



**CLARENDON
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

May 2019 eNews

We welcome autumn to Clarendon – cool evenings, stunning scenery and finally some rain. The orchards are full of pears and apples to pick, quinces as well. I'm looking forward to challenging my culinary skills with apple pies, pear tarts and quince paste. Hopefully all your wood piles are stocked high and the gutters are free of litter. Autumn in Clarendon – one of the best times of the year!



Community Calendar

19th & 26th May 2019

History month at Historic Hall and Museum – Bridging the Onkaparinga

21st July 2019

Clarendon Bridge – celebrating 100 years

Monthly rainfall



April 2019 **10.2mm**

Rained over 5 days

Year to date 2019 36.4mm

April 2018 **49.6mm**

Year to date 2018 82.0mm

Year to date 2017 188.4mm

**Thank you
to our very own rain man
Bill Jared**

Anzac Day Ceremony



This event was again well attended by the Clarendon Community, commemorating our 'Clarendon Boys'. Thank you to Gavin and his team who organised the event for the first time this year. Following on from Jo and the Historic Hall Committee was no easy task. However Gavin's connections with the community and relaxed and affable manner ensured he was well up to the challenge. We thank the CFS for their support during the ceremony and also the SA Police who managed the traffic during the formal part of the event.



We thank the Clarendon Netball Club for providing a barbecue breakfast with all proceeds going to the Anzac Appeal. And we thank the Clarendon Kindergarten families for providing a beautiful morning tea.



They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, or the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

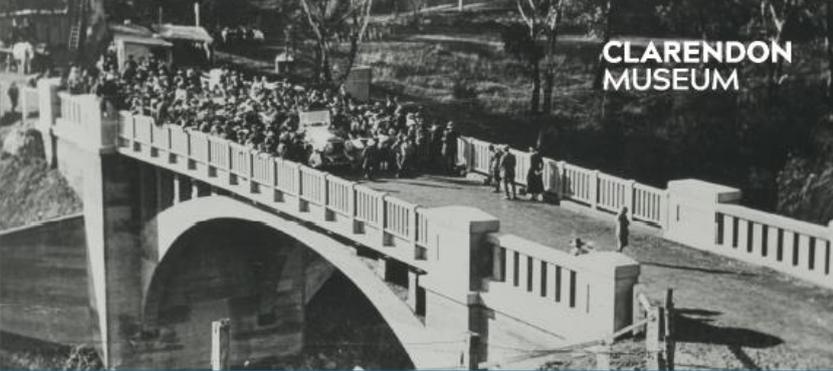
A bridge set to blow!

The Clarendon Bridge (concrete version) celebrates 100th birthday this July. The bridge was and still is a vital infrastructural link between Adelaide and the Fleurieu Peninsula. Never was this more evident than during the Second World War. Being one of the only crossings of the Onkaparinga River for many miles around, the Clarendon Bridge was a great strategic asset to any invading forces advancing from the south. To impede these possible threats, sentry posts were placed on either sides of the bridge. Explosive charges were also set into the abutments in preparation to 'blow the bridge' in the event of an invasion of enemy forces from the south. The holes that were drilled for the explosives can still be seen today. There are many more fascinating stories that have occurred at the Clarendon Bridge over the years, both in times of conflict and peace.



Clarendon Historic Hall and Museum

May is History Month in South Australia and the Clarendon Historic Hall and Museum will open on Sunday 19th May and Sunday 26th May 2019 with a special exhibition '**Bridging the Onkaparinga**' in preparation for the bridge's 100 year anniversary in July this year.



Bridging the Onkaparinga
Celebrating 100 Years of the Clarendon Bridge

Explore a comprehensive and entertaining display of the Bridge's past. Kids and the young at heart can take up our LEGO Bridge Building Competition.

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Sun 19 & 26 May, 12-4pm
Clarendon Historic Hall,
Grants Gully Rd, Clarendon
history.clarendon.org.au

You are invited to visit to learn about the history of the Onkaparinga River and the challenges to cross it safely. Follow the stories about crossing the ford at Clarendon (or being stuck on the wrong side!) Learn about the first bridge which was built in 1857 and the construction of our 'new' 100 year old bridge.

There will be 'Bridging the Onkaparinga' stories from local Clarendon families as well as photos and historical information to view and share.

For our younger visitors we will be having a 'LEGO bridge building competition'.

Bridging the Onkaparinga together

Clarendon Museum Opening Times



The Clarendon Historic Hall and Museum is open on the last Sunday of each month 1pm – 4pm.

Clarendon needs a bridge 1855!

In 1855, Clarendon's school master Mr Cowell, supported by Dr Montgomery, complained that there was no convenience to cross the Onkaparinga River at Clarendon. They suggested building a bridge and pointed out that to date carriers going to Bull Creek had to detour via Echunga or Noarlunga, meaning an extra 17 extra miles. Following this the Central Road Board in 1856 decided that the eastern branch of South Road should leave that road near Wards Corner and go through Happy Valley to Clarendon, and intimated a bridge should be constructed over the river there.

