

Celebrating
— 20 YEARS —

Hahndorf Community News & Views

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Celebrating Heritage: The Avenue of 54 Commemorative Trees

More than 25 years ago, a Community Consultation Workshop sought to develop a public art concept that celebrates the role of Hahndorf's pioneer women. The living tribute, one most locals enjoy everyday either by taking their daily walk beneath them or enjoying the view they provide as they drive past, and visitors to Hahndorf swoon over every autumn. This living tribute runs along the eastern side of Mount Barker Road, just past Ambleside Road and stretching toward River Road and is named the **Avenue of 54 Commemorative Trees**.

Planted around the year 2000, each of the 54 trees represents one of the original German settler families who helped shape the town. Collectively, they honour the remarkable contributions of pioneer women who provided fresh produce to early Adelaide settlers, supported their families through challenging times and helped lay the foundations for the thriving community that Hahndorf is today.



A small granite stone and plaque, installed through a Community Grant from the Mount Barker District Council to the Hahndorf Community Association (HCA), sits on the verge at 129 Mount Barker Road. The plaque directs visitors' attention to the avenue and reads:

"This Avenue of 54 trees commemorates the Pioneer Women of Hahndorf and the part they played in the provision of fresh produce to the early settlers in Adelaide."



For those admiring the brilliant autumn colours these trees provide or taking part in the Pioneer Women's Walk, each step along this leafy avenue is a walk through history—a reminder of the families who settled the town and the women whose contributions continue to shape Hahndorf's community today.

Text source: localwiki.org/adelaide-hills/Hahndorf_-_Main_Street.; Hero Image source: Mrs. Nadia Fountas, 18 March 2026. Images to right: Lindsay Eden, Pioneering women of Hahndorf, May 2021. google.com/maps/contrib/116472061607537537465/photos

Did you know the **Hahndorf Village Voice** has been bringing news and stories from around our community for **20 years**? Each edition of the *Village Voice* is carefully developed on a volunteer basis, with the community being top-of-mind. Each edition is preserved at the State Library of South Australia, where copies are stored as part of the state's historical collection. This means that every article, photograph, and announcement becomes part of the official historical record—ensuring that future generations will be able to look back and see how our community lived, celebrated, and grew over time.

The *Hahndorf Village Voice* plays a vital role in documenting everyday history of our Village. So next time you read a copy of the *Village Voice*, remember—you're not just reading the news, you're reading a piece of **Hahndorf's history in the making**.



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Hahndorf Branch National Trust of SA

The Hahndorf Branch of the National Trust has expanded its activities to include a number of new projects.

But first, I would like to remind you that our two History Festival events are coming up. One is the annual Pioneer Women's Trail on Sunday 17 May 2026, commemorating Hahndorf's pioneer women, and the women of the Peramangk and Kaurna people who walked the trail for millennia. The second event is the open day and bake oven event at the Rodert/Schmidt Hof at 20 Main Street on Sunday 3 May 2026. This is the only early farmlet and buildings still existing in Hahndorf dating from about 1840.

Our longest running project is the upgrading of the blue plaques on Hahndorf's historic buildings, with the addition of some new ones. It has taken some time to identify missing and damaged plaques, and to obtain permission from the appropriate departments and owners, most of whom are kindly funding their own plaques. We will also be printing a new guide for residents and visitors to use when viewing Hahndorf's heritage.

A new project is to create mosaics to be displayed on stobie poles, starting just east of the upgraded River Road intersection. An enthusiastic group attended three workshops, organised by Sharon Pippas from the National Trust. She engaged Kristin Wohlers to teach the groups. This took place at the Adelaide Hills Life Skills (AHH) shed, and we were delighted that no rent was charged! The project is supported by a most welcome donation from the Beerenberg Foundation.

Finally, we are planning to have regular events that may interest the village community. The first is a presentation in the historic barn at the Beerenberg Farm and a visit to the Hahndorf Archives in the Lubasch Cottage. This will take place from 10.30am until about 12.00noon on Tuesday, 21 April 2026. For more information and to reserve a place, please phone Sharon Pippas on 0477 288 011.

Annette Humphries,
Chairperson, Hahndorf Branch of National Trust

Images courtesy— Hahndorf Branch National Trust



Hahndorf History & Heritage Association (HHHA)

In a previous edition (#80) of the Village Voice, we shared news about the development of the Hahndorf Archives, which brings together the lifetime Library and Archival Collections of R.G (Reg) Butler O.A.M and E.A (Allan) Wittwer. Their Collections of historical documents, books, artefacts and related materials are now housed in Lubasch Cottage at Beerenberg Farm where they are being preserved and catalogued in order for the records to be publicly accessible for future generations.

