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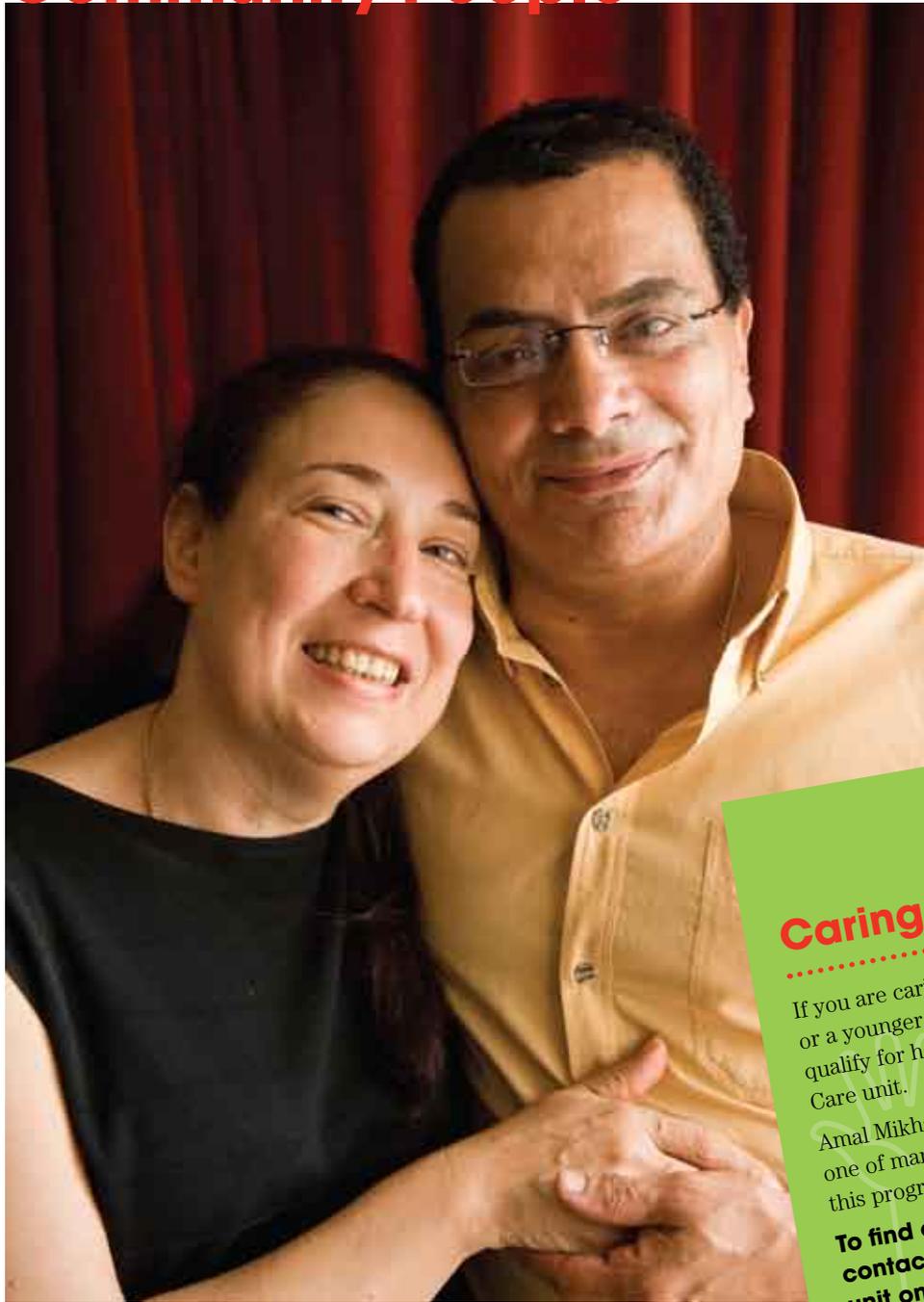
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Community People



In this edition of **City Limits** we highlight some important green initiatives that are helping to make our community more sustainable.



Caring for carers

If you are caring for someone who is frail, aged or a younger person with a disability you could qualify for help from City of Marion's Community Care unit.

Amal Mikhail, who cares for her husband Gamal, is one of many Marion residents supported through this program.

To find out more about support for carers, contact City of Marion's Community Care unit on 8375 6649.



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Front Cover *Nicole and Tahlia* by Simon Stanbury.

what's new




Come dancing *Nina Lapworth is recruiting for dancers.*

Dance to get you in a spin

If you want to get fit while learning the cheeky cha cha, foxy foxtrot or the sensational samba then take the quick step to Cosgrove Hall.

In A Spin Dance Company are now recruiting for young and old who are ready to trip the light fantastic.

"You can dance yourself fit and enjoy it. There are classes for children, singles, doubles and seniors," proprietor Nina Lapworth said.

"We are also starting up a kids group where four to 14 year can learn a range of dances.

"Our senior classes are held during the day on Fridays and include morning tea."

All classes are at Cosgrove Hall, Clovelly Park and are pay as you go.

If you would like more information, contact Nina on 8276 6781, 0410 559 667 or www.inaspin.bounce.com.au



Get on the floor *Dan the Breakyman leads the first breakdancing workshop held at Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre.*

Dance breaks out in the 'hood

The first series of DJ and breakdancing workshops to be held at a Marion Council neighbourhood centre was launched in February.

Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre hosted the sessions which are designed to get young people off the street and onto the dance floor.

The first workshop saw 15 people aged 12 to 16 given a 'hands on' introduction to new styles of music and dance.

Experienced performers Daniel Barbara (aka DJ Snair) and Dan Scovell (Dan the Breakyman) run the workshops which aim to channel creative energy into positive action. They are also a lot of fun according to DJ Snair.

"Kids with no experience were soon having a go at scratching and mixing. We started with basic DJ techniques and street dance moves. There was an incredible amount

of enthusiasm and energy," he said.

"Hip hop, rap and street style dance requires skill, practice and concentration. The common misconception is that it's about hanging around looking cool, but it's really about self-expression and enjoying yourself."

The workshops intend to open up Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre to young people as an informal recreation venue.

Sessions are held on the last Friday of the month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Admission is \$5 and includes dinner.

Contact Julie Collett at the City of Marion on 8387 2074 or 0412 608 075 for details.



I'm going to collect my rain water here and recycle my grey water over there.

Pauline O'Brien

Our Opinion

The Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis



In the recent review of City Limits I was heartened to see that those who replied to the survey were generally happy with most elements of this publication. An interesting aspect was that they were keen to see more articles about council activities. We will endeavour to address the feedback.

I was disappointed in the low rating my comment piece received as I agonise over what to write about and try to focus on relevant council activities. I'll keep trying and I am happy to consider your suggestions.

Those of you who visit the Marion Cultural Centre and surrounding shopping areas will have observed the rapid pace of the work on the Domain site. Elected Members have had a tour of the site and

are impressed with the work that has occurred to date. Community members are increasingly interested in the project and continue to ask about the parking provisions. There is parking associated with the Development Approval for the State Aquatic Centre and the GP+ facility and this will be free. Council is committed to making these facilities accessible to all members of the community.

With the state election now behind us, we have been pleased that community members gave their feedback on the Annual Business Plan and Budget. No other level of government requires scrutiny of and community input into their budgets and financial plans, so please continue to give us your feedback.

The CEO Mark Searle



The recent community consultation on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2010 – 2011 generated considerable interest from residents. Thank you to everyone who took the time to get involved.

The plan shows how council will spend its budget and allocate resources to develop the city.

Council is responsible for maintaining \$760 million worth of community assets including open space, drains, roads and footpaths. It is always challenging deciding how to allocate resources to build the type of community that we all want.

Rates account for 84 per cent of council's income. While we need to maintain and develop infrastructure and services, we are determined to provide value for money to residents and, consequently, we closely monitor rate levels around Adelaide. Since 2002, we have moved from having

the ninth to the seventh lowest average residential rate out of 19 metropolitan councils, while still maintaining services and progressing major projects.

To reduce reliance on rates, we will continue to increase efficiencies and will be pursuing \$8.74 million of capital grants. Building on a 15 per cent rise in funding of community assets in 2009-2010, we are targeting a seven per cent increase in 2010-2011.

Underpinning all council's work is a determination to build a sustainable community. In working to meet the needs of the current generation we must strive to ensure that future generations enjoy at least the same levels of service, lifestyle and natural environment as we do now.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to build a better community, for today, and tomorrow.

2010 marion
learning
August 6-13 **festival**
Live Well!

Clubs, community organisations, educational institutions and businesses are invited to present stage demonstrations exhibits and workshops that will bring learning to life during the 2010 Marion Learning Festival.

Stage demonstrations and exhibits

Westfield Marion Shopping Centre Friday 6 August - Sunday 8 August

To get involved contact Ellie Sokolov > ellie.sokolov@marion.sa.gov.au or 8375 6602

Workshops

Various locations Friday 6 August - Friday 13 August

To get involved contact Cassandra Gibson-Pope > cjg@marion.sa.gov.au or 8375 6705

The theme **Live Well** must be incorporated in demonstrations, exhibits and workshops.

Get involved!



Play time Alice Nicholson, Mark Bacon and children enjoy the new play equipment at Roy Lander Reserve.

\$1m upgrade for 15 parks

Fifteen parks will receive a \$1.1 million facelift over the next three months as part of a Marion Council initiative.

New play equipment, pathways and seating will be installed in the single biggest make-over of reserves in council's history.

Marion Council has earmarked \$836,000 for the makeover with an additional \$240,000 grant from the Department of Planning and Local Government (DPLG).

