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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Driving economic development and industry transformation in northern Adelaide is front of mind for most of our city’s residents and businesses, and was identified as a priority in the recently released State Budget.

Shaping the North’s future requires leadership and cooperation from federal, state and local governments, industry and business. I believe economic and social prosperity will be built on existing capability and opportunities within our City. Work is underway to develop the Northern Economic Plan, which is a collaborative approach to responding to the pending closure of GM Holden and driving future economic development in the North.

To further support this economic development agenda I recently participated in a Mission to Shandong in China where we met with government representatives and the Shandong Bureaux of Commerce. Discussions focused primarily on urban development opportunities, resources, agribusiness, food and wine, health, aged and disability, education and tourism. South Australian companies presented investment and trade opportunities including several from Salisbury. I truly believe we’ll see significant and worthwhile outcomes flow from this Mission.

The Polaris Business and Innovation Centre continues to support the growth of small to medium enterprises and on page 27 you can read all about the achievements of their Business Fundamentals program, which is designed for people thinking about starting a business or needing to re-energise an existing one.

The City of Salisbury’s 2015-16 Annual Plan has been completed and will see several major projects come to fruition while continuing to place Council in a sustainable financial position. I encourage all readers to learn more about what Council has planned on page 25.

As always, there are plenty of stories on local groups and individuals doing great things in the community, and I hope everyone takes the time to read and learn a little more about our wonderful city.

Gillian Aldridge JP, Mayor of Salisbury
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A young Salisbury dancer was one of just three Australians to take to the stage at the 2015 Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) in New York – the world’s largest global network of dance.

Meg Rafinian, 11, of Salisbury Downs, has been dancing since she was two years old and is currently a member of the Salisbury-based Turning Point School of Dance. Her dream is to one day become a principal dancer in the Royal Ballet. “My favourite style is classical ballet as it is the most challenging dance style,” she said. “You have to be very clever to coordinate steps with arms and on top of that your expressions as well.”

Meg said she enjoys the challenge of learning new variations and moves, and gave it her all at the YAGP. More than 120 dancers were in the pre-competitive section between the ages of nine and 11. They came from all over the world including the USA, Canada, Spain, Japan, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Brazil, Argentina, Russia, Germany, France and China.

During the YAGP competition from 10 April to 16 April Meg had classical and contemporary technique classes every day. She qualified for two solos to compete through a DVD audition as YAGP does not hold regional auditions in Australia. “To qualify for the NY final, the dance had to be marked over 95 points from a 100 point system,” Meg said. “I performed to the best of my ability, but was disappointed that I didn’t get a place.”

But the adventure didn’t end there for Meg, who also performed in the Grand Defile at the Lincoln Centre, which was part of the Gala performance of YAGP 2015. “We had intensive rehearsals every day until 9pm and sometimes until 10pm for a week,” Meg said. “Spending so much time together at the rehearsal I made lots of new friends. In Grand Defile I danced with many other participants with around 1,200 people participating. Before the Grand Defile there was an Olympic-style ceremony and I got to be in the Australian team and appear on stage with them and the Australian flag on a screen.”

Since returning home, Meg has competed in the Sydney Eisteddfod through Turning Point School of Dance, and in August she will participate in Ballet Teachers Workshop Vic Inc in Melbourne where more than 150 competitors in her section will be vying for a scholarship.
GET INTO GARDENING

AS we enter Biodiversity Month, what better time to take advantage of the City of Salisbury’s extensive program of gardening workshops at the Communal Garden in Paralowie.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge said workshops at the Communal Garden, located on the corner of Halba Crescent and Waterloo Corner Road, regularly attract more than a dozen participants and promote sustainable gardening, teaching participants techniques on how to grow your own food, propagate seeds, establish worm farms and preserve water.

“There is a strong community interest in food gardening, and many people just want to get back to the basics and also learn how to be more environmentally sustainable,” Mayor Aldridge said. The garden features a demonstration site for growing vegetables, herbs and fruit, which local residents can learn to replicate in their own backyard. “There’s nothing better than tucking into some delicious fruit and vegetables,” said Mayor Aldridge, “It’s even more satisfying when you’ve grown it yourself”.

“Our workshops are often run by experienced and knowledgeable presenters such as Dr Harry Harrison, who is President of the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia, and Ross Pitman, who has more than 50 years gardening experience,” said Mayor Aldridge.

**AUGUST**

**Compost – Great Stuff for Any Gardener**
Saturday 15 August, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Secrets of establishing good compost, the pros and cons of different composting types, how to make an effective compost system for home gardens, and what to do with the compost.

**Growing Tomatoes**
Thursday 27 August, 10am to 12pm
An interactive Q&A from the ground up to get the best out of your tomato crop this season. Learn about soil preparation, planting, managing and more.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Growing Citrus at Home Talk at John Harvey Gallery**
Wednesday 9 September, 6pm to 7.30pm
Vital information on growing citrus trees at home including the right location, different varieties, preparing the soil, managing and growing in pots.