Further exciting progress has since been made. In October 2025, the Hahndorf Archive was formally incorporated under the name Hahndorf History & Heritage Association Inc., and the first AGM was held on 18 February 2026.

Reg Butler was a prolific writer whose extensive research has been preserved by Tony Finnis, also a Hahndorf resident and a descendant of Captain Finnis. For many years Tony Finnis, a member of the Hahndorf National Trust, has also been contributing information to the Adelaide Hills LocalWiki page by digitising historical information including much of Reg Butler's files. Tony's efforts to bring these files to life should be highly commended.

If you would like more information, please email hahndorfarchives@beerenberg.com.au or visit www.beerenberg.com.au/pages/hahndorf-archives for further details.

Images courtesy— Hahndorf Archives and LocalWiki website



Matters: A Call to Action

Let's build a stronger, more connected community together.

There's something special about living in a close-knit community. Whether it's sharing a friendly wave on your morning walk, supporting local footy teams, or coming together for fundraising barbies at the local park, it's the people who make our neighbourhood vibrant and welcoming.

The heartbeat of our community. Our community thrives because of the passion, care, and involvement of its members. Every event, from the annual markets to clean-up days along the creek, relies on volunteers giving their time and energy. These contributions not only keep our community ticking but also foster a sense of belonging that's hard to find elsewhere.

Why Get Involved?

- Make a real difference: Your skills and time can help shape local projects, improve shared spaces, and support those in need.
- Meet new people: Volunteering is a fantastic way to connect with neighbours, make friends and expand your network.
- Learn and grow: Get involved in your community association committee, assist in fundraising. You'll develop new skills and discover talents you never knew you had.
- Set an example: When you step up, you inspire others—especially young people—to take pride in our community and lend a hand.

Opportunities to Get Involved

There are plenty of ways to pitch in, no matter your age, background or schedule:

- ⇒ Join the Hahndorf Community Association, or help with the VV
- ⇒ Help out at the community-based activities
- ⇒ Volunteer at the Hahndorf Memorial Institute or the Hahndorf Academy
- ⇒ Organise or participate in clean-up days and tree-planting events
- ⇒ Share your expertise—whether it's gardening, IT skills, or first aid—with your community groups

How to Get Started?

It's easy to get involved! Start by reaching out to the HCA via social media, read your community noticeboards at the post office and at the Institute, or chat with neighbours. Attend the next community meeting, contact us by email hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com.au or phone and ask how you can help out.

Together, we can achieve more

Our community is only as strong as the people who support it. By getting involved, you're not just helping others—you're enriching your own life and helping to build a legacy for future generations. Whether you can give an hour a week or just lend a hand for a single event, every bit counts.

So don't wait for someone else to step up, your community needs you! Let's work together to make our neighbourhood a better place for everyone.

Hahndorf Community Association Meetings

Upcoming Community Meetings held at 7:30pm
at the Hahndorf Institute Supper Room (side entry)

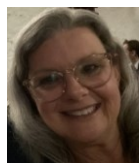
Wednesday 8th April 2026

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Wednesday 10th June 2026

Hahndorf Community Association

The past few months have seen your HCA very busy, with our focus squarely on the upcoming state election. We have endeavoured to provide the Hahndorf community with opportunities to meet the candidates vying for our votes and to discuss the issues that matter most to our community. In lieu of our regular community meeting, we held a community forum on Wednesday 11 February 2026, which was a great success.



Thank you to the community members and candidates who attended, asked questions, and participated so constructively. I see this as an important part of your HCA's role.

In addition, we have been working closely with council to bring our Heritage Barn project to life. This has truly been a labour of love and a long, drawn-out process. Rest assured, we are getting close to receiving planning approval, and we are hopeful that reconstruction of the barn will commence very soon. If you would like to support our fundraising for the historic barn reconstruction, donations can be made to:

Hahndorf Community Association

BSB: 805 050

Account: 102 212 676

Reference: Barn. Receipts are available upon request. For enquiries, please contact hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com

We have also been working closely with council and are seeing progress on several key projects, including the refurbishment of the Captain Hahn Memorial in Pioneer Park, the Main Street maintenance plan, and parking and traffic solution plans. We continue to advocate strongly with the state government for solutions to traffic congestion and for a pedestrian bridge over the Onkaparinga River to link the town with the Pioneer Women's Trail.