The first playground to be installed was at Roy Lander Reserve, Seaview Downs, with the equipment now open to the public. An official launch of the site occurred last month.

The remaining 14 parks are being upgraded progressively and are expected to be finished by July.

Marion Council Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said residents would see a real difference to the look and feel of their reserves once the work was completed.

"The reserves will have new play equipment for

children while parents will have fresh seating and pathways for easy access," Ms Lewis said.

"Our parks and reserves are the heart of the community as they bring families, the elderly and young people together. Council's investment aims to ensure the reserves not only look their best but are enjoyable and fun places to be."

The DPLG funding will be used to help improve Sandery Avenue Reserve at Seacombe Gardens, Willoughby Avenue Reserve at Glengowrie and Pavana Reserve at Hallett Cove.

The funding will provide a range of additional items for these reserves including a revamp of the sports facilities, playground equipment to cater for all ages as well as new picnic areas, BBQs and drink fountains.

Council has been working with the local community to plan the upgrades, which are part of the \$7 million Play Space Strategy.

Other reserves that will benefit from the upgrade include

Brolga Place Reserve > Alison Avenue Reserve > Mema Court Reserve > Chatsworth Court Reserve > Dumbarton Avenue Reserve > Eureka / Elgata Road Reserve > Columbia Crescent Reserve > Koomooloo Crescent Reserve > McKay Street Reserve > Olivier Terrace Reserve > and Rosslyn Street Reserve

Enrol to vote

More than 10,800 landlords and business owners in the City of Marion are being urged to re-enrol to vote in the council elections later this year.

Changes to the Local Government Elections Act mean their names were automatically purged from council's electoral roll following the last election in 2006.

The move aimed to cleanse the roll of businesses and landlords who had left the area without informing council.

Executive officer Kate McKenzie, the Marion Council officer responsible for the elections, said businesses and landlords had until August 31 to re-enrol and have their say in the November election.

"Over the coming months, council will write to everyone who has been removed from the roll and offer them the opportunity to re-enrol provided they still have business or property interests in the region," she said.

"Having your say on the future of Marion is as easy as filling out an enrolment form and returning it to council."

The 58,400 householders in Marion who voted in the recent State election are automatically on council's electoral roll.

Ms McKenzie said only people who were enrolled to vote could stand as a candidate in November.

To obtain an enrolment form, telephone council on 8375 6600 or log onto www.marion.sa.gov.au

Don't miss out *Local Government Elections will be held this November.*





Cool and clear OPAL'S Christophe Roy, Sophie Porter and Fraser Keegan celebrate the launch of the healthy lifestyle program.

Three cheers for OPAL

Marion has become one of the first councils in South Australia to get the internationally successful OPAL childhood obesity prevention program up and running.

OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) is a federal, state and local government initiative which aims to help children eat better, exercise more and live longer.

Speaking at the Marion launch, European network coordinator Christophe Roy, who made the trip from France for the Australian roll out, said that OPAL had a clear message and that Australians can enjoy adopting a healthy lifestyle.

"Make water your drink of choice. We want people to raise a glass to 'Water. The Original Cool Drink.' as this is the theme of our first campaign. Water is free, accessible and a better option than soft drinks which can cause tooth decay and weight gain," Mr Roy said.

"Australian fruit is irresistible. It is richer in colour and flavour than anything I've tasted before. How could anyone not love it?"

"Improving diet and exercise one step at a time is the easiest way to become healthy. While the focus of the program is on children, changing to a healthy lifestyle is something that the whole family can have fun doing together."

Marion is among the first six SA councils to implement the five year initiative which also supports the commitment to Healthy Cities.

OPAL is based on the EPODE program that has improved healthy eating and activity patterns in France.

City of Marion's OPAL team of Fraser Keegan and Sophie Porter is already working closely with schools, sports clubs and community groups.

OPAL can be contacted on 8375 6704. Further information is available online at www.opal.sa.gov.au



Flying high More than 400 BMX riders competed at the SA State Championships at Cove Sports.

Cove gets BMX on track

Cove Sports and Community Club was transformed into the capital of Australian BMX racing over the weekend of 20 and 21 February.

More than 400 competitors from South Australia, New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Tasmania and Victoria geared up for the BMX SA State Championships.

Cove BMX Club fielded 63 members, including seven year old Des'ree Barnes and Annaliese Rokov, aged 12, who won all their events. Des'ree is now the number one ranked South Australian under eight girl while Annaliese secured top ranking in the 8-13 age bracket.

Cove BMX's Larry Rowe, 65, received an honorary award for competing in all 25 State Championships since 1985.

Competitors were aged four to 65 and many South Australian riders are now qualified to race in the 2010 National Championships in Victoria in May.

This is the second consecutive year Cove BMX has hosted the event, which attracted around 1500 spectators.

Cove BMX Club is based at Cove Sports and Community Club, Hallett Cove and can be contacted on 8381 6064 or www.thecovesa.bmx.com.au



Going batty *City of Marion's Sustainability Street coordinator, Kate Hubmayer, talks bat boxes with volunteers Jenny Calam and Lyn McCarthy.*



Putting bats in their boxes

Volunteers from the City of Marion's Sustainability Street environment group are protecting endangered microbats by building them new homes.

The Sustainability Street group is building wooden bat boxes to protect the bats whose natural roosting places are under threat.

Microbats roost in tree hollows and under bark. The dwindling number of older trees and drought, storm and climate change all pose a threat to the microbat.

Artificial roosting are boxes playing a dual role in helping the creatures survive, Sustainability Street coordinator, Kate Hubmayer said.

"Volunteers are building bat boxes at Glandore Community Centre's woodwork class and donating the proceeds to the Adelaide Bat Centre which cares for and releases injured bats into the wild," Kate said.

"Boxes cost \$25 and are for sale to the public. They can be fixed to trees in people's back yards or high up on their buildings."

Microbats are natural pest controllers and can eat half their body weight in insects each night during summer. They have a wingspan of about 25cm and weigh anything from 3g to 150g.

Sustainability Street encourages the community to come together to share practical ideas on how to improve the environment.

New members are welcome to woodwork sessions on Mondays, 1pm to 3pm during term time.

Microbat and bird boxes are available directly from Glandore Community Centre on weekdays and from the centre's new market which is held on the third Saturday of each month.

Contact Glandore Community Centre on 8371 1139 for details.

You'll never walk alone

Clad in red t-shirts and sneakers and striding purposefully through South Australia's largest shopping centre before any store has opened, these are not bargain hunters but mall walkers on a mission.

Each Monday, Thursday and Friday Marion Mall Walkers take to the highways of Westfield Shopping Centre in the name of fitness and friendship.

With 120 members the club is going from strength to strength and recently celebrated its ninth anniversary. Founding member and club secretary Margaret Rowe has clocked up around 7000 mall kilometres over the years and is determined to walk on.

"Exercise is more fun when you are in a safe and sheltered environment with friends. Rain or shine we can walk and talk in the mall without having to worry about being too hot or cold or crossing busy roads," Margaret said.

"We meet at 7.15am to warm up. People walk at their own pace and can choose a route from

as short as a few hundred metres or up to five kilometres.

"Members are aged from 50 to 94 and those recovering from knee operations or heart surgery get support from a specialist instructor. There's always time for a cuppa and a chat at the end."

One member whose life has been transformed through the group is Andrea Hunter. Sight impaired, Andrea won the 2009 Walker of the Year Award for increasing her level of independence with regular treks through the shopping centre.

Despite her increasing confidence, Andrea's co-walkers stay close by ensuring that she, like all members, is always in good company.

Anyone interested in joining Marion Mall Walkers can call Margaret on 0401 388 603 or Daphne on 0414 611 038.



Time for a cuppa *Linda, Pam, Daphne and Elaine enjoy a chat after exercise.*



Walk this way *Marion Mall Walkers get into their stride.*



Update Major Projects



The new State Aquatic Centre and GP Plus Health Care Centre are expected to open early 2011.

The State Aquatic Centre and GP Plus Health Care Centre is a more than \$100 million project funded by the South Australian Government and the Australian Government with the City of Marion providing land and \$5 million.

The State Aquatic Centre will provide about 1000 square metres of recreational water as well as FINA standard facilities, including a 52 metre lap pool, a 55 metre diving and water polo pool and gymnasium.

The State Aquatic Centre will include environmentally sustainable design.

Some initiatives include

Stormwater harvesting for irrigating landscaped area and reuse in toilet amenities.

