

Hahndorf Community News & Views village voice

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MERRY CHRISTMAS HAHNDORF

This year, "St Nicholas Comes to Hahndorf" will begin at **6:30pm on Friday 9th December 2022** at Alec Johnston Park, where there will be plenty for families to do whilst listening to the Hahndorf Town Band play some wonderful Christmas music.

6.30pm Craft activities for the children and FREE sausage sizzle at Alec Johnston Park

7.15pm Short parade commences through the park, Hahndorf Town Band leading St Nicholas and his helper characters

7.20pm-8pm 'St Nicholas Message' to the children - 'Giving to Others', Community Carol Singing, live music, FREE gingerbread biscuits for the children, and tea, coffee and cake for adults (located centrally between the fountain and the creek).

This annual event kicks off the Christmas celebrations in Hahndorf and is a much-loved event for everyone.

St Nicholas Comes to Hahndorf Friday 9th December 2022



Supporting Hahndorf CFS

All donations toward the purchase of equipment to support fire-fighters



COME AND JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS

THE STORY OF THE NUTCRACKER AND THE WEIHNACHTS PYRAMIDE

The nutcracker sits under the holiday tree, a guardian of childhood stories. Feed him walnuts and he will crack open a tale... The beautiful German Erzgebirge nutcrackers are usually a policeman, a king or a soldier-being the authorities of the 18th and 19th century. The first Erzgebirge nutcracker was crafted in 1865 in the workshop of a family named Fuechtner. Over 120 work procedures have been necessary for the first Erzgebirge nutcracker over 140 years ago. He was a king in bright colours with a crown similar to a miner's hat and wore a uniform with filigree ornaments. Fuechtner used rabbit skin for the hair and the beard as well as dough for the feet and eyes. The basic work procedure today is still very close to Fuechtner's first nutcracker.



Image and words courtesy of Hahndorf Candlemaker



John's decorated Weihnachtspyramide

The Erzgebirge Christmas Pyramid
As a child, John Mueller remembers Christmas in Hahndorf well. Born and raised in Paechtown, John has a wonderful story to tell about how his family's 'Christmas Tree' tradition reaches back to his Great Great Grandfather and Prussia. John recalls how his GG Grandfather hand made 12 of these 5ft Christmas Pyramid's to distribute to his relatives who each displayed the 'trees' each Christmas. The 'tree' comprises a decorated pyramidal outer frame with candle holders and a central carousel with a rotor fan at the top which spins by the warm air from the lit candles. The carousel is decorated with local foliage and motifs. It is believed that John is possibly in possession of one of the last of these 'trees' which will one day be housed and displayed at the Hahndorf Academy.

HAHNDORF CHRISTMAS 2022

DECORATE YOUR HOMES THIS CHRISTMAS

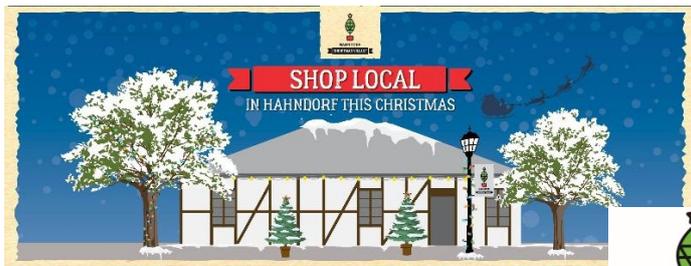
GET EXCITED! DUST OFF THE FAIRY LIGHTS & GET CREATIVE!
After the success of last year's inaugural event, the HCA are excited to announce that it's back for 2022. Decorate your front garden or home in the Christmas spirit. There will be prizes awarded for the best display.



2021 Winner– Pine Avenue

For the month of December, let us decorate our homes in the Christmas spirit, then take a stroll in our beautiful village with your family to enjoy seeing others doing the same.

Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association have kindly donated the prizes. No Registration. No Fee. Just Fun.



HAHNDORF CHRISTMAS VILLAGE — 9th, 10th & 11th December

Hahndorf Business & Tourism will once again put on the Hahndorf Christmas Village decorating the street in lights and decorations, including the Gingerbread Family, the Christmas Elves, 'Find the Elf on the Street' challenge and extended trading hours.



CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Celebrate Christmas with outdoor Christmas Eve Service. Kids activities and face painting from 6.00pm –7pm with Christmas Eve service commencing at 7:30pm. Café 3:16 will be open for coffee and Christmas treats.

Do you see Him?
ST MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Outdoor Christmas Eve Service 7.30pm
Café and Kid's activities from 6.00pm
Face painting 6.00-7.00pm
- Christmas Day Service at 9.30am (live-streamed)



GATHERED DESIGN MARKET — 9th, 10th & 11th December

The Gathered Markets will feature again in Laudhaus Lane (Thiele House– 102 Main St) with over 60 local stalls. 4pm—10pm daily, 9th-11th December. Gold coin entry, with part proceeds donated to *Love Out Loud Christmas Appeal*. Kids entry is free.



CHRISTKINDLMARKT— 16th, 17th & 18th December

The European-inspired Hahndorf Christkindlmarkt is back after being cancelled for the past two years due to Covid-19. The family friendly event will run over 3 nights with market stalls, food, drinks, entertainment and Carols by Candlelight.

Cnr Main Street & Auricht Road. Open 4pm-10pm daily. Entry is free.

A Gift of Choice
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SCAN ME

Messages from Hahndorf Community Association...