**Worm Farms**
Thursday 17 September, 10am to 12pm
All about worms! Information on how to set up and maintain a worm farm that will turn kitchen and garden scraps into a rich garden fertiliser.

**Worms and Other Things for the Soil**
Saturday 19 September, 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Learn about living soil, the microbes and organisms that create vibrant healthy soil, how you can improve your soil and reduce chemical use.

**Increasing Biodiversity at Paralowie Communal – Planting**
Tuesday 28 September, 10am to 12pm
Help us plant a biodiversity patch at our Paralowie Garden to bring in the butterflies, bees and beneficial insects and make the garden life flourish.

**Competition**

**Make a Garden Tool Carrier from Recycled Materials**
Wednesday 30 September, 2pm to 4pm
Category 1: Tool carrier for small hand tools e.g. secateurs, trowel, small fork. Category 2: Tool carrier for large hand tools e.g. spade, fork, rake etc. Prizes for both categories and age groups five to 10 and over 12.

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SLOW DOWN AND TAKE A LOOK

A local streetscape is bursting with colour thanks to five new community murals aimed at slowing traffic movements.

The Roopena Street community in Ingle Farm had concerns about traffic speeds, noise and a general lack of awareness by road users of the different businesses and services along the street. These include places of worship, medical centres, a grocery store, offices, retail outlets, sporting facilities, an early learning centre, aged care facilities, a library and many homes.

Under the Living Neighbourhood project, the community decided that painting murals would help to calm the street and slow down traffic while raising awareness that the street is a community place.

Salisbury Council, which provided support for this State Government project, said Roopena Street was a great example of local communities coming up with local solutions for their community.

“We have taken speed counts along Roopena Street and once this project is complete we will take more counts to see if the speeds have been reduced due to the murals, helping to make the road safer,” said Mayor Gillian Aldridge.

Community workshops were held in December 2014 and February 2015 to explore the opportunities and issues, and it was decided that murals were the community’s preferred option.

ARTWORK TO COMMEMORATE ANZAC CENTENARY

In the lead up to the Centenary of ANZAC, the Salisbury RSL Sub Branch unveiled a custom art piece to commemorate the selfless sacrifices of our local war veterans.

The art piece, a life-sized silhouette of a soldier in uniform, is situated at the entrance of the Salisbury RSL clubrooms. The silhouette has been well received by visitors and members of the RSL alike, with Secretary Judy Sharp saying, “We have received nothing but praise for the silhouette. We have had 100% positive feedback”.

The piece makes a striking entrance statement, but it is when the sun starts to go down that it’s true beauty becomes apparent.

“When I saw the sun shining on it, it throws a soldier figure on the wall, which is magnificent… a beautiful sight,” said Salisbury RSL Sub-branch President Mick Lennon. “When you come around the corner it really makes you know it’s the RSL. It’s truly heart wrenching”.

The project was a collaboration between the Salisbury RSL Sub-branch and the City of Salisbury, and was supported by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and Mark Butler MP.
THEY began making home videos in their backyard at just eight years of age, and now a world of opportunity is opening up for Pooraka twins Danny and Michael Philippou, 22.

The budding film-makers’ YouTube channel ‘RackaRacka’ is enjoying incredible success having recently eclipsed one million subscribers. Overall their videos have received more than 100 million views and ‘RackaRacka’ is averaging 2,000 new subscribers and 350,000 views every day.

This success has led to strong interest from local and international film companies keen to utilise the brothers’ unique style and energy that has become synonymous with their YouTube clips. Whether it’s a nerf-gun fight, superheroes facing off in a living room or Harry Potter battling a Jedi Knight, the twins’ videos are always packed with comedy, action, melodrama, explosions and stunts.

“We have spoken to one of Eli Roth’s production companies who want to do a short film with us, which could also turn into a feature,” Danny said.

“(In May) we got back from LA from meeting with Legendary Pictures and Sony Pictures and we are talking about development with them. Legendary Pictures has some video games they’re adapting into low budget films that they want us to possibly direct.”

The brothers are currently working with Australian company Triptych Pictures to produce their web shorts, they are in the early stages of developing a short film titled ‘Concrete Kings’ and have begun discussing pitching television series.

The brothers said they have to be “very careful” in selecting their next project. “If we do a feature and it’s not good then that could be the end of our career,” Danny joked. “Outside of YouTube we did a short film called ‘Deluge’ which is sort of a dark drama. We are trying to decide if we want to do drama or comedy next. We do love drama, but we are probably better at comedy.”