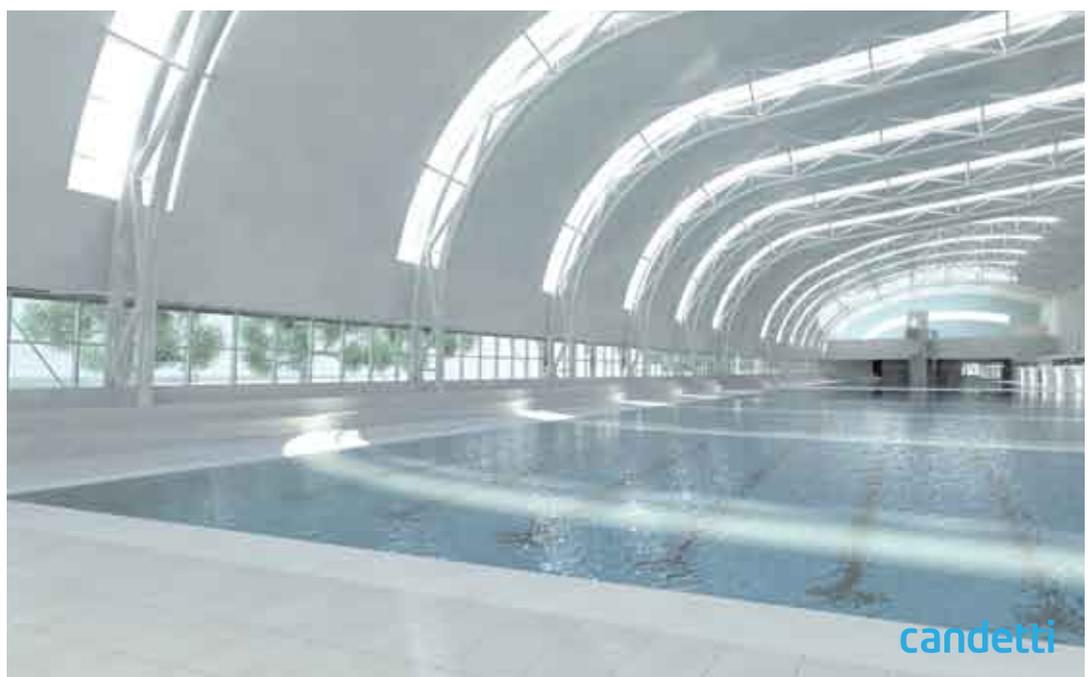
Solar panels for heating hot water.

High efficiency filtration system for pool water recharging, which will significantly reduce total water consumption.

Building orientation to reduce the requirement for air conditioning by shading and orientation.

The GP Plus Health Care Centre will provide specialist services including dentistry, nutrition, mental health, counselling and healthy lifestyles programs. The GP Plus building will also be five green star rated for energy use.

There will be 560 on site car parks, combining on ground, underground and multi-level parks.



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All smiles Five year old Yrru Wang from China celebrates Australian citizenship on Harmony Day.



The International Gospel Revival Choir.



Flags created by Warradale Primary School.

New citizens welcomed in harmony

Marion welcomed 50 new citizens from across the globe at the first public citizenship ceremony held at Glandore Community Centre.

Candidates born in countries as diverse as China, Poland, Mongolia and Nepal pledged citizenship at a special ceremony which formed the centrepiece of council's Harmony Day celebrations on March 21.

Harmony Day is an annual event which aims to promote respect, fairness and a sense of community, particularly among diverse cultural groups.

Marion Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis said that receiving citizenship on Harmony Day symbolised council's commitment to multiculturalism.

"Marion is home to more than 50 cultural groups, so celebrating Harmony Day with a citizenship ceremony is an ideal way to welcome new Australians," Mayor Lewis said.

The event featured a performance by the International Gospel Revival Choir, traditional Australian bush ballads and bush tucker.

Warradale Primary School students created flags which welcomed guests in 15 different languages.

City of Marion's cultural development officer, Elizabeth Sykora, worked with students to create the flags as part of a cultural arts project.

"It was a special moment for the new citizens to see 'hello' written in their native language as they became permanent citizens of Australia," Elizabeth said.

City of Marion welcomes about 300 new citizens each year at five public ceremonies. The majority are migrants come from the UK, India and China.



Boxing clever Library assistant Aaron Bridge presents the Salvos' Kerryn Morriss with food donations made by Marion's library customers.

Library cans fines

Marion Library Services has turned overdue fines into vital food supplies for the Salvation Army.

A January fines amnesty saw overdue fees waived upon donation of food for the Salvos.

More than 1000 non-perishable items were donated including tins of beans, soup, rice and pasta. Following a post-Christmas drop in community donations, this proved to be a windfall, said manager community support services, Marion Salvation Army, Kerryn Morriss.

"The Salvos rely on donations for people in need. These traditionally decline after Christmas, so to receive so many items was a real bonus," Ms Morriss said.

"We provide emergency relief to about 400 families each month. Each family is given a food parcel with selected items of their choice."

The fines amnesty also saw an increase in the return of overdue library material.

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It's budget preparation time again, and, as in previous years, this budget is based on a proposed average rate increase of 5%, still to be ratified by Council, which will ensure there is adequate money to deliver the services the community expects, whilst minimising the impost on ratepayers.

In addition, and still to be ratified by Council, if an increase in capital value of a property results in a significant increase in rates, then rate capping is proposed, to maximise the increase to no more than 7.5%.

The budget is prepared on a "zero" basis which means all services are reviewed from scratch so that accurate figures are used for budgeting.

Realistically, if we wish to keep on top of community expectations, or even maintain them at current levels, then our income must match the level of demand.

Every effort is made to keep rates as low and affordable as possible, whilst at the same time endeavouring to accommodate the various requests/needs throughout the City, and for ease of payment rates can be paid fortnightly, monthly, quarterly etc., by direct debit, bill pay etc.; our rating staff will be happy to assist in this regard and can be contacted on 8375 6617.

Now that we have finalized our contributions to the \$13m Patpa Drive and the more than \$100m State Aquatic Centre and GP+, we have, in response to long-standing community requests, applied for Federal funding to enable us to progress plans for a new Community facility/library at Hallett Cove and a major wetlands project at Oaklands reserve, and await response.

You gaze proudly at dianellas that you planted and mulched in the nature strip after the recent footpath upgrade. The coral gum is an attractive shape; the gutters are swept every six weeks. The maintenance team bitumenised your road two years ago, and last week they fixed up the utilities hole after the new houses were built opposite. The yellow recycle bins remind you that you mean to take advantage of the next hazardous waste collection (Saturday May 22, see page 20 for details).

Setting off with your registered dog on its lead, you stop at the local park to let it have a run - under effective control, of course! You see the fortnightly lawn-mowing, and the spraying contractor is busy removing the burr-weed. Next you head for the Marion Cultural Centre, noticing that building works for the new Council-supported State Aquatic Centre, GP Plus and high-rise car park are proceeding quickly. Dog safely tied up in the shade, you enter the Marion Cultural Centre library and check out the new books displayed, then lodge a graffiti removal request on the City of Marion website.

You have a coffee, a quick look at the Field River photographic display, and head home. You prepare for Mahjong at Cooina Neighbourhood Centre. What do you pay your rates for? Looking back on the day, you reflect that every step of the way your life has been enriched by a huge range of Council staff, facilities and services.

I hope you have noticed the re-development of our reserves and playgrounds that has been taking place in all wards over the past year. There is \$7m allocated to playgrounds over the next 15 years.

My wife and I have just returned from visits to grandchildren in Melbourne and Sydney. We are "playgrounded" out!

Our Melbourne family live less than 200 metres from the beach, but also use two open space playgrounds 3kms and 12kms from home. Both are contained within large fenced reserves and are suitable for one to eight year olds. The first has an artificial mountain with two long slippery slides. They are designed so that even those riding mats or towels cannot slide off the end. The second has a pond with ducks. Both have shade sails, three-wheeler bike tracks, seating for at least one adult for each child, and access to toilets.

Our Sydney family use a local, fully-fenced two block community playground, 150 metres away, with no toilet access. Once in the car they have three other options. The closest at 2kms away is fully fenced, inside the major fence of Centenary Park. On Sunday pm there were over 50 children under eight having a great time. Access to toilets in an old soccer change room/storage shed was possible. The others are 5kms and 10kms away and adjacent to sports clubs that have the usual restaurant facilities. Families can purchase a meal, snack, or take-away. All have shade sails, three wheeler bike tracks, and seating.



1 According to plan Marion Sports and Community Club general manager, Terry Zajer, inspects the facilities upgrade.



2 Let's dance Lance and Anita Goodgame enjoy dance classes at Cooina Neighbourhood Centre.



3 Bowling them over Kath Crilly and Jenny Brown prepare for a game at Marion Bowls Club.

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By now we should have recovered from Easter, no more chocolate and hot X buns for another year.

Also, Marion Council again supported the Anzac Day Youth Vigil at Edwardstown Oval which enables our youth to participate and remember the significance of this important day.

Council has begun our Annual Budget process which will again see a high demand for services and projects. The biggest new project at present is our review of community facilities, this includes our halls and sporting club buildings. Many of these facilities have reached their useful life span and require major improvements or rebuilding and relocating. We have also commenced a Sports Court Review which will review the community needs for tennis and netball courts.

I am sure that the outcome of these reviews, which includes community consultation, will see Council expenditure increase for these facilities. The big question will be how Council will fund this expenditure. We will naturally chase any government's grants we can, but at the end of the day, the average rate increase is expected to be 5% which will service the borrowing required to meet community expectation for the provision of community facilities.

In my view, the best outcome would be to consolidate a number of activities on one site and dispose of facilities that are too costly to update and are located too close to housing. To be involved in the consultation process and share your views on your community facilities please contact the Council on 83756600.

Greetings. This is the first issue of City Limits in the final year of our Council term.

Once again, we have been through public consultation regarding Council Business Plan & Budget. We are telling you how we plan to spend your rates.

How about hearing how You feel about the service you are receiving? No service can be perfect, but if both providers and recipients work together, there is always room for improvement.

Do come along to our council meetings, call or write to your Elected Members. I would like to see many new faces and consider a greater variety of views! I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Residents who do make time to express their opinion.

Business Update

Drainage / King & Margaret St. - Glandore Works have taken longer than anticipated owing to the narrowness of the site. It is almost finished and it does look good.

Drainage / Allambee & Conmurra - Edwardstown Works are now scheduled to start early in May.

Traffic /Glandore Staff are investigating a number of issues raised by residents.

Glandore Oval - Club facilities Your concerns have been noted. Balustrades will be placed on the decking by the end of June.

