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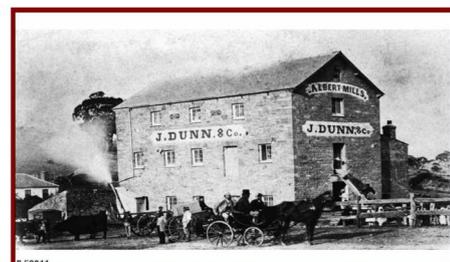


*Newsletter of the Nairne and Districts Residents Association*

## Celebrate



**Nairne Alive 175**  
**30 November 2014 - 10am-3pm**  
**COMMUNITY EVENT**  
 Main Street, Nairne



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This year, the town of Nairne has been celebrating the 175 years since its beginnings as a 'special survey' on the land of founder, Matthew Smillie. Earlier in the year, the town celebrated with an old-style movie night, and the Nairne and Districts Residents Association hosted a number of speakers who shared their knowledge of Nairne's history. The Nairne News has printed the stories of residents, both past and present.

**But we've saved the best 'til last!** Join us with our major community celebration on 30 November 2014! See inside for details.



# Nairne Alive—175



On Sunday 30 November 2014, from 10 am – 3 pm, the Main Street of Nairne will be the setting for the 175<sup>th</sup> celebrations of this beautiful, historic town. The Nairne and District Residents Association is collaborating with the Nairne Community Sustainable Market, the District Council of Mt Barker, the Nairne Lions Club and a multitude of local community groups and businesses, to give the Main Street of Nairne the feeling of past years at this celebration.

**The official opening** will take place at 11.30 am at Mick Murphy Park, on the corner of Jeffrey Street and Main Street, with a ‘Welcome to Peramangk Land’ by Ivan - Tiwu Copley OAM, and a speech by Mayor Ann Ferguson. Nairne’s 175th birthday cake will then be cut and shared. Soon after, at 12 noon, the Hills Family Church will put on a **Nativity Play** in the park.

Pick up the ‘**175 steps**’ trail bag which will lead you to the many special places in Nairne. Many of our local businesses in the Main Street will be playing their part in the event.

**Sheehan’s Hardware Store**, which will be open until 12 noon, will have an historic window display.

Food and drinks will be available at **68 on Main, Australian HOPE International, the Nairne Corner Takeaway, the Foodmart, the Halfway Café** and the **District and Miller’s Arms Hotels**.

You will find fun activities for children at **Plaster Planet, Head Heart & Hands Imaginative Play** and the **Nairne Community Sustainable Market**. This NCS Market will have over 30 stalls, including fruit, vegetables and honey, as well as many different kinds of hand-crafted items which will inspire you with different and interesting Christmas gift ideas. Belly dancers and musicians will entertain you as you browse, and face painters will transform the faces of happy children.

**The Nairne Institute** will be open as a museum that day, with a fascinating display of Nairne memorabilia which has been collected over many years.

**The Nairne Market** will be open and one of the old police station cells will have a display of archived police articles. You will have the chance to have your photo taken with a ‘policeman from the old days’ and at the ‘photo shoot board’ which will be located there. Across the road at the **Nairne Service Station**, two old police vehicles will be on display.

**The Nairne CFS** will have bushfire safety information available and a firefighting unit will be on display.

In the **Soldiers Memorial Hall**, there will be displays by the Red Cross, the Nairne Branch of the RSL and Nairne Primary School. You may remember that pantomimes were performed in this hall 20 or more years ago - Red Hot Cinders, Aladdin and Monty Chapman’s Flying Piglet Circus. Video footage of those performances will be on show in a corner of the Hall, so if you, or someone you know, were in it or you want to take a peep, come along during the afternoon. Don’t expect the visual perfection we have these days but it will be a bit of fun.

We welcome back to Nairne, for this special event, past residents and those who have been involved with the Nairne Primary School, the churches of Nairne, Chapman’s factory, the railway and local businesses over the years. If anyone with these connections would like to organise to



meet old friends on this day, there will be an area in the Soldiers Memorial Hall where people can meet, share a coffee or tea and sit and chat.

**Johnston's Old Barn**, opposite the Soldiers Memorial Hall, will be open with a display of art work by local artists.

**The Nairne Railway Station**, which is being spruced up under the care of the Nairne Lions Club, will be open with a fascinating display about the railway history in Nairne. In the adjacent Bill Joyce Park, the **Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers Club** will be displaying old engines, machinery and cars.

**Historic bus tours** will be conducted by the Nairne Lions Club with departures at **9.30 am, 12 noon and 2.30 pm** from the old Elders Building at 80 Main Street. The bus tour will visit historic sites around Nairne, including the Howard Amos Memorial, passing the old Blakiston Cheese Factory, Dunn's first Mill, the Railway Reservoir, The Valleys, sites at Brukunga and Dawesley, and make its way back to Nairne via Sydney Road, passing the old Chapman Factory.

We hope you will join us for a great day in the Main Street of Nairne—celebrating and re-invigorating our little town. If you are feeling adventurous, why not get in the spirit of things and have some fun by dressing up from some time past! See you there!

For further details, email [ndra@live.com.au](mailto:ndra@live.com.au) or phone 0414 810 068. We gratefully acknowledge the funding provided by the District Council of Mount Barker and the Nairne Market.

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## **New Editor Wanted!**

After nearly 5 years as editor of this local newsletter, it is now time for me to move on from this role. The Nairne and Districts Residents Association would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in finding out more about taking on this very rewarding community service! Contact [ndra@live.com.au](mailto:ndra@live.com.au).

*The NDRA thanks Jo Parkinson for proofreading this publication.*

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## Plaster Planet - a world of creativity.

