of course we will be celebrating Christmas, just a little different this year. Stay tuned to exciting developments. We are proudly supporting the 'Christmas Street Project' a wonderful project incorporating the many organisations, associations, residents and traders to decorate the Main Street of Hahndorf. I encourage you to become involved, a great way to meet all the people who make up our village, Hahndorf.

This year began with the incredibly, tragic and sad news of Tim Noske passing. He was not just our butcher, but a friend to all of us. His kindness and amiable words were a significant part of the community, and his absence will be deeply felt. HB&T pass on our condolences to his family.

Regards,

**Carolyn Catrall**  
Chairperson, HB&T



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## Village Voice Celebrates 20 Years of Community Connection

This edition marks a special milestone for the Hahndorf *Village Voice*, as the beloved community newsletter celebrates 20 years since its first issue in autumn 2005. What began as a small, locally driven initiative has been a cornerstone of community engagement, delivering local news, historical insights, and local events for the people of Hahndorf.

Over the years, the *Village Voice* has thrived thanks to the dedication of its volunteer editors, community members who have contributed a wealth of stories and advertisers.

As it celebrates two decades of service, the Hahndorf *Village Voice* remains a vital part of the village's identity—a testament to the power of local storytelling and the strength of community spirit. Here's to the next 20 years of keeping Hahndorf's voice alive!

*Celebrating*  
— 20 YEARS —

Nadia Fountas

## Hahndorf Christmas Lights

A big thank you to the many locals who took the time to decorate their homes for the 2024 Hahndorf Village Christmas Lights Display. Whether your display was low key or a full scale Bollywood epic, your effort was appreciated. The judges spent several hours carefully driving up and down every street, admiring the creativity on show. After much deliberation, in no order, four homes were chosen as prize winners, with additional special mentions in a few instances. The four prizes were donated by the Hahndorf Community Association. Thanks to Kath Hastie and Julie Klau, for giving up your time to cruise Hahndorf after dark with me, clipboards in hand, enjoying the Christmas spirit in our community!  
Monique Lomax



## Community Crocheted Christmas Tree

Hahndorf Community Association members David Chennerly (left), Greg Lomax (right) and Peter Mahar (photographer and transport) removed the popular crocheted Christmas tree display on January 6th, 2025.



The display weathered rain, heat, sunshine and "human enthusiasm" over the pre-Christmas to post-New Year period and brought smiles to thousands of faces. Thanks also to Brian Schirripa, John Nitschke, Nathan Miller and Jan Kentish for logistics and storage support.

### Vale. Reginald Graham Butler O.A.M

12.02.1941- 29.12.2024

Author and Historian, Reg was awarded the OAM for services to community 2015.

Reg shared an exceptional knowledge of Lutheran migration, local history and early settlement. He has written over 20 historical publications and dedicated considerable time to community service.

Within Reg's private archives and publications are books, maps, documents and records which are now housed for safekeeping and posterity in "The Hoffman House" on Beerenberg Farm.

Amongst publications are "College in the Wattles. Hahndorf and its Academy", "Lean Times and Lively Days. Centenary history of Hahndorf Primary School", "From Byways to Highways: Hahndorf's Changing Streetscape". In addition, research regarding SA Genealogy, Land Titles, Hahndorf and Mt Barker Land Titles Database.

Source: [www.localwiki.org/adelaide-hills](http://www.localwiki.org/adelaide-hills)



### Vale. Tim Michael Noske

07.08.1972 - 14.01.2025

Tim was a cherished and constant figure of the Hahndorf community, who's generosity was felt by many. Tim had an innate ability to make anyone feel welcome and would always generously donate meats for countless community events.

Tim's journey began at St Michael's Lutheran Primary School in Hahndorf before he moved on to Concordia College in Highgate. He pursued accounting at university but ultimately, his heart was always with the family business, Max Noske & Son Butchers.

He took immense pride in his craft, earning recognition as an industry leader and winning Apprentice Butcher of the Year in the 1990's. His passion for his trade and commitment to quality made him a respected figure in the industry and a cornerstone of Hahndorf's Main Street. Tim was a true paddock-to-plate butcher.