Roundabout / Alawoona & Bradley Grove - Mitchell Park Planting will take place later in the season.

Playground equipment and dogs Residents constantly complain about dogs fouling under/around playground equipment in our reserves. Please note that our By-Laws clearly state that dogs should be kept 3 metres away from children's play area.

Keep in touch, cheers.

Over the Easter holidays while we were busy eating chocolates and hot cross buns the Marion City Band and Warriparinga Training Band were hard at work, travelling to Hobart to compete against bands from all around Australia in the National Band Championships. I am happy to report that on their first try in this competition Warriparinga Training Band came first in the Hymn, March and Marching sections, winning the coveted title of C Grade Junior Australian Champions.

Musical Director, Veronica Boulton, has done an amazing job working with and training the band to a level which has enabled them to achieve this title on their first attempt. But not to be outdone, Marion City Band also performed extremely well in the competition. In the C Grade category the band came first in street marching, third in Hymn, second in test, third in own choice and second in stage march, coming third overall. Again, this is a fantastic achievement.

Anyone with a passion for music is able to join the band and they are always looking for new members. (It must be said that with so much success of late they are bursting with members) Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights and should you wish to join, please contact Musical Director Veronica Boulton on 0412 866 737. Also, look through their gig guide at - <http://www.marioncityband.org/>



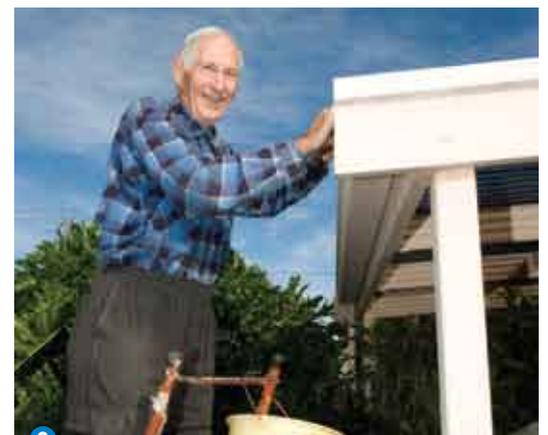
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Quiet time Cyclists enjoy a ride at Warriparinga.



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Tree trimming The Sustainability Street team keep the trees tidy at Glandore Neighbourhood Centre.



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Up in the gutter Ken Fisher cleans his gutters to keep the rainwater flowing.

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In this article I would like to acknowledge two young residents who have excelled in their own sporting pursuits. In October last year Trott Park resident Sam Willoughby took out the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Series in France. At 18 years of age he is the youngest winner of this event. In February this year Sam won Advertiser Channel 7 SA Sports Award. Lastly, Sam was also successful at winning the Worldwide Online Printing Sports award in the Channel 9 Young Achievers Awards. It might not be a sport that everyone would have heard about but Sam has done himself and his community proud.

Another young person who has excelled in sport is Hallett Cove resident Sian McLaren. Sian represented Australia in the Young Matildas as a goalkeeper, touring countries such as Italy, China Malaysia and the United Kingdom. She is now a regular starter for Adelaide United. On Australia Day this year Sian was awarded the City of Marion's Young Citizen of the Year.

I commend both Sam and Sian for their achievements and look forward to seeing their progress in the future.

During the last few months councillors have visited community facilities throughout the city. Many of these facilities need repair and renovation. They have served the community well. In some cases the community built them with their own hands or contributed through a small cash donation to make them become a reality. Today, volunteers contribute many hours of their valuable time to support these facilities.

This process is necessary for the council to make future strategic decisions. Who uses these facilities? What activity is the facility used for? Are the facilities the right fit for today's community? Are they in the best place? Is public transport nearby? What do we need and where do we need it?

The communities of today and tomorrow need to be considered. This project is not a short-term fix but a long-term strategy. Planning is the key. The challenge for the community and the council is to work together to achieve the best outcome for the city now and into the future.

Congratulations to the Hallett Cove Lions for their commitment to developing a War Memorial at Hallett Cove Beach. This is a great idea which I am sure we can all support. I would like to thank Hallett Cove Lions and Rotary Clubs for hosting another great Australia Day at the beach. This has become a much-loved and celebrated event.

If you haven't yet enjoyed Australia Day at Hallett Cove Beach make sure you make it next year.



1

Learning together Mica, Mya and Gabriel read about green issues at Hallett Cove Library.



2

Covering up Katie Rhodes covers her swimming pool.



3

Brushing up Yasmin Paterson paints a coastal scene.

Ward Councillors Views

West Ward

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Winter is almost upon us and it will soon be time, for those in the community with wood heaters, to stoke up your fires which can cause significant air pollution problems particularly if they are operated incorrectly. Wood heaters produce particulate matter that can cause chronic health problems such as respiratory illness and heart disease so it is definitely something we as a community need to take seriously. With wood heaters, as with noise and development, we also need to be aware that our individual actions can seriously impact neighbours and the wider community.

There are a number of things you can do to use your wood heater more efficiently and reduce your impact on wood smoke pollution, including:

- > when buying a new heater ensure that it meets Australian Standards and is the right size for the room
- > ensure the flue is installed at the correct height and position so as not to impact on your neighbours
- > use dry and seasoned wood bought from a reputable firewood merchant
- > keep air vents open for 20 minutes after starting and reloading the fire
- > keep the fire live and bright but let it go out at night
- > check there is no smoke from your chimney 20 minutes after starting your fire.

Source: South Australian Environment Protection Authority website www.epa.sa.gov.au

This year I participated in Clean Up Australia day at the Oaklands train station (organised through the Oaklands "Adopt a Station" group) along with other community minded residents.

Whilst it's disappointing that we need to hold these days to clean up litter, it's a good opportunity for the residents to demonstrate the pride they have in their neighbourhoods.

Along with collecting residents' household rubbish, most types of garden waste and many recyclables, Marion council also runs successful waste education/prevention programs in local schools.

Council is very supportive of initiatives for recycling "E-waste", to prevent electronic waste polluting landfill and the watertable with toxic heavy metals; including introducing recycling points in the city for fluorescent (energy-saving) globes.

Marion is the envy of other councils with our hard rubbish services. So, I believe, there is no excuse for people illegally dumping their unwanted rubbish items.

Driving throughout the council area I get infuriated when I see our streets, parks or vacant lots transformed into illegal rubbish dumps by the inconsiderate actions of a few.

If people can move the rubbish from their premises to a vacant lot they can just as easily take it to the dump or call the council for hard rubbish collection.

I urge residents to keep an eye out in their neighbourhoods for illegal dumping and contact council if they see it happen.

We are lucky to live in one of the cleanest and most beautiful countries in the world, let's work together to keep it that way!

The Living Kurna Cultural Centre at Warriparinga has hosted some great exhibitions in the last six months. Even if there isn't something special on at any given time, the centre is a great place to visit. They also sell bush tucker jams, chutneys, sauces etc made by aboriginal communities in the north of the state. They are worth buying and add something special to any dish. There are also great gift items which have been made locally.

Gallery M has had some spectacular exhibitions this year. There is a new exhibition opening every month. The Gallery M shop boasts handcrafted items that make buying a gift for that "hard to please" person a breeze. The prices are very good value too.

When next at the Marion Cultural Centre library, why not pop into Gallery M and check it out? Most people come back often once they've discovered it. Signatures Café is also a great place to eat. It is a licensed café that caters for a variety of tastes with snacks, drinks and meals, Monday to Friday, and snacks and drinks on weekends ("seniors" get a concession). Ask for a coffee club card which entitles you to your the sixth coffee free.

While at the Marion Cultural Centre drop into the Box Office to find out what entertainment is happening. Galleon Theatre Group performances, matinee concerts, author talks and much more including school holiday entertainment for the kids!

You don't have to leave the city to have a good day (or night) out!



1

Happy to be here New residents from China, Hungary and India are welcomed at a Rajah Street Reserve community night.



2

Good going John Tonani works on the track at Allan Scott Park, Morphettville.



3

Clean and green transport Andrew Holland takes his bike to the streets at Plympton Park.



Tree carers

Nicole Clark has adopted a tree to care for with her children Tahtia, Maddison and Jasmin.



Don't let your tree kick the bucket

Householders can help improve the environment under a new plan to water street trees.

By *Richard Watson*

Photography *Simon Stanbury*

The *Adopt a Tree* program was launched in April and aims to protect old and new plants across the city.

People who register will receive a free watering bucket and detailed tree care instructions. They will also get to a chance to preserve the city's unique landscape for future generations, said Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis.

"The vast majority of our street trees are doing fine but about one in every 20 is struggling with the drought," Ms Lewis said.

"We think we have found the answer to keeping those stressed trees alive by encouraging the community to *Adopt a Tree*. We want to save the older, established trees and encourage new saplings to grow.

"About 700 new trees will be planted in 15 streets this year under council's Street Tree Planting Program. Like all new saplings, they will be irrigated by water trucks for up to two years. But, like other trees, they will need a helping hand."

Nicole Clark of Mitchell Park and her three daughters have been among the first to get behind the program.

Expanding on what Nicole and her husband teach their children by following good environmental practices in the home, they have taken their water bucket to the street.

"Watering a street tree is simple and something everyone can do. We have to look after the environment for our kids. It's not enough to preserve what we have now, we should try to improve it," Nicole said.

"Showing kids how to recycle and save energy in the home is the first step in ensuring that good environmental habits come naturally for future generations."

Council has more than 65,000 street trees. Healthy street trees can provide habitat for birds and other wildlife as well as reduce stormwater run off and erosion. They also improve the appearance of the city and purify air.