*By Sharna Plummer and Samantha Robinson*

Plaster Planet is a new, exciting entertainment venue for children in Nairne - where kids can be kids, creatively painting and decorating plaster figurines to proudly take home. We have a massive variety of plasters to choose from and, once you purchase your desired figurine, we supply everything else - smocks, paint, glitter, gloss & googly eyes. Come in casually, as we are open from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm weekdays and 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on weekends.

Plaster Planet was an idea created from wanting something wonderful for children and families in the Hills, to enable quality time spent together while giving a magical experience. We are two local Hills mums who met about four years ago while working together at Kindergym - Samantha as the President and Sharna as the Kindergym Leader. We developed a close friendship and now a wonderful business partnership.



*Sharna Plummer (left) and Samantha Robinson in their new shop, Plaster Planet.*

There is lots on offer at Plaster Planet, whether it be a party, Mum's/parent group, excursions, incursions, mixed boxes (10 & 20) of plaster packs, presents, gift vouchers or group bookings. Plaster Planet is also very excited to introduce CREATIVE LITTLE STARS at 10.30 am every week day, specifically designed for children aged 2 to 6. It is a fun, imaginative, educational program that will offer a different themed plaster each week, as well as another bonus craft activity. The theme for November will be Under the Sea, where you can choose one of our themed Sea Plasters to paint and decorate, plus a bonus new craft activity every week. This is a truly unique and innovative program designed to inspire imaginations and grow a love of creative play. The cost is \$10.00 per child and is a perfect way to spend the morning catching up with friends while your little ones are busy creating their masterpieces to proudly take home. Coffee can even be arranged for the parents. Plaster Planet has highchair and change table facilities, and are a registered breastfeeding-friendly venue.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday 1 November, Plaster Planet is supporting local Mum, Amy Taylor's fundraiser **Walk to Cure Diabetes** for the **Junior Diabetes Research Foundation!** Plaster Planet will donate \$2 from the sale of every plaster sold on the day. There will be free balloon animals and half-face rainbow face painting.

Sunday 2 November, **Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis** stall at Strathalbyn Memorial Park! \$2 from the sale of every plaster sold will go directly to Cystic Fibrosis SA.

**Nairne Alive 175 Celebration on 30 November.** Be a part of the celebrations and come paint your Peppa Pig magnet for only \$3.00. For more information go to [www.plasterplanet.com](http://www.plasterplanet.com) or their Facebook page.

## Councillor's commentary...

*By Trevor Corbell*

Hello again, as (yes!) we already begin to think about the coming festive season. But we can also start to enjoy the nicer weather that comes at this time of the year. Following are comments on some mostly Council-related things happening in and around Nairne.

**Main Street powerline undergrounding.** While the unavoidably disruptive part of this project has now been completed, there were some really trying times for our central Main Street traders and residents while the trenching work was done in late September and early October. It was very difficult for customers to find a space to park, with resultant loss of business for traders.

Then, of course, there was a major disruption to power on one of the busiest trading days of the week, with minimum advance notice provided by SA Power Networks (SAPN) - whose project essentially this is - of a planned power cut on Friday 12 September. To top that off, we became very concerned when, in error, SAPN advised of a second power cut apparently intended for about a fortnight later. After a quick check with them, SAPN advised that notices posted out about that 'second outage' were not meant to be sent.

Work is now continuing to complete the overall project, with the expectation that all will be done by about the end of November.

There has been a bit of pain in this project to this point, but I think that all would agree that the gains from it will be worth it. Please give our local businesses your support as they make the effort to be there for us.

Meanwhile, Council staff are already working on possible designs for '**a new Main Street**', intended to invigorate its commercial potential. When ready, possible designs will be made available for public comment and input. In general, it might be expected that the central section of Nairne's Main Street will feature new street furniture and garden areas. There is also a general intention that designs will embrace a redevelopment of adjoining Mick Murphy and Matthew Smillie parks at the corner of Main and Jeffrey Streets.

**New Nairne businesses.** While on the subject of the Main Street business precinct, welcome to two new traders. Debbie Coleman (from Queensland) has taken on the Nairne **Foodmart**, and is busy giving it a new lease of life with extensive restocking and new lines. And an innovative enterprise, '**Plaster Planet**' run by Sam(antha) Robinson and Sharna Plummer, is offering creative entertainment for kids at 65 Main Street (next to Monte Bello Pizza Bar).

Along with all the others, please support these two businesses - a renewed Foodmart and the new Plaster Planet - as they invest in our town.

**North Road upgrade.** A tender was recently let to contractor Camco to undertake a \$450,000 improved traffic management upgrade of North Road. Major elements of the work will include a significant rearrangement of the intersection of North Road with Junction Street, a new treatment of the Woodside Road/North Road junction, work at the Sydney Road/Bridge Street end, and traffic-calming 'drive links' at several points along North Road. It is also expected that

## Councillor's commentary... (cont.)

the surface of the worst sections of North Road will be attended to.

The current project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

***Bald Hills Road/SE Freeway interchange + Bald Hills Road/Old Princes Highway roundabout.*** These two projects are now being undertaken as a combined 'package', with the first stage of the new interchange and the Old Princes Hwy (OPH) roundabout both to start by the end of 2014. When construction of the interchange was announced earlier this year, there was no indication by the State Government that the much needed OPH roundabout would also proceed. However, within a couple of weeks of Council strongly lobbying the Government on the obvious need for the roundabout to coincide with work on the interchange, it announced that both would indeed proceed together.