Our top five concerns for Hahndorf remain:

1. Traffic congestion and the need for a bypass for through traffic
2. Parking and the need for a definitive solution
3. Renewal of the Onkaparinga Bridge, or at the very least, a pedestrian bridge
4. Main Street upgrade, cleanup, and refresh
5. The lack of a bricks-and-mortar Visitor Information Centre

HCA welcomes and supports the Reimagine Christmas Project's ongoing creative work to decorate our Village during the 2026 Festive Season.

We are pleased to collaborate with the National Trust Hahndorf Branch on their mosaic project. In the spirit of the early Prussian Lutherans who established this village, we are collectively creating mosaic artworks intended to endure for many decades. HCA intends to contribute at least one mosaic to this initiative. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com or on 0432 673 339.

Many of you may not be aware that your Village Voice newsletter is an HCA publication, designed to keep the community informed and involved in local happenings. Articles, contributions, and advertisements are an important part of the newsletter, and community input is strongly encouraged.

Sincerely,
Shirley Howe, HCA Chairperson
0432 673 339

Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association

As Acting Chair of a new-look 2026 HBTA Executive Committee, I'm pleased to be working with a small group of dedicated volunteer local business owners who have stepped forward to help guide the Association over the coming months.

Autumn is arguably the most beautiful season in Hahndorf, as the leaves turn along Main Street and visitors arrive in the Adelaide Hills for Gather Round, Easter and the many events taking place across the region.

Behind the scenes, the committee is focusing on practical matters that affect both traders and residents. This includes recent discussions with Mount Barker District Council regarding the number and servicing of public bins along Main Street, as well as maintaining the Main Street paving so it remains safe for pedestrians.

We appreciate the many unsung heroes who, out of care for Hahndorf, pick up rubbish as they make their way through the village. Thank you.

Following enquiries from traders, Mount Barker District Council has confirmed there are currently 26 public bins along the 1.08 km length of Main Street, with an average spacing of about 40 metres. In some sections the distance between bins can be up to 115 metres.

Bins are serviced **three times per week** (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) throughout the year. An additional Saturday morning collection operates from October to April, and during the peak December-January event period Council installs an extra 20 temporary 240L bins to help manage visitor numbers.

If you notice bins overflowing, believe additional bins may be needed, or have any other matter that requires Council's attention, please report it through the **My Local Services app**.

Details: <https://www.localcouncils.sa.gov.au/my-local-services-app>

If you would like to contact the HBTA, please email contact@hahndorfsa.org.au

Cathryn Nitschke
Acting Chair, HBTA



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Councillor's Corner

Council Matters



Upgrades and works at the junction at River Road are nearly done, but pavement and edge deterioration remain safety issues, with pot-holing and water sheeting reported. The Verdun interchange has commenced, with freeway speed limits set to be reduced during construction, aiming for completion by late 2027.

Facilities & Consultation

A draft council policy on leasing and licensing for community sports grounds and facilities is open for consultation, seeking consistency while valuing flexibility and the work of community stewards.

A car-parking study is underway—HCA and HBTA are invited to provide feedback on plans for new parking at council-owned 108 Main Street, improved way-finding, and time-limited key area spaces.

The footpath condition on the main street continues to be problematic although council staff have committed to a regular works program—longer-term solutions are probably needed. Please report any incidents— we want to keep records of any safety hazards.

Traffic & Community

Main Street congestion is at its worst this year. The council will investigate a traffic management plan, drawing on community input and analysis to develop solutions for walking, cycling, and better flows, with support from all government levels.

Other Matters

The Hahndorf Visitor Centre remains under discussion, with community views encouraged despite resourcing challenges.

Key Events

- HCA meeting: 8th April 2026

Pioneer Women's Trail walk: 17th May 2026

Sincerely,

Anne Fordham
South Ward Councillor
0427208223
anne.fordham@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

Celebrating 30 Years of C3 Church Adelaide Hills & Ps Bruce & Julie Williams for 30 Years of Ministry

C3 Church Adelaide Hills has celebrated their 30th birthday, marking a significant milestone for one of Hahndorf's churches.

An event, held in November 2025, also marked the retirement of founding Senior Ministers Ps Bruce and Julie Williams, who planted the church in 1995 with a small group meeting at Nairne Primary School. What began with just 23 people has since grown into a vibrant faith community in the heart of the Adelaide Hills.