It hasn’t all been easy sailing for the former Para Hills High School students, who explored their creative interests regardless of the consequences. “There wasn’t really anything to do with filming at school,” Michael said, “but we kept filming all through high school. It was just fun to do and we even got suspended a couple of times”. One such occasion saw the brothers interviewing teachers, and then
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"We also used to do fake fails," Danny said. "We were on lots of TV shows like Conan O’Brien and Jimmy Kimmel. We were just uploading it to our Facebook and a lot of people were stealing it, putting it on their Facebook and getting millions of hits, so a friend convinced us to start ‘RackaRacka’ on YouTube."

The brothers continue to do their own writing, filming, editing and sound – with support from friends. "We use a suite called Adobe which has Premier Pro and After Effects, which does the editing and the visual effects, and you can swap between the two programs," Danny said. "People often ask where we get the props from; you find a lot of cheap stuff on Gumtree. It’s all second-hand and not as expensive as it looks."

Earlier this year Screen Australia awarded the brothers a grant and, along with support from the South Australian Film Corporation, they have had access to a budget for three ‘RackaRacka’ videos including the already released Marvel VS DC. "The films we are doing now have a budget, and this is the first time we’ve had professional sound come in," Danny said.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge congratulated the brothers on their success. "It is fantastic to see creative, talented and entrepreneurial young residents following their passion," Mayor Aldridge said.

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Solo guitarist Mahala Sultan, at 'The Big Event Open Mic Night' at the Twelve25 Salisbury Youth Enterprise Centre on Friday 17 April

Saltburn Youth Council members Jordan Golley, Pau Suan Lian Naulak and Michael Santos at Hoyts Salisbury

Ellen Finley and Jordan Stapleton performing at the Judd Street Laneway Festival during National Youth Week on Tuesday 14 April

At the Salisbury Cabin Homes event as part of the About Time History Festival: Bruce Townsend, Dick Windsor, Annie Windsor, Rod Bickley and Frank Sloan

AT RECONCILIATION IN THE NORTH LAUNCH

Deputy Mayor Brad Vermeer, speaker Khatija Thomas, Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement, and Member for Ramsay Zoe Bettison at Parafield Gardens Community Club

At the Reconciliation in the North launch at the Parafield Gardens Community Club were Dale Agius, Tesia Lennon and Naomi Agius
AVIATION GROUP TAKING OFF

SPEAKING to an astronaut travelling at 28,000km per hour on the International Space Station is just one of the thrills offered by a unique local youth group.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Australian Air League Parafield Squadron, which is a civilian operated youth organisation offering leadership training, drill training, flight training, aviation theory classes and various special interest educational training classes, as well as sports and recreational activities.

Education Officer Marc Lelliott said the Squadron was based at Parafield Airport and had grown to more than 40 members from suburbs such as Parafield Gardens, Salisbury, Tea Tree Gully and as far away as Aldgate.

“In 2013… we spoke to astronaut Koichi Wakata while he was on the International Space Station,” Marc said.

“Twenty very lucky cadets got to ask him a question. We had nine minutes with astronaut Wakata because he was 415km above Hawaii and traveling at 28,000 kilometres per hour at the time, and after nine minutes he moved out of radio range. This was a first for the Australian Air League anywhere in Australia.”

In March the group enjoyed a one hour video link-up with the Japanese Space Agency from the Classic Fighter Jet Museum at Parafield Airport. Again 20 cadets had the chance to ask the flight directors questions. This again was a first for the Australian Air League.

Marc said the Squadron has plenty more activities planned for the rest of the year, including a visit to the planetarium in Mawson Lakes in August. “We will be going gliding (and powered-flight) at the Gawler airfield,” he said. “In November we will be going helicopter flying in the Barossa Valley.

We are hopeful of talking via video link to a RAAF pilot and we have put in a request to speak with an astronaut from the Canadian Space Agency.”

The Squadron is open to boys and girls ranging in age from eight to 18. Meetings are held on Fridays from 7pm to 9pm during school terms.

If you would like more information please contact Dion Van Nunen, Officer Commanding Parafield Squadron on 0449 878 625 or email oc.parafield@airleague.com.au
A relaxation program offering a raft of proven health benefits has been introduced at the Jack Young Centre.

Relaxation is different to meditation, which it is often mistaken for. Relaxation could be considered the prelude of mediation. Meditation encourages the complete clearing of the mind of all thoughts. Relaxation on the other hand teaches how to relax your mind and body regardless of the external and internal stimuli.

Relaxation techniques are often recommended as part of a stress management plan and are well documented to help people battling depression.

Regular practice of the simple techniques you will learn can assist with relieving muscle tension and reducing common health issues including anxiety, heart rate, respiration rate and blood pressure. It can assist in reducing physical pain as well as improving memory and concentration.

People are often surprised by the psychological benefits enjoyed by those that practice the exercises regularly. Anecdotal reports tell of how relaxation has helped to reduce emotional stress, while increasing self-awareness and self-confidence. It is a chance to take some precious time out for yourself in a safe and inclusive environment.