Tim was hardworking and known for his big heart, deep spirituality, funny dry humour, and ability to connect with people from all walks of life. He was sentimental, deeply caring, a doting and dedicated husband to Sally and father to their two daughters.

Hundreds gathered to farewell Tim in a moving memorial service, followed by a Main Street 'Guard of Honour' drive past, a fitting tribute to a man who had given so much to our community.



## Hahndorf Archives Story

Reg Butler approached Carol Paech one day in 2019, when they were out for lunch with a group of locals, where he asked her, if her family would be interested in looking after his archives long term. After thinking about his for a couple of months, Carol had no hesitation in saying 'yes'.

Carol was already having 'The Cottage' as the family affectionately called it, 'done up'. The cottage was believed to be built in the late 1800's, and thick 'lemwickel' construction, was found in the original ceiling. Gottfried Lubasch purchased section 3812, in the mid 1840's and moved onto the property around 1850. The cottage would most likely have been built within this period. This seemed the obvious place to house Reg's archive.

Some of Reg's family, along with volunteers went through Reg's archive for him and sent the collection to 'The Cottage' at Beerenberg Farm. This is when the Beerenberg Foundation took Custodianship of Reg's collection in January, 2024. Our lovely group of volunteers commenced working on this archival material in May 2024.

Project volunteers are working through and sorting photos into sizes, placing them into archival sleeves and then folders. It has been fascinating sorting through and filing Reg's letters and documents, cataloging Reg's extensive collection of books which include: family histories, South Australian history, politics, royalty, books on various wars and many more. We also have his diaries, maps, microfilm, old clocks, and interestingly, a flag from the Isle of Silt, which Reg was gifted during one of his travels. We were also gifted Alan Wittwer's archive collection by the Lutheran archives in Adelaide, which we have yet to start work on.

To quote Sally Paech, Beerenberg foundation Director, from The Courier, "We are honoured to continue his work, ensuring that his invaluable collection will remain accessible for generations to come." This also includes Alan Wittwer's archival material and any other collections we take on in the future, for the Hahndorf community.

The Hahndorf Archives is open by appointment only, if you are interested in seeing these collections or volunteering, please contact Natasha at [events@beerenberg.com.au](mailto:events@beerenberg.com.au). The Hahndorf Archives can also be followed via Facebook.





We're still in the middle of Fire Danger Season here in Hahndorf and having an emergency kit that's packed and ready to go, before the threat of a bushfire, can save lives.

Emergency kits come in all shapes and sizes, however here are some essential items every kit needs:

### 1. 100% woollen blanket

Wool is naturally a flame retardant fibre and can help shield from the effects of radiant heat. The structure of wool fibre needs more oxygen than what's available in the air to become flammable. For this reason, it's important the blanket in your fire kit is 100% wool – synthetics can melt and burn easier. They're generally available from camping/outdoor stores.

### 2. Water and snacks

Three litres of drinking water per day is the recommended amount of water you should keep in your emergency kit and while it can make your bag heavy, hydration is vital. Consider keeping a box of water in the car or next to your emergency kit ready to take. Ensure your kit has food for at least 48 hours and enough for the people who you'll likely be with.

### 3. Waterproof torch (and spare batteries)

Bushfires can happen at any time of day and can affect power services. It's recommended a battery powered torch, or even a wind-up torch is packed and easily accessible. Ensure you check and test your batteries every year.

### 4. Battery powered radio (and spare batteries)

The importance of a battery powered radio is often overlooked. In fact, this is likely the one missing item from many emergency kits, as people believe they can use their mobile instead. However, it's important to have multiple communication options ready because mobile phones can't be relied on in an emergency. Try looking for one of the hand-cranked radios, some of which don't even need batteries or only have them as a fail-safe.

### 5. First aid kit, any personal medication and sunscreen

Include a bottle of artificial tears to help flush ash and provide relief from smoke in your eyes. Also include a P2 (dust) face mask, ensuring there are enough for everyone and spares in your kit. Think about the people you care for; do you need any specific medication? Allergy medication or regular tablets?

### 6. Protective clothing and overnight bag

Despite the heat, wearing protective clothing including long-sleeved collared shirt and long trousers made of natural fibres will increase your chance of survival against radiant heat. This is important whether you are leaving early or staying to defend your property. Ensure you're also wearing sturdy boots, suitable for walking across burnt ground.