HCA General Meeting

The general meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 was one of our largest meeting to date with approximately 80 people in attendance. Greg Lomax was elected as Chair with Peter Wade elected as Vice-Chair. Gail Vort-Ronald as Secretary and Treasurer (re-elected) and Deb Painter as Minute Secretary (re-elected). The large crowd attended the meeting on the back of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's decision on the 26 September 2022 to not proceed with any of the newly proposed bypass options (1 to 4). Instead proceed with upgrades to the Verdun Interchange, upgrades to the Mount Barker Interchange, Hahndorf Main Street upgrades, Extension of Pioneer Women's Trail and a multi-purpose carpark at Verdun. Locals came to discuss and listen to fellow locals, respectfully discuss the project and where the Hahndorf community goes from here. With many unsatisfied with the government's decision to not proceed with a new bypass, a petition was suggested that will be presented to Parliament by Josh Teague MP. For more information regarding the petition, see within on page 7 or 12, or contact the HCA at hahndorfcommunity@outlook.com.



Newly appointed Committee members are as follows;

Greg Lomax	Chair
Peter Wade	Vice Chair
Gail Vort-Ronald	Secretary and Treasurer
Deb Painter	Minute Secretary

Our next general community meeting is on **WEDNESDAY 14th December 2022 at 7.30pm** in the supper room (entry from side laneway) of the Hahndorf Institute. All are welcome.

High Tea Success

The High Tea Fundraiser and Fashion Parade coordinated by the HCA and Gail Vort-Ronald was a roaring success. The event was enjoyed by more than 90 people who were treated to delicious food and drinks, and a wonderful fashion parade by *Blue Belle Boutique*. THANK YOU to those who attended, who volunteered their time and to the sponsors who helped make this day a huge success. Plans are already underway for another in 2023!

Thank you to the following sponsors and benefactors- THE LANE VINEYARD, HOWARD VINEYARD, HAHNDORF HILL WINERY, BEERENBERG FARM, GRUNTHAL, HAHNDORF BOWLING CLUB, HAHNDORF FRUIT & VEG MARKET, OTTOS BAKERY, MONIQUE LOMAX AND THE ANONYMOUS HAHNDORF RESIDENT.



Margaret Brook, Gail Vort-Ronald and Mayor Ann Ferguson. Attendees enjoy the fashion parade



MEMORIAL SEAT FOR ERIC ALIFFE

A group of local residents came together on 11 November 2022 to pay tribute to our town's long serving and valued member Eric Aliffe who passed away a year ago. Eric's love and passion for the Hahndorf Community was evident to all who met him, and his devotion to the Hahndorf Institute and the local community stretched across many roles. Eric, along with fellow resident, the late Jim Fowles were instrumental in the restoration of Nixon's Windmill in 2016. The bench seat in front of the Hahndorf Institute has Eric's name on it now and his name is still in our hearts. Vale Eric.



Councillor's Corner

Hi everyone, Firstly, I am deeply grateful for the strong support our community has shown in re-electing me to represent them on the Mt Barker Council once again. Congratulations to both Richard Coombe and Rebecca Hewett who have also been elected to represent South Ward and to our new Mayor David Leach. All the Elected Members are very committed to working together to hear your opinions, help in any way we can and assist in making our wonderful district the best it can be. Please make sure if you see us around to come and say Hi or contact us directly.

COUNCIL APP

The Mount Barker District Council has implemented an app for your smartphones, "My Local Services". It's a fantastic source of information about what's on in the area, which bin to put out when, receive reminders and you can even report issues that need council attention easily and on the spot – you can easily attach photo. Find out more and download the app at www.lga.sa.au/mylocal

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

This is Councils long term vision for the district. A document will be released for community consultation in the coming months, so I encourage you to take a read and provide feedback on the longer-term aspirations and direction for the district. It is from this long-term plan than Annual Business Plans and actions are developed.

HAHNDORF TOWNSHIP UPGRADES AND BYPASS

At the November Council meeting, Council endorsed the CEO to write to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and acknowledge the scope of works recently announced. However, the letter did also go onto say that the residents of Hahndorf were frustrated and disappointed that a vehicle bypass had not been included in the announcement. I want to assure you that I will continue to advocate for a workable solution for Hahndorf.

40km SPEED LIMIT & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Council has formally requested a speed limit change from Dept Infrastructure & Transport (DIT) for the township of Hahndorf. With this change there will also be a review of the yellow lines (no parking areas) to improve traffic flow and safety, particularly around the schools. The need for these changes is due to not only tourist vehicle and pedestrian traffic but also numerous requests from residents for a reduction of the speed limit in the residential streets of Hahndorf.

SUPPORT LOCAL

I can't encourage you enough to support local business this Christmas in lieu of Amazon! Purchasing from a local SA business is so much more than a marketing campaign. It's a lifeline for our local economy and the simplest way to make a real and practical difference.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable festive season, please stay safe and don't forget to check in on someone who may find the season difficult, it costs nothing to be kind.

Cheers,
Narelle Hardingham,
South Ward Councillor
0411 144 544

Hahndorf Community Association

On November 9th I had the honour of being elected Chair of the HCA for the next 12 months. I extend my congratulations to Peter Wade who has been elected Vice Chairperson and we join Gail Vort-Ronald (Secretary/Treasurer) and Deb Painter (Minutes Secretary) in forming the HCA executive team.



It is an honour to step into the 'big shoes' of our sadly departed Chairman, Malcolm Kentish, and as a team we aim to "do him proud" and continue fighting for what is best for the citizens of Hahndorf.

Malcolm was a passionate fighter for the wise and properly targeted expenditure of the Federal and State \$250 million committed for the Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade Project. The September 26th announcement, by the State Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, has fallen well short of community expectations and specifically, fails to address the core issue. This subject is dealt with more fully elsewhere in this *Village Voice* edition. I recommend you read that article to gain a clear understanding of how our community is being let down on the important issue of removing heavy trucks, commuter and "tradie" traffic from the main street to transit through Hahndorf because a suitable bypass does not exist.