The first stage of the interchange will see a westbound 'on' ramp in the vicinity of Yaktanga Way (to the immediate south-west of the existing Bald Hills Road tunnel) getting underway within a few weeks. That work, expected to be completed by mid-2015, will also incorporate another immediately associated roundabout and other roadworks on Bald Hills Road, south of the tunnel.

Work on the OPH roundabout will start at the same time as the new interchange 'on' ramp.

The second stage of the interchange - an 'off' ramp coming from the west down onto Bald Hills Road - is expected to start during the second half of 2015. The OPH roundabout will thus be ready to take new traffic coming off that ramp.

We are also continuing discussions with the State Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) about the possibility of a shared pedestrian/cycle path within the interchange.

***'Nairne Alive - 175'***. Don't forget that, between 10 am and 3 pm on Sunday 30 November, we will be celebrating Nairne's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday! Largely sponsored by Council, Annette Gladigau of the Nairne & Districts Residents Association, and Debs Buchmann, Nairne Community Sustainable Market, together with other volunteers including the Nairne Lions Club, are organising this event for **YOUR** entertainment and benefit.

The main activities on the day will centre on

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## *Getting things done*



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Councillor Trevor Corbell

the area around Mick Murphy and Matthew Smillie parks at the corner of Jeffrey and Main Streets, but will also extend to other points along the Main Street and up to the Soldiers Memorial Hall. You can pick up a flyer from Nairne shops and businesses, which outlines the activities planned.

Please keep 30 November clear in your diary, and help celebrate this event marking our town's history back to 1839 and before.

**Council elections.** By now, you would have received a postal voting pack for the District Council of Mt Barker elections. Ballot papers need to be returned by 5:00 pm on Friday 7 November; counting of votes will be conducted by the SA Electoral Commission on the immediately following day, and should be able to be declared by that night.

Nairne and other nearby areas are in the Council's North Ward. Five candidates are contesting the four councillor positions in North Ward.

I hope that you might vote '1' for me, as I stand for my second four-year term as a councillor. I'd like an opportunity to see finished, things I have had some part in their starting.

However, irrespective of your choice, I do encourage you to take the few minutes needed to vote for four of the five candidates standing. Local government probably is the level of government closest to the general community. It is important that, by voting, you have your say about the sort of council you want to deliver local services and facilities over the next four years.

**Finally . . .** please contact me on 0408 685 759 or, while Council is in pre-election 'caretaker' mode, email [teecee04@bigpond.com](mailto:teecee04@bigpond.com) if you would like more information on any of the issues covered in this column.



## The RSL in Nairne

The Nairne Sub-Branch of the RSL normally meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Nairne Soldiers Memorial Hall at the western end of Main Street.

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## Murphy's Deli

by Helen Carman

There's something I thought you'd like to know  
Mick Murphy's reached the big nine-o  
I've known this fella all my life  
He lived next door with Mary his wife

He had a shop called Murphy's Deli  
(My thoughts are going back pre-tele)  
Forty something years gone by  
(My goodness me! The time does fly!)

All through my wonderful school days  
I'd think of some ingenious ways  
To con some money from Mum and Dad  
'Cos Murphy's milkshakes weren't half bad.

Then down I'd go – homework ignore  
And sip on milkshakes through a straw  
I'd meet there with a lot of mates  
Having wonderful tete-a-tetes

We'd loll around on all the chairs  
Ignoring customers shrivelling stares  
And read all the comics there for nix  
'Til Mick decided this he'd fix

This wasn't filing up his riches  
So out he tossed us in the ditches!  
In school we next all stopped to ponder  
Who'd sit next to daughter Rhonda

We'd nag her 'til her loot she'd share  
'Cos she had lollies everywhere!  
I don't know if her poor daddy  
Knew she fed each lass and laddie

Or just where it was his profits flew  
But all we wily Nairne kids knew  
Then we grew into our teens  
And hung around the street in jeans

We lolled around on Murphy's wall  
We girls all waiting for a call  
From boys who'd ask us out that night  
Then home we'd rush – our feet took flight

To get dressed up, put on our frillies  
You may think we're a bunch of sillies  
But some of us, we met our mate  
On Murphy's wall we sealed our fate!



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## Plans for a museum in the Nairne Institute building.

*By Clive Pay*

Nairne has a very rich history and was one of the first towns in the Adelaide Hills. Most people would have heard by now that the Nairne Institute Committee is in the process of developing a museum of Nairne in the Institute hall. Over the years, quite a lot of material has been accumulated from various sources which has been stored in a back room and not generally available. The museum will put all of this on display for residents and visitors to see. We have had a couple of displays that have generated a lot of interest (e.g. Dawdle and Doodle) so we believe that a properly developed and run museum will be of significant interest to locals, as well as attracting visitors. Especially with the new brochures which are available now on the Nairne Murals and Historic Walk, as well as the Road less Travelled, which highlights the towns from Hahndorf to Murray Bridge - of which Nairne is a major part.



*The display in the Nairne Institute during the Dawdle and Doodle event in 2013.*

The material currently being held for the museum consists of a lot of historic photos from the mid 1800s and on, quite a few artefacts relating to Nairne's rich agricultural past, plus some texts which have reference to Nairne's history as well as some anecdotes. We would, of course, like to get more and we believe that there are quite a few historical items and stories held in the community that would enhance the museum's collection.

If anyone has an item that they could donate or lend, we would be happy to acknowledge the donation/loan in the display. Photos would be good too as we find that residents love to look at their house as it was maybe 100 plus years ago, as well as find out who lived there and what use it had.

We are currently looking at furniture - display cabinets in particular. These can be very expensive and we may consider making them ourselves, so if there are any skilled cabinet makers out there who might like to assist, please get in touch with Clive Pay on 8388 0703 to see how you could help.