### 7. Mobile phone and charger

No form of communications should be solely relied on. While you may rely on being able to make calls or on accessing apps, websites, and social feeds to receive updates during emergencies and natural disasters, remember that these could become unavailable without notice. Consider packing a portable charger for your mobile.

### 8. Emergency contact numbers

Think about your bushfire plan and who you might need to contact. Have these numbers written down on a list as well as stored on your phone, in case you run into trouble with your own phone and need to use someone else's. Think of numbers for places like your children's school, council, doctor, vet, or power company.

### 9. Personal documents

It's easy to forget these documents when you're in a hurry, try to organise the items you're going to need to take with you and have them packed or in a place where they're easy to collect. Think about items like your passport, insurance papers, jewellery, will, medical prescriptions and drivers licence/photo ID. It can also be helpful to upload important files onto a USB or hard drive.

Wishing you and your family a safe Fire Danger Season.

Captain Ros Smith  
Hahndorf CFS



The Hahndorf War Memorial, at the entrance to Alec Johnston Park, was again the focus of attention on the morning of November 11th, as Hahndorf residents and visitors gathered for the ceremony to honour those Australians who served our Country in times of conflict, especially remembering those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Hahndorf Community Association organises the ceremony, which this year involved a number of community members and groups, who combined to present a moving tribute to our past and present serving personnel.

A dedicated group of wreath makers gathered in the Institute kitchen on the eve of Remembrance Day, creating 20 wreaths using laurel leaves that were gathered from Eli Sleiman's laurel hedge in Stirling. Thank you, Eli, we greatly appreciate your generosity - the wreaths are provided to community groups and businesses to lay on the Memorial, and look lovely.

The weather forecast for the morning of Remembrance Day predicted rain, and the last-minute assistance of the Hahndorf Lions Club to provide gazebos to shelter the MC and Choir was hugely appreciated. Fortunately, the predicted rain did not eventuate, so the more than 100 attendees were able to participate without getting soaked.

Our service was again led by Master of Ceremonies, Michael Robin, with Pastor Finn Klein of St Michael's Lutheran Church leading the prayers. Senior students from the Hahndorf Primary School and St Michael's School read poems relevant to the occasion.

Lt Andy Williams of the Hahndorf CFS was our Guest Speaker. Andy, a retired Lt. Colonel, gave a powerful oration which touched on the themes of sacrifice, service, courage, commitment, support and resilience, and the role of family and community in supporting our service personnel, and each other. These themes have ongoing relevance in our own community, and Andy's speech was a timely reminder to all in attendance.

Choir Cecilia, which is based in Mt Barker, accepted our invitation to perform again at the ceremony after their debut in Hahndorf last year. The moving Lee Kernaghan song 'Spirit of the Anzacs' was sung by the Choir members, along with the National Anthem, and we hope this connection with the Choir will continue.

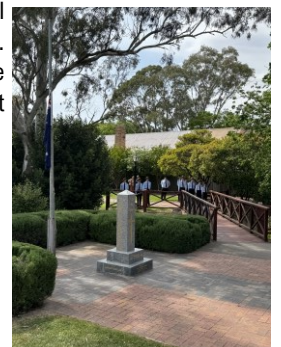
Another connection that was established in 2023 and continued in 2024 was with the cadets of 602 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets who provided the Catafalque Party, this year carrying weapons, which added to the gravitas of the occasion. Sincere thanks go to Pilot Officer Ben Gage, who commanded the cadets, and who made the process of organising the Catafalque Party so much easier. We hope the cadets will also continue their connection with the Hahndorf ceremony into the future.

We greatly appreciate the attendance of our Bugler, Lester Francis – the Last Post and Rouse are the iconic elements of the ceremony, never failing to generate strong emotion and memories, and we are very grateful to Lester for his musical prowess and support.

Wreaths were laid by members of the community, including representatives of Federal and State Parliaments, Mt Barker Council, community groups including ex-service and service clubs, schools, churches, and businesses, and individuals also had the opportunity to lay personal tributes. After the ceremony, a delicious morning tea, catered for by the Kaffeehaus, was held in the Institute Supper Room and attended by many from the ceremony.

