



Moonta & District Progress Association Community News

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We welcome new business partners:

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Up Street Moonta Updated

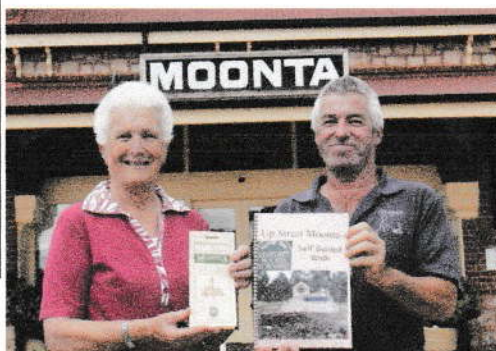
A new Up Street Moonta self-guided walk booklet was released in time for the recent tourist season.

The original Up Street brochure has been revised and expanded and is now in booklet form and features information and photos of more than thirty-seven sites within the town.

MDPA President, Peter Murray and the Promoting the Past sub-committee have been working on the project for more than a year.

Visitors can borrow one of the five booklets from the Moonta Tourist Office to explore the town, starting at Queen Square and making its way around the town and giving a little history and photos of the location from an earlier time.

The booklet is also available for purchase.



*Josie Welk and Peter Murray compare the old Up Street Moonta brochure with the new self-guided booklet.
(Photo courtesy YPCT)*

President's Bio

I am Peter Murray. I blew into Moonta from Seaford a little over three years ago with my teenage son, looking for a different lifestyle.

We found it. I created and operate a successful holiday home cleaning and gardening business in the Moonta area.

Being a strong community-minded person I soon found the Moonta & District Progress Association, joined the committee and "learned the ropes" by becoming minute secretary.

I joined with several other members and created the 'Promoting the Past' sub-committee and have been involved in several projects including: street sign tops, Up Street Moonta walk review, the MDPA website and Facebook page management.

When the President's position became an option I was thoughtful of my short history in Moonta but also aware of the considerable knowledge and talent making up the rest of the committee, so I was confident that I could be a suitable Chairperson and the association in many good hands.

Following my first Christmas period as the president I would like to thank the many people who make up the association for a very successful Christmas parade, markets, carols and Santa's cave. Great work and great result!

DIARY DATES

And

COMMUNITY EVENTS



MOONTA COUNTRY MARKETS

Queen Square

Sunday 12th March

9am - 2pm

Free trams running between Show N Shine at Moonta Oval and market at Queen Square.

MOONTA & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

Town Hall Supper Room

Wednesday 8th March 2017

7:30

Supper

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in-

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It's that special time again

If you are a regular reader of this newsletter you may have noticed the report last time about the voluntary organisation for people fifty and over who are retired or semi retired (not working more than 20 hours per week).

Many people in this age bracket are volunteers for several organisations however this one gives an opportunity for people to take time out and 'fill their own bucket' with some interesting activities associated with one's own health.

Why the heading SPECIAL TIME AGAIN? – Well for several years the management committee have released a special registration in January for people who meet the criteria and have not been a member before. It is \$15 and makes one a financial member until the 30th of June 2017. This gives the opportunity to see what this voluntary not for profit organisation offers whilst providing increased activities relating to physical, mental and social well being.

Members again had a diversity of topics in the last term and included "Visiting Business on the YP", "Knowing more about your Library", computer courses, photo shoot (and this next term a course on Photo Album); exercises with Chi Kung movements, Balance & Bones – another exercise group for the over 50s that is to help with the maintaining of mobility; history; visiting cemeteries (an excellent session was held at Moonta last term that included a conducted tour of the Moonta cemetery, a visit to Goercke's Monumental Works and then to Skinners Funeral Services – the feedback about this day was ever

so positive); some craft courses, "Relaxation with music and colour" and last but not least the playing of Mah Jong – there are several members from Moonta that are keen players, who also travel to Wallaroo so they can further games in the month.

An annual bus trip has been undertaken and last year involved a cruise on the Port River which included a scrumptious lunch that was cooked on board, and visiting several of the museums in the Port Adelaide area – another event with lots of positive accolades!

Topics are chosen by members and the organisation is 'member owned member driven'. Courses are only held in the daytime on week days - school term and this year will commence on Monday 30th January.