It is anticipated that the museum will formally open early in 2015 and we will need volunteers to be there during opening hours. These have yet to be determined and will depend somewhat on availability of staff. If you could be interested in helping, keep an eye out for a notice in your letterbox and/or a future Nairne News. In the meantime, the museum will open during the upcoming special event: Nairne Alive—175, November 30, 10 am—3 pm. All welcome!

## And it happened at Nairne...

*by Ray Jaensch*

It was in the spring of 1952 and shearing had finished on the property of RL Davidson at Callington. Farmhands from that property would now move to the large Davidson property at Scottsburn, each of Woodside to commence shearing there. There was Bob, Lou and Les Walker from Scottsburn, and Kevin Hannam and myself from Callington. Bruce Fraser was the wool classer. The shearers were Harry Spinks and Milton (Bill) Hannam from Callington, Vic Crouch and Keith Hartman from Monarto, and a fellow with the surname Hitchcock whose Christian name I can't recall. The five shearers were all shearing over a hundred sheep each day and I had my work cut out as the only 'board-boy' there to pick up the fleeces and then to dash off and throw them onto the skirting table after each sheep had been shorn. Sometimes all five shearers finished shearing an animal at about the same time and so one had to endeavour to be in five places at once. It could be hectic!

On some occasions, after the evening meal, we would all pile into a ute that belonged to one of the shearers and we'd head off into Nairne to stock up with lollies and chocolates and other delectable delights - and this is where Nairne comes into the picture. On one memorable night, a group of us chose to go into the deli/cafe of Tommy Thomas, which was situated on the southern side of the main street. Now, Tommy must have been a cook or butcher in the army during World War II because he had something like the following printed on the front of his screen door at the entry to his shop: Tommy the Butch, 2/42 Battalion AIF. There may have been more printed there but I



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have a recollection of something like that.

Anyway, on this night we were there standing at the counter ordering and purchasing a selection of drinks and sweets. Tommy loved a bit of humour and he was cracking a few jokes as he took our order and served each one of us in turn, and we all responded with a bit of a chuckle at his off-the-cuff remarks. It was then that Milton Hannam asked for ten shilling's worth of licorice sticks. Tommy grabbed a carton of licorice from a cupboard and turned his back to us and began counting the 120 sticks that had been ordered, all the while playing the part of the court jester as he did so. The jokes were coming thick and fast.

Unbeknown to Tommy, a young lady of about 17 years of age entered the shop and stood there among us. She appeared somewhat shy and nervous as she stood there listening to what Tommy was saying as he counted the sticks of licorice. When Tommy remarked as to the effect that licorice has on the colour of one's body waste, everyone burst into fits of laughter and some of our group dashed out of the shop and onto the footpath and staggered around laughing out there.

Now Tommy didn't adopt the delicate terminology that I have employed when he made his jocular remark - he expressed it in a cruder manner, more appropriate to discourse among a group of shearers. It wasn't really that funny and we'd all been aware of the association between licorice and body waste. It was the fact that Tommy wasn't aware of the presence of the newly arrived damsel, who stood there going red and green and all colours with embarrassment at Tommy's proclamation, that created the humorous situation. And so Tommy went on counting the sticks of licorice and repeating his remarks about its effects on the body's metabolism, still totally convinced that he was the comedian of the century and still with his back turned to the group of rollicking customers.

When he turned around and saw the young damsel standing there absolutely flushed with embarrassment, his response was spontaneous and quite amazing.

"Oh, hello my dear. How are you? Now look, don't you take any notice of this bunch of larrikins ... they're just a bunch of ruffians. They're shearers from out here somewhere in the bush. Now what can I get for you, love?"

Well, the laughter subsided as the young lady made her purchases and then walked out of the shop and went on her way. All was well! Tommy proved that he could respond with aplomb to any embarrassing situation that he might create, and we all headed back to Scottsburn loaded up with drinks, lollies and chocolates, and also with a memory of an unexpected bit of levity that Tommy Thomas was every-ready to provide. Tommy was a colourful character whose actions and expressions served to provide levity and a range of memorable situations in the town of Nairne over a long period of time. Many of those situations will still be alive in the memories of older folk around Nairne and its environs.

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## The Nairne District Lions Club news

*By Les Walker, Secretary.*

The Club has been extremely busy over the last few months, with preparations for the **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, our **Christmas Stocking Raffle** and **Carols by the Lake on 5 December at Byethorne Park**, and the delivery of White Pages telephone books in the District. Throw in the odd BBQ request and the days soon go by.

Add to this our efforts in repainting the Railway Station by 30 November; it will be a busy time for our small band of Club Members.

In the previous Nairne News, a call was put out to volunteers to assist with the Railway Station painting program, and this has not changed. You are most welcome to come along and help on a Sunday from now until the end of November, and participate in a BBQ lunch and refreshments. Please contact myself on 0418 817 438, or President Greg on 0412 823 752.

With regard to the Railway Station display on 30 November, we are still keen to get stories, memorabilia, and tales of the history of the Nairne Railway Station. The contact is Lion Tom Davidson on 8388 0837.

The proposed bus tours on that day are a highlight credited to John Taylor, who has amassed a host of stories and history to act as Coach Captain and Tour Guide.

In closing, I reiterate to the readers that if you have an interest in helping the Community through Lions International, please contact any Lion Member, or Michelle at the Post Office. Hope to see you soon.



