

Official newsletter of Moonta and District Progress Association

Moonta & District Progress Association Inc

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The annual general meeting of the Moonta and District Progress Association took place in August this year. The president's report is reproduced below:

There are many community teams within the Progress Association.

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Town Beautification

Thanks to all those members who commit their time within the association to keep these groups functioning. These groups do exceptional work around our town to keep our parks and gardens tidy for the community and visitors to our district. Thanks to Rebbeca Roberts for her commitment and organisation of Queen Square Markets. These groups can only survive with help from members of our community volunteering their time.

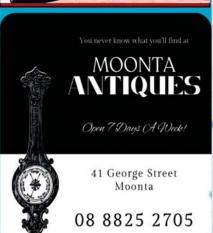
We have had several resignations from these groups during the year. I would like to thank those hard-working members; your help and support has been invaluable. Kym Roberts as President on Executive Committee; Trevor Bowden as Treasurer on Executive Committee, Show and Shine Committee, Christmas Pageant and Christmas Carols Committees; Lesley Bowden, Diana Sampson and John Wiltshire from the Show and Shine Christmas Pageant and Christmas Carols Committees.

Therefore we are seeking to attract more volunteers to assist with the Show and Shine, Christmas Carols, Queen Square Markets and Open Gardens, and without further volunteers these events may be lost to Moonta. If you can spare a few hours every week please put your hand up to help, as it can be very rewarding. Unfortunately Open Gardens has already been cancelled for this year, but hopefully it can go ahead in 2026.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lions Club for their valuable contribution to Polgreen Park. This area is now enjoyed by many members of our community and visitors alike; also, the Copper Coast Residents and Ratepayers Association for the running of the RV Park, allowing another option for many visitors to enjoy our district.

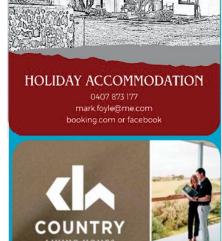
Regards David Burford President





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MDPA Community Teams

In his report at the Annual General Meeting the association president referred to the many community teams that make up the fabric of the organisation and work tirelessly to give back to the Moonta community. Over the past decade the population of Moonta and Port Hughes has increased very significantly with many choosing to make the area central to their retirement lifestyle. A significant part of that lifestyle is due to the effort of community volunteers who work behind the scenes to organise and to raise funds with the many events which enhance the quality of life on the Copper Coast. We look forward to welcoming new members and volunteers in the future. An outline of the work of the various teams follows:

Christmas Pageant

A highlight of the Christmas festivities in Moonta is the annual Christmas Pageant, a procession of floats which make their way down the main street to finish at Queen Square. This year's pageant will start at Military Road, travel to Blanche Terrace, down to William St and on to finish at Queen Square. Father Christmas will follow the procession



and will greet children in the square. There will be live music, free face painting and a twilight market followed by carols In in Queen Square. Come along and join in the festivities. Members have been busy getting floats ready since August. If anyone is interested in helping with the event please contact Kym Roberts at *info@moontaprogress.org.au*.

Community Activity Centre (Men's Shed and Mosaics Group)

The CAC offers well equipped workshops where a wide variety of wood and metal working projects are undertaken. The recently formed Mosaics Group has proved to be extremely popular, again with a wide variety of projects undertaken.

Friends of Victoria Park

As the name suggests, Victoria Park is a parklands area to the south of Moonta which was established in the early days of the Moonta township as a recreational space for the townsfolk. The park covers several acres of native vegetation and the work of the dedicated group of 'Friends' who meet each week is primarily devoted to the upkeep of plants and pathways and the removal of feral vegetation.

McCauley Park Volunteers

McCauley Park lies to the west of the town and comprises several acres of open parkland, wetlands and native vegetation. In recent years a devoted team has worked to restore the park to its former glory. There has also been considerable input from the Copper Coast Council.

