



State Heritage Area

Newsletter

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We have some exciting news! The restoration of the bridge in Townsend Street is going to be done during the Summer season!

Our Committee of Management requires a couple more members and if you feel you are the person, please email

mttorrensca@gmail.com for a nomination form. Also, if you would like to be an association member, the fee is \$10.00 per year, email for a nomination form.

The wood raffle was very well supported and the winners were - First Prize - D. Fullgrabe, Second Prize - Callum Justice and Third Prize - L.

Jones. Sincere thanks to the people who donated the prizes. Our next raffle is the Xmas one and will be \$5.00 ticket with numerous prizes available from November onwards and will be drawn on 15th December at the Carols at the Reserve. Put these dates in you diary:

1st December - Xmas Market at the Mt Torrens Oval
15th December - Carols at the Reserve

If you are a musician or know of someone to perform at the Carols please phone Kerry on 0467 276 421. Watch for posters etc for more information as time draws near.

Would you like to help Mount Torrens & Districts Community Association beautify Mount Torrens this Christmas?

Are you 12 or under?

Join the fun!

Come and grab a tree, decorate it, and showcase your creation at the Christmas Market!

How to Enter:

- Get a registration form from Keith at the General Store.

Key Dates:

- Return forms to the Coach House (17 Townsend St) on October 15, 4-5pm.
- Collect raw Xmas trees from the Coach House on October 22, 4-5pm.
- Return decorated trees to the Coach House on November 23, 4-5pm.
- Trees will be displayed at the Christmas Market, December 1, Centenary Park.

Contact: Karen at 0409 692 403 for more information



Mt Torrens Community Garden

Food Cube

Ageing well special event coming to Mount Torrens.

The Mount Torrens Community Garden is hosting a special working bee for the Week of Ageing Well. We will be installing two additional wicking beds into the Community Garden. This time they are heavy duty plastic food cubes. They are lower to the ground than the existing wicking beds and will be ideal for growing tomatoes on a trellis; with the picking height within easy reach from the ground - no ladders.

If you want to see how or be part of setting up a food cube with the experts from Adelaide Hills Veggie Gardens come along to the Mount Torrens Community Garden off Dunfield Rd Mount Torrens Saturday 5th October 9am to 11am.

Whilst you are there check out the remainder of the garden; veggies and fruit trees and talk to the wonderful volunteers available on the day.

Remember the Community Garden is your Garden and you can pick free food from it 24/7. Sue

MTDCA Archiving Group

Since our last update in the Link, we have been focussed on digitising the records donated in recent years. Descendants of families who settled Mt Torrens or moved here in the early 20th century often make requests for any information we have and it is very satisfying being able to help directly or suggest other contacts.

Very often too, these families donate or loan information which we can add to our family files or start new ones. All of this adds to the Mt Torrens archive. This work involves researching our records and using online resources. The loaned information is scanned and entered into relevant folders. Then it is returned according to the information supplied on the Loan form.

Donated material is entered and then stored in the Archive shed.

Leonie is patiently establishing some order in the shed, often with Kerry's help. It is a huge task! The goal is to have easy access to requested information.

The oral history project will start to take shape over the next couple of months. As mentioned in the Link last time, our aim is to approach older residents of Mt Torrens who might be willing to record their stories. These stories can often also provide fascinating details of an earlier way of life in Mt Torrens. Please contact us if you would like to be part of this or have any suggestions. See contacts below.

We are meeting every Monday from 9 am to 1 pm at the Coach House. This is a good time to drop in with questions you might have about your family ancestors or to donate/loan records you would like to have stored in the Mt Torrens Archive. You can also contact us via: mt.historycentre@gmail.com

Or phone Rose: 0432 477 616



PS. Check out these photos of the Coach House, a recent one and a much earlier one where something has been recently removed. Do you know what? Look out for the answer on the MTDCA Facebook page!