The unusually wet and stormy Spring we are experiencing has not stopped the wonderful renewal of flowers and greenery that enhance our village, but there are some downsides. Further afield, parts of SA are being affected by flash floods and rising Murray River levels. Our thoughts are with all those people.

Council elections were finalised last weekend (November 12th and 13th). May I take this opportunity on behalf of the HCA, to thank District Council of Mount Barker Mayor Ann Ferguson for her service to our community over the past 16 years and to congratulate incoming Mayor, David Leach. The HCA also extends congratulations to all of the successful candidates. In the South Ward the councillors are; Richard Coombe, re-elected Hahndorf resident, Narelle Hardingham and Rebecca Hewett. The HCA looks forward to working with you all as we seek the best for Hahndorf and for the broader community.

The HCA organised this year's Remembrance Day ceremony in Alec Johnston Park. Please see that story in this *Village Voice* and be surprised and delighted at the reason for purple poppies placed among the traditional red poppies for Remembrance Day.

Sincerely,
Greg Lomax
Chairperson, HCA
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HAHNDORF BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Greetings and Wishes of the Christmas Season to all!



As by now the dust has settled on the announcement of the Hahndorf Traffic Management Plan, whilst we are excited to see the Main Street at long last be upgraded with beautification and lighting, we along with the HCA are disappointed to see the full bypass of the Main Street not included. Hopefully a sensible solution will be made to divert the unnecessary heavy vehicles and traffic from the Main Street.

This year sees a return of the fun and frivolity of the Hahndorf Christmas Village, and like so many things, it is a little different than we previously enjoyed. It's going to be doubled the fun!

Starting on the weekend of Friday 9th December will be *Gathered Market* with many businesses open for trade late on Friday and Saturday evening. The following weekend (16th December) sees the return of the much-loved Christkindl Market, with traders opening late on Friday and Saturday evening.

The street will come alive with lights and decorations proudly made by *The Christmas Elves*, a group made up of both residents and traders. Thank you to all those that have volunteered their time and skills.

The favourite decorations for the street, Gingerbread Family, the Christmas Elves and a new addition will decorate the parks. There will be a 'Find the Elf on the Street' challenge as well. Come along and enjoy the magic of Christmas.

We will be awarding a prize for the *Best Christmas Decorated Business* and once again be supporting the HCA in their *Best Decorated Home* for Christmas. As an organisation representing the traders in the Main Street, we thank all the residents that shop and eat local.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas full of merriment, love, and laughter.

Regards,

Carolyn Catrall
Chairperson, HB&T



HAHNDORF
EST. 1839

Poop ... Stoop ... Scoop

Please remember to clean up after your dog. It is important to keep walking areas including paths and grass verge clean and pleasant for locals and visitors. Thank you



If your dog poops but nobody is watching, you still need to pick it up!



REMEMBRANCE DAY 11.11.2022

In mild Spring weather, around 100 Hahndorf residents and visitors gathered at the War Memorial. With over 1100 knitted poppies as a backdrop, they acknowledged and reflected on the sacrifices of our servicemen and women, and their families, since the signing of the Armistice to end the World War on 11/11/1918.

The Service, was led by Master of Ceremonies Bruce Mouatt AM, and included readings of poems by the students of the Hahndorf Primary School and St Michael's Lutheran School with prayers led by Pastor John Ridenour.

'Do We Really Understand?' was the challenging question posed by the Guest Speaker, Mrs Cate Goodall, President of the Strathalbyn Branch of the RSL, in her compelling address. She reminded those present of the loss of life given through many conflicts to achieve our freedom, and of the ongoing grief and struggles of those who served, as well as their families and loved ones. We were also reminded of those who served in other ways on the home front, with the women and girls of the Land Army cited as an example of those who did extraordinary things as part of the War effort, while also opening up training and experiences previously unavailable to women. Mrs Goodall concluded by highlighting that for many service personnel there is still the mental health issue of 'the enemy within' and reminding those present that 'if you didn't go, you wouldn't know'.

In addition to her address, Mrs Goodall also led the singing of the hymn with great aplomb. Wreaths, many of which were created by local volunteers, were laid by dignitaries including the Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie, and representatives of State Government, Mt Barker Council, Ex- Service organisations, and local schools, organisations and businesses.

After the recitation of the *Ode of Remembrance*, the strains of the *Last Post* heralded the traditional One Minute's Silence to honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Our thanks go to the members of the Catafalque Party, from the Woodside based 16th Artillery Regiment, and to members of the Hahndorf CFS who assisted with seating. Thanks also to bugler Lester Francis, flag raiser Trevor, and all the volunteers who helped ensure the event went smoothly. The Events Grant from DCMB is acknowledged.

The generosity of the community saw over \$1,000 raised for Legacy from the sale of Poppy Badges, which was ably coordinated again this year by Michael Brindley. Thank you!

Our thanks also go to Mrs Ann Haines, who has so ably coordinated the organisation of this event for a number of years, and who this year has stepped back to allow other members of the Hahndorf Community Association to take on this role. To my joint coordinator, Gail Vort-Ronald, a huge 'thank you' for the amazing effort you put in, at a time of personal loss and grief.

Deb Painter



RSL Poppy Appeal Sellers



Nicoletta plants a poppy for her Papa, Vietnam Veteran



HCA Chair, Greg Lomax lays a wreath on behalf of the HCA

FLAG HISTORY AT COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE



For a number of years, Infin8care Hahndorf have been conducting onsite commemoration services for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. Family members are able to attend with their loved ones, providing an opportunity to attend a service at dawn, watch the sunrise and enjoy a Port or Baileys after the service. Recognizing that ANZAC Dawn and Remembrance Day services are symbolic to residents, this onsite approach gives that personal touch. The staff stage the readings, and all attendees are presented with a handmade poppy and customised booklet.