The sessions have been well received by people of all ages, with current participants finding the benefits are quickly felt when the techniques are practiced on a regular basis.

Unlike yoga and other forms of relaxation exercises, the program requires no minimum level of physical fitness or any special equipment. The sessions are conducted while you are seated comfortably in a chair. What you will learn can easily be incorporated into your own routine and practiced in the comfort of your own home.

Held each Thursday afternoon at 5.15pm to 5.40pm, it could prove to be the best half an hour you will spend all week. The relaxation program is open to all ages and costs only $2 per session. The centre is also open before the session with low cost, nutritious meals available.

The Jack Young Centre is located behind the Salisbury RSL, 1 Orange Avenue, Salisbury and can be contacted on 8406 8525.
WRITERS TO WELCOME FORMER PM

FORMER Prime Minister Julia Gillard will headline the outstanding group of national and local writers and industry leaders at this year’s Salisbury Writers’ Festival.

Running from 21 to 30 August, the 11th Salisbury Writers’ Festival offers writing enthusiasts and book lovers the opportunity to interact in a variety of workshops aimed at developing their writing skills. It is also an opportunity for attendees to meet and learn from some of the best writers in the business.

Ms Gillard, who will give the opening address at the Festival launch on 21 August, was Australia’s first female Prime Minister holding office from 2010 to 2013, and is currently the Board Chair of the Global Partnership for Education. Her book My Story was the highest selling political biography of 2014.

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Former Prime Minister Julia Gillard

A proud South Australian, Ms Gillard has followed the Festival for a number of years. “The Salisbury Writers’ Festival is a celebration of literature, ideas and the power of the written word,” Ms Gillard said. “I am honoured to be a part of it and look forward to sharing further insights on My Story and the ideals and sense of purpose I always strive to serve.”

Mayor Gillian Aldridge said Ms Gillard would be a major drawcard for the Festival. “It is great news for Salisbury that Ms Gillard will give the opening address at the Festival launch,” she said. “Securing such a high profile and well-known individual ensures the Salisbury Writers’ Festival continues to be an event of choice for the large writing and reading community.”

The 2015 Salisbury Writers’ Festival will also feature a keynote address from popular Australian author and actor William McInnes, writer, psychologist and teacher Jane Turner Goldsmith, popular Sunday Mail and Advertiser columnist Matt Gilbertson, workshops, poetry slam, and much more.

The City of Salisbury prides itself in being able to provide opportunities for our artists. The Salisbury Writers’ Festival provides professional development opportunities for writers at all stages of their writing, including opportunities to share their work – often for the first time – pitching book ideas to a publishers or agents, and festival presenters.

The full Festival program was launched on 5 June and is available at: www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/swf
DO YOU KNOW BANJO?

AWARD-WINNING local author Kristin Weidenbach will give students an insight into one of Australia’s most renowned poets during the 2015 Salisbury Writers’ Festival.

Kristin’s children’s book Tom the Outback Mailman won the Eve Pownall award from the Children’s Book Council of Australia in 2013, and she is the author of Australian bestseller Mailman of the Birdsville Track: the Story of Tom Kruse.

Her children’s picture book Meet Banjo Paterson was launched at Mawson Lakes Library earlier this year and will be featured in the Salisbury Writers’ Festival schools program. The school sessions will be held at various library branches across the City of Salisbury and are aimed at students in years 3 to 5. Attendees will discover the story of how poet Banjo Paterson came to write his legendary ballads The Man from Snowy River and Waltzing Matilda. The sessions are free and bookings are essential.

Kristin is a PhD immunologist who switched to a writing career concentrated on popular non-fiction that is focused on Australian history. She has also written the official histories of the Cruising Yacht Club of SA, and the energy company Santos.

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ARTISTS CONTINUE TO IMPRESS

THE prestigious City of Salisbury Watershed Art Prize saw stunning South Australian artwork on display throughout May.

The annual Art Prize encourages awareness of water as a precious resource and significant environmental management issue, with works entered under the theme ‘wetlands biodiversity and/or water sustainability’.

More than 40 shortlisted pieces were exhibited at the John Harvey Gallery from 1 May until 29 May, while the 13 shortlisted works for the Young Emerging Artist Prize were displayed at the Mawson Centre over the same period.

At the conclusion of the exhibition, the People’s Choice Award was presented to Salisbury-based Mathew Bivone for his piece ‘The Way The Water Flows’. Mathew has only just begun showing his work with his first exhibition occurring during the Salisbury Secret Garden exhibition in February.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge described this year’s entries as stunning. “The exhibition was well worth a look with the artists perfectly capturing the theme. There was a high level of creativity on show with a wide range of techniques and mediums used including lino prints, water colours and recycled materials.”