Clarendon the town, its people:
The Clarendon Historic Hall Committee,
1973



Hello from Clarendon CFS

Incidents April 2019

Scrub/grass fires – 2 at Kangarilla and Cherry Gardens - no picture!

Fundraising

We have been very fortunate this month (again!). Not only have we been lucky enough to receive a second brand new fire appliance in 15 months, but we were given an external defibrillator to add to our brand new 14 appliance.

We were also given a brand new laptop and a large computer screen for our truck bay/change area so that we can view up to date information on crew status/incidents etc. These were donated by **Bendigo Bank**.

Plans for the Station

Finally – carpeting has been completed with the radio room and BA room (was cement)has finally been laid.

Garden - we plan to create a garden and plant some bulbs. Does anyone have any they can donate? You can send me at text or email and I will collect them or you could drop them off to the station any Monday night.

80th Anniversary of Clarendon CFS – plans are underway in preparation for September of this year.

Something to think about?

- Winter is coming! The season for house fires!
- Have you checked your flues and chimneys for debris?
- Electric blankets are a common source of fires. Are yours in good repair?
- Smoke Alarms - are they in good working order?

Even though fire season is coming towards an end (May 12th) – don't forget that our weather patterns are such that the bushfire risk is still there. Please make sure you are prepared. The Cherry Gardens fire was a good example!

You are always welcome!

We are always there every Monday night (not PH) from 6.30pm and you are always welcome to see what we do. You can always join us – that way you would learn valuable skills to protect yourself, your family and your pets and property. Keep safe!

Sue Leslie

Brigade Captain

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Fortnightly green waste collection but at what cost?

You may have heard some talk about a proposed fortnightly green bin collection for Onkaparinga, rather than the current monthly collection. There is a strong push for the second collection by some Onkaparinga residents, however, it will come at a cost to all of us, likely through a rate increase.

An alternative user-pay system has been suggested where those residents who require a second monthly collection simply buy a second bin.

If you have an opinion about it, it is important that you contact our ward councillors to let them know; they can only go into bat for us based on the communication they receive.

At the CCA meeting last night, the general feeling was that the user-pay system made more sense. Marion indicated that the only communication she had received was for those in favour of the second collection.

It doesn't require a tome, but a simple statement indicating your preference.

You can voice your opinion either way by emailing:

marion.themeliotis@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au or
geoff.eaton@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au



More news from our close neighbours at Willunga



WILLUNGA JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION

Presented by Willunga Recreation Park

SUNDAY 26 MAY 2019

at the

FESTIVAL HALL

5 Main Road, Willunga (opposite Alma Hotel)



South Australian 2019 Jigsaw Team Championship
(SA Team Championship)

1.00 pm - 250 piece jigsaw competition

3.00 pm - 500 piece jigsaw competition

SPECTATORS WELCOME

Cost: \$20 per person for participants.
Register individually or as a team (4 persons)

Enter at www.trybooking.com/BBNXU
or at jigsaw@willungarecrepark.com.au
Info: Brian Dempsey 0418 807 529
Graham Ormsby 0402 892 425

Supporting the
Fleurieu Community



Bendigo Bank

And from the Kangarilla 'Kanganoos'

KANGARILLA RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY GENERATOR PROJECT

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING
ASSISTANCE TO HELP OUR
KANGARILLA COMMUNITY PROJECT
REACH A COMMON GOAL WITH
PURCHASING A POWER GENERATOR.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO :

KANGARILLA RECREATION GROUNDS
COMMITTEE
BSB: 105 071
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 026068140
OR
DROP IN TO THE KANGARILLA
GENERAL STORE

COMMUNITY GENERATOR PROJECT TARGET \$5000

The committee and community groups had identified how at risk we as a community are without a power supply in the event of a fire, storm etc in our region. We are very happy to announce after much work and tenacity by a core group, that we have been successful in gaining a grant towards the cost of a Generator!

This is a substantial project, with the completed project costing just under \$40,000. The Kangarilla CFS has contributed funds from fundraising events held for this purpose. Community members have donated specialist skills, and equipment to assist with costs. We are now seeking further support from the wider community to raise the remaining \$5,000 required to complete the project. This generator will be located at the recreation grounds and will provide an independent reliable power supply when required. Not only the CFS to operate, but it will also supply power to the football clubrooms, toilets, showers, kitchen. With some cable upgrading the Community Hall will also be able to utilise the generator. The planned completion date is June 30th, of this year.

This is an exciting project and a great asset for both our and neighbouring communities. If you can donate towards this project it would be greatly appreciated. Every dollar counts and we believe raising the \$5000 is a very achievable goal.

There are Banking details provided for direct deposits (Kangarilla Recreation Grounds Committee BSB: 105 071 Ac: 026068140) or you can pop into the Kangarilla General Store where you can leave your donation (receipt provided) which will be forwarded onto the KRGC.

We will keep the community posted on how our fundraising is going, so watch out for news!