Thank you so much to those HCA members who assisted with various aspects of the Remembrance Day ceremony, and to Mt Barker Council, in addition to those mentioned above, who all contributed to a solemn and successful event. Also, special thanks to Julie Klau for assistance with the program, and to Cartridge World in Mt Barker for printing the program at short notice.

Deb Painter



## Hahndorf Branch National Trust of SA

Some longer-time residents of Hahndorf may remember the blue and gold plaques that used to be on many of Hahndorf's historic buildings. They briefly identified who built them, when they were built and how they were used, and were of great interest to visitors to the village. They were designed, produced and installed by Hahndorf National Trust in 1988, with some more added in 2010. Now, sadly almost all of them have disappeared; either removed by the occupiers/owners of the buildings or possibly vandalised. Now we are having discussions with Mount Barker District Council on the possibility of replacing them with something similar, and hopefully with additional protection. It is a fairly lengthy process, requiring approval from Heritage SA, the Council itself, and the buildings' owners. We also hope to elicit support from the Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association and the Hahndorf Community Association.



**New Members.** There are many people in South Australia who are passionate about preserving and promoting our history, heritage and culture. The Hahndorf Branch has benefited from this, and has welcomed a number of new members during the past fourteen months, most recently Marcus and Stephanie, who have joined us from interstate, and locals Carola and Jo. Carola, we are delighted to say, has agreed to take on the role of treasurer, allowing Lyndell to finally retire from the position after many years. And last year new member, Sharon, became our very active and efficient secretary, bringing new enthusiasm to the role.

**Imagine The Past.** The annual SA History Festival is fast approaching, and we will once again have two events to enjoy: the first is the OPEN DAY at the Schmidt-Rodert Hof, No.20 Main Street, on Sunday 4 May from 11am to 3pm. This is an opportunity to explore Hahndorf's oldest surviving Prussian farm complex, dating back to the earliest days of European settlement. The bake oven (pictured) will be fired up to produce wonderful traditional loaves of bread, and there will be other domestic products to make and sample.



### Pioneer Women's Trail Walk Event- Hahndorf to Beaumont House

We usually see over 1000 participants register for the event that takes place on Sunday 18 May starting at the Hahndorf Academy at 8.30am. It honours the pioneer women who walked once or twice a week to Adelaide (and back) in its first twenty years, carrying much needed produce to the town. The event would not take place without the help of more than 35 volunteers who help on the day at the start locations and as marshals along the route, keeping walkers on the straight and narrow, and offering encouragement and assistance where needed. If you would like to join this fantastic group of volunteers for 2-3 hours on the day, please phone Annette. For more information and to register for the 17th annual event visit [www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/pioneer-womens-trail-walk/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/pioneer-womens-trail-walk/)

Annette Humphries, Chairperson 0452 030 357

## Honouring Two Hahndorf Heritage Champions

At the State National Trust AGM on November 30 at Ayers House, two dedicated Hahndorf volunteers, Annette Humphries (Chairperson) and Lyndell Davidge (outgoing Treasurer), were awarded Honorary Life Membership. This rare honour recognizes their incredible contributions, particularly to the annual Pioneer Women's Trail event.

### Lyndell Davidge

A founding member of the Hahndorf Branch since 1979, Lyndell played a key role in lobbying for Hahndorf's State Heritage Area declaration in 1988. Over 45 years, she has passionately fought to preserve the village's heritage through petitions, court appearances, and historical research. Lyndell has been the go-to expert for family history inquiries, holding a vast knowledge of Hahndorf's past. She also helped grow the Pioneer Women's Trail event from 100 participants in 2009 to over 1,000 in 2024. Despite ongoing health challenges, she continues sharing her expertise through presentations and community engagement. After many years as Treasurer, she has now passed the role to Carola Sanders.