We are honoured to have the opportunity to fly the Australian flag that was flown during the World War. The flag was presented to the Schneemilch family by the Hahndorf RSL. The historic flag has been in the family for many years.

Infin8care's very own, Mel Inglis provided the music for the service. The Bagpipes can be heard around Hahndorf and is thoroughly enjoyed by attendees and passers-by. Mel has been playing the bagpipes since she was a little tacker. She plays with the Caledonian Society and performs at many events; her latest event was the Adelaide Christmas Pageant.



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5 Above: Mel Inglis, Arthur Aplin (Vietman Veteran) with the historic Australian flag in the background. Right: Residents with family members at the Remembrance Day Service

Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Project Update

On the 26th September 2022, the most recent correspondence from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport left many scratching their heads, whilst others felt relieved.

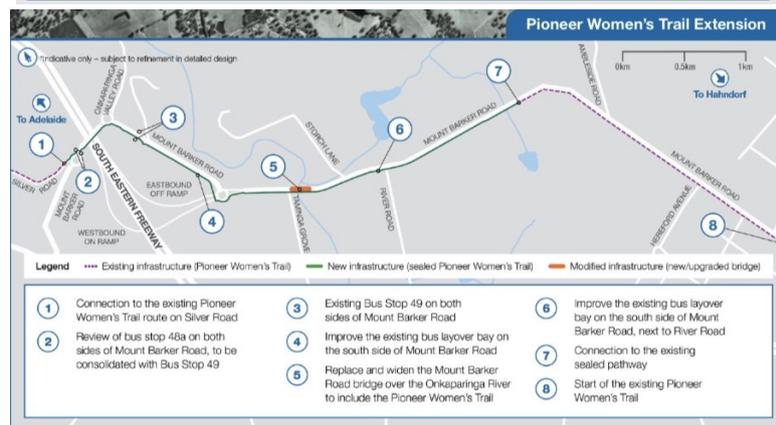
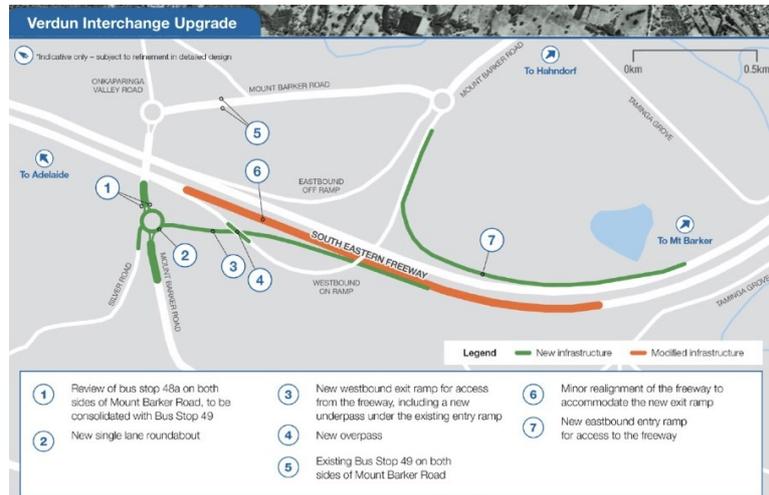
The Department's announcement, that key features of the project would consist of a full Interchange at Verdun, Mount Barker Interchange upgrades, Main Street upgrade, extension of the Pioneer Women's Trail and an upgrade to a multi-purpose carpark at Verdun.

However, the proposed new interchange (options 1 to 4) had been removed from the scope of the project. The decision to remove the new interchange from the project left many confused about how the approved key features of the project would remove, or significantly reduce, the number of heavy vehicles and unnecessary traffic from the Main Street.

Since the announcement of the \$250m funding allocation in November 2020, the community has actively been engaged and provided feedback to the Department about what the Hahndorf community needs.

Residents and business owners filled the Hahndorf Memorial Institute on the designated Drop-In Information Sessions to voice their concerns and lodge their feedback before the deadline of 31st October 2022.

Engagement with the Department is ongoing.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hahndorf Village Voice Opinion Piece

To my fellow Hahndorf residents: my name is Andrew Loose, I was a large animal veterinarian until I retired recently, and my practice was based on Paechtown Road for the last 32+ years.

I am going to try and provide a reasoned counter point to a lot of the opinion that is currently being aired about the need for a new bypass road for Hahndorf village. There are many people in our community who largely agree with my points but I do not claim to speak for them; only from my own perspective.

Point 1 – from my observations the number of heavy vehicles transiting Hahndorf is significantly and frequently overstated.

Point 2 – Hahndorf is largely a destination, not a transit point. People live here; therefore, they come and go regularly, to work, to school, to Hahndorf Vegetable Market, to the butcher, to the baker, to the supermarket, to the Post Office. Non-Hahndorf residents come into the village to work, drop/pick up children from school, also shop at the Veggie Market, the butcher, the baker etc. People enter the village as tourists to visit the wine and food venues and the various other tourist attractions. These people would still drive through the main street even if there was a new bypass.

Point 3 – Hahndorf already has a bypass; the freeway, and completion of the Verdun interchange will allow it to function more fully as such.

Point 4 – at the local level there already exists several ways for transiting traffic to avoid Main St. Light vehicles from Echunga travelling towards Hahndorf can turn left into Von Doussa Rd, turn right into Fairview, right into River Rd, left onto the Old Princes Hwy. And in reverse of course. At the moment Fairview Rd (between Von Doussa and River Rd) is a dirt road and so this option is not attractive to most motorists at the moment. Should this be bituminised a lot more light vehicles would find this a more suitable way of bypassing Hahndorf Main St. It should be pointed out that this is not a suggested option for Heavy vehicles/trucks (only light vehicles). Heavy vehicles could travel from Echunga; towards Mylor on Strathalbyn Rd, right into River Rd, left into Old Princes Hwy, and reverse. Trucks taking this route would not pass Echunga Primary School gates, Echunga Oval and Echunga Golf Club, which would be beneficial to Echunga Township.