### *Carols by the Lake*

5 December 2014

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## A glimpse into our local history...from the Ink Pot

Over three weekends in November a new work, based on the history of our region, will be shared at the Mount Barker station of SteamRanger Heritage Railway as part of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Ink Pot Arts' ***From Footprint to Footplate***. Written by Strathalbyn playwright Brian Fox and directed by Nairne resident Joanne Sarre, the fun, informative show will provide glimpses into our stories from the footprint of the Peramangk to the surging of steam engines.



“The show has evolved over many months of research and development” remarks Ms Sarre, “but don’t come expecting a period drama. It appeals to all ages, peppered with theatrical surprises, delightful ditties and slapstick humour provided by local cabaret artists Jacqy Phillips and Cliff Stoddart.”

The project has enabled Ink Pot’s creative team to connect to stories from the traditional custodians of the region, as well as from Nairne, Mount Barker and Hahndorf. Community performers of all ages, alongside professional artists, have worked together to create this unique theatre experience.

“Reflecting on our stories within the historic station venue is ideal” continues Ms Sarre. “As past meets present and cultures collide, we learn about the struggles and accomplishments which have shaped our region. We are particularly excited to have local Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri elder Henry Rankine opening the show.”

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# FROM FOOTPRINT TO FOOTPLATE

Mount Barker 175th Anniversary Play

Playwright: Brian Fox  
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Supported by Arts SA, The District Council of Mount Barker and The Beerenberg Foundation, the season opens on **Friday 14 November 2014** at 7.30 pm.

**Bookings:** <http://trybooking.com/GBLC>.

If you would like your local business to support the production that brings to life our local history, please contact [quill@inkpot.com.au](mailto:quill@inkpot.com.au)

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## Bushfire safety

*By Neil Charter, Principle communications officer, SA Country Fire Service*

With the heat of summer approaching, now is the time to be preparing both your property and yourself for surviving a bushfire. Knowing you are at risk, knowing how to stay informed, having a plan, and understanding your options and what you will do on a high fire risk day are critical steps in being well prepared and staying safe.

It's important to remember that staying safe from bushfire is a shared responsibility and that while the CFS makes every effort to fight fires, they may not always be there to assist you. You need to take responsibility for your own safety and planning. The best way to be prepared is to have a clear plan and a contingency and know what you will do in the event of a local bushfire.

The following communication tools will help you gather all the information you need this summer to plan to be safe, as well as keep you informed of any current bushfire warnings and associated information:

- [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)
- Bushfire Information Hotline – 1300 362 361 (TTY 133 677)
- CFS FireApp
- Facebook – Country Fire Service
- Twitter - @cfs talks
- Emergency Broadcast partners – listen to local radio

It's not that hard to be prepared for bushfire and simple steps can be very effective in fighting the threat of bushfire. Cutting long grass and clearing undergrowth from around your property, as well as moving anything that may burn well away from your house, can all be simple, effective actions to increase you and your property's chances of surviving a bushfire. Staying informed through days of bad fire risk is also critical - whether listening to local radio, staying in touch with others through your phone, or regularly checking the CFS website; even looking outside at the weather and being vigilant of smoke can help your safety. Be prepared through understanding your risk, having a plan and knowing what you will do. Talking to your neighbours, family and friends about each other's plans is an essential part of being prepared.

The following bushfire warning, safety and prevention information may save you and your family's lives this summer.

### **CFS's 10 Simple Steps to a Safer Summer**

If you live, work, or travel outside of the inner metropolitan area of Adelaide, you are at risk from bushfire. The CFS recommends the following ten simple steps to help you have a safer summer:

1. Know your risk. Find out where the 'Line of Bushfire Safer Settlement' is (the line around Adelaide, outside of which you are at bushfire risk) by going to the CFS website
2. Understand the local environment and your options should a bushfire occur – the CFS website has advice on how to plan

## Bushfire safety

3. Our Emergency Broadcast Partners issue daily Fire Danger Ratings (FDRs). They are a warning of how bad a fire could be if one started – this rating should be a trigger for what action you will take on fire danger days
4. Download the CFS FireApp for bushfire warning and event information including FDRs
5. Visit [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au) regularly for information on Total Fire Ban days and what you can and can't do
6. Know when to stay and when to go, and know your local Bushfire Safer Places
7. Your plan should include everyone who is relying on you to keep them safe, including those that may be vulnerable and/or any pets and livestock?
8. Talk today with your family and your neighbours about your bushfire plan options and what you will do
9. Even if it isn't a Total Fire Ban day, think of the surrounding conditions and use common sense when using machinery or activities that could start a fire
10. Some bushfires are started by arsonists. If you see anything suspicious – no matter how insignificant - immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444.



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## Uniting and Lutheran Church news

### Church Services at Nairne for Uniting and Lutheran Churches:

The Nairne Uniting Church in Allargue Street is used for weekly worship services, fellowship and sharing time by both Nairne Uniting and Nairne Redeemer Lutheran folk.



**Uniting Services** are held each Sunday, commencing at 10.30am - except for the third Sunday of the month when they combine with the Lutheran Congregation for service at 8.30 am.

**Please Note that for Sunday 30 November 2014** the Uniting Service time will change to 8.30 am.

**Lutheran Services** are held each Sunday, commencing at 8.30 am. However, when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, they join with the Uniting Church for worship service at 10.30 am.

### Carols Night and Christmas Services for 2014:

**Carols by the Lake - Friday 5 December 2014:** Nairne Uniting and Lutheran Churches will be managing the Tea, Coffee, Cake and Biscuit Stall at the Nairne Lions Carols Evening, which will be held from 6.00 pm—9.00 pm at Byethorne Park, Nairne. Children are invited to pick up a gift packet of biscuits from this stall.

**Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24 December 2014:** Lutheran Service will be held at the Uniting Church Allargue Street, commencing at 6.00 pm. This is a family service, themed particularly for children, and will be led by Pastor John Ri-denour.