Now how can you find out more? Please enquire at the local Council Office, Community Library, or Moonta Gallery who have U3AYP Pamphlets on display and the special registration form, or contact committee member Hans Ruis President 8825 1897 or Shirley Grimsey (programme committee member) 8825 2203

Helen F Tucker

U3AYP Program coordinator

Ph 8823 2381

Australian Plant Society

Northern Yorke Peninsula Group

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A good number of Moonta plant enthusiasts are members of the Northern Yorke Peninsula group of the Australian Plant Society. They travel to Kadina each Thursday morning to work as volunteers propagating native plants. The group is growing hundreds of plants for local revegetation projects and their annual plant sale at the Kadina Showgrounds in May.

Last year APS began the task of setting up clubrooms and re-establishing a plant nursery at 1866 South Tce Kadina. Many hours have been spent restarting and checking the watering system in the shade house and growing on areas. Members have learnt lots about raising plants from seed – reliable watering and viable seed are the key to getting plants to germinate. It's been fascinating to watch the plants emerge, then change as they grow. The group is also propagating many plants from cuttings – a whole other set of skills to learn and excitement as roots emerge and plants are ready for potting on.

APSNYP is venturing into another new event this year – an art exhibition. The theme of course is Australian native plants and exhibitors are planning to display items in a range of media including embroidery, quilting, painting, sculpture and photography. The exhibition will be staged in May, during the Kernewek Lowender, at the Gallery of the Arts at the Town Hall in Moonta.

If you enjoy growing plants do join the group on Thursday mornings. Ring Lib Bartholomeusz on 1419994649 if you need a lift. And if you like art, come along to the exhibition.

Moonta Lions

The annual gathering of Christmas trees was undertaken and the trees distributed around the business ar-

ea to help give a Christmas feel to the street area.

Moonta Lions also contributed to the Christmas parade by providing members to act as Traffic Marshals. We also erected shelters for various food stalls for the Queen Square Market and Carols By Candlelight.

We have donated \$800 towards a Defibrillator in conjunction with the Vietnam Veterans and the Royal Hotel Social Club who will each contribute a similar amount. It is hoped the unit can be installed in Foodland.

There are still a few Christmas cakes available at some outlets and they are available all year round from the National bank.

The Lions Business Directories to install on your Refrigerator have now been printed and are with Australia Post ready for delivery.

Lions are collecting used stamps to help the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. Amazingly last year some \$13,500 was raised Australia wide from the bulk sale of these stamps at stamp auctions. If you want to help by collecting your used envelope stamps by cutting around approximately 3mm from the stamp edge and making sure the fringe is not damaged. The collected stamps can be handed onto a Lion member.

Since July last year we have donated \$2,625 to local and other other worthwhile causes.

We need more members to keep our Club alive and to enable us to continue to support the Community. If you are interested in becoming a Lion please contact Lions President Lorraine Darling on 0418 830 639 or Des Watts on 88 253138. Ladies are most welcome.

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Greg Joseph and Des Watts have retired as Coordinator and Deputy of the CAC after many years of dedicated service and their efforts have been greatly appreciated. It is fantastic to see that they have not "left the building" but only stepping back from the management of the Centre and still plan to attend the shed and actually complete some of their own projects for a change. Thanks Greg and Des for your efforts and commitment.

No individuals have stepped forward to take up the role as Coordinator, and a committee consisting Greg Bone, Don Clark, Rodney Davis, Laurie Elington, Di Sampson and Doc Holman are sharing the role and are hopeful of continuing to keep the Centre running smoothly.

The Centre is pleased to undertake any projects that individuals or groups need made or constructed that are within our scope, so if you need anything made or restored pop in on a Tuesday morning and we will be pleased to discuss it with you. Costs are very competitive. The

Centre also has some restored furniture for sale and this can be looked at any Tuesday morning to bag a bargain.

We are looking at running a **Basic Woodworking Class** and are seeking expressions of interest from the community. Course numbers would be limited to six people, so if you are interested ring 8825 1107 between 9am and 11am on a Tuesday. It is anticipated that the course would be run on a Monday night between 7 to 9pm and would continue for 5 weeks at a cost of \$60, including materials. The course would cover making a bread board, a small hinged storage box and a toilet roll holder using a lathe.

New members, male and female, are always welcome and if you are just interested in finding out what goes on, feel free to come and try or just observe any Tuesday morning. Membership is only \$20 and \$2 per week.

Moonta Weight Watchers

Come and join us! We meet every Monday except public holidays, then it's a Tuesday, at the Moonta Dart Club, cnr Frances Tce and Blythe Tce at 12 noon.

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