In 2004, the church moved into its current building on Hahndorf's Main Street, transforming the space into a place for worship, connection, and community. Over the years, the church has become well known locally for its dance school (Dance Fusion), playgroup, youth and family programs, collaboration with local schools and of course, Hahndorf Christkindlmarkt. This event ran for 10 years and grew into a major event attracting tens of thousands of visitors to the town. Though it has now concluded, it has marked Hahndorf as a hub for Christmas festivities, where people can enjoy community, laughter and celebration at Christmas time.

C3 Adelaide Hills has also expanded its reach beyond the Hills, starting C3 churches in other parts of Adelaide and taking mission trips to eastern Europe and to Fiji. The milestone was a time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look ahead with confidence, as C3 Adelaide Hills continues its role in the life of the Hahndorf and Adelaide Hills community. As part of the celebrations, Ps Jon and Emma Oertel were officially introduced as the new Senior Ministers. They bring continuity, a love for people and a commitment to helping them find faith in God and connection to a community of believers to journey through life with. Along with their 4 children, they love the Adelaide Hills and welcome you to join them for Sunday worship at 10am.



Images courtesy- C3 Church Adelaide Hills



St Michael's Early Learning Centre Official Opening

The Official Opening of the St Michael's Early Learning Centre was celebrated by the St Michael's congregation and school on Sunday March 1st 2026. The day consisted of thanksgiving, celebration, tours of the brand-new preschool centre and sensational cake.

The centre was officially opened by Mr Scott Fairley, long-standing school chair. Special guests and donors of the property upon which the ELC is built, Mr John and Mrs Lyn Nitschke were given the honour of being the first people through the door of the officially opened building.

Located on Church Street and offering a quality pre-school program as well as long daycare, the centre is set to open its doors to students from April 27th this year.

Enrolment tours are being conducted now. Contact St Michael's school for more information on 08 83887228

Image: Terri Taylor (Principal) and Scott Fairley (Board Chair) cut the celebratory cake at the opening of the St Michael's ELC.



Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club Strengthening Community, One Project at a Time



For over 50 years, the Lions Club of Hahndorf & Districts has worked to keep our town's spirit thriving. From our support for local sporting clubs, schools, regional skin cancer screening bus and many others to our local fundraising, our mission is simple: Our motto is - "We Serve" - which to Lions means selfless service to others in need in our local communities.

Hahndorf's Anzac Day ceremony commences from 6:30am at the Cenotaph in Alec Johnston Park. Your Lions Club hopes to meet our large population of Veterans plus families and Community wishing to pay their respects on Anzac Day 2026. A free breakfast cooked by the Hahndorf CFS brigade with the Lions Assistance Dogs club volunteers assisting in the kitchen and serving will be available at the Institute after the service.

Hahndorf bottle collection - Did you know on the first Sunday morning of each month we collect refundable & glass bottles from around Hahndorf. Let us know if you want to put out your bottles. This helps us reduce bottles going to landfill and raises funds to be used locally.

2026 Swap Meet: Our January event at the Hahndorf Oval was a massive success, hosting 175 sites with over 1800 entrants. The Hahndorf CFS brigade held their outstanding BBQ, setting up on Saturday night with volunteers staying overnight and started cooking at first light A callout at 5am did not faze them, the BBQ continued and the truck was back in an hour. Another job well done by our local volunteers.

Our annual Christmas trailer raffle was a great success, congratulations to our winners and thanks to all who bought tickets. Our delicious Christmas cakes and puddings almost sold out. We have a few left - if you want one just for a very tasty treat, please let us know. hahndorf.sa@lions.org.au. Did you know? - Lions Clubs around Australia sold 546 TONNES (that's 54,600kg) of Christmas Cakes and puddings in 2025.

Assistance Dogs: We continue to champion the Lions Hearing & Medical Dogs training centre here in the Hills. A Hahndorf Lions Club member is 'hosting' a trainee dog. Raising it from a puppy to hopefully graduate as an assistance dog. Graduation is not guaranteed, Lions Assistance Dogs boasts a high success rate (over 80%) but ensures that dogs who do not make the grade still find appropriate, loving homes.

Recycle for Sight program, we are currently collecting used spectacles to provide vision to those in need globally.

We Want Your Ideas!

Lions are about local impact, and we want to know what Hahndorf needs next. We want to hear your ideas. Whether it's a park improvement, support for a local youth group, or an environmental project or anything else you would like us to consider. One of our project ideas in the very early stages of developing is a "Digital Town Clock and Community Notice Board". Let us know your thoughts especially if you would like to be involved.

- Suggest a Project: Tell us where we can help.
- Partner with Us: Let's collaborate on a community event.
- Join the Club: We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Hahndorf Football Club Rooms (7:00pm). Contact us: hahndorf.sa@lions.org.au

Together, we serve.
Steven Taylor-Hull,
Vice President

Images courtesy- Hahndorf & Districts Lions Club



Jump Into Kindergym!