The 2015 Watershed Art Prize judging panel included Mayor Aldridge, respected artist Richard Maurovic and International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM) CEO Richard Hopkins.

2015 Watershed Art Prize Winners:
- First Prize ($5000) sponsored by ICE WaRM – ‘A Sacred Balance: H2O’ by Sum Woon Chow
- Second Prize ($2500) sponsored by City of Salisbury – ‘Balance’ by Roland Weight
- People’s Choice ($500) sponsored by Salisbury Water – ‘The Way The Water Flows’ by Mathew Bivone
- Mayors Award – ‘Cod Capers’ by Candice McMullan
- Mawson Lakes Living Magazine Editor’s Choice Award – ‘Pelicans Together’ by Carol Scholich
- Young Emerging Artist Prize ($500) sponsored by Salisbury Living – ‘Wetland Biodiversity’ by Nancy Ju
- High Commendation – ‘Reclaimed Waters’ by Debbie Savage
- High Commendation – ‘Lifeforce’ by Lise Temple
- High Commendation – ‘Butterfly’ by Alyssa Manocchio

For more information please visit: www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/Our_City/Events/2014_Watershed_Art_Prize
GREEN IS GOOD

CLEAN, green and affordable living choices are seeing the City of Salisbury’s Greentree Walk residential development fill fast.

Greentree Walk at Paralowie takes advantage of its position on the meandering banks of the Little Para River and sets aside more than one third of its space for open green reserves. Homes are achieving a 6-star energy rating and feature at least 1.5kw of solar panels and access to the Salisbury Re-water network.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge said the Greentree Walk development was providing quality and affordable housing by returning $680,000 of Commonwealth Affordable Housing Grants to purchasers through the Housing Affordability Scheme. “This is essentially a $10,000 grant available in addition to the First Homebuyers Grant, which has been a significant contributor to providing affordable housing in the Salisbury community,” Mayor Aldridge said. “Further savings are possible by the inclusion of rain gardens, which are self-watering, low maintenance gardens designed to protect our rivers and creeks by capturing stormwater that runs off after it rains.”

Other features include:

Sustainability
- Connection to Council’s Re-water pipe network to every home
- Connection to Council’s Re-water pipe network for irrigation of the reserves
- All homes are required to provide a 1.5Kw PV solar cell on their roof

Amenities
- Served by public transport
- Little Para River and the linear park provides open space for children to play
- One minute drive to Woolworths Shopping Centre Paralowie
- Five minute drive to Paralowie Coles Shopping Centre
- The Gardens Recreation Centre

Schools and Childcare
- Two Goodstart early learning centres in Paralowie
- Paralowie - R-12 School
- Tempe Christian College
- Riverdale Primary
- Riverview Kindergarten
- Settlers Farm Kindergarten

Just eight of the 68 allotments remain unsold, with most being purchased by families like Dev and Sangeeta Kumar and their two young boys, Ryan, 10, and Rein, 5.

Dev said the northern suburbs have much to offer including easy access to schools, health services and shopping centres as well as being close to main highways. “We moved from New Zealand in 2012 and rented for the past two years before deciding to build,” he said. “Old houses are costing too much plus it’s cheaper to build then to carry out renovations. New houses can be easily custom-designed to suit your family’s needs and requirements.”

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CHELSEA’S CHASING HER DREAM

YOUNG Mawson Lakes cricketer Chelsea Rundle has her eyes set on a baggy green cap – and she is well on her way.

At just 12 years of age Chelsea has already won the Para District B Grade Women’s Player of the Year Award, and was recently invited to try-out for the State Primary School Girls’ side. “The state try-out went really well and I made it into the top 22, so I was very excited about that,” Chelsea said. “The squad is training at Adelaide Oval each Sunday so I’ll keep doing my best and see how it goes.”

Chelsea currently plays for Rose and Crown’s B grade women’s team, Captains the Craigmore Under 12 boys team and recently began playing indoor cricket. “I love cricket because it is a really good team sport and it is a sport that anyone can play,” she said. “It is also a load of fun and I’ve met some great people along the way.”

Chelsea has proven herself to be a top all-rounder capable of batting, bowling and even wicket-keeping, but says her preference is to bat. “I like batting because it just proves that you can hit runs and that you are really powerful and that you aren’t afraid of anything,” she said. Chelsea is particularly proud of hitting a four in her very first season of cricket at just eight years of age.
THE Woodworkers Shed Northern Districts S.A. (Inc) will expand their efforts making giveaway toys for charities following a recent $30,000 extension to their premises.

The Woodworkers Shed – located at Happy Home Reserve, Lawrie Avenue in Salisbury – could not be extended due to its age and structural integrity. So the City of Salisbury decided to support the organisation by constructing a shed alongside the current facility inclusive of access, electrical requirements and ventilation.

The Woodworkers Shed has a large variety of woodworking tools and equipment for use by members. Working in wood is therapeutic, and in the club environment members can enjoy the company of others with similar interests in a friendly manner.