Marion Council has a range of major planting projects scheduled for 2010. These include introducing a combination of trees, ground covers and grasses at reserves and trails, including:

- > Tramway Park - 3000 plantings
- > Harbrow Grove Reserve - 4500 plantings
- > Roy Lander Reserve - 482 plantings
- > Brolga Reserve - 460 plantings
- > Sturt Linear Park Bike Trail - 2000 plantings



Tips on caring for your tree

Improve your city and the environment by adopting a tree.

How can I help? Select a tree in your street and start watering today.

Should I use tap water? Water is an important resource, so where possible, use non-potable (non-drinking) water from the bath, shower, sink or washing machine rinse cycle.

How much water does a tree need? One or two buckets of water each week.

What about water restrictions? Watering public trees is voluntary and must be conducted within water restrictions.

How can I help young trees?

A Pour two or three buckets of non-potable water around the base each week

B Maintain a water holding basin around the tree with soil 10-15cm high around the drip line to contain water

C Break up compacted surface soil with a fork around the base of the tree. This helps water soak deep into the soil

How can I help older trees?

Apply non-potable water slowly and evenly on the ground around the tree to reduce runoff

Pour the water in the area beneath the tree canopy

Core the area under the canopy to increase filtration

Tree tips

There's no need to water if rainfall is more than 25mm in a week

Only carry as much water as you can comfortably manage

Don't disturb the soil surface extensively under the tree canopy as this will damage tree roots

Spreading mulch under the canopy will help retain soil moisture

Don't park vehicles under trees as this compacts the soil and reduces water infiltration

Water is essential to a tree's survival. Watering a tree outside your home once or twice a week will make a difference.

To register for *Adopt a Tree*, call the City of Marion on 8375 6600.

Noarlunga Family Relationship Centre now offering services in Marion



Parents, children, grandparents and couples living in the Marion area now have a central contact point for information and advice on improving relationships within their family. The new Family Relationship Centre offers a range of professional and confidential services to help separating couples and families that are separated.

Your Centre can help you:

- Strengthening family relationships
- Helping families by mediation
- Assisting families through separation

Enquiries will be treated confidentially. These services are an important part of the Australian Government's Family Law Reforms. For additional information visit www.australia.gov.au/familyrelationships or call the Family Relationship Advice Line on 1800 050 321.



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A On a roll Dale Elliott is handcycling from Melbourne to Darwin to raise money to help cure clubfoot in Kenya.

Rolling in the extreme

A Hallett Cove man who lost the use of his legs in 2002 is handcycling from Melbourne to Darwin to help cure children suffering from clubfoot in Kenya.

Dale Elliott set off on his 5000km fundraising odyssey on 17 February and expects to roll into Darwin in June.

Along with fellow handcyclist Andreas Dagelet, Dale launched the *Extreme Rolling* venture to raise \$200,000 to cure 1000 children of clubfoot.

Untreated, the condition is debilitating and sufferers in Kenya are ostracised from their community at a very young age, Dale said.

“About 1000 children are born with clubfoot in Kenya each year. They are rejected by their families and relatives but for \$200 we can help them walk and live a normal life,” Dale said.

“If caught before a child is two, clubfoot can be treated with a series of casts, avoiding the need for surgery or growing up with crooked feet.”

Dale and Andreas are both paraplegics who lost the use of their legs following accidents.

Their journey has seen them travel a gruelling

163kms in one day and reach speeds of up to 74kmh. Donations are being made by schools, clubs, businesses and people they meet along the way, Dale said.

“It’s really uplifting to call into schools in different towns and talk about the ride. The kids provide motivation as well as stories of amazing fundraising activities,” he said.

“Many people greet us with disbelief, then laugh, make a donation and wish us well. You need that to keep you going for five months.”

Dale is a successful comedian and motivational speaker. He is also the first paraplegic in Australia to skydive solo and the current City of Marion Australia Day Citizen of the Year.

To follow Dale’s journey online or to make a donation, go to www.extremerolling.com

A cleaner and greener Marion



Water use and greenhouse gas emissions will be slashed and 90,000 native trees and shrubs planted as part of City of Marion’s four year plan to clean up the environment.

Strategies to improve the environment are detailed in the Draft Healthy Environment Plan which council endorsed in February.

The plan has been two years in the making and content was based on detailed trend analysis, benchmarks against other councils and consistency with State and Federal Government policy. It involved a comprehensive consultation process.

Consultation consisted of four community forums with expert speakers; extensive engagement with staff; key agencies and neighbouring councils.

The Healthy Environment Plan is expected to be released mid 2010.

Green Agenda

Hazardous and electrical waste collection day Saturday 22 May 9am – 3pm

Free hazardous waste disposal

Marion residents can dispose of their hazardous waste for free thanks to a joint initiative between Marion, Holdfast Bay and West Torrens councils and Zero Waste.

Stockpiling waste including old fluorescent tubes, paints and engine oils poses a danger to the community and the environment.

Electronic waste disposal (subsidised)

In addition to providing free hazardous waste disposal, the City of Marion in conjunction with Zero Waste will fund two thirds of the cost of **electronic waste (e-waste) disposal**. To be eligible for this subsidy you will be required to show identification showing your address within the City of Marion. Business waste and commercial quantities will not be subsidised.

When

9am – 3pm Saturday 22 May

Where

Adelaide Waste and Recycling Depot
181 Morphett Road North Plympton



What can I dispose of free of charge?

- Acids and alkalis
- Batteries
- Cleaning products
- Fluorescent tubes
- Gardening chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, insecticides)
- Oils and engine fluids
- Paints – oil and water based
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Fertilizers
- Gas cylinders
- Smoke detectors



What can't I dispose of?

Waste generated by business and government agencies

Explosives and ammunition - contact your local police station

Asbestos - contact the EPA on 8204 2004

Tyres - contact the EPA on 8204 2004



For more information contact

Zero Waste SA T 8204 1861
www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au

City of Marion T 8375 6600
www.marion.sa.gov.au

E-waste collection (shared recycling costs)

A subsidised electronic waste collection service will also be operating with a nominal fee applied to cover recycling costs.

\$1.00 each (full cost \$3)	\$2.00 each (full cost \$9)	\$5.00 each (full cost \$15)
Answering machines	Cash registers	Televisions
Blenders	CB/Two Way Radios	Monitors
Bread makers	CD Players/Radios	Notebooks/laptops
Cameras	Computer boxes	Photocopiers
Car radios	Deep fryer	No charge
Clock radios	DVD/VCR player	Mouse
Dust busters	Fans/heaters	Remote controls
Frying pans	Fax machines	Inside components of computer hardware
Hair dryers	Game consoles	Cords/cables/power supplies
Hubs/routers	Home coffee machines	Mobile phones
iPods	Microwaves	
Irons/kettles/toasters	Overhead projectors	
Keyboards	Power tools	
Land line phones	Printers/scanners	
Modems	Security systems	
Organisers/PDAs	Servers/storage devices	
Shaver	Sewing machines	
Speakers	Stereo systems	
Tape Drives	Typewriters	
	Vacuum cleaners	





Green Agenda



Bring on the rain *The District Council of Loxton Waikerie's Tom Avery inspects construction of the new stormwater catchment system.*

The Water Report

The River Murray is critical to South Australia's environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing. Australia is also in the throes of a drought which has cost the economy billions of dollars. So with 'water' the word on everyone's lips, what is local government doing to manage the supply of the world's most precious natural resource?

By *Richard Watson* Photography *Tom Murch*

We begin a series of special features that will examine some of the water management issues faced by councils along the River Murray and by the City of Marion. We will also look at the strategies they are employing to make the most of water, one of the few things that none of us can do without.

In South Australia, management of allocations from the River Murray is overseen by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. State Government is responsible for distribution and implementing specific strategies through SA Water, the Department of Water and Biodiversity Conservation, Office for Water Security and the Natural Resource Management Boards. Councils also have a range of responsibilities, including managing stormwater.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie began work on a major \$1.7 million project to harvest and reuse stormwater in October 2009. Targeting annual savings of 250 mega litres – the equivalent of 100 Olympic-sized swimming pools – the project has been almost 20 years in the making and is designed to reduce flooding while increasing water catchment, director infrastructure services, Tom Avery said.

“The new underground drainage system will link a series of existing basins around Loxton South. This will perform the dual role of alleviating flooding and maximising water catchment and

reuse. It has been designed so that water is driven through the system by gravity,” Mr Avery said.

“We aim to save and reuse up to an additional 250 mega litres of stormwater and treated waste water each year. Council currently uses about 310 mega litres of water on reserves and facilities each year, so this level of catchment will greatly improve our capacity to service the region.

“Studies for this project date back to 1992, but it's been worth the wait to start building something that will have a long-term benefit for our 12,000 residents. The main industries in the region are wine, fruit, vegetables and wheat, so they clearly need a good supply of water to be sustainable.”

Loxton's existing stormwater drainage consists of basins connected by overland flow paths - the road carriageway. The lack of underground drainage has seen large volumes of water lost due to the uncontrolled release of water from basins to overland flow paths. Stormwater has also pooled in natural depressions.

Underground water storage and new irrigation infrastructure to reserves and an aquatic club are also planned.

Once the underground drainage system has been installed, the areas on and around the basins will be landscaped for public use.

While councils must take a multi-pronged approach to water management, Australia is

characterised by extreme variability in rainfall which heightens the need to capture stormwater. This can be achieved in a variety of ways and the City of Marion and the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board have developed a concept for a wetland system and aquifer storage and recovery complex at Oaklands Park.