My main point is that current infrastructure can be adapted to effectively create a bypass for light vehicles and an alternative route for heavy vehicles so they would not transit through Hahndorf. This would avoid the destruction of any further precious landscape and property and also reduce the financial cost in achieving a positive outcome for everybody.

I would also like to inform readers that I'm in receipt of a letter from Mr Peter Martin who is responsible for ForestrySA logistics. In this letter he has described the future projected movements of logging trucks through Hahndorf following the opening of K&S Industries new sawmill at Monarto. Briefly: all timber cut at Kuitpo will be milled at Kuitpo Mill or Monarto Mill and NONE will transit Hahndorf. Timber cut at Mt Crawford will be milled either at Monarto (not transiting Hahndorf) or at Kuitpo mill, so some will continue to transit Hahndorf. A reasonable guesstimate is that future logging truck transits using current routes (i.e. not using River Rd – Strathalbyn Rd) will reduce transits to about 30% or less of current levels.

From my perspective Options 1,2,3 & 4 of the DIT proposals, if implemented in any combination or permutation, other than the completion of the Verdun Interchange, will not stop the traffic congestion as it is really only an issue during times of high/extreme tourist visitations.

Most of the traffic is in Hahndorf most of the time because it wants to be or needs to be in Hahndorf!

Dr Andrew Loose,
Hahndorf Resident

Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Project Cont.

The Hahndorf Community Association (HCA) has been active on this issue for over 20 years. The problem of traffic transiting through the town to gain access to the South Eastern Freeway or move North or South of Hahndorf has steadily become worse. We sympathise with the drivers of these vehicles who have no sensible alternative to conduct their journey. Pine Avenue is the entry point to the town for many commuters from Echunga, Meadows, Macclesfield and surrounding areas. There are now 'tradies' travelling from Adelaide to access the new housing estates south of Mount Barker via Hahndorf to Echunga and up Church Hill Road next to the Hagen Arms and on to Flaxley Road. This is easier and quicker than taking the freeway to Mount Barker and on to work via the other end of Flaxley Road. New commuters from that area have understandably joined in.

The community welcomed the \$1million traffic study because we knew it would underline the problem. The study findings have not been publicised to the community but it surely formed a foundation document for solution decision making. The community were asked to provide feedback to DIT on the 4 options for a bypass but all options were not well supported for various reasons. This led the government officials to declare that Hahndorf does not want a bypass. This is incorrect. Hahndorf needs a bypass without question as the traffic numbers grow in line with the region's rapid growth. When the "approved solution" was released on September 26th, there was no bypass included and the proposed upgrades to the Mount Barker and Verdun interchanges will have little effect on reducing traffic in Hahndorf.

For this reason, the HCA is circulating a petition to present to Parliament, expressing our desire for a bypass solution that has the least impact on dwellings, properties, businesses, heritage and the environment.

Many businesses in Hahndorf have the petition available for signing and signed copies can be dropped off at the Visitor Information Centre collection box. We see value in using a petition to gather signatures to add weight of numbers to our cause, and to maintain focus on this important issue. A copy of the petition can be seen within on page 12.

On November 18th at the invitation of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, The Honourable Tom Koutsantonis, a meeting was held with Hahndorf community representatives. Two HCA committee members and two other residents attended representing the Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association, and an activist group called Real Hahndorf Community Traffic Consultation (RHCTC). We are all working together on this important issue.

Here is a brief summary of that 90 minute meeting.

"The meeting was called because the Minister wanted to better understand the views of the Hahndorf residents who want a bypass and are critical of the Government's decision. The Government advised that the final solution/scope is not set in stone but the priority is upgrading the Mount Barker and Verdun interchanges. The Minister remains open to considering alternative options and ideas in relation to a Hahndorf bypass. The Minister has suggested a follow up meeting in the near future".

Greg Lomax– HCA Chair



RECENTLY, the Malinauskas Labor government announced its response to the Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade project.

Previously, \$200 million of federal funding and \$50 million of the Marshall Liberal government's commitment have been made available to solve the Hahndorf traffic congestion problems. We are fortunate in Hahndorf to have a sincere and committed community who have – in good faith – engaged in a process over many years, towards solving this undoubtedly challenging problem.

Removing the dangerous congestion, particularly of heavy trucks travelling through the main street, is a complex issue with no simple solution. The works that have been announced are familiar to residents of Hahndorf and to the residents of Mount Barker who are travelling daily through the local area, and they are welcome. But without more, the problem will get worse.

So, I am calling on the government – along with my colleagues the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Vincent Tarzia, and the Shadow Minister for Regional Roads, Adrian Pederick, who have joined me in the main street of Hahndorf – to commit to applying all the funds to solve the problem.

Improving the Verdun interchange and upgrading the car park is very welcome and long overdue, as is improving the Mount Barker interchange. Of course, there is a growing population, and it will have some benefit in terms of the overall picture, and we know the Mount Barker Council has been keen on improving the main street of Hahndorf for some time, and upgrades there are welcome also, as is the extension of the Pioneer Women's Trail. All of it is welcome and all of it should be completed.

The minister has conceded already that by doing only those works there will potentially be significantly less money spent on the project, and that should come as no surprise, because the works are incomplete.

From the Hahndorf Community Association to traders, to visitors, to those who are unfortunate enough to have to travel through with their heavy vehicles each day, this is not good enough.

I am calling on the government to solve the problem using familiarity of the local area.

I understand that the Hahndorf Community Association is distributing a petition and I urge you to sign. On receipt, I will present the petition to parliament urging the government to take action to use the \$250 million allotted to solve congestion in Hahndorf once and for all.