Help us open Moonta's garden gates — volunteers wanted for the Open Garden Weekend (Oct 2026)

Love plants, people and community? The Moonta & District Progress Association is teaming up with Open Gardens South Australia to showcase private gardens across Moonta in 2026 — and we need friendly volunteers to make it bloom and start to plan for next year. Open Gardens SA supports us, while local volunteers bring the day to life.





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Quarterly Newsletter

The association publishes the Community Newsletter each quarter and is always looking for topical content. The newsletter is distributed without any charge and relies upon support from the local business community. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please email *info@moontaprogress.org.au*.



Queen Square Markets

The Moonta Queen Square Markets are held on the Sunday of each long weekend and run from 10am-3pm, with the exception of the twilight December market which is timed to coincide with the Christmas Pageant. The markets offer a wide variety of stalls from hand made items to coffee vans, food trucks to gifts and homewares and everything in between. There are even some stalls for the men! The kids aren't left out with FREE Face Painting from 12.30pm onwards. The air is filled with music and the smells of food. New stall holders and volunteers are more than welcome. To enquire, please email <code>queensquaremarkets@gmail.com</code> to find out more.

Santa's Cave and Santa's Trail

Moonta businesses, in partnership with the Moonta & District Progress Association Christmas Events team, are responsible for organising Santa's Trail. This has been a very popular Christmas event and thanks go to all businesses that have offered their support. Children purchase a Santa Trail package which includes a map and bag to collect gifts from the businesses that are taking part. The trail ends



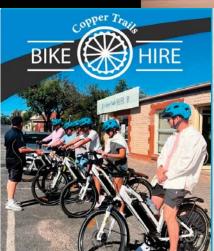
at Santa's Cave where Santa greets children and photos can be taken of them with Santa. Numbers of packages are restricted to 200 and in the past they have sold out within

the first few days of release. We are always looking for helpers with this event, so if you are interested in helping please contact Kym Roberts at info@moontaprogress.org.au.

Show and Shine

The annual Show and Shine is a spectacular display of motoring history which takes place every March. The many vehicles attending the event take part in a cavalcade on Friday, travelling the roads of the Copper Coast to the ad-





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miring looks of the many bystanders who line the route. On Saturday the vehicles are presented at Moonta Oval for inspection by the general public

Town Beautification

The Tidy Town group undertake a wide variety of tasks related to the general upkeep of the town. Activities include minor repairs, tree lopping, vegetation clearance and planting and general rubbish removal

Pleaser consider offering your services to one of the Community Teams. We are always looking for practical or administrative skills and you can be assured that you will be joining a friendly and outgoing group of volunteers. For further information or to lodge an expression of interest, please email the association at info@moontaprogress.org.au.

AEDs, or Automated External Defibrillators

An AED, or Automated External Defibrillator, is a portable device that can be used by anyone to deliver an electrical shock to a person in sudden cardiac arrest to help restart their heart. By providing voice or visual prompts, the device guides users through the process, making it a critical tool for improving survival chances in emergencies. When someone experiences a sudden cardiac arrest, their heart's electrical activity becomes chaotic and ineffective, meaning



it can't pump blood. An AED automatically analyzes the heart's rhythm to determine if an electrical shock is needed.

If a shock is required, the AED delivers one to stop the heart's chaotic activity, giving the heart a chance to return to a normal rhythm and pump blood again. AEDs are designed to be used by laypeople without any prior training. Voice and visual cues guide the user on what to do. If a person is unresponsive and not breathing normally, you should dial emergency services (like 000 in Australia) and begin CPR. As soon as an AED is available, use it in conjunction with chest compressions to increase the chances of survival. AEDs are located in many public places. Many local ambulance services and health organizations have online AED registry maps that show the locations of defibrillators near you. There are a number of phone apps that map the locations of AEDs. However, these are not always up to date and may therefore be inaccurate

Men's Shed And Kindergarten Project

The Moonta Kindergarten approached the Men's Shed to build them a Mud Kitchen. Measurements were taken and members of the Men's Shed proceeded to build the kitchen. The members of the Men's Shed had a lot of fun and interest in the building of the kitchen for the local children to enjoy. It was transported and erected.

