



# Men's hub opens doors

A ten year vision finally became a reality last week as Barossa Mayor Bob Sloane officially opened the newly constructed Barossa Men's Shed in Tanunda.

The project was made possible through the commitment and enthusiasm of the Rotary Club of Barossa Valley with the support of Council and a range of stakeholders.

Many businesses and individuals also provided

financial assistance, donations or goods and services at reduced cost.

"This is a great example of community partnerships at work - a great collaborative effort between Rotary, Council and the wider community," said Mr Sloane.

He said the local Men's Shed has many benefits as a hub for socialisation, friendship, skills development, education and mentoring.

"We hope this move to Tanunda will allow for an increase in membership and attract residents who live in the Southern Barossa area, leading to even greater social cohesion in our community," Mr Sloane said.

Barossa Men's Shed has around 70 members who access Men's Shed and Veterans programs totalling 12,500 hours of client services each year. The new shed is located at 6 Ash Street.



At the opening of Barossa Men's Shed were John Little, John Matters, Mayor Bob Sloane, Peter Rawlings and Graeme Lawrie.

## Award winners



The Barossa Council is officially a leader in the tourism sector after taking out two awards at the Australian Tourism Awards.

Silver medals went to The Barossa Council (Local Government Award) and also to Council's Visitor Centre (Visitor Information and Services Award).

Pictured celebrating the awards are Barossa Visitor Centre staff and volunteers Sarah Dixon, Rebecca Reynolds, Jo Seabrook (Manager, Tourism Services), Kerstin Ward-Lohmeyer, Stacy Modra and Norma Rogers-Barden.

## Williamstown crowned the "best dressed"



Cr Marg Harris, Mayor Bob Sloane, Sue Poole, John Phalen (Santos), David Poole, Tim Harral, Carol Bain, Jarrad O'Riley (Peats Soil), Lorraine Wakeman, Peter Bice (Council) and Jutta Bradley.

In a great example of community spirit, Williamstown has been named the winner of the 2015 Santos Tour Down Under Best Dressed Town Competition.

With a record 71 towns participating in the 2015 competition, Williamstown was judged the best of the bunch and was presented with a signed jersey and \$3000 from Santos.

Mayor Bob Sloane said the community decorations left a lasting impression.

"The entire community banded together to help create a vibrant atmosphere and their hard work has not gone unrewarded. Well done to all the individuals and businesses involved," he said.



The Barossa Vintage Festival Hub co-ordinated by The Barossa Council was a hive of activity last week with face painting, kite making, Barossa Made Markets, entertainment and memorabilia displays.

(Left): Barossa Vintage Festival sashes through the ages on display in the Barossa Visitor Centre.

(Below, from left): Poppy Owen, Summer Owen, Molly Fechner and Keo Fechner from Tanunda.

Mount Pleasant Farmers Market representatives Elise Pinchbeck, Genevieve Hebart, Terese Stephens and Jen Geyer.

Rose, Theo and Owen Dadds of Nuriootpa.



## In brief ....

### Advance care directives forum

People can find out more about Advance Care Directives at a local forum being held in Barossa Council chambers on Thursday.

An Advance Care Directive gives a clear understanding of your needs and wishes if you lose the ability to communicate them yourself.

It replaces the existing Enduring Power of Guardianship, Medical Power of Attorney and Anticipatory Direction with a single form.

From the end of April, Council will have DIY Kits available for purchase for \$5 at branch offices. For more information see the diary dates below or visit <https://www.advancecaredirectives.sa.gov.au/>

### Youth Week success

Local young people have once again joined a national movement to celebrate Youth Week.

Council co-ordinated a number of events including circus workshops and a LAN party. Council thanks Kodo Technologies for its in-kind support in providing prizes and internet connection to the value of \$5000.

| Every Saturday:<br>Mount Pleasant<br>Farmers Market | APRIL 23  | APRIL 26   | MAY 3   | MAY 4   | MAY 8   | MAY 14  |
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| Diary<br>dates                                      | <b>ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVES FORUM</b>  | <b>'A CAMERA ON GALLIPOLI' OPENING</b>   | <b>BUSHGARDENS AUTUMN OPEN DAY</b>  | <b>ANTIQUES SHOW &amp; TELL</b>   | <b>YAC BAROSSA GHOST TOUR</b>   | <b>FOOD SAFETY TRAINING SESSION</b>   |
|   | Free information session on Advance Care Directives, Barossa Council chambers, 10-11.30am. RSVP to Debra on 8563 8414, <a href="mailto:danderson@barossa.sa.gov.au">danderson@barossa.sa.gov.au</a> | at Barossa Regional Gallery, 3pm. A photographic exhibition as captured by Sir Charles Ryan. Contact 8569 0849. Exhibition dates April 23-May 25 | 10am-3pm. Native plants from \$3.50, guided tours, workshops, stalls, sustainable living ideas and children's activities. Free entry. Contact 8562 4775 | History Month event at Nuriootpa Library, 1.30-3.30pm. Bring an antique to show; appraisal and valuation available. Free event with afternoon tea | History Month event, 6.45-10pm. \$20 inc transport. Age limit 14-25. Pick-up/drop-off at Council. <a href="mailto:jmalcolm@barossa.sa.gov.au">jmalcolm@barossa.sa.gov.au</a> or 8563 4415 | at Nuriootpa Council office, 4-7pm. For enquiries and registration contact Nigel Plaskett on 0457 884 332 or TAFE SA on 8821 0400 |