Josh Teague MP
Member for Heysen

T: (08) 8339 5077

Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club.



The year is passing fast and it will soon be Christmas. Hahndorf Lions Club members are having a busy time with our Christmas Stocking Raffle and Christmas Cake sales. We are out and about on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays weather permitting. We also have cakes for sale at the Hahndorf Post Office, Noske the Butcher and the Hahndorf Medical Centre.

Funds raised will support many causes ie the Food Bank, and the Flood Appeal. We have to think ourselves lucky;



even though we have had storms there are people and towns in the Eastern States that have been practically washed away and won't be able to Celebrate Christmas as normal. Our main fundraiser *The Swap Meet* will be held on Sunday 15 January 2023 after being cancelled in 2022, and we are expecting a big day. You never know what treasure you might find!

I would like to Congratulate the HCA for staging the Remembrance Day Service. The lawn of poppies were significant and a delight to see the school children taking part. Well done! The morning tea afterwards in the Memorial Institute was yum. Thank you.

WE SERVE ...
CHEERS,
Lion Jenn Hodgson
0429 024 657



Jennifer Hodgson

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Hahndorf & Districts Lions Club Inc.

SWAPMEET

Cars / Trucks / Motorbikes / Tractors: Parts / Old Engines / Tools / Books

Hahndorf Oval
Sunday January 15th 2023 6am -1pm

Sellers 6am Start: \$20.00 per site
(Stallholders are responsible for social distancing and cleanliness)

Buyers 8am Start: \$5.00 admission (Children U14 Free)



Art, history and the community.

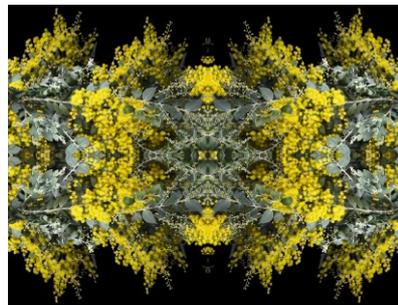


Bring on Spring! Not that the weather stops visitors or the gardens from blooming.

Our roses are amazing in the courtyard and the Bukatila Garden's native plants are coming along nicely. Soon we will be adding signage to the garden with Peramangk stories and plant information.

The Heysen Prize for Landscape 2022 winner has been announced as Cara-Ann Simpson and we had a fabulous launch to celebrate all the artists. The Heysen Prize started in 1997 and commemorates Sir Hans Heysen as an artist and environmentalist. We had 247 entries from across the country and 63 finalists.

Cara-Ann Simpson is a Queensland multimedia artist and her video work narration regenerations is popular with all our visitors. It pays homage to the role acacia's play in Australia's ecosystems.



Winning Artwork by
Cara-Ann Simpson

The pottery classes at the Academy are keeping us busy with 3 teachers and lots of happy people making great creations. Yoga is on Sunday mornings in the gallery and has been running for 6 years now. If you would like to join us at either of these workshops, please get in contact with our friendly staff.

Would you like to volunteer with us? We are looking for tour guides for the museum, it will be interesting, and you will feel part of a friendly team.

We would love you to join our new membership community to support SA artists and reserve Hahndorf's cultural heritage, go into the membership raffle to win a fabulous prize. Visit our website for more info.

Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas from Rachel and the team at Hahndorf Academy.

Warm wishes
Rachel and the Team

Hahndorf Academy - 68 Main Street
contact@hahndorfacademy.org.au or
8388 7250

Hahndorf Academy acknowledges that we work and walk upon the ancient lands of the Peramangk Nation and pay our respect to Peramangk Elders past and living today as the traditional custodians of this ancient land.



A key feature of the Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade is the proposed extension of the Pioneer Women's Trail. Residents new to Hahndorf may not know the history of this trail and the significance of a replacement bridge, incorporating pedestrian access, over the Onkaparinga River at Verdun.

The Pioneer Women's Trail honours the Prussian women who settled in Hahndorf in 1839 and walked to Adelaide **once or twice a week for 20 years**, carrying baskets of vegetables and dairy products for sale. The trek began at midnight with the women returning on the same day with purchases of necessities and, it is said, a brick for hearth and church.

The route the women walked was rediscovered in 1979 by members of the Hahndorf and Burnside branches of the NTSA. The current Pioneer Women's Trail is 23km from Silvers Road, Verdun, to Brock Reserve, Glynburn. It was officially marked in 2007, in collaboration with Adelaide Hills, Burnside Councils, Department for the Environment and Heritage, Department of Recreation and Sport and Walking SA.

New way-markers were designed in a contemporary style and colour in 2018 by the Hahndorf Branch of the NTSA.

Due to safety issues crossing the bridge, the section from Hahndorf township to Silvers Rd is not marked. Traffic management has been employed since 2009 for the popular annual Pioneer Women's Trail Walking Event held during SA History Festival. 1000 walkers registered to participate in this event in 2020, 2021, 2022.

Hahndorf Branch NT is currently working with Propeller Designs to design, manufacture and install interpretive story board and trailhead signage along the current route from Silvers Road to Brock Reserve.

In collaboration with Adelaide Hills, Burnside, Mt Barker Councils, Ochre Dawn, Arts Excentrix and Walking SA, this project will:

- Increase visitor awareness of a lesser-known aspect of South Australia's early colonial history through text and graphics;
- Honour the connection of the Peramangk and Kaurna people to country, with storytelling;
- Connect indigenous, colonial and contemporary history;
- Create an interesting and informative experience.

The Branch will be delighted to be able to complete the interpretive signage plan from Hahndorf to Glynburn and walkers can safely cross the river 24 hours a day, 365 days a year!