### Annette Humphries

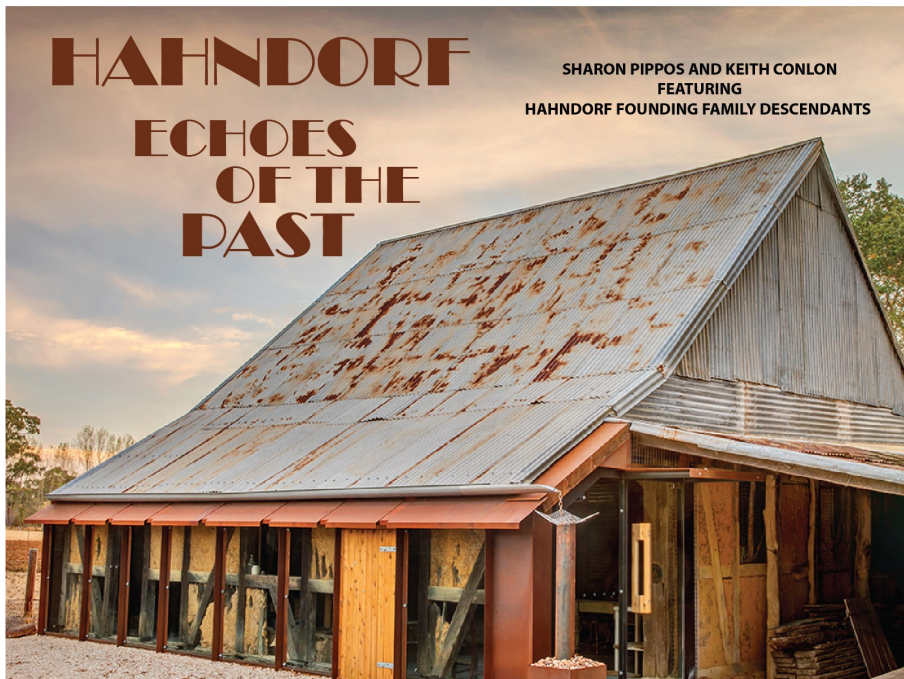
Annette joined the National Trust in the late 1980s and has been an active member ever since. Although now living in Adelaide, she remains deeply committed to Hahndorf's history. Many may remember her from the 1980s when she and her then-husband ran the Zebra art and craft gallery, later expanding it into the Prince George Bed and Breakfast. Over the years, Annette has served as Treasurer, Secretary, and now Chairperson. Since 2010, she has been the volunteer coordinator for the Pioneer Women's Trail event and has worked with Hahndorf Primary School students on trail walks since the 1980s. She also spearheaded the installation of trail signage and is planning new storyboards to enhance the experience for future walkers.

### The Pioneer Women's Trail Legacy

Lyndell was part of a small team that rediscovered and mapped the Pioneer Women's Trail in 1980, leading to its official opening in 2007. Annette and Lyndell have since ensured the event's success, inspiring thousands to walk in the footsteps of Hahndorf's early women. Their dedication has left a lasting impact on the village and its heritage. The Hahndorf Branch and the community thank them both for their invaluable contributions—this honour is truly well deserved!



Images: left- Margaret Brook, Rose Turner, Holly Turner, Sharon Pippos, Lyndell Davidge. Right- Annette Humphries, Lyndell Davidge and Paul Leadbeter, Councillor and President CHAC.



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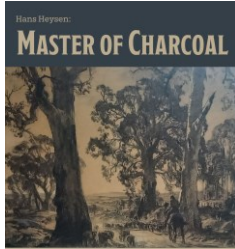
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# HEYSEN THE CEDARS

## Exhibitions On Now

Hans Heysen's 'Master of Charcoal' and Nora Heysen's 'Faces and Figures'. The current Hans Heysen



exhibition 'Master of Charcoal' displays over thirty of Hans's original charcoal works. While Hans Heysen is well known for his oil and watercolour paintings, charcoal was his favourite medium, and he referred to it as 'the mother tongue in art'. His skill and control with charcoal is evident in the pieces displayed in this exhibition highlighting his unique mastery of the medium.

'Master of Charcoal' give visitors an insight into Heysen's methods and initial planning, displaying his charcoal works and studies for his completed paintings, such as his study for the famous 'Driving into the Light'.

Nora Heysen's exhibition 'Faces & Figures' displays a collection of original works from the artist's personal collection and focuses on the portraits and studies of women. This exhibition includes selected drawings and paintings of Nora's female relatives, commissioned subjects, and models who posed for her in studios in Hahndorf, Adelaide, Sydney and London.