A decision was made by members of the Crutchett Road, Moonta SA 5558 Men's Shed to donate the mud kitchen to the Moonta Kindergarten.

> Thanks to Anna of Moonta Kindergarten for approaching us to build it.



Left to Right: Bevan Bartlett, David Burford, John McKerron, Greg Bone and David (Doc) Hollman and several happy children.



Beyond Blindness Moonta Group:

Beyond Blindness' newest Regional Group has started with great success! Northern Member Engagement Officer Jen, and Volunteer Warren, hit the road in both April and June 2025 for a new group held in Moonta.

Members were invited from Moonta, Wallaroo, Kadina and Price, and around the Copper Coast. The word was spread far and wide that we would be in town, encouraging new blind and vision-impaired locals to join. We had an amazing turn out at these pub lunches, and look forward to meeting once a month. Contact us for planned dates.



If you would like to join as a member or would like to volunteer as a sight-guide, contact Jen at

Beyond Blindness: 8166 3330 or 0403 451 817





For the past 85 years, Beyond Blindne provided a range of services to South Australians who are blind or vision-impaired.

Offering a variety of recreational activities, our te independence, dignity and quality of life. Beyond Blindness also provides financial assistance in cases of need, as well as grants and subsidies.

Our services are available to any individual aged 18 and above, who is legally blind and resides in South Australia. The cost for a Lifetime Membership is \$25.

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- Tandem cycling, Swish table tennis
- Talks/Information sessions Walking Groups
- Dancing Digital training programs
- Cooking
- Country Music Club
- Pub lunches Gawler Low Vision Group
- Young Adults Group

- Whyalla group Adelaide Hills group
- Overnight trips to regional SA

in any location in Adelaide, depending on transport and resources availability.

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- Cost of living subsidy



OTHER SERVICES

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Santa's cave will again be open from 15th December 2025 until Christmas Eve, in the Supper Room at the Moonta Town Hall from 9 until noon.

There will be snow villages, a Ferris wheel, Nativity Scenes, Bubbles, and lots more! Also make sure that you have a visit with Santa.



With lots of exciting things to see in the cave it is well worth coming down for a look. Santa's Cave is not only for children; adults are more than welcome to step inside for a look.

Looking forward to seeing you all, Santa's helpers.

Being Digital Sessions coming to Moonta Community

Thanks to the partnership of Telstra and Libraries SA our Being Digital program is being expanded to help improve digital literacy in regional SA by providing information sessions about digital topics. These sessions



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Digital skills sessions coming to MOONTA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

For enquiries or to make a booking, call the Library on 8825 1511

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Friday September 26th 10am

Introduction to AI - What is Al? How can Al help me?

Staying Safe on Social Media

Friday October 24th 10am

Social media for beginners and protecting yourself in online communities

Online Banking and Shopping

Friday November 21st 10am

Shopping online for Christmas? Safe online purchasing over the holiday Buy or Sell Online with Marketplace

How to post successful ads on marketplace and tips to protect yourself when selling online

are completely free, and will each cover specific topics of interest to the community with time for questions and conversation after the session has finished.

Sessions will continue until September 2026. We are seeking expressions of interest from the community to ensure that our topics are meeting community needs. These sessions compliment our existing digital resources within the library, which include:

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north of Port Germain he was horrified when one of the caravan wheels became completely detached, the van dragging drunkenly along the road on one wheel and one brake drum, accompanied by showers of sparks and the demented screeching of tortured metal. Fortunately damage to the van was very minor, and it was taken to Port Pirie for repair. In discussion with the repairer my friend learned that the wheel studs on caravan wheels, especially 'mags', have a nasty habit of working themselves loose—which was what had happened in this instance. My friend was fortunate that when the wheel came adrift the caravan had continued to travel in a straight line and had not slewed into oncoming traffic or the outcome could have been very much more serious.

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ing around our towns and showing off your car. This event has people from all over the state enjoying a long weekend in Moonta.

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