It is important to note that is not a Men’s Shed. Membership is offered to both men and women who are interested in woodwork. Since the club’s inception, membership numbers have fluctuated between a maximum of about 70 to the current level of just below 30.

All members must participate in training before using any machine. Assistance and training in their use is provided through demonstrations and instruction sessions conducted by suitably experienced people.

Members have the opportunity to put these techniques into practice on project days, by either participating in the manufacture of projects for the club or for themselves, or by participating in toy making. The toys are donated to a number of local charities for distribution to disadvantaged children just prior to Christmas each year. Uniting in Care, Anglicare, Novita, Playford Community Fund, Playgroups SA, Goodwill, Salvation Army and Rotary are the charities that have been chosen to receive these gifts in the past.

Opening Times:
Between February and December
Toy making workshop
Tuesday (weekly), 9am to 2.30pm
Toy making workshop
Thursday (weekly), 9am to 2.30pm
Club meeting night
Third Thursday of the month, 7pm to 9.30pm
Project day
First Saturday of the month, 10am to 2.30pm

For more information please search for Woodworkers Shed Northern Districts at www.theshedonline.org.au

KEEPING UP THE GOOD WORK
NEW PLAYSPACE
FIT FOR A KING

CONSTRUCTION will soon commence for one of the major elements of the $3.5 million St Kilda Playground Renewal Project – a new Castle.

The Castle’s design was released this month and has many people excited. The new Castle will consist of three levels with a slide from each level to the ground, fire poles from level one to ground, and a new external galvanised mesh cladding system which will reduce the level of concealed areas and improve lighting within the structure.

“The Castle attraction will be closed while construction occurs, but the remainder of the adventure park continues to be open to the public,” said Mayor Gillian Aldridge. “I think this is the most exciting part of the whole project – the installation of a new and taller Castle! This is expected to be complete by September 2015.”

Upgrades to the Playground’s Volcano attraction including new lava slides, bridges and stairs are nearing completion. Other completed works include the installation of a 25-metre bouncy boomerang, basketball court, new swings and soft-fall sands, improved landscaping such as garden beds and turf, a drinking fountain to quench your thirst on hot summer days, and new electric barbecues and park furniture for those keen to enjoy a cooked lunch.

The $3.55 million redevelopment of the popular playground is being spread across the 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years. The project is scheduled for completion at the end of 2015, and will be closely followed by a relocation of the nearby Tram Stop for St Kilda Tramway Museum visitors.

To stay up-to-date with the project keep an eye out for public notices in the local Messenger newspaper and follow us at:
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A local teenager was the sole South Australian selected to represent Australia at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles in July.

Ingle Farm Junior Soccer Club’s (IFJSC) Brandyn Patterson, 17, said he is extremely excited about heading to LA having only left SA for the first time last October.

Brandyn, who suffers from autism, was recently selected in the Special Olympics South Australia (SOSA) squad, which sent two teams to Melbourne (5-a-side and 7-a-side) and brought home a silver and gold medal. He was the only one selected for national representation.

Brandyn said he has been training hard ever since and is keen to return from LA with a win. “I train with the Special Olympics on Sundays after I’ve played for Ingle Farm in the morning. I’ve also competed in a tournament against a few Victorian teams and a Futsal tournament as well, trying to prepare for the Games,” he said. “I also train twice per week with Ingle Farm Junior Soccer Club and compete on Sundays. During the off-season I took part in the Adelaide United Football School too.”

Brandyn’s mother, Joanne, said Special Olympics at both State and national level offered much more than just athletic opportunity. “The families that we have met through the trip to Melbourne were all so wonderful, and we have kept in touch with many of them,” she said. “Even families from other states would come up and chat to us, knowing we were new to the process. It is very fulfilling to see him proud of his achievements and willing to put himself in possibly uncomfortable situations to be able to compete.”

Brandyn started playing soccer in the Under 6’s at IFJSC in 2003 and was part of the Division 1 under 15’s championship team in 2012. That same year he was named Most Improved Player and won the IFJSC Award for attending, training and striving through diversity. He currently plays for the U17/18 Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.

To assist Brandyn’s efforts, Salisbury Council recently awarded him an Individual Sporting Grant under our Youth Sponsorship Program. The program provides sponsorship for State and/or Australian representation in sporting, cultural or recreational activities. It is aimed specifically at young people aged 25 years and under.

MAJOR WORKS AROUND THE CITY

THE City of Salisbury’s 2015-16 Annual Plan will see several major projects come to fruition while continuing to place Council in a sustainable financial position.

Council has been undertaking significant multi-staged projects throughout the city in recent years with several due for completion in 2015-16 including:

• The $3.5 million St Kilda Playground Renewal,
• Flood mitigation and stormwater management works at Bridgestone Park,
• Flood mitigation works at Lake Windemere, and
• Flood mitigation and stormwater management works at Cobbler Creek.