**Christmas Day – Thursday 25 December 2014:** Lutheran Service will commence at 8.00 am, and Uniting Service will commence at 10.00 am – both services will be held at the Uniting Church in Allargue Street.

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## Australian Red Cross, Nairne branch

100 years of People Helping People, 1914-2014

*By Miriam Mitchell*

### Nairne Red Cross Appeal

The Nairne Red Cross equipment appeal for the new maternity wing at Mt. Barker District S.M. Hospital was materially assisted by the football match, Old v. Young held recently, also the sale of afternoon tea and Mock Court for which Mr. Nestor Timmins was judge and Mr. Allan Thomas prosecuting attorney.

#### Players Fined

Fines placed on players during the afternoon's match were as follow:—Bill Richter, for pushing people around; Allan Thomas, blowing his whistle (a travesty of justice as he didn't have a whistle); Harold Warren, loving Reg. Shephard; Bill Richter, trying to leap-frog Mick Murphy; Bob Chapman, loving Jim Timmins too hard; Digger Strout, using skates; Nestor Timmins, hollering to the umpire; Bob Chapman, intimidating the umpire; Gerald Rodda, trying a pick-a-back ride on Jim Timmins; Mick Murphy, hitting the goal post instead of kicking the ball through; Reg. Shephard not being in good form; Jim Timmins, pushing in the back, also for making nose bleed; Gerald Rodda, standing his head in the mud; George Palmer, kicking too many goals; Ralph Farquhar, on principle. Scores were Old Boys 9—16, Young 8—9. Net proceeds were £18/7/-. Mrs. Strout thanks all players and helpers, also Constable Wicks.

While undertaking some research about the Nairne Red Cross I came across many amusing articles in back copies of the Mt Barker Courier, which are available on microfilm at the Mt Barker library. Trawling through the newspapers is certainly a worthwhile thing to do, especially if you want a good chuckle. Have a read of the attached article to see what I mean. What a novel way of raising funds.

If you want to see other articles about the Nairne Red Cross come and check out our display at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall on November 30 at Nairne Alive 175. I guarantee a smile if not a chuckle. There will also be the World War 2 Fundraising Tablecloth embroidered with the names of generous local identities. In addition to our local display there will be an impressive presentation about the Australian Red Cross's 100 year history. If that is not enough to entice you to visit us maybe the strawberries and cream or home-baked treats will. Failing that come and check out our vintage Red Cross uniforms. Should be worth a laugh.

We will also be at the Lions Carols by the Lake event at Byethorne Park on Friday 5 December. It is always a good night in a beautiful setting. It will also be another opportunity for you to enjoy our strawberries and cream, and purchase a raffle ticket or two. See you there.

If you would like to come along to our monthly meetings, you are most welcome. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 1.00 pm. From next year we will meet at the Nairne Uniting Church Hall, adjacent to the Nairne Uniting Church on Allargue Street.

Meantime we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you for your support for a very worthwhile cause.

## An experience of a lifetime— Camino de Santiago de Compostela

*By Judith de Lang, Nairne resident.*

Perhaps, at the beginning of the year, you saw a woman carrying a backpack and using walking poles in various places around Nairne, often in the very early morning. A couple of times I walked to Littlehampton and back, and once a round trip to Mt Barker via Bald Hills Road. On several weekends I walked up to the summit and back again - I was in training.

In March, I flew to Spain, caught a train to France and began an 800 km walk - the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. If you have seen the film 'The Way' you will know a little about the walk which has recently become popular again. I heard about it some years ago when one of my clients recommended a book by Paulo Coelho, which I so enjoyed that I read several others that he had written. I discovered that Coelho had been committed to a mental institution by his parents because he wanted to be a writer! He escaped three times before being officially released and later walked the Camino, which is a traditional pilgrimage route. As I have worked in the mental health area for many years, I became captivated by the story of Paulo Coelho and the seed of a dream began to take root in me. I dismissed the idea as an impossibility for a long time, but one day heard myself telling a colleague that I planned to walk the route to celebrate my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Once I had said it out loud, I felt that I had to do it!

When my husband died suddenly, nearly five years ago, I decided to try out my first hiking holiday in Tasmania and took a six-day guided trip with a small group of women in the Tarkine area of north-western Tasmania. It was fully catered and I didn't need to carry a pack for more than an hour and a half in total, so it was very enjoyable. I was hooked! A couple of years later, I went back to Tasmania and walked the Overland Track with a small group, carrying a pack and staying in huts along the way, where the guides cooked the meals each evening. Slowly, the seed was growing and beginning to persuade me that I was capable of tackling the Camino. My GP was supportive and my health is good, so there was little to stop me from planning an adventure.

There are several forums online that have suggestions, questions, recommendations and ideas for those contemplating walking the Camino de Santiago. I joined a couple of the forums and followed them for some years, asking my own questions from time-to-time. In the beginning I intended to walk with a group, but after discovering that few groups walk the whole distance in one go, I decided that I would go it alone. I am so glad that I did. I can honestly say that there was never a time when I felt afraid. The fact that I was able to take long service leave from work meant that I didn't need to stick to a schedule, and walking alone meant that I could go at my own pace.

I grew up in England so I knew what the European weather can be like. I arrived in St Jean Pied de Port, the beginning of the walk, in the first week of Spring, towards the end of March. The first couple of days require crossing the Pyrenees from the French to the Spanish side, and on day one the snow was up to my knees in some parts. By day three, it was possible to sit outside in the sun after a days' walk. By week two, my nose was sunburnt and peeling! My feet were sore and my calves were cramping badly in the first week, so I was trying all sorts of techniques to help my body recover each day. My masseuse had given me some tips and I had practised some Yoga.