The proposed Oaklands Park Wetland Project has been evolving since the mid 1990s. It aims to capture and treat 200 mega litres of stormwater each year -with the capacity to grow to 900 mega litres.

The wetland will improve water quality by allowing stormwater to pass through a series of ponds and be filtered by reeds and other plant life. The cleaned water can then be stored in underground aquifers for irrigating surrounding parks and reserves, and distribution could expand to include other facilities.

The City of Marion and the NRM Board have each committed \$2.37 million. Council is seeking an additional \$3.72 million through the Federal Government Water for the Future Fund to meet the \$8.46 million which is needed to build the wetland and distribution network. An announcement on the funding is expected later this year.

Watch out for another Water Report in the next issue of City Limits.

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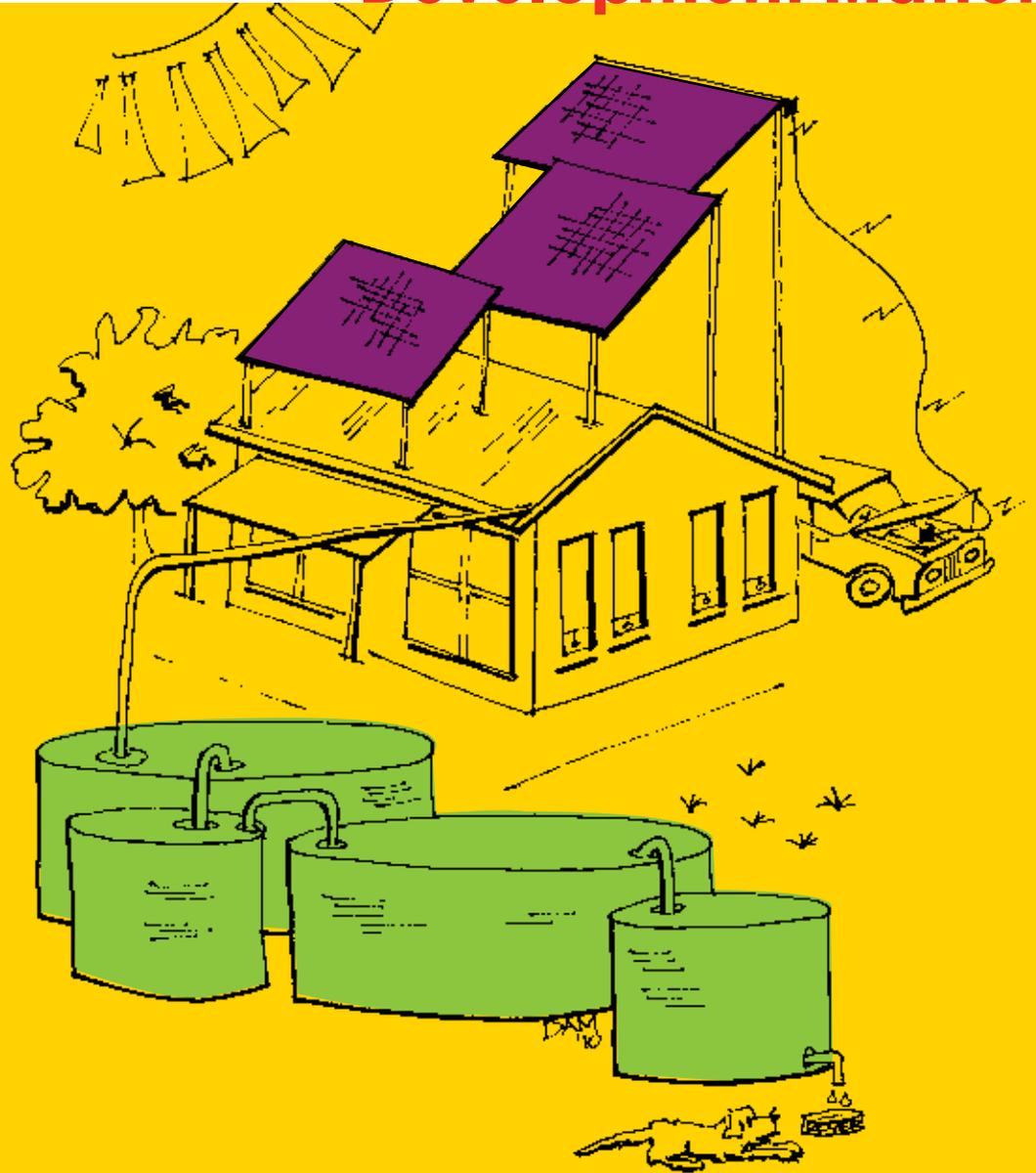
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Would you like to lower water consumption or improve the energy efficiency of your home?

Changes to the Development Act and Development Regulations in 2009 mean that certain types of solar panels and rain water tanks may not require council approval.

To be exempted from requiring council approval, the associated dwelling and its grounds cannot be State or Local Heritage listed, nor can it be located in the Hills Face Zone.

Your water tank or solar panels will not need council approval if the following criteria are met:



Solar panels (photovoltaic cells) which are

No heavier than 100kg **or**

Greater than 100kg **and**

Weight load does not exceed 100kg at any one point of attachment

Panels do not overhang roof

Panels fitted parallel to roof with panel undersides no more than 10cm above the roof

Installed by a person accredited by the Minister for Urban Development and Planning

Water tanks which are

Part of a roof drainage system

No greater than 10 square metres in area

Located wholly above ground

No higher than 4 metres



If you are proposing to install a structure which does not meet the above criteria, you must lodge a development application with council. Before you finalise your plans, please speak to a council planning or building officer to ensure that the proposed structure is appropriate.

For further information, contact City of Marion's Development Services on 8375 6685.

Events Diary

MARION
CULTURAL CENTRE

Marion Cultural Centre

287 Diagonal Road
Just north of Westfield Marion
Email mcc@marion.sa.gov.au
www.marionculturalcentre.com.au
Bookings and Tickets
Visit the Box Office
or call 8375 6855
Monday to Friday 10am-5pm

Mingle After Work Drinks

Fri 14 May, 11 June & 9 July
5-7pm

Come for a drink, friendly atmosphere & conversation whilst listening to live acoustic music. Fully licensed café open...bring a friend or two! Happy hour 5-6pm. Stay & visit the gallery exhibition opening of new works.

Mic Me Up!

Thurs 13 May, 17 June & 22 July 7-10pm Cost FREE!!

Share your musical talent with the world at our open mic night! Come along to Signatures Café and enjoy local talent taking the mic...or maybe even sing a tune yourself. Licenced cafe open from 6.30pm. To register your interest for 'Mic Me Up' call the Box Office on 8375 6855.

May

Friends with Chris, Rob, Todd and Dan

Tues 11 May 11am
Tickets \$14

Mix the modern brass sounds of the SA Police Band's Rob & Todd with the music hall & accordion music of Dan Burt. Add to that the passion for the blues that is Chris Finnen and you have Friends. Come and enjoy a musical cavalcade with a good dose of comedy thrown in. This is a show not to be missed!

Stevl Shefn & His Translator Fatima

Fri 14 May 8pm
Tickets \$14

Popular Fringe Comedy Artist, Stephen Sheehan returns, with his much needed translator, for more hilarious rantings on taboo topics. Mixture of surreal silliness, deadpan delivery & the occasional tune.

Galleon Theatre Group presents Bedroom Farce

May 20 - 22 and 27 - 29 May
8pm / Matinee 29 May at 2pm
Bookings 83229132 between 6.30 - 8.30 pm or from the box office
Tickets \$18 / \$14 concession

Four couples, three bedrooms, one night. A recipe for exquisite humour from the celebrated pen of Alan Ayckbourn.

June

The Tom Jones show

Tues 8 June 11am
Tickets \$14

A tribute to the life and music of Tom Jones. Accompanied by one of Adelaide's leading bands Jus-Fa-Fun, Greg Hart brings you Tom's big hits like 'Delilah', 'Green Green Grass of Home', 'It's Not Unusual' and many more.

Kindy to year 2

The Broggen of the Glump

Sat 5 June 1pm Matinee
Tickets \$8

This story is set in a Glump at midnight where a lonely little ghostling, Broggen, thinks that her job is to 'a-fear' things. But, she's just not very good at being scary. When a beautiful, big dog wanders into her Glump, Broggen learns an important lesson about making friends.

ABBA Gold

Fri 11 June 8pm
Tickets \$25/\$20 Concession

Out of the Square presents Flaming Sambucas "Abba Gold". All the hits! Waterloo, Ring Ring, Dancing Queen. Don't miss this full tribute show. Come along to Mingle After Work Drinks from 5pm and visit the gallery exhibition opening of new works.

The Magic Waterhole

Sat 19 June 1pm Matinee
Tickets \$8

An Aesop's style. African story of animals teaching humans how to live in harmony. Puppets, comedy, dance, costumes & drumming. An explosion of excitement African-style! For the family.

July

Voices in Harmony

Tues 13 July 11am
Matinee Series 2 - Concert 1
Tickets \$14

Christmas in July Comedy Night

Fri 23 July 8pm

Contact box office for info on 8375 6855

The Young Ones **July School Holidays**



Friends of the Library

Pinocchio

Wed 7 July 10.30am (Rated G/85 mins)

Tickets \$6

Join Geppetto's beloved puppet, along with Jiminy Cricket, on his adventure to become a real boy.



The Fiddle Chicks

Thursday 8 July

Tickets \$6

"The Chicks" have embraced many styles of music, whilst inventing their own new and exciting soundscapes with their violins.