Fun, movement and discovery for kids 0-5.

Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30
(term time) in the
St Michael's school gym.

stmichaels.sa.edu.au/learning/kindergym/



St Michael's
Lutheran Primary School



Exciting news! We are publishing a new history book about the incredible stories of Hahndorf, Bukatila. The book will reflect our newly renovated museum, and it will be available in our shop within the next few months.



We are also excited that Autumn is here! We have some wonderful exhibitions and activities to offer you.

THE DOG EXHIBITION is back by popular demand in March through to 29 April 2026 which includes a community gallery for Adelaide and Hills artists, and we have lots of locals participating this year.

THE ART STUDIO at the front of the building offers a free art activity for all ages. Currently you can 'Draw Your Dog'. This is a free drawing activity for all our visitors, and the drawings can go up on the walls and be part of the studio exhibition. We receive an overwhelming response to the art studio activities, come and try it for yourself, no skills required; it is fun and free!



In May we partner with the South Australian History Festival, to celebrate history with three exhibitions including Sophie Hann, Marina Finlay, India Flint and Selected works from our collection curated by Callum Docherty.

June to July exhibitions include Daryl Austin, Helen Fuller, Central School of Art Graduates Susan Wakefield, Taliesin Ryan, Rose Perkins and Marian Sandberg.

The pottery studio is growing, and we have employed a new potter to help us run more adult classes, including come and try and 8-week beginner classes. Plus, we have a kids pottery class that will run for 8-weeks starting in May where kids will learn all about clay and making vessels, sculptures and all sorts!

JOIN OUR TEAM. Are you interested in the history of Hahndorf? We are looking for volunteers in our museum to welcome our visitors and share stories about Hahndorf and the museum. All training is provided; we have a friendly team and great social gatherings including discounts in the shop. Chat to Rachel if you are interested.

Thank you for supporting us, keep in touch, pop in and say hello, visit our exhibitions. You are always welcome!

For any enquiries email us at events@hahndorfacademy.org.au or call 8388 7250

Warm wishes to you all from Rachel and the team.

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.

Images courtesy- Hahndorf Academy



Fun, Fitness, Friends & Football

Soccer season is on the way, with our Women's teams already commenced, with our Men's & Juniors kicking off soon. There's still a few spots for new players, so check out our website for Come & Try days or more info www.hahndorfscc.com

As a grassroots club, we value having community members of all abilities as part of the club – whether your thing is playing or coaching or off-pitch involvement like gardening, checking equipment, or simply being a friendly face here at the heart of Hills soccer.



Image courtesy: Hahndorf Soccer Club



FREE CLEAN GREEN WASTE DAYS 2026

Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd May
Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October
Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October
Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November
8:30am - 4:30pm DAILY
Windmill Hill Transfer Station

For more information about what is acceptable clean green waste, visit <https://www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/services/waste-and-recycling/freecleangreenwastedrop-offdays>

Hahndorf Memorial Institute

Introducing the Management Committee

The Hahndorf Memorial Institute Management Committee currently includes: Casey Varnos, Sarenah Gallasch, Cheryl McLean, Andy Delin, Tony Hannan, Vanessa Lynch, Jamie Lynch, Ann Haines, Wendy Flynn (retiring).



With two members retiring, the committee **urgently needs at least two new members**. This is a great opportunity to become involved in caring for a true Hahndorf icon—maintaining the building both physically and financially for the community. Our committee is a dedicated group of volunteers who value this safe and welcoming space in town. The Institute is not only a meeting place but also an important piece of Hahndorf heritage, dating back to 1893, and a building our community is committed to preserving. If you would like to get involved, please contact:

hahndorfmemorialinstitute@gmail.com or 0427 082 053

What the Management Committee Does

The Management Committee is an Incorporated Body that manages funds set aside for the maintenance and improvement of the Institute. The building continues to be available for community use, with organisations and individuals able to hire one or both halls for:

- Events, Markets, Concerts, Meetings, Gym and Pilates classes, Choir rehearsals, Community information sessions

Institute Updates

Recent and current projects include:

Supper Room Upgrade – Installation of air conditioning and acoustic panels.

New Flagpole – After 70 years the existing pole has worn out. In partnership with Council and the DVA committee, plans are underway to install a new flagpole to fly the flag on appropriate days.

Council Policy Review – The committee is working through a new Recreation and Community Facility Policy endorsed by Council. This policy aims to create the right balance of responsibilities and maintenance across all Council properties while recognising that each hall or recreation space has its own character and community needs.

