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Newsletter

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MTDCA

Chair's Update

Andy Bennett Bridge
Around 35 people gathered on Friday September 11 for the official unveiling of the Andy Bennett Bridge, recognising Andy's long association with Mount Torrens and his contribution to our community.



Andy's family joined friends, community members and invited guests for the unveiling, with many continuing on to the Coach House afterwards for drinks and nibbles. MTDCA was proud to support the naming of the bridge in Andy's honour.

Sarah Pollard
Chairperson





Left to right: Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Mayor Nathan Daniell, MTDCA Chair Sarah Pollard, Niece in law Phillipa Powell, Cr Rick Gladigau

Chair's Update (cont.)

I spoke with Andy's niece, Jeanette Hutcheson, last week who was thrilled with the naming of the bridge and the support MTDCA provided. Here is a copy of the letter she sent to The Link, reproduced with Jeanette's permission.

I want to say a great big THANK YOU, to the Mt Torrens & District Community Association, for proudly and strongly supporting, the naming of the Andy Bennett bridge. The special moment, with the official unveiling and naming of the bridge, held on Friday 11th September, was attended by 35 people and was a wonderful and lasting tribute, to honour my Uncle Andy, for his contribution to the Community.

As I read the article in the local paper and looked at the photos honouring my Dear Uncle, my eyes filled with tears, as I realised, just how much he was loved and very well regarded in the Community and is now, greatly missed as well.

Sadly, I didn't know of this very special event in time for me to get there from Ballarat, so please accept my sincere apologies, for not joining you all, to witness this meaningful and touching occasion. Mt Torrens, will always hold a very special and dear place in my heart, as well as many lasting memories.

Many blessings and thanks again to you all.

Yours faithfully,

Jeanette Hutcheson,
Andy Bennett's niece

Secretary's Report

Dear Member,

Mount Torrens has finally entered spring!
Our district is looking particularly inviting and the busy season is about to take off.

Behind the scenes Discover Mount Torrens, the Archive Group and Community Garden have been hosting volunteers and visitors over the past 2 months. A meeting with AHC Coordinator Activation and Economy Anna Del Rio to share ideas about economic activation of Mount Torrens occurred, hopefully will be some follow up in the future. Our winter raffle drawn on October 4th was a successful fundraiser.

The Coach House continues to host monthly Open Days, with the Archive Group also hosting volunteers from the Angaston Museum, a visit to the Port Adelaide Museum and preparing to welcome the Hahndorf History Group.

In August, the Community Garden shed was erected by a terrific group of volunteers, capably led by Sue Scott. We sincerely thank Sue and all the volunteers for their hard work and the excellent result. The team consisting of Joe Clarke, Lance Walker, Ben Walker, Nicholas Rundle, Linda Green, Kerry Clark and Ella, John and Kerry Homer worked over a few weekends to get the shed completed. Thank you to Chris and Irene Barry for their kind donation of the shed, Peter Wilhelm for pavers and Torrens Valley Lions for the grant that allowed the shed to be erected and completed.

Thank you to all who have assisted with these events and especially the group leaders Sarah, Rose Ralph and Sue Scott.





Secretary's Report (cont.)



Our AGM will be held on Monday November 9th at 7pm at the Coach House. We will need additional committee members and indeed members in the future. Please share this with your friends and neighbours. We are working on a special guest speaker for that night.

We remind you also of the future events - Christmas Market at the Oval on Sunday December 6th and Carols at the Reserve on Sunday 13th December from 5 30pm. All welcome!

Regards
Sheree Hunt

Save the Date

Sunday December 13th

from 5 30 pm

Mt Torrens Christmas Carols at the Heritage Reserve

17 Townsend Street Mt Torrens

All Welcome



Archive Collection Group

Another old building to research!

This week, Palm Villa, on the corner of Springhead Road and Terlinga Road has been offered for sale.

Our records indicate that Bruno Hammer and his brother, Julius, early Blacksmiths and Wheelwrights in Mt Torrens, constructed Palm Villa about 1912 and Bruno lived there. As well, they constructed the house opposite on Townsend St. where Julius lived and operated the Carpenter and Bike Shop. (This later became the late Andy Bennett's residence).

Both properties are distinguished by towering date palms which stand out prominently as you enter the town. It is said that the palm trees were planted by the brothers when they returned with the seeds at the end of WW1.

Palm trees were frequently planted to honour veterans who had served overseas. They were deeply symbolic plants for communities welcoming home soldiers.

The photos show Palm Villa before Springhead Road was bituminised in the late 1950s and the victory parade at the end of WW1.

VISIT US AT THE COACH HOUSE IN THE MAIN STREET
(17 TOWNSEND ST).
WE ARE OPEN MONDAYS, **10AM - 1PM**.
OR
other days by appointment.

Contact: Rose 0432 477 616 Email: mt.historycentre@gmail
Rose Ralph, Acting Manager. Kerry Clark, Chris Barry, Leonie Feutrill, Sheree Hunt.





Discover Mount Torrens

If you haven't yet visited Our Daily Bread at the Coach House, there are two more opportunities to come along this year.

The exhibition explores the story of the Mount Torrens flour mill through to Sumners Bakery, with historic photographs, objects and memorabilia bringing this part of our town's history to life.

The Coach House, 17 Townsend Street, will be open on Sunday 4 October and Sunday 1 November, from 11am - 3pm.



Come in, have a look around and see what Discover Mount Torrens has been working on. Whether you've lived here for years or are new to the area, there's always something more to discover about Mount Torrens and its history. We'd love to see you.

Sarah Pollard