Nora's extraordinary skills in portraying faces and figures enabled her in 1938 to become the first female and youngest ever recipient of the Archibald Prize for Portraiture and then in 1943 being commissioned as the first Australian female war artist. Both exhibitions are a must-see in the original studios of the artists at The Cedars.

Come and join a guided tour of The Cedars (11am & 2pm, Tuesday – Sunday) where you will have the opportunity to view these exhibitions and hear the unique history of Hans and Nora Heysens' work, methods and early artistic influences. The Cedars is open Tuesday – Sunday (10am – 4:30pm) and Monday public holidays. For more information on The Cedars and to book tickets, go to our website [www.heysen.org.au](http://www.heysen.org.au)

## Volunteering at The Cedars

The Cedars is always on the lookout for passionate volunteers to join our team! We offer opportunities in retail, guiding, café and gardens. If you are interested in immersing yourself in an artistic, creative and exciting community we would love to have you! Our volunteer roles offer discounts and flexible time commitments, to learn more about our volunteer opportunities, please email us at [contactus@heysen.org.au](mailto:contactus@heysen.org.au)

## Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association and Hahndorf Residents 2025 Christmas Street Project

RE-THINK, RE-USE, RECYCLE

We are organising teams of local traders, residents, clubs, churches, schools, child-care and retirement and nursing home residents to participate in another street project similar to the Crocheted Christmas Tree but this time a bigger and more expansive display incorporating recycled and re-used items together with a variety of crafts ideas.



The idea is to decorate the entire Main Street in conjunction with the Hahndorf Business & Tourism Association's annual Christmas display. If you would like to join us to find out more about this please contact Carolyn [hello@storinson.com.au](mailto:hello@storinson.com.au) or Gail 0408 830 204 [pandgvr@bigpond.com](mailto:pandgvr@bigpond.com)

Help be part of teams creating a remarkable display using craft skills, knitting, crochet, wood-working skills and floral art.

## Let's kick off Season 2025!



Everyone is welcome to the Hahndorf Soccer Club Season Launch, from 4pm on Saturday 22nd March. Meet our junior and senior teams, enjoy the BBQ, show off your skills in the half-time competitions, and of course watch some of the beautiful game – our Past Players Match is always a spectator favourite! Keen to try it yourself? HSC has teams for all ages and abilities, so get in touch via [hahndorfsc.com](http://hahndorfsc.com) and see why we're the heart of Hills soccer.

## MBDC Infrastructure Update



Hahndorf Mainstreet Maintenance Plan. Following the withdrawal of Federal and State funding for the Hahndorf Mainstreet Upgrade Council are committed to improve localised pedestrian and streetscape infrastructure along the Hahndorf Main Street (Mount Barker Road).

Mount Barker District Council is well aware of the asset condition of the Hahndorf Main Street and to this end in September 2024, via a Council resolution, \$200,000 was committed for footpath maintenance and safety improvements to the Main Street precinct. Only priority maintenance works are being considered at this time so that the asset life can be extended until further funding can be secured to deliver the main street upgrade.

Over 30 different maintenance works have been identified which informs the scope of this maintenance plan and these include:

- Relay pavers and repair undulations in footpaths to reduce "ponding"
- Replace sections of damaged kerbing
- Infill some verges with natural coloured granitic sand to reduce trip hazards and improve presentation of the verges
- Replace some damaged stormwater outlets
- Replacement of wayfinding signage in key locations
- Replacement tree planting and landscaping (where possible)

The works are considered important to protect public safety and improve the presentation of the Main Street in order to maintain this precinct as one of the State's premier tourist destinations.

These works are planned to commence in early March and last approximately 4 weeks. Closer to the start date, traders and residents along the Main Street will be directly notified via letter drop. Please call Council on 8391 7200 should you wish to discuss further. Project Contacts Brett Watson and Nathan Franklin – Mount Barker District Council.



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## Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club



Happy New Year from all of us at the Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club. We hope the year ahead is fantastic and prosperous for everyone.

We had a very successful Lions Christmas Cake and Pudding sale as well Christmas Stocking and Trailer raffle and raised much-needed funds for our community! A big shoutout and THANK YOU to everyone who bought a ticket and/or cake and pudding—your support means the world.

We also fired up the BBQ at Hahndorf Primary School to raise funds for the school's 2025 Pedal Prix participation across South Australia.