As these works are completed, some new key projects will begin in 2015-16 including:

• The $3.6 million upgrade of Underdown Park,
• Investigations into the feasibility of establishing a Salisbury Community Hub; and
• A $1.7 million community recreation area at Bridgestone Park.

Despite significant economic challenges, Mayor Gillian Aldridge says the 2015-16 Annual Plan ensures Council continues to provide the same level of services the community currently enjoys while also making a strong commitment to projects that will improve the attractiveness and liveability of our city. “These include an additional $400,000 for the Streetscape Renewal Program, boosting the Community Transport Service by $100,000, and committing $1 million to continue developing the City Wide Trails Network.”

Mayor Aldridge said residents continue to enjoy one of the lower average annual rate increases across metropolitan councils of 3%, with the minimum rate charge for 2015-16 shifting just $27 from $903 to $930.

“Council is also mindful of the need to reduce the impact of shifting property values, so if your property values up by 15% in a year, we adjust our calculations down to remove this impact. We continue to provide a remission for high value properties of 15% of the normal rate on residential values between $467,000 and $570,000, and 35% of the normal rate on residential values over $570,000.”

In 2015/16 about $10 million has been earmarked for new capital works, while more than $18 million will go towards renewing community assets to ensure they continue to perform the functions that they were built for and meet the needs of the community, including:

• Road reseal and reconstruction $8.1 million,
• Sport and Recreation Buildings $3.3 million,
• Streetscape Renewal Program $1.1 million; and
• Council-owned Community and Sports Club Buildings $1.4 million.
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STARTING UP IN SALISBURY

THE spirit of enterprise is alive and well in Salisbury.

In the past 12 months more than 200 people have participated in the Polaris Business and Innovation Centre’s Business Fundamentals program, which is designed for people thinking about starting a business or needing to re-energise an existing one.

Walkley Heights resident Jodie Hughes recently started Func Fitness & PT and is typical of many who have opted for self-employment. “Func Fitness & PT specialises in group and personal training,” she said. “I have a strong passion to help people live healthy lifestyles by making fitness fun and enjoyable.”

“I learned about the Polaris Centre after reconnecting with someone after a chance meeting. I had no idea of the significance this was going to have,” Jodie said. “There were so many different services on offer to me as a small business in the Salisbury Council area. I signed up to the Business Fundamentals Workshop, which was a very beneficial introduction to successfully marketing and growing my business.”

Jodie was also introduced to the Business Women’s Network, which she describes as a “rewarding experience”. “I have met some amazing women doing great things and heard from speakers who are inspiring, and successful,” she said. “Needing assistance with how to best engage potential clients, I joined the Digital Mentoring Program. With support and guidance I have commenced work on my website and I am engaging with my clients on various streams of social media.”

The Polaris Centre has increased the frequency of its Business Fundamentals workshop to once every three weeks. In addition Polaris has been providing information sessions in the GM Holden Transition Centre for workers in the automotive sector considering self-employment.

“We are seeing a surge in enthusiasm for entrepreneurship,” said City of Salisbury Economic Development Manager Greg Ratsch. “There is a steady stream of people thinking about starting a business, or who have just opened their doors. Despite the challenges facing northern Adelaide, these are people who have identified a market opportunity and are stepping away from the safety net of a regular pay cheque to follow their passion.”

Josh Vas of Gulfview Heights exemplifies this. Josh started Chooli last year while still in high school after noting a market gap in the design and development of reasonably priced websites for small businesses. “Being self-employed gives me the ability to control my lifestyle, wage and job security,” he said. “I have always been entrepreneurial and in the long term I aim to build my business to a significant size, create jobs and employ people. Although I have clients all over Adelaide, there are significant opportunities in the north.”

For more information on the Polaris Business and Innovation Centre please call (08) 8260 8205 or visit www.polariscentre.com.au
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Call 8182 7222 for an appointment.
CAPITAL WORKS

Ongoing maintenance - Maintenance will occur around the city as part of an ongoing program. This includes such programs as kerb and gutter reinstatement due to tree damage and footpath reinstatement. For more information please contact Council’s Customer Centre on 8406 8222.

Capital Upgrades In Progress
The Capital Upgrade Program for Sport and Recreation Buildings is a strategic program of works to upgrade Council-owned community recreation buildings and infrastructure to meet legislative compliance and community needs.

Two key projects for 2015 are the construction of two new single storey facilities at Parafield Gardens Oval, Bradman Road in Parafield Gardens, and at Rowe Park, Belalie Road in Ingle Farm. These two new buildings will provide the community with sporting facilities and clubrooms that encompass change room amenities, canteen and bar facilities.

