



Feeling the love



Jo Parker, Co-ordinator, Barossa & Light Community Transport and Home Assist, Courtney Dswonitzky, Wendy Newbery and John Peake with their appreciation board.

Council's Barossa & Light Community Transport and Home Assist Team, and its loyal group of 70 volunteers, continue to receive praise from members of the community for the high level of service they provide.

The team services an extensive client base organising home assistance and transport needs for the community, taking an average 50 calls a day. In 2014, the team provided over 6,000 hours of home assistance, conducted over 400 bus trips, and 4,500 passenger trips, representing over a quarter of a million kilometres travelled and 8,000 volunteer hours.

Adorning their office wall are letters and cards expressing thanks and appreciation for the teams' ability to deliver such a valuable service to the community. It is positive feedback like this that makes their job so rewarding and satisfying.

In brief

RDA initiative

RDA Barossa, with the support of the Barossa Arts Council, has launched a one-stop virtual hub to connect artists with galleries; musicians with venues; performers with events, and much more.

'Art Music Design Barossa' is a live and dynamic opportunity to help unearth and connect talented and creative people throughout the Barossa, Light, Gawler and Mallala areas. To register and connect visit www.artmusicdesignbarossa.org.au.

Red Shield Appeal

On May 30 and 31 the Salvation Army will be conducting their annual Red Shield Appeal Doorknock.

The Salvation Army encourages people to give generously during this appeal. In 2013/14, \$713,909 was raised through the Red Shield Neighbourhood Appeal in South Australia. The Appeal benefits families and individuals through various programs conducted by local Salvation Army branches.

Heritage strategy released

Council's involvement with the Barossa, Light and Gawler Regional Heritage Network has resulted in the development of a Regional Heritage Strategy 2014-2020.

The Regional Heritage Network, represents more than 20 heritage groups across the region, and was established to increase collaboration between heritage groups, develop wider engagement in cultural heritage and identify cultural tourism opportunities.

Feedback is now being sought from the community on the direction for supporting heritage in the region, as outlined in the Regional Heritage Strategy.

The Strategy aims:

- To establish a strong presence in the cultural tourism sector and establish heritage experiences which contribute to the social, environmental and economic status of the community.
- To establish productive relationships with government, statutory bodies and private interests to ensure decisions relating to or affecting heritage assets are made from an informed viewpoint that incorporates community sentiment.
- To ensure the community are informed about issues and concerns related to the community heritage sector and provide access to opportunities where they can engage with heritage experiences and organisations.

The Strategy can be viewed online at www.barossa.sa.gov.au. For more information contact Tania Paull, Manager Library and Heritage Services on 8563 8448.

Walk this way

A grass-roots community group focused on creating a community labyrinth are seeking financial assistance from the community to further kick-start the health promotion project.

The Barossa Community Labyrinth Group has received funding (\$3,000) from Council through the Community Assistance Grants Scheme, and now seeks additional funding support to help create a community labyrinth in the calming surrounds of the Barossa Bushgardens, Nuriootpa.

Not just a stunning piece of public artwork, the large-scale open community health project may have many emotional and physical benefits that can be associated with walking the ancient geometric pattern. Labyrinths are a tool for mindfulness or meditative walking. They have been reported to offer many health and well-being benefits, by providing walkers with quiet reflection time, to escape the stress and anxiety associated with daily lives.

The Barossa Labyrinth Community Group has launched a crowd funding page and is encouraging members of the community to pledge small amounts to help kick start the project. To donate, and for more information on the project visit <https://www.mycase.com.au/page/86049/barossacommunitylabyrinth>.

A happy tail

Although it is not Council's core business to rehome dogs for owners, Council General Inspector, Jamie Turley recently went above and beyond to assist an elderly couple find a new home for their dog.

The couple, who were no longer in the position to care for their dog, sought assistance from Council to help find their beloved pet a new home. In normal circumstances, Jamie would refer the couple to the Animal Welfare League, but in this case it was apparent the elderly couple needed assistance to rehome the dog.

Within hours of sharing an image of 'Banjo' on social media (Missing Pets of Barossa Facebook page), Jamie was introducing Banjo to his new owners, Kylie Kemp and her son, Thomas Hank.

According to Jamie, this was a great example of Council going above and beyond, but the result was worth the effort.



Summer reading fun



Winner of the Barossa library's Summer Reading Competition, Alexis Saunders with Mayor Sloane and Co-ordinator Library Events, Julie Bailey. Alexis received an iPad mini with access to the library's free Overdrive ebooks. During the Summer holidays, 273 participants read over 2,301 books.

Every Saturday: Mount Pleasant Farmers Market	February 28	March 1	March 4	March 7	March 8	Feb - March 25
	ANGASTON SHOW	BAROSSA FRINGE: WINEMAKERS VS COMEDIANS	BAROSSA COMMUNITY YOUTH HEALTH FORUM	LITERARY EVENT WITH LORETTA HILL	"JOURNEY IN HUMAN LANDSCAPE" EXHIBITION	CONNECTED THROUGH ART
<i>Diary dates</i>	@ Angas Recreation Park, Angaston from 8am-5pm. For more information phone 8564 2880.	20/20 Cricket @ Lyndoch Oval, from 11am. Entry - gold coin donation. All proceeds go to CFS units in the Southern Barossa.	@ the Nuriootpa Sporting Complex from 7pm-9pm (registration at 6.30pm). To register contact 8565 8500.	@ Lindsay Wine Estate (15 Vine Vale Rd, Tanunda) from 10.30am. Cost \$5 includes light brunch. Bookings essential 8563 8440.	@ the Barossa Regional Gallery, Tanunda until April 20. Open Wednesday to Monday 11am-4pm. For more info call 8563 0849.	Barossa Leisure Options Arts4Us exhibition. Open Wed-Fri from 10am-3pm at Greenock Connections Cafe. Contact Debbie Seater for more info, 0401 685 709.