On January 19th, we had our annual Swap Meet. It was a scorching day and we had fewer vendors than last year, but it still went smoothly. A huge thanks to the Hahndorf cricket and netball clubs for their help on the day. We really appreciate it!

Hahndorf locals, don't forget about our local bottle run on the first Sunday of each month! Please have your donations kerbside by 8am for collection.

We want to share our sadness over the passing of Hahndorf's beloved author, Mr. Reginald Graham Butler OAM, in December. It's heartening to know his memorabilia is now in the care of the Beerenberg proprietors. A special thank you to Carol Paech and her family for making this possible.

We were also deeply shocked by the tragic death of our local butcher, Tim Noske. Our thoughts are with his family, and may he rest in peace.

Have you ever thought about making a real difference in our community? The Hahndorf Lions Club is looking for volunteers to join our efforts in youth programs, health campaigns, environmental projects and local community events. It's a chance to give back, meet great people, and feel good doing it. Whether you have a lot of time or just a little, every bit helps. Let's work together to keep Hahndorf & Districts thriving and cared for. Join us today! Give Denis a call on 0428 609 343.



Images: courtesy of Hahndorf Lions Club



Exciting news! The redesigned museum will be open in late March with a launch in May for the History Festival. We have been busy redesigning and researching more stories about Hahndorf and First Nations culture. Thank you to our team of researchers, historians and designers. This project was made possible by our amazing volunteer team and a TICSIA grant.

Hahndorf in Autumn is a delight and we have for some wonderful events to offer you, all the dates are below so pop them in your diary.

**DOG EXHIBITION AND DOG FASHION PARADE** is back by popular demand in April, bring your pooch to the dog fashion parade and win prizes for the best outfit, if you match your outfit with your dog, even better. Saturday April 26 at 2-4pm.

In May we partner with the South Australian history festival, to celebrate several history events including:

**THE LAUNCH OF THE REDESIGNED MUSEUM** with special guest speakers. Sunday May 4 at 2-4pm.

**IMAGINE THE PAST** in the gardens with displays of 19th C trades and crafts including historical tools, embroidery and Victorian dressed ladies, plus more! Sunday May 4 at 10am-4pm.

**NORA HEYSEN EXHIBITION** curated by Allan Campbell from *The Cedars* with a collection of works from Nora's time in the Pacific Islands, including artefacts from Tineriba Gallery. Friday May 9 at 6pm.

**JAN BROWN**, a local Hills artist is also exhibiting with us in May with some beautiful landscape paintings.

In June and July, we include exhibitions with Country Arts called Island welcome with jewellery and upstairs with Fleurieu artist Rebecca McEwan. In August it is the SALA festival with exhibitions by Adelaide artists Deborah Prior, Fran Callen and Marisha Matthews.

**THE HEYSEN PRIZE FOR LANDSCAPE** was awarded to Gail Hocking in November last year. Gail works in Hahndorf, so we feel like she is a local and we are thrilled that she won this award.

**JOIN US.** Do you like sharing stories and talking to people? We are looking for guides for the new museum to join our volunteer team. All training is provided. We have a friendly team and great social gatherings including discount in the shop.



Warm wishes, Rachel and the Team, Hahndorf Academy. 68 Main Street email: [contact@hahndorfacademy.org.au](mailto:contact@hahndorfacademy.org.au) or call 8388 7250

### BUKATILA

Hahndorf Academy, acknowledges that we work and walk upon the ancient lands of the Peramangk Nation and pay our respect to Peramangk Elders past and living today as the traditional custodians of this traditional land.

## Hahndorf Institute Management Committee Inc. What YOU Need to Know!

The Institute, like most community halls in the district, is owned by the Council and managed by a dedicated team of seven elected volunteers. Each member has specific responsibilities, ensuring the facility remains a valuable asset to the community. But changes are on the horizon as the MBDC has been developing a **Property Strategy Action Plan** to manage all community assets, including ovals, halls, and parks. Over the past months, elected members and committees overseeing these facilities—including our volunteer committee—have participated in workshops, submitted feedback, and engaged in group discussions to shape the future of these spaces.

One key outcome of this strategy is the transition from outdated Management Agreements to a **Licensing or Leasing model** for community facilities. The specific terms will depend on the direction taken by each committee, including ours.