If you have a **keen and analytical mindset**, we would love you to join the committee and help ensure the Institute continues to be well managed.

Volunteers Welcome

We also warmly welcome volunteers who can assist with **one-off or regular tasks**, including:

- Stocktaking supplies
- Weekly hall checks for maintenance issues
- Bathroom checks (professional cleaning occurs weekly)
- Sweeping exterior areas
- Pruning roses
- Removing spider webs

Many small contributions help keep this **important Hahndorf landmark tidy and welcoming**.

Coming Events at the Institute in 2026

- **April 19** – Carter Harps Concert, 2:00 pm
- **April 24** – Wreath Making Workshop, 1:30 pm
- **April 25** – ANZAC Day Dawn Breakfast
- **June 14** – Town Band, 12:00 – 4:00 pm
- **June 27–28** – Jon Ordon Records
- **July 18–19** – Kerren Hampton (Model Horse Club Show)

See you at the Institute!

For enquiries, contact **Ann** on 0427 082 053.

Hahndorf Town Band Celebrates 100 Years of Music

This year marks an extraordinary milestone for the Hahndorf Town Band as it celebrates its 100th year of bringing music to the community.

Since its founding in 1926, the band has been a familiar and much-loved presence at local events, from community festivals and parades to commemorative services and seasonal celebrations. Generations of Hills residents have played in the band, making it one of the longest-standing community organisations in the district.

Throughout the past century, the band has provided not only music but also a place for people of all ages to learn, perform and connect through a shared love of brass and concert band traditions.

To mark the centenary, a number of celebrations and performances are being planned during the year. The band is particularly keen to hear from former members or their descendants, who are warmly invited to reconnect and share memories of their time with the ensemble, please contact hahndorftownbandincorporated@gmail.com.

Community members who play an instrument, are interested in learning, or would simply like to support the band are also encouraged to get involved.

For updates on centenary events and performances, visit <https://www.facebook.com/hahndorftownband> or follow the band's community announcements.

Our next event is 'Hymns & Classics 2026'. We're playing again at Hahndorf's ANZAC service on 25th April 2026, participating in the Murray Bridge Band Festival on Saturday 30th May 2026, and are currently planning our 100th Year Showcase Concert in the Hahndorf Institute Hall on Sunday June 14th, 2026 commencing at 2:00pm.

Here's to the next hundred years of music in Hahndorf.

Thanks as always,

Greg Francis- 0429 929 918
Hahndorf Town Band Incorporated
PO Box 218, HAHNDORF SA 5245



Hymns & Classics
Presented by St Paul's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf

A community event featuring the
Hahndorf Town Band
with guest pianist **Baxter Gierus-Heintze**

Hear the music from the classic composers
Join in the community hymn singing with the classic
sounds of brass. Entry \$20 Admission or book online
St Paul's Lutheran Church 10 Main Street Hahndorf

2.00 pm Sunday 29th March 2026

Tea and coffee available during interval with a donation
towards the congregation's **Early Childhood Development**
Project in Finschhafen PNG

Autumn Seasonal Outlook

Despite recent rainfall, we're entering autumn with persistent long-term rain deficiencies and deep layer soil dryness.

There is a high chance of exceeding the median fire danger risk index across most of SA as a result of higher-than-average fuel curing remaining in autumn. The unseasonable slight increase in fire risk is expected to peak in April. This outlook means high degrees of vigilance and risk reduction efforts will be needed well into autumn. Visit cfs.sa.gov.au for tips on how to prepare your property and your family.

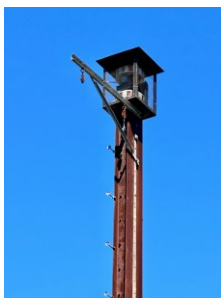
Town Siren

There has been much discussion surrounding town fire sirens since the Macclesfield fire in February 2026. The Fire and Emergency Act 2005 (section 129) allows an emergency services organisation or council to use a siren to alert a community to a threat or emergency.

Sirens have traditionally been used as a warning device for firefighters to attend the station, however we now use more modern methods to communicate with our firefighters. Hahndorf CFS continues to maintain and use our siren as a warning for the Hahndorf community. During the fire danger season, you will often hear us test the siren on a Monday night between 7.15 - 7.30pm.

If it sounds outside of this time, it means we are attending a fire nearby. You should utilise multiple information sources to get the details of the going incident, including CFS website, ABC radio, television, social media and the Alert SA app. The CFS also has an Information Hotline: 1800 362 361.