## An experience of a lifetime ... (continued from page 21)

Because the walk has been established for hundreds of years there are hostels, called albergues, all along the route charging an average of ten euros, or fifteen dollars, a night. For that you could



*I loved seeing the old, old buildings obviously still in use. Some of the doorways made little sense and so were fascinating.*

get a hot shower, a bed, and washing and drying facilities for clothes. Once a week I stayed in a hotel so that I could luxuriate in a bath, sleep in a room without having to share with snorers and smells, and not need to sleep in a sleeping bag. Some albergues provide a communal meal for a very reasonable cost and, where they don't, there are cafés and restaurants that provide a Pilgrim Menu, which consists of three courses, free wine and always plenty of bread. These three course dinners cost about 12 – 15 euros (\$17-20). It was tricky for me at times because I have coeliac disease, but people were very helpful wherever I went. I ate a lot of meat, eggs and salads.

On day seven, my feet and legs were so sore that I thought I wouldn't be able to continue. I decided that this day would be my first hotel stay and it was bliss to fall asleep in a bath before waking and climbing into bed. By the next morning I felt able to continue. I had decided not to wear a watch, or use any electronics on the way. My adult children were not so keen on my decision. I was persuaded to use my iPhone to take photos and my son organised a Google circle for me to download photos to, whenever I could access wi-fi. Most café's and albergues provide access to free internet, so all I needed to do was turn my phone on and the photos automatically downloaded. My children and grandchildren were able to track my progress on a map as I took photos of place names whenever I could.

I met amazing people of all ages from all over the world. It was easy to feel instantly connected with most, and some others were easy to avoid. I maintained an average pace of 25 kms a day, with my shortest day about 12 kms and the longest 35 kms. I stopped when I was hungry, or needed a rest, and when I felt like I had walked enough for one day. I never had any trouble finding a bed. I had to manage blisters and sore muscles but, compared to some others, I got away relatively easily. Having said that, my left Achilles tendon is still complaining!

I took one rest day in Leon and stayed for two nights in the five star hotel called the Paradores, an amazing building that is like a museum. I could probably never afford



*The site of an early pilgrim hostel along the way, now a luxury hotel in Leon*

to stay in a five star hotel in Australia and decided to give this to myself as a birthday treat. It was so worth it!

I arrived in Santiago de Compostela on 29 April, 34 days after I began walking and the day before my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. I was able to collect my suitcase that I had posted from St Jean and sent my backpack home to Australia. My well-loved hiking boots were worn out, with one of the lacing tabs having snapped in the first week, and by the last week I could feel every stone through my soles. It was a wrench to leave them behind.

It was overwhelming to arrive in the square in front of the great cathedral. A lovely American couple on a tour saw me looking hopeful and offered to take some photos for me. They were planning to walk at the same time next year so we have developed a correspondence. I decided to attend the pilgrim mass the next day and wondered if the huge incensor would be swung on that day. It's normally lit only on Sundays and special days, or if tourist groups pay – however, it was lit and swung on my birthday - the next day. The service was amazing, the cathedral was packed and one of the dearest friends I had met several times on the walk suddenly appeared in front of me. She pointed out another couple we had frequently met and, all of a sudden, my birthday lunch was born.



*The end of my walk!*



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The Hills Fleurieu Police would like to thank the Nairne News for again allowing us the opportunity to inform its readers of information which they may find useful. The Hills Fleurieu Police would like to work together with the Nairne News and the community to ensure that the Hills Area is a safe place to live, visit and do business.

Christmas and the holiday season is almost upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce our road safety message to everyone. As with every holiday season, police will be out in numbers to ensure that people abide by the road laws so that everyone arrives at their destination safely.

Take care on South Australian roads and remember the FATAL 5 - drink and drug driving, speeding, seatbelts, distraction and dangerous road users.

On a full driver's licence, do not exceed the Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol: 0.05.

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You and your passengers must wear a seatbelt.

It is an offence to drive while using a mobile phone.

When driving long distances, stop every 2 hours to rest for a minimum of 15 minutes.

You may have heard about the new rules which apply to P platers. This came in on 28 July 2014. These rules have been brought in to protect young drivers who are at greatest risk of being involved in a crash during their first year of driving unsupervised.

The new rules which apply to Provisional licence holders are as follows.

- There is no driving between midnight and 5 am. This applies to all P1 licence holders and learner motorcyclists under the age of 25 years. The rule states that there is no driving between midnight and 5 am unless a qualified supervising driver is seated next to you or you meet the exemption criteria. This rule does not apply to P2 drivers or motorcyclists under 25 years old who hold a P2 licence or a full car licence.
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To find out more about the exemptions which apply to these new laws, or for a road rules refresher, please go to [www.mylicence.sa.gov.au](http://www.mylicence.sa.gov.au).

The Hills Fleurieu Police would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. We would urge members of our Community to immediately contact Police if they see a crime occurring, see persons acting suspiciously, or if they hear about any criminal activity.

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*The Nairne Market.*

## From the Nairne Market

Having just reread what I wrote at this time last year, I could just reprint it, but I won't!!! It is a gorgeous spring day as I write, a taste of what is ahead of us as we hurtle towards Christmas and the end of 2014. Where has the time gone, and did we achieve all of our aims and goals for it?

The Market recently accomplished yet another 'changeover', filling the shelves and hangers with lovely new clothing, shoes, and bric-a-brac,

both decorative and useful. Remember to take advantage of our excellent prices. Sales continue to be very good and again we appreciate the support of the customers.