Under this new licensing or leasing structure, several important factors must be addressed:

**Stewardship and Community Involvement.** How much control should we retain to maintain the Institute, preserve its historic character, and expand community engagement? The long-term future of the Institute depends on whether the Hahndorf community remains invested in its upkeep and use. Beyond operational hours, the true social value of the Institute lies in accessibility, affordability, and community participation.

**Legislative and Administrative Challenges.** Volunteers across all organisations face increasing pressure to navigate complex legislative requirements. A strong partnership with the Council will be essential to managing these responsibilities effectively. However, we must also consider the trade-offs—how much additional oversight or involvement from the Council is necessary, and at what cost to our autonomy?

**Building Improvements and Maintenance.** Clear initiatives will be needed to enhance and maintain the facility. Will the Hahndorf community continue to support minor maintenance, major projects, and events? Ensuring the Institute remains an attractive, safe, and affordable space for users depends on ongoing community support.

Our Commitment and call for volunteers is to maintain and enhance the Institute as a welcoming, safe, and affordable venue—now and for future generations. We welcome your thoughts, participation, and support as a volunteer. This is your Institute, and together, we can shape its future.



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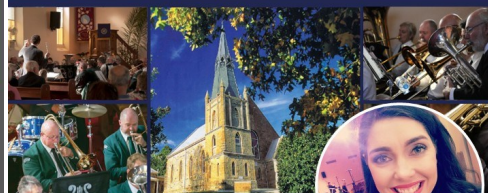
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Join in the community hymn singing with the classic sounds of brass  
Entry by \$15 Admission – Correct change please!

**2.00 pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

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Tea and coffee available during interval with a donation towards

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**ANZAC DAY WREATH MAKING**

**Learn how to make commemorative wreaths**

Join us in a relaxed workshop making wreaths that will be presented and placed on the War Memorial at the Dawn Service. **Thursday 24 April 2025 at 1:30pm**  
**Hahndorf Institute Kitchen (side entry)**  
**All Welcome**



**Community Grant Opportunity for Hahndorf Groups**

The Hahndorf Community Hall Committee is offering small grants to support local not-for-profit community and sporting groups. These grants are designed to assist with specific projects that provide a direct benefit to the Hahndorf community. If your group has a project that could make a positive impact, we encourage you to apply for funding.

For more details, please contact The Secretary at [judith\\_shanahan@hotmail.com](mailto:judith_shanahan@hotmail.com)



St Michael's Lutheran Church hosts a men's group of all ages "Men's Shed" that meets every Friday of the month. Please come and join us. For more details, please contact St Michael's Church office: 8388 122 or [church.office@stmichaels.com.au](mailto:church.office@stmichaels.com.au)

**Hahndorf Social Bowls - Coaching Free!**



Ever thought of playing bowls? Did you know coaching was FREE? Hahndorf residents are invited to join the Hahndorf Bowling Club members for an afternoon of social bowls every Wednesday and Saturday, weather permitting. From the second week of March through the end of September, the social bowls program starts at 1pm until 4pm, including an afternoon tea break.

Registration is at 12.30pm and costs \$2.00pp. Parents are also invited to bring their teenagers to be involved in the bowling. No experience is necessary, as our coaching panel will be on hand to take you through the basics, and bowls will be provided. Coaching is free and can be continued to suit each person's abilities.

All you need to do is call Chris Button on 0409 089 203 for further details on the social bowls program or Club Coach Graham Evans on 0419 804 418 for coaching information.

**Useful Local Phone Numbers:**

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Police Assistance	131 444
SES	132 500
Mount Barker Police	8398 1700
CFS Bushfire Info Hotline	1300 362 361
Hahndorf Medical Centre	8388 7066
Hahndorf Academy	8388 7250
Hahndorf Institute (to book)	0438 812 355
Hahndorf Primary & Preschool	8388 7058
Mount Barker Council	8391 7200
Mount Barker Hospital	8393 1777
St Michael's Lutheran Primary	8388 7228
St Paul's Church Hall Bookings	0417 835 837
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**The Hahndorf Community Association:** To get involved or for further information please contact Greg Lomax on 0414 500 150, or [hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com](mailto:hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com)

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