Ros Smith
Captain, Hahndorf CFS



Images courtesy- Hahndorf CFS



The Hahndorf and Hahndorf-Littlehampton Junior Football Club welcomes all local residents to take an interest in our activities and endeavours to encourage participation in AFL and build a healthy and active community.

We look forward to a successful 2026, kicking off the year with our Season Launch in February. This was a fun day to welcome new players and families; and included a visit of the SANFL Stanley H. Lewis Trophy, won by Sturt and featured two Hahndorf Juniors, Ollie Grivell and Luke Edmonds.

The junior football program is at the heart of the club's ongoing success and we continue to invite new players and families to come and join. The club offers a full pathway for both boys and girls

from U8 through to senior men and women. We are excited to field an U12 girls team for the first time in 2026.

New players are always welcome throughout the season. Auskick will be running during Term 2 of school, held on Sunday mornings (for more info see: play.afl/Auskick). We would love to see our local community come and support Hills Football. Upcoming fixtures to be held at the Hahndorf Oval are:

April 18, 2026 - Hahndorf v Onkas
April 25, 2026 - ANZAC DAY Clash, Hahndorf v Mount Barker
May 23, 2026 - Hahndorf v Uraidla

We thank the families and businesses of Hahndorf for their ongoing support as players, volunteers, sponsors and members. To find out more visit www.hahndorffc.com.au or join us on Facebook and Instagram. General inquiries: info@hahndorffc.com.au



Image courtesy- Hahndorf & Littlehampton Football Club

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RE-IMAGINE CHRISTMAS PROJECT was started in 2025 as a follow up from the original crocheted Christmas tree project of 2023.

Building on the success of the original project, a group of local residents decided to decorate the Main Street with a variety of handmade items with the theme of “RE-THINK RE-USE RE-CYCLE”.

The name Re-Imagine Christmas was based on that theme of how to make decorations for Christmas based on re-using materials. At the first meeting it was obvious that we had some imaginative and creative people in the room and one of the first suggestions was covering the flower boxes in the street.

Enter the wonderfully talented Mel. She then produced some truly gorgeous covers from a range of things donated from old table cloths, discarded quilting fabrics, table mats, table runners and scraps of materials. When it was suggested, we use old onion bags from the local fruit and veg store there were misgivings about the fact they had large labels in the middle of them. She then produced the most amazingly beautiful red bows that stood out on each box. She then turned her hand to making the superb cloth-based trees – every one of them different and unique.

The talented Helen kept on creating crocheted items by the dozen. She simply did not stop. From making hundreds of covered bells (from old plastic dessert cups) to gorgeous twisting tree hangings she continually amazed everyone with her imagination and skills. She alone crocheted the tree trimming on the large crocheted tree. Months of work done with such humour and laughter. Generous to a fault in giving her time and her energy to anyone who needed help or assistance with crocheting – not to mention her role as second in charge.

One day a lady arrived and announced that although she didn't live in Hahndorf she could crochet “a bit”. The wonderful Deb then contributed over 1000 snowflakes for the wishing well. She was always on hand and willing to do anything asked of her. We look on Deb as a honorary Hahndorfian.

When the call went out for people to crochet flowers for us, we were delighted to see a former crocheting donator arrive by the name of Ethal. Ethal and her friend then produced over 2,500 flowers for us. Each and every one matched in colour by a centre piece of either a button or a bead to compliment the wool colour. They scoured the local op shops and second-hand shops to buy the buttons etc to complete each flower. Each week a box would appear on my doorstep – they were truly amazing.

Lee and Gwen took on the role of coordinating the seat covers – producing some beautiful covers and other ornaments and securing each cover to just about every seat in town. Between them they made the old seats look bright and cheerful – a great job superbly done. They were supported by a number of locals who used the old crocheted squares and gave them a second life in the form of seat covers.

Paul, the creator of the reindeers. He said show me what you want. He then went on to make nearly 50 of them – some for us – some for family and friends who put orders in immediately upon seeing the “herd” on his workbench. He then created the fence (to keep them safe) and just about anything else we asked of him. He was incredibly generous with his time and his skills.

Therese put her hand up to co-ordinate the Christmas wreaths and started in June making the bases of every wreath from locally sourced vine cuttings. Throughout the year she kept up a constant collection of materials needed to make the wreaths and then created the workshop that produced all the wreaths in town. A truly amazing and beautiful contribution.