Lyndell Davidge
Hahndorf Branch National Trust

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM HAHNDORF CFS



Australia's Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS)

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) is your simplified survival tool. Its daily forecast tells you how dangerous a bushfire would be if it broke out, and what you need to do to stay safe on Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic days.

Understanding the new system

As of 1 September 2022, Australia's Fire Danger Rating System will be improved and simplified, to make it easier for you to make decisions to stay safe on days of fire danger risk. The move to a simpler system is backed by improvements in science, which will mean we can better predict areas of greater risk on days of fire danger.

Across the country there will be nationally consistent colours and terminology. This means that wherever you go in Australia, and whatever the season or fuels you're surrounded by, you can understand the level of threat and what you need to do to stay safe.

It now consists of four levels including:

Green - Moderate (Plan and prepare);

Yellow - High (Be ready to act);

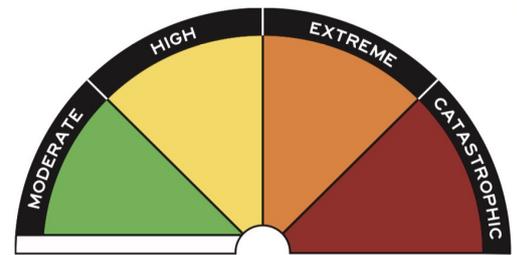
Orange - Extreme (Take action now to protect your life and property);

Red - Catastrophic (For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas).

The AFDRS will also introduce a 'no rating' for those days where no proactive action is required by the community. On these days, individuals will still need to abide by local seasonal laws and regulations, but there is less risk of a fire spreading in a dangerous or life-threatening way. There will be no change to the conditions under which a total fire ban will be declared.

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System. Learn to live by it.

For more information:



Living in a bushfire risk area means danger is on your doorstep. The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System is your simplified survival tool.

Fire danger ratings describe the potential level of danger a community faces. Use them to understand and act **before** a bushfire starts.

The new ratings are:

MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

KNOW YOUR DAILY FIRE DANGER RATING WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

CATASTROPHIC

TOTAL FIRE BAN

If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost

- These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire
- Homes are not constructed to withstand fires in these conditions
- The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas

EXTREME

TOTAL FIRE BAN

Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous

- These are dangerous fire conditions
- You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions

HIGH

Fires can be dangerous

- There's a heightened risk
- If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk

MODERATE

Most fires can be controlled

- Controlled burning may occur in these conditions if it is safe - check to see if permits apply

Find out what to do at cfs.sa.gov.au



HEYSEN THE CEDARS

The inaugural "Celebrate The Cedars" event was held on October 8th 2022 at The Cedars Hahndorf. This full-day event held on Hans Heysen's 145th birthday was set in the Artist's Garden and bushland at the stunning estate of renowned Australian landscape painter, Hans Heysen and his family, including artist daughter, Nora Heysen.

Immersed in the landscape that inspired the magnificent Heysen artworks, visitors had the opportunity to experience an entertaining and thought-provoking array of talks, music and activities.

Over 300 visitors enjoyed music by a range of South Australian performers, workshops such as drawing and photography, experiences such as guided nature walks through the property, talks from Heysen experts presenting on different facets of Heysen history, local food and beverage suppliers, and South Australian artisans selling their creative wares.

This event also launched The Cedars' new membership program. If you wish to become an ongoing part of the cultural community of The Cedars and receive generous member benefits you can join at www.hansheysen.com.au

AWARD SUCCESS

Two years in a row! The Cedars has taken home the trophy for the 'Cultural Tourism' award at the SA Tourism Industry Awards again.

So wonderful that The Cedars is being recognised as the extraordinary cultural treasure that it is.



Top right- attendees at the inaugural 'Celebrate the Cedars' event, Above- Tori Dixon-Whittle and Dr Peter Heysen, Far left- The Cedars Team.

Hahndorf Band Festival

The Hahndorf Band Festival held on Saturday 16 October 2022 saw the Pioneer Memorial Gardens come alive! Visitors were treated to live music from 7 bands from across South Australia including our very own Town Band. The weather was kind, and attendees enjoyed the music in the sunshine. Thank you to the Hahndorf Lion's Club for providing the sausage sizzle on the day. Support for our raffle from some of Hahndorf's businesses was very much appreciated. Special thank you to Mayor Ann Ferguson for officially opening the event and to Councillors Narelle Hardingham and Simon Westwood for attending.



Murray Bridge Pageant

The band kicked off the Pageant season in Murray Bridge on November 20th. The smaller than normal group were delighted to introduce new youngsters to marching.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2022

Show your support at one of these upcoming events;

- 03 December- Mount Barker Pageant – 10:30am
- 04 December- Stirling Pageant – 4:00pm
- 09 December- St Nicholas Comes to Hahndorf – 6:30pm
- 10 December- Carols in the Main Street – 10:30am Post Office & 12:30pm at Delvene Hairdresser
- 12 December- Lobethal Pageant – 6:30pm
- 15 December- Woodside Pageant - 6:30pm (TBC)
- 17 December- Street Concert – 7:00pm 'German Spoon' (TBC)
- 18 December- Mylor Community Carols – 6:00pm



The 2022 season has been one of success at HSC. Our three junior competitive teams all placed top 2 in their leagues, with the Under 13's winning both league title, and cup champions.

The Senior women's had their most successful run in the Cup to date, making it all the way through to the Semi Final played at the State Centre of Football at Gepps Cross, going down 2-1 in extra time. Our Senior Men found themselves in new divisions in the CSL splitting the teams from playing one after the other, but overall had a great season with many junior players proving themselves in the senior ranks.



We celebrated our year with the official opening of our light towers, and naming the ground 'Rob Kilpatrick Park' after the late Rob Kilpatrick for his countless hours dedicated to our club.

