



# Newsletter

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## MTDCA

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026!

After a very busy December most of us have had an opportunity to catch our breath in January.

After our final committee meeting on 2025, we enjoyed a lovely Carols evening on December 14th attended by around 100 mostly locals. Thank you to all who supported and attended. Once again donations from our local politicians Rebekha Sharkie and Ashton Hurn as well as Carnevore assisted us to host the evening.

The Archive group has regrouped and training in eHive has begun. The work so far can be seen by googling “eHive Mt Torrens” or <https://ehive.com/collections/207077/mt-torrens-archive-centre>

Planning for History Month in May is well underway. It was terrific that Discover Mount Torrens was recognised by an Adelaide Hills Council citizenship award on January 23rd. The serious lack of volunteers has left the Community Garden in a dire situation. It is my hope that 2026 will bring us more “hands on deck” for the MTDCA.

A reminder that the next community market will be held on March 1st. Hosted by MTDCA and the Centenary Park with Adelaide Hills Council as part of the Adelaide Fringe we look forward to an enjoyable day, hoping to see you all there!

Sheree Hunt (Secretary)

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**Mt Torrens Market**

Mount Torrens Oval  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
9am - 3pm

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In conjunction with Adelaide Hills Council's  
**Discover, Play, Pathway**

## Discover Mount Torrens

Discover Mount Torrens is proud to have received an Adelaide Hills Council Award for Active Citizenship as part of the 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards, recognising our History Festival exhibition Tracks of Change: From Trains to Treadlies.

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers and the Mount Torrens Christian School, who gave their time, energy and knowledge to make the exhibition happen — from researching stories and building model train sets, to SteamRanger, the National Railway Museum, and private collectors who generously lent their amazing items, and everyone who helped welcome visitors through the doors. We truly couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you also to everyone who came along, shared memories, asked questions and took the time to visit. Your interest and conversations brought the exhibition to life and reminded us why local history matters.

We're grateful for this recognition, and even more grateful for the people who made Tracks of Change such a special experience.

### Seeking volunteers

Love local history and community projects? We're always looking for enthusiastic new members and volunteers to join Discover Mount Torrens. Any queries, call Sarah - we'd love to hear from you!

Sarah Pollard 0407 838 968



*Adelaide Hills Council councillor Malcolm Herrmann presenting Sarah Pollard with the Community Achievement Award*

## Archive Collection Group

Happy New Year everyone!

Our group of five, including Sheree Hunt, Chris Barry, Kerry Clark, Leonie Feutrill, and Rose Ralph held our first meeting for 2026 on January 19th. Great conversations and many new ideas reflected our enthusiasm for the year ahead.

Our focus this year will be on becoming adept at using our data management system, eHive. Sheree is leading the way with this, setting up Zoom meetings for us with the system operators in New Zealand, taking us through procedures, and developing a manual for users. All of us will be able to contribute to our goal of putting the Mt Torrens Archive online.

Of course there are many other tasks to be undertaken. There are still photos and records to be scanned and entered into folders. The information in these files will eventually be loaded onto eHive.

Have a go! It's a work in progress but we have already entered some information so see what you can find! Just use your browser to search: eHive Mt Torrens Archive Centre.

There will be more information available later on the Mt Torrens & District Community Association Facebook page to help you search.

All these photos and written records are then filed in the Archive Shed and Leonie leads this task. We are all delighted by the recent work done by members and helpers in restoring the Shed to its former purpose-built state, when the compactus storage shelves were first purchased and set up.

The Coach House is open every Monday between 10 and 1pm and we would love you to bring in any questions or information you might have about earlier residents or historic buildings.

Contact us on 0432 477 616

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*Photos are of Leonie and Kerry in the 'expanded' Archive*



## Mount Torrens Community Garden



### Can You Help Save the Mount Torrens Community Garden?

The Mount Torrens Community Garden began with a simple but powerful vision: to create a welcoming space where people from Mount Torrens and surrounding areas could connect, grow food, and share knowledge. Over the years, that vision has flourished.

Today, the garden is home to an impressive variety of fruit trees, vegetables, herbs, and berries. Children wander through snacking on strawberries, snow peas, and blueberries. Locals stop by for a chat, to ask for gardening tips, or simply to enjoy the space. Thanks to several grants, we've been able to install wicking beds, watering systems, and equip the garden with the tools needed to keep it thriving. Local businesses have generously supported us with donations and discounts along the way.

Our volunteer gardeners meet once a fortnight, and these gatherings have become a highlight for many — a chance to share skills, enjoy the outdoors, and build lasting friendships.

But there's one thing that hasn't grown: our volunteer numbers.

As people have moved away, our team has become smaller and smaller. We are now at a point where we simply don't have enough hands to keep the garden going. Without new volunteers, we may be forced to close this beautiful community space.

If you've ever thought about getting involved — even just a little — now is the time. Your help could be what keeps the garden alive for everyone who enjoys it.

Join us, grow with us, and help keep the Mount Torrens Community Garden open.

Contact Sue on 0458 484 758 or turn up for a working bee 9am to 11am 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Dunfield Drive Mount Torrens. Su