The Goonies



Wed 14 July 10.30am (Rated PG/114 mins)

Tickets \$6

They call themselves "The Goonies." The secret caves. The old lighthouse. The lost map. The treacherous traps. The hidden treasure. And Sloth... Join the adventure.

Hail Hail Rock'n'Roll



Thursday 15 July 11am - Tickets \$8

Watch the evolution of music from its acoustic roots in the early 1900s to today's massive stadium phenomenon. Song, dance, costume & comedy. There's Hank Williams, Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley, The Beatles, & James Brown. For ages 5 years to grandparents!



Under Age Rage Blue Light Disco

Friday 7 May & 2 July 7.30pm-10pm

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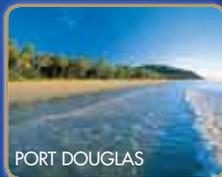
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One of the city's landmark shopping centres has saved more than one million litres of water since installing a rainwater harvesting system two years ago. The centre has also made significant energy savings and had its achievements broadcast on French national television as part of a special feature to celebrate the opening of the Copenhagen climate change summit in 2009.

By *Richard Watson*

Photography *Simon Stanbury*



Green team Castle Plaza's John Crase and Grant Rench toast the success of their water saving program.

Castle Plaza Shopping Centre invested \$100,000 in a rainwater harvesting system following an efficiency audit by SA Water in late 2007.

Conducted as part of the SA Water Business Water Saver Program, the audit identified the potential for huge water savings. That was enough to convince Castle Plaza's centre manager John Crase and operations manager Grant Rench to take immediate action. Together they formed the green team and turned the centre into an award winning example of environmental sustainability within two years.

From planning to the installation of a 92,000 litre water storage system in February 2008 took just four months. During this time the centre had already implemented the first phase of its water saving program, John Crase said.

"The harvesting system collects water from more than 3500 square metres of the centre's roof and channels it into four 23,000 litre tanks. It then goes through a three stage filtration process before being pumped to the toilet block for flushing and hand basin use," he said.

"While the harvesting system was being developed we began saving water in simple ways. Flow restriction devices and dual flush toilets were installed throughout the centre and had an impact straight away. The centre's owners funded the change-over of tenant's facilities.

"We also promoted what we were doing so that our customers understood what was happening. We received a lot of positive feedback from the community during the construction phase."

When full, the storage tanks have the capacity to provide enough water to one of the centre's toilet blocks for 23 days.

Water savings have also been complemented with savings in electricity and increased recycling.

These improvements saw Castle Plaza win the Group Sustainability Award against 34 other Colonial First State Global Asset Management shopping centres throughout Australia.

The centre aims to build on its success and this will be particularly challenging as it requires making relatively minor changes for gradual but noticeable improvements, Grant Rench said.

"We are considering changing lamps to the longer lasting T5 type which have a low thermal output and use less electricity. The lamps will also generate less heat, which means that the air conditioning won't have to work so hard," Mr Rench said.

"We have fitted timers on hot water units and ensured that all internal and external lighting was used only when needed. This has saved about 20,000 kilowatt hours per annum. The centre's retailers have been very supportive and have contributed by improving recycling."

Marion Business

This latest initiative continues Caste Plaza's achievements. In 2002 it became one of the first shopping centres in Australia to fit waterless urinals. This alone has saved about 2.5 million litres of water.

According to John Crase, the harvesting system is a long-term commitment to the community. And although it could take many years to claw back the \$100,000 investment in purely monetary terms, the benefits cannot easily be measured on a balance sheet.

"You can't put a price on water. With the increasing cost of water, however, there is no doubt that all businesses will have to find ways of minimising its use," Mr Crase said.

"We aim to keep making gradual improvements in the way we manage water and energy. People call us out of the blue to congratulate us on what we have done so far ... that's worth a lot."



Tall Poppies

Merelyn Theakstone



It was 1999 when Merelyn Theakstone 'went bush'. She did not pack her bags and disappear into the remoteness of the Simpson Desert or hike the relative proximity of the Flinders Rangers. Merelyn went to Headland Reserve bush site at Hallett Cove and started weeding. Because the most important bushland according to Merelyn, is in our own neighbourhoods. By Richard Watson. Photography Simon Stanbury

Sadly, the native species in those neighbourhoods are struggling to survive. Early clearance has left isolated bush sites surrounded by agriculture, housing and industry. Feral plants and animals are also taking hold, but pockets remain that are storehouses for seeds that hold the key to the survival of native species.

Prone to damage from weeds and disease, these pockets need champions to preserve and nurture them.

After 11 years of volunteering as a bushcarer for Bush for Life and with a wealth of knowledge gained from her involvement with the Australian Plants Society, Merelyn, 62, has got what it takes to fight on behalf of native flora and fauna.

"Lots of weeding is needed ... in fact, an awful lot of weeding. You must try to help the area regulate itself and not introduce plants from somewhere else. When you turn back the weeds, native plants

can spread naturally," Merelyn said.

"Nurturing a bush site is very rewarding. As well as the companionship of working with other volunteers there is the joy of seeing wildflowers and plants prosper."

Bush for Life volunteers are taught how to encourage biodiversity through the natural regeneration of plant communities and the animals they support.

Olives, Salvation Jane, Scotch Thistles and mustard weed are the common enemies of South Australia's native plants. Volunteers learn how to identify these and other weeds. They also learn how to encourage native grass and vegetation with minimal disturbance.

Merelyn has applied what she has learnt from Bush for Life to three bush sites on Hallett Cove's headland.

"It's wonderful to be out in the fresh air doing

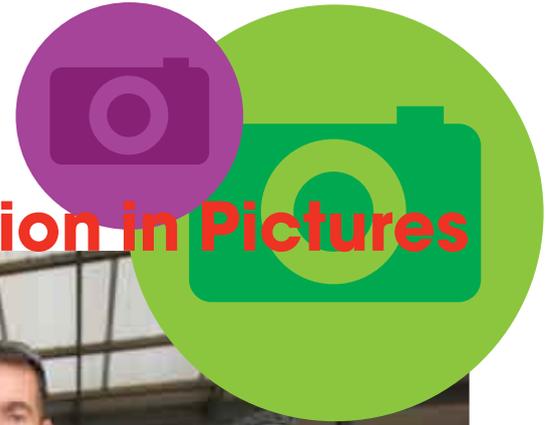
something for the environment. You can see dolphins and seals from the headland and I once came across a black duck with 14 eggs. All these sights could disappear if we don't look after our environment," she said.

With husband Colin, Merelyn has made a detailed study of Australian native plants. They also enjoy planning holidays ... in the bush.

"Our favourite trips have been to the rainforests of Cape Yorke and arid Central Australia. It's wonderful to experience these places but we must protect them," she said.

"Volunteer a couple of hours when you can. You don't have to kill yourself and the rewards will be priceless."

Bush for Life is an arm of trees for Life and can be contacted on 8406 0500. For more information go to www.treesforlife.org.au



Marion in Pictures



Close finish Competitors dash for the line at the BMX SA State Championships.



Service with a smile City of Marion's Andrew Myerscough, Brett Jaggard and Brian Easton serve breakfast to the Barbecue Blitz team after tree pruning in South Plympton.



G'day! Bush balladeers Dave Clark and Kathy Townsend entertain Marion's new Australian citizens at Harmony Day.



Walkies Samantha Shannon takes Golden Jaguar for a stroll at Allan Scott Park, Morphettville.



Rapping good Hamish, Katelind and Riley have their say at the consultation for the new Marion Youth Plan.



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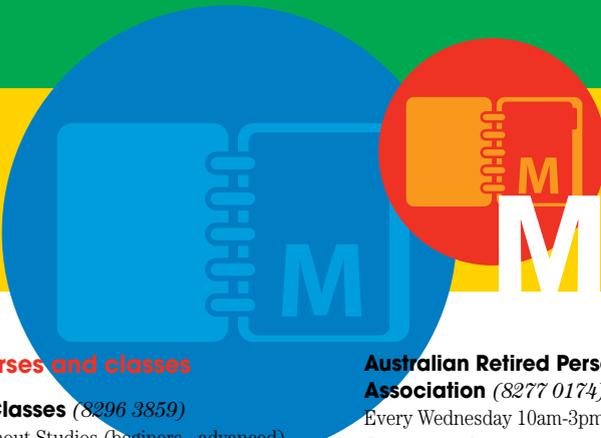
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Art Classes (8296 3859)

Splashout Studios (beginners - advanced)
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What is GOOD art? (0407 893 042)

Learn the art of appreciation at Steed House Art Gallery.

Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre (8375 6703)

A range of classes including exercise, dance, craft and dressmaking.

English conversation group (8277 7842)

For people with English as a second language who want to improve their skills. Ascot Community Uniting Church.

Grief management (8371 1009)

Short courses and seminars for those who have experienced loss of loved ones. Alfred James Bereavement Education Centre.

Hallett Cove Youth Choices Program (8177 3478)

An education and training program for young people (16+) who have left school without SACE and have no immediate employment, training or education options.

Linedancing for Beginners (8281 4767 or 8296 4908)

Exercise and make new friends. Step-by-step instruction.

Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre (8277 8435)

Weight Watchers, table tennis, English, maths, computer, sewing and conversation classes as well as senior social groups and disability social groups.

Picket Fence Community Centre (8374 2522)

An outreach of St Mary's Anglican Church, open to people of all ages. Monday, Thursday and Friday 11am-3pm, phone.

The Project Centre (8276 5793)

Woodwork and sheet metal work two-hour sessions (\$3).

Southern Cross Adelaide Line Dancing (8277 0583)

For beginners and experienced dancers.