Spring / Summer Sessions & Season 2023

Our season might be over, but we are still busy bees preparing for Season 2023. We are holding a couple of sessions for 4-9yo's to come and try soccer in a fun and friendly environment.

Season 2023

We are a grass roots club providing opportunities for players of all abilities to play. We love to welcome new faces and encourage all to be a part of our club and community.



JANUARY

- 7pm - Tues 17th Men & Women Preseason
- 4pm - Wed 18th Summer Come & Try (4-9yo)
- 7pm - Thurs 19th Men & Women Preseason
- 7pm - Tues 24th Men & Women Preseason
- 4pm - Wed 25th Summer Come & Try (4-9yo)
- 7pm - Thurs 26th Men & Women Preseason
- 7pm - Tues 31st Men & Women Preseason

FEBRUARY

- Wed 1st Registration Opens (Seniors & Juniors)
- TBC - Wed 1st Junior Kick-Around Sessions (4-17yo)
- 7pm Tues & Thurs Men & Women Preseason (continued)
- TBC - Wed 8th Junior Kick-Around Sessions (4-17yo)
- TBC - Wed 15th Junior Kick-Around Sessions (4-17yo)
- Fri 17th Registration Closes (Seniors & Juniors)

Government and Democracy Education at St Michael's

St Michael's senior students have had many opportunities to explore government and democracy during their time in Year 6. Recently we were visited by Federal Member for Mayo, Rebekah Sharkie who shared information about her role as the representative of the people of Mayo. Ms Sharkie also led the students in a mock parliamentary debate to pass a 'no homework' bill.



Rebekha Sharkie MP and students in a mock debate



In early November, our Senior Students also travelled to Canberra. Across a week, the students visited Parliament House, the War Memorial, the National Archives, Art Galleries, the National Museum, Questacon, the Institute of Sport and many more places of significance. The students learned about federation and the importance of being involved in our democratic society. This is a trip that all Year 6 students participate in during their final year at St Michael's Lutheran School.



Terri Taylor
Principal— St Michael's Lutheran Primary School
8388 7228

On Friday the 11th of November, the whole school community along with Grandparents and special friends came together to pay respect at our annual Remembrance Day service.

Traditionally, students in our Senior Unit (Year 5 and 6) take on the responsibility of organising and delivering the service. Attended by over 200 guests and 250 students, the senior students presented an outstanding recount of a traditional Remembrance Day service.

The students researched and wrote stories of the great wars, connected with cadets from the Woodside Army Barracks to learn about the catafalque party, laid wreaths which had been created by each class group and paid respect by standing to attention.



Through the sharing of story and our history, our students were deeply invested in showing respect to those who had fallen before them. Some wore medals from family who served, and others sat with heads bowed. Feedback shared during morning tea was extremely positive. Many shared how impressed they were with the students ability to sit still and listen with intent. They also shared how nice it was to see the importance of the occasion being instilled in the children and that time is being taken to share the meaning of the day for all.



We look forward to continuing this tradition with our wider school community into the future.



Ngari Boehm
Principal

HORSE SA LEADING THE NATION

A one-of-a-kind bushfire refuge for horses will be established in Murray Bridge, providing a much-needed sanctuary for horses and their owner. After the 2019/2020 Black Summer Bushfires there was a clear need for horse owners in South Australia to have a suitable location should they need to evacuate their horses. In 2021 Horse SA submitted a grant bid to the Australian Government to create a safer bushfire equine refuge. This grant was successful in 2022 and has become a priority for Horse SA to deliver.

The equine refuge site, housed at the Murray Bridge Racing Club will have 100 horse yards and all the associated facilities visiting horses and their owners might need. It is expected that the site will be built and open in late 2023.

Horse Owners will be able to pre-book a horse yard before or during a bushfire evacuation. A mobile app will manage the booking process, ensuring securing a horse yard will happen in real time.

The accompanying mobile app will encourage horse owners to:

- Pre-plan an evacuation strategy.
- Log owner contact details.
- Enter important details about the horse.
- Upload a bushfire plan.
- Agree to the terms of yard use.

It is hoped that this process will ensure greater safety for horses in these stressful evacuation times, and will also contribute to sustainable use of the yards.

This is the first of its kind nationally and South Australia is leading the way! For more information or to donate to Horse SA visit www.horsesa.asn.au



Murray Bridge Racing Club



Image: The West Australian, Wooroloo Fire

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To the Honourable the Members of the House of Assembly in Parliament Assembled

Petition Title:	Urgent need for a bypass at Hahndorf
Background:	The recent decision by the Minister for Infrastructure & Transport declared that the community did not want a bypass for vehicles transiting through Hahndorf. The Hahndorf Community Association believes this is incorrect.
From:	The Hahndorf Community Association and residents of Hahndorf and greater South Australia
Request:	Your petitioners believe a bypass is required as a matter of urgency for heavy vehicles and those vehicles which are transiting through Hahndorf. We request that your Honourable House will urge the Government to take immediate action to build a bypass that has the least amount of impact on dwellings, properties, businesses, heritage, and the environment.

	Name (Please Print)	Address	Signature	Email Address	Mobile
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Please return to Josh Teague MP, State Member for Heysen, 10/14 Druid Avenue, STIRLING 5152. Phone 8339 5077

ON PRESENTATION TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY THIS PETITION WILL BECOME A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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SES	132 500
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Hahndorf Medical Centre	8388 7066
Hahndorf Academy	8388 7250
Hahndorf Institute (to book)	0438 812 355
Hahndorf Primary & Preschool	8388 7058
Mount Barker Council	8391 7200
Mount Barker Hospital	8393 1777
St Michael's Lutheran Primary	8388 7228
St Paul's Church Hall Bookings	0417 835 837
St Paul's Lutheran Residential Care	8398 8600
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Zebra Kids ELC	8388 1811

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