Narelle decided that she would produce wreaths made from bottle corks. She then set about setting collection points from several wineries and hotels and produced 9 extraordinarily beautiful and original pieces off “cork art”. These were strategically placed in the street with several offers to buy them – all of which we have declined! These precious pieces are in storage for next year.

These are just a few of the incredibly talented, imaginative and generous people in our group – and there are many, many more that I have not mentioned. This entire project would not have been possible without the support and enthusiasm shown by Carolyn Catrall of Storisons on behalf of the Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association. Without Carolyn and the HBTA we would not have been able to finance the project nor get council approval both of which were critical to us. We were also supported financially by the Hahndorf Hall Committee and Councillor Narelle Hardingham to whom we are extremely grateful.

We would love anyone who is interested to join us this year. You do not need to have any particular skills – a lot of our work is simply two hands holding a jar of paint or a pot of glue!

We would also welcome donations in the way of the following:

Old Christmas decorations
Christmas themed material or table ware
Lace curtains or tablecloths.
Buttons, beads, old jewellery
Wool – acrylic is fine

Gail Vort-Ronald,
Re-Imagine Christmas
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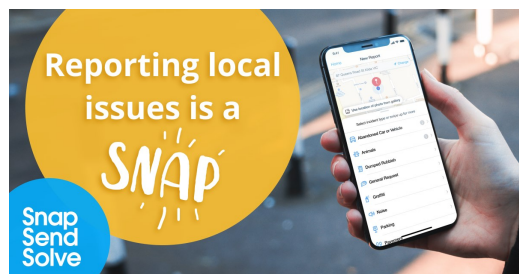
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Hahndorf Residents are reminded and encouraged to use the "Snap Send Solve" app to report any issues of concern to Mount Barker Council. It's a free app available for both iPhone and Android devices.

Users can quickly report issues by taking a photo, adding a description, and sending it to the council. This streamlined process helps expedite the resolution of issues like dumped rubbish, graffiti, or overgrown vegetation.



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Question- What can you get for \$2 in Hahndorf?

Answer- An afternoon of Social Bowls

What: We hold social bowls each Wednesday and Saturday from March to October 2026

Time: Registrations at 12.30pm games run from 1pm to 4pm 'ish

Who: Anyone can play, no experience necessary, it's a game for all ages, bowls and coaching is available

Why: It's lots of fun and a way to meet new people.

And: There is no ongoing commitment, teams are drawn up each week, so you only need to come along when you feel like it.

Plus: There is no need to book just come along and register, you'll get a bit of exercise, meet some people, and enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit all for only \$2! Come along and have a roll, you'll love it! Any questions ring Chris 0409 089 203.



Images source- Hahndorf Bowling Club Facebook page

Hans' Studio - Conservation works complete

Built in 1913, Hans Heysen's studio is the oldest purpose-built artist studio open to the public in Australia and has remained largely untouched for over a century. Thanks to a grant from the Copland Foundation, the recently completed works focused on careful external restoration, including masonry repairs, roof and gutter upgrades, carpentry and repainting, along with select internal conservation. A particularly meaningful part of this project was uncovering Hans' original fireplace, which had been enclosed in the mid-20th century. Revealing this space has restored an important element of the studio's originality, allowing visitors to feel even more like they have stepped back to a time when Hans would have been painting some of his most well known pieces in that very room.

HEYSEN
THE CEDARS



Text and Image source- The Cedars Facebook 2026

Heysen Gallery progress

The Heysen Gallery is almost complete and this special space sits beautifully amongst the gums and overlooking the historic property. Standing within the space, you can already sense the welcoming feel of this carefully designed new building. The Heysen Gallery will protect and display the Heysen works but also honour the wishes of both Hans and his descendants in an elegant and refined space that will welcome visitors, educators and researchers for decades to come. Opening date for the new Heysen Gallery is yet to be announced.

Craving real-life connection in your work Week?

Spark runs a weekly program in Hahndorf called CoWork Club, held at Comida on Wednesdays 9:30-12pm. It is a free, volunteer-led, no-agenda catch-up designed for people who work or study from home and are seeking connection and shared workspace. The initiative commenced mid last year and has been gradually building through word of mouth.

Spark grew out of *The Loneliness Project*, a collaboration between the University of South Australia and The Hut Community Centre focused on practical responses to loneliness. It has since evolved into a broader social venture delivering connection-based programs.

If you would like any further information, Jo can be contacted directly at jo@sparkconnection.org.au

Spark
Igniting human connection

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Emergency	000
Police Assistance	131 444
SES	132 500
Mount Barker Police	8398 1700
CFS Bushfire Info Hotline	1800 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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