Parafilder Gardens Oval

Rowe Park
WHAT YOU TOLD US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The City of Salisbury engages with residents via Facebook and Twitter and appreciates all feedback received.

Thank you to Salisbury Council for their support of this event by allowing us to dump the rubbish at the waste transfer station free of charge.

Cobbler Creek Clean Up Australia Day

Great news, after a call to Salisbury Council with this cutie’s tag number the owner has been located.

Lost Pets of South Australia

Salisbury Council seem to be doing a great job for their constituents, St Kilda is lovely, I can’t wait for it to be finished. Carisbrooke is also another lovely play ground. Gawler council could do themselves a favour and take a look at how you guys are getting it right.

Amy Apap

Love The Men’s Shed. Great initiative that helps so many. They are also great contributors to the local community through the donation of their many skills to worthy causes. Well done guys (and Pooraka Farm CC).

Claudine Spinner

ENHANCING OUR BIODIVERSITY

A little known project achieving fantastic environmental results in the City of Salisbury is the Edinburgh Biodiversity Corridor (EBC).

This diverse habitat contains animal and plant species that are being conserved, linked and expanded. It connects discrete areas of remnant vegetation and important habitat to allow the movement of flora and fauna, expanding available fauna habitat, and enabling local wildlife to survive and adapt to environmental change.

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Maria Aloisi @maria_aloisi Apr 25 @GregBanla @CityOfSalisbury Dawn service in Salisbury. 1000’s of people :) Thanks to all involved with the service.

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MAWSON LAKES GARDEN CLUB COMPETITION
Entries open 1 August and must be received by 18 September. The competition provides all residents of Mawson Lakes the opportunity to showcase their front gardens with the possibility of gaining recognition as the best garden in the category entered.
Full details at www.mawsonlakesgardenclub.org.au

National Tree Day
26 July: Community Planting Day at Dry Creek & Mawson Lakes.

SALA Exhibitions
22 July – 30 August: Salisbury Arts Society showcasing members’ work as part of SALA 2015. For more information please visit www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/SALA

Long Tan Ceremony
18 August: Remember those who lost their lives at Long Tan from 11am, Henderson Square, Montague Farm Estate.

Salisbury Writers’ Festival
21 August – 30 August: The 2015 Festival offers writing enthusiasts and book lovers the opportunity to interact in a variety of workshops aimed at developing writing skills and giving them the chance to meet and learn from some of the best writers in the business! Visit www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/swf or call 8406 8366.

Royal Adelaide Show
4 – 13 September: The Royal Adelaide Show is extending its trading for one extra day, making it a 10-day event in 2015.

Carisbrooke Father’s Day Classic

Dog’s Day Out
20 September: Bring your dog on a lead to this free community event and enjoy all the activities, stalls, displays, giveaways, advice from the experts and competitions. Categories include Best Dressed Dog, Dog/Owner Look Alike, Most Photogenic and Best Trick. To be held at Mobara Park and the Denison Centre, Garden Terrace, Mawson Lakes between 11am and 3pm. Check out www.dogsdayoutmawsonlakes.com or ‘Like’ us on Facebook for more information and updates.

School Holidays
25 September – 12 October: Events and activities for kids aged two to 18 years at our community and recreation centres.

Growing For Gold
28 September – 11 October: Free come and try sports program for ages three to 18. Phone 8406 8366 for more information.

Aged to Perfection
1 – 31 October: Events to celebrate Seniors’ Month.

Masters Games
3 – 10 October: The Australian Masters Games is a biennial sporting event that is regarded as one of the premier and largest participation sporting events on the Australian sporting landscape. In 2015 the 15th edition of the Games will be hosted in Adelaide. For more information and to register, please visit www.australianmastersgames.com/

Daylight Saving
4 October: Starts 3am, put your clocks forward one hour.

Labour Day
5 October: Public Holiday

Salisbury Swimming Centre
12 October: Grab your swimming gear as the pool opens for the summer season.

Ride2Work Day
14 October: Ride2Work Day is a national program that encourages Australians to get started and help keep them riding all year round. Join the City of Salisbury by riding to work, followed by a free breakfast at 7.30am in the Salisbury City Centre with free giveaways!

Twilight Concert
18 October: Mawson Lakes Living Magazine celebrates its centenary issue with a Twilight Concert. All welcome. Featuring Grace Bawden and the Salisbury City Band playing favourites from stage and screen. Pack a picnic and bring a rug or buy your food from a variety of stalls. Visit www.mawsonlakesliving.info for tickets.

National Children’s Week

Matsuri on Mobara
25 October: Japanese cultural festival held at Mobara Park in Mawson Lakes.

Remembrance Day
11 November: A Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at Salisbury War Memorial. Email rsl@bigpond.net.au for details.

For more information about these events visit www.salisbury.sa.gov.au. To include your event in the What’s On please register your event at salisburyaware@salisbury.sa.gov.au
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