With the Nairne Alive 175 Celebrations happening on Sunday 30 November, we would like to let the community know that the Market will be open on that day. So do drop in to grab a bargain or two!! It is going to be a fabulous day of celebration for our wonderful community.

The Market will be closing again over the Christmas/New Year period but, as yet, dates have not been decided upon. Please keep an eye on the Notice Board at the shop, because dates will be posted there.

We would ask our community to please refrain from dropping off donations at this time as many of our staff will be away enjoying a well-earned break.

And now, would you believe, on behalf of the Management and Staff of the Nairne Market, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Blessed and Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2015. May we celebrate in style, enjoying family fun and above all stay very safe.

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Luke Harrowfield, a former Imperials Murray Bridge Best & Fairest, went on to take the same award at the recent Nairne-Bremer Presentation night. Luke was the Rams best in 5 games and second in the goal kicking for the club with 32 goals. In front of a packed audience of over 100 people, Luke took the award from Midfielder James Moss. Moss had a great end to the season with great games in their Ram's finals campaign. Last year's winner, Todd Heynen, had another consistent season.

Nathan Davey (Best Team man) and Micah Rupcic (Best under 21) were also awarded trophies. Harrowfield was also awarded the Player's Choice - an award voted on by the players.

In a close Reserves Grade vote, Shannon Gibbons took the Best & Fairest from Danny Strout. Jack Coleman took the Most Consistent and coach's trophy, while Andrew Leane was awarded Most Improved for this grade.

Midfielder Wyatt Osborne was Best & Fairest for the Rams under 17s, with Forward Ben Gregory as runner-up. Sam Wellstead (Best Team Man), Tuki Goodrick (Best Utility) and Jack Douglas (Coaches Award) were rewarded for their good season.

Best & Fairest in the junior colts was Nick Ross, with Mitchell Coleman-Smith as runner-up.



B Grade winners Jack Coleman, Danny Strout, Coach Jim May, B&F Shannon Gibbons, and Andrew Leane

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Isaiah Rupcic was awarded Best Team Man and Joseph Skara for Best Utility, while Jordan Marshall took out coach Greg Cross' Coaches Award.

The Rams under 13s played off in the grand final, with coach Jim May's son, Lachlan May the Best & Fairest. Connor Musolino was runner-up, while Bayden Willis, Jamison Lynn, and Sean Arney were also trophy winners.

Perpetual Trophies awarded on the night included the Roger Gray Memorial Trophy to Shannon Gibbons for his work with the juniors and as B grade captain. The Sonny Hood Club Person award went to David and Megan Peel. David is vice-president and head trainer at the club while Megan worked in apparel and membership areas. Junior Club Person for 2014 was Jackson Le Couteur, while the Best Local A Grade Player went to Nick Jaensch, who was still eligible for under 17s but played 19 games in the senior side this year.

Senior coach Tony Fielke has been reappointed for the 2015 season. Other coaching appointments are expected to be finalised in the next few weeks.

The club held its AGM in conjunction with a Special General Meeting on 29 October. The special meeting presented details from the HFL Meeting as regards the format of the competitions and respective divisions in 2015.

Michael Pfeiffer



Nathan Davey, Nick Jaensch, Coach Tony Fielke, James Moss B&F, Luke Harrowfield and Todd Heynen



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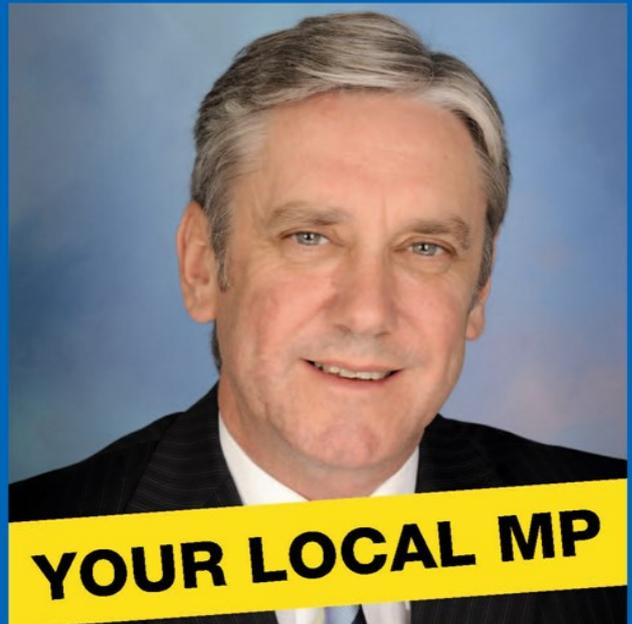
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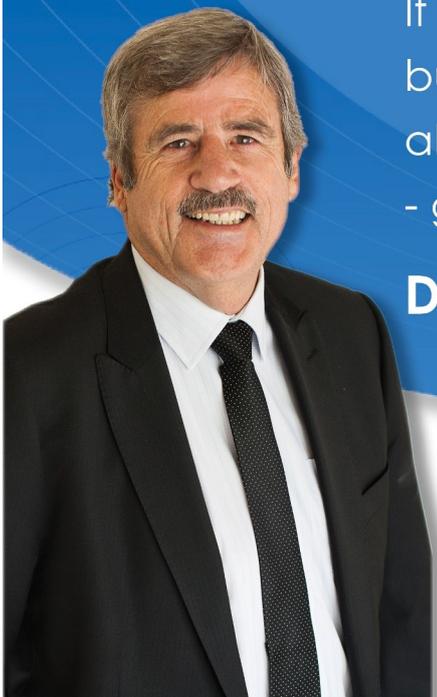
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