



State Heritage Area

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MTDCA

Chair's Update

We're pleased to announce that the new Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association website is now live!

The website provides a central place to learn more about the Association, our various community groups, and upcoming events and exhibitions. You can also browse our bimonthly newsletters and keep up to date with what's happening in our Association.

Take a look here:

<https://www.mounttorrens.org.au/>

Our community groups are always happy to welcome new volunteers. Whether you're interested in local history and archiving, helping with events and exhibitions, social media, or lending a hand in the Community Garden, there are plenty of ways to get involved.

If you would like to find out more or have any questions, please contact our Secretary Dr Sheree Hunt at: mttorrensdca@gmail.com

The Association is proud to support and celebrate the history, people and community spirit of Mount Torrens, and we always enjoy welcoming new faces.

The official naming of the Andy Bennett Bridge is also progressing well, with an opening expected around June. Community consultation was very positive, reflecting strong support for recognising and honouring the late Andy Bennett, who was well known and respected by so many in our community.

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Secretary's Update

Dear Member,

Hope you are all well and enjoying the hills' autumn.

Our planned Community Market on 1st March was cancelled at the last minute due to the forecasted severe weather conditions. Adelaide Hills Council indicated a reschedule was on the cards, but to date we have not heard.

The committee has been busy, with the most visible sign being the launch of our new website. Congratulations to Sarah in particular for driving this. www.mounttorrens.org.au

The Community Garden is in great shape, now featuring a book exchange, with even more improvements planned for the future.

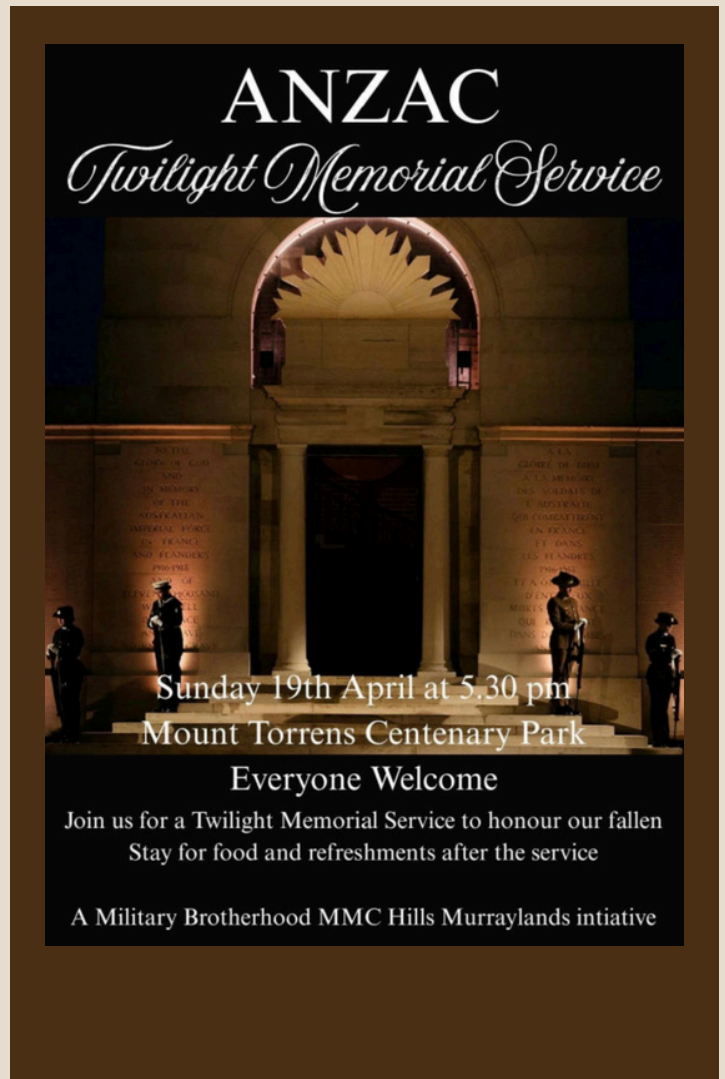
The Archive Collection has been continuing with its digitisation process.

E Hive (our online archive) has notched up almost 900 public views in 2026 alone, potentially from anywhere in the world!
<https://ehive.com/collections/207077/mt-torrens-archive-centre>

At our next committee meeting on Monday April 13 , the new Adelaide Hills Council mayor, Nathan Daniell and Councillor Rick Gladigau will speak at the beginning of the meeting to share our visions for the Adelaide Hills and Mount Torrens.

All MTDCA members are invited to attend from 7 pm to that part of the meeting at the Coach House . We want to keep things running smoothly and make the most of the Mayor's and Councillor's time,keeping the focus on community-wide topics rather than personal concerns, individual requests, or grievances.

Finally, members are welcome to attend the Anzac Twilight Memorial Service to be held at Mt Torrens Centenary Park, Sunday 19th April at 5.30 pm, with refreshments after. This is an initiative of the Military Brotherhood Motorcycle Club Hills Murraylands.



Archive Collection Group

There is lots of enthusiasm in the group now that we can add records to the eHive data base!

It is painstaking but enjoyable work going through the records, adding photos and background information. But sometimes we can't identify people or places.

Maybe you can help.

You may recognise this young girl from old family photo albums, or do you have some idea where the photo of this old building was taken? Any information can help solve these puzzles.

Please contact us or drop into the Coach House in the main street on Monday mornings between 10am and 1pm. We can help you research family or town records too and scan any photos or other records you have for the archive.

Remember you can search the Mt Torrens Archive by opening eHive Mt Torrens Archive Centre. A work in progress but see what you can find. And later we will post information on the Mt Torrens & District Community Association Facebook page to help you search.

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Rose Ralph, Acting Manager,
Kerry Clark, Chris Barry,
Leonie Feutrill, Sheree Hunt.



Mount Torrens Community Garden

The membership of the Community Garden has grown!

Two more people have joined the gardening crew.

This is just enough for us to decide to go ahead with a winter planting program hoping that more people join the group enabling us to continue long term.

Whether you're a gardening pro or just getting started, everyone is welcome!

What we offer volunteer gardeners:

- Learn how to grow in wicking beds and directly in the ground
- Participate in seed saving from summer crops (taking some home)
- Tools, compost, and plenty of horse manure provided
- A great chance to connect, grow sustainably, and give back
- Help plant seedlings, garlic, golden shallots and various seed in March and April

We Need Your Help!

Tasks we need help with over the next few months:

- Watering whilst seedlings establish during this unpredictable weather
- Applying for funding (for future growth, shed, netting over fruit trees, and vermin-proof fencing)
- Sharing new ideas

Location: Off Dunfield Drive, Mount Torrens

Times: 9–11 am, First and Third Saturday of each month

Contact: Sue – 0458 484 758 (if you'd like to contribute)

Let's make this Autumn a season of growth—for our garden and our community. We'd love for you to grow with us!

Discover Mount Torrens

South
Australia's

History Festival

**1-31 May
2026**



**We're participating in
South Australia's History Festival**

History Festival 2026 – Our Daily Bread

Preparations are well underway for our History Festival 2026 exhibition, Our Daily Bread, at the Coach House, 17 Townsend Street.

From the Mount Torrens flour mill to Sumner's Bakery, our exhibition explores the important role baking has played in the town's history. A large and unique collection of photographs and baking ephemera will bring the story to life, showcasing nostalgic objects that reveal the craft of baking and the connections between people, places and food in our community.

The Coach House will be open every Sunday in May from 11am – 3pm, with the possibility of additional opening days during the festival.

Keep an eye on Discover Mount Torrens social media for updates and extra opening times. We look forward to seeing you!

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