Troff Park Neighbourhood Centre (8387 2074)

Yoga, Tai Chi, pilates, cooking, men's shed, kindergym, gymnastics, breakdancing, French, creative writing, perfume and candle making.

Warradale English language program (8293 2083)

Learn English language and conversation skills one-on-one.

Interest groups

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander playgroups (8296 2686)

For children 0 to pre-school. Cultural storytelling, music and dance, craft and toys, health checks. Families welcome. Lunch and transport provided. 11.30am-1.30pm Mondays during school term. Darlington Kindergarten.

Australian Retired Persons Association (8277 0174)

Every Wednesday 10am-3pm, Glandore Community Centre.

Community Philatelic Society (8260 3352 or 8296 9697)

Meetings held on the first and third Friday of each month, Fridays 7.30pm, Marion Bowling Club - in the former ladies facility. Displays and stamp sales at every meeting.

Friends of Glenthorne (Alan 8340 5509 or 8381 2708)

Help the environment through working bees and monthly meetings.

Friends of Hallett Cove Conservation Park (8381 8029)

Help preserve the geological and botanical aspects of the park. Guided walks, re-vegetation, education, plant identification and geological tours for school and community groups. Working bees 9am-12 Thursdays.

Friends of Lower Field River (8387 5227 or www.fieldriver.org)

A land care group established by Hallett Cove residents to protect and care for the lower portion of the Field River and its environs. Includes Cormorant Reserve, the river's estuary at Hallett Cove Beach and nearby sand dunes.

Friends of Marino Conservation Park

Regular working bees for revegetation, weed control, seed collection, propagation and planting. Working bees 2nd Thursday of the month and last Sunday of the month at 9am. Meet at Nimboya Rd car park.

Greenfield Community Club (8298 5400)

Activities and outings for older people looking for new friends.

Marion Historical Society (8296 5769 or 8277 1974)

Interested in local history? Want to preserve Marion's heritage? Meet 7.30pm, third Wednesday each month at Cooinda (next to Council Chambers).

Marion Youth Theatre (8387 5051)

Youth workshops in theatre and film making at Cooinda Recreation Centre, Tuesdays and Thursday evenings with self devised theatre productions staged locally by community youth.

Probus Club of Marion (8297 5948)

For retired and semi-retired men looking to keep their minds active, expand interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends. Meets 10am on the first Monday of most months.

Square Eyes (8375 6891)

Are you an emerging artist still looking for that important break? Be seen and heard at the Marion Cultural Centre's Square Eyes display. Contributions of animation, music, film, or multi-media welcome.

Sunset Twirlers (82971938)

Modern square dancing for beginners. A great way to exercise, have fun and meet new people. Held at Cooinda.

Retirees and Friendship Club (8293 8626)

Every generation community afternoon to be held at Parkholme Community Hall on 11 October 2007 from 1pm. Craft stall, raffle, SA Police Dixie Band. Cost \$5.

Services

Are you concerned about refugees? (Beverley 8296 0761)

A Circle of Friends has been formed in the southern, Holdfast and Marion areas to support refugees in Baxter and the community.

Alzheimer's Australia SA (8372 2100 or www.alzheimers.org.au)

Provides services for people living with many forms of dementia and memory loss as well as support for their family carers.

Childhood assessment workshops (8277 2488)

Development delay can impact on a child's attention, hand skills, play, sensory processing and self-care abilities.

Community Visitors Scheme (8277 2488)

Would you like to be a friend to a lonely person in a nursing home? This scheme aims to break the isolation of aged care residents through volunteers who can share time and interests.

Do you have kids under 5? (8276 8578)

If so Mitchell Park Kindergarten Playgroup is the place you need to visit. We meet on Fridays during school term 9.30am - 11.30am. Please call the Kindy for details.

Employment Plus (8329 9800)

A committed team of professionals offering a free recruitment service to employers.

Hallett Cove Baptist Community Centre (8322 6469)

Games, coffee, quizzes, darts, carpet bowls, table tennis, pool), pre-school activities, computer courses, Cove Crowd Youth Group (meet new high school age friends); activities alternate Tuesdays. Gold coin donation.

Southern Mental Health Services for Older People (83745800)

Advice, consultation and treatment for people aged 65+ (45+ for indigenous people) with mental health problems who are living in the south. A multidisciplinary team provides a flexible and holistic service to clients and carers in their own environment.

Uniting Care Wesley Confident Parenting Program (8329 1700)

Do you love working with children and families? Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? Why not consider volunteering? This program provides advice and home visit support to families in the south of Adelaide experiencing isolation and lack of family support.

Moving through suicide grief (8322 6469)

Individual and group support for anyone experiencing loss of a loved one through suicide. Confidentiality and sensitivity assured with trained and experienced counsellors.

Safer Communities Australia (8373 0818 or www.safercommunities.asn.au)

Responsible adults can apply to have their houses or businesses registered as Safety Assist premises. Police and community checks are conducted on all applicants.

Sports and activity groups

Active Elders (8276 9294 or 8277 6096)

People over 50 welcome to join us for fun and fellowship. Lots of activities so no need to be lonely. 12-4pm Wednesdays.

Atlantis AUSSI Masters Swimming Club (0438 802 594 or atlantis.aussisa.org.au)

For adult swimmers of all levels - training, competitions, awards and social activities.

Bicycle Institute of South Australia (8411 0233 or www.bisa.asn.au)

A voluntary, not-for-profit, community organisation representing all cyclists in South Australia.

Del Sante All Ability Gymnastics Club (8244 5146)

All abilities and disabilities welcome. Excellent for improving balance, co-ordination, mobility and social skills.

Indoor bowls (8293 5350)

Relax and enjoy this all-weather sport for all ages and make new friends. 7.30pm Wednesdays at Clovelly Park Memorial Community Centre.

Keep walking (8298 1321)

Walks for a range of fitness levels with accredited leaders. Bushwalking and near-city walks, Scott Creek, Mount Crawford, Belair, Kuitpo Forest and others. Starting times: Sundays 10am, weekdays 9.30am. Cost \$9 for three and four hour walks. \$8 for two hour walks. \$2 off for concession holders.

Marion Arthritis Branch (Roger 8298 8265 or 0411 448620)

Meets at 1pm fourth Friday each month except December. Talks and questions answered.

Marion croquet (8296 2353)

Play either croquet or golf croquet. Coaching and introductory help provided.

Marion Mall Walkers (Margaret 8296 9088 or Leonie 8293 6098)

Meet Monday, Thursday and Friday at 7.20am for warm up exercises. Walk until cool down at 8.20am. Start at information counter adjacent to Charlesworth Nuts. All welcome, all weathers. Walk at your own pace. Great exercise followed by a social chat over coffee.

Out and About (8277 8435)

A social and recreational group for people with a disability aged 18+. Activities include ten-pin bowling, crafts, barbecues, cinema, lunches.

Over 50's Travel and Social Club (8387 0352)

Meet new friends and share your travel stories. 1.30pm first Friday each month except in January. Membership: \$10 and entry fee \$5.

Lasting Impressions

John & Frances Symonds

When John and Frances Symonds became volunteer drivers for the City of Marion's social support program in 1997 they got more than they bargained for. While they expected to enjoy volunteering for their community, they did not anticipate how much they would learn from the people they set out to help.

By *Richard Watson*
Photography *Simon Stanbury*



Their journey of discovery began when John, a former farmer and self-confessed planner, was nearing retirement.

After working hard to build up his property in Jamestown, the idea of retiring to pursue his love of golf and travel felt insubstantial, John said.

"I decided what I was going to do in my retirement while I was still working. I had finished farming and began a lawn mowing round when we moved to Hallett Cove. Having grown up in a place where a sense of community was ingrained, volunteering came naturally," he said.

"I drove people to medical appointments and helped them with their shopping. Everyone loves to talk and appreciates company and I'm a good listener. I soon learnt that it was incredibly satisfying to help really nice people.

"A simple thing such as driving people around for a couple of hours helps them live

independently and be an active member of the community. It brought a smile to my face too."

The couple chose volunteer driving after Frances had heard about the program during her 10 year stint in the accounts department at Marion Council.

While Frances was also quick to get behind the wheel, she broadened her horizons when she agreed to teach English as a second language to refugees at Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre.

It was there that she befriended an Iranian family and found out that there was more to teaching English than helping people understand a few words.

"Working so closely with an Iranian family who had fled their country of birth was a life-changing experience. We all became, and still are, great friends. It was eye-opening to be given an insight into their lives and culture," Frances said.

"At first they took expressions such as, 'I'm pulling your leg,' quite literally. We had a lot of laughs together and I hopefully helped show them how to live in Australia and taught them something about our sense of humour."

John, 78 and Frances, 72, met in Jamestown where Frances was the area's first female councillor. They have a combined family

of nine children and 17 grandchildren and moved to the Marion Council area in 1984 before retiring to Hallett Cove in 1996.

Due to health concerns they are now taking a back seat from volunteer driving to devote more time to one of their first loves, gardening. John will also continue to help out Brighton Meals on Wheels while Frances traces the roots of her Irish ancestry.

For both of them, volunteering is one of the most important things that you can do for your community and yourself.

"I made a lot of friends with other volunteers and clients," John said.

"Some people worry that volunteering costs money and time. Associated costs are covered and helping others is time well spent. Also, you don't have to do it forever."

For Frances, volunteering was also a valuable learning experience.

"I really enjoyed teaching English to a refugee family and helping them become part of the community," Frances said.

"Donating a small amount of your time can have a huge impact on someone who needs a bit of help. You never know where it could lead, for you and for them."