



Velo-City's local debut

Businesses and community groups are invited to host activities for the 'Barossa by Bike' Velo City Event.

Velo-City is the world's premier international cycling planning conference and is being held in Australia for the first time from May 27-30.

To coincide with the conference, groups and businesses are invited to host bike-themed Barossa events on the weekend of May 24 and 25.

"We welcome any type of activity that would attract cyclists - it could include food, wine, live music, a guest speaker, tour, family entertainment or incorporate other bike-related themes," said Council's Manager Community and Culture, Maz McGann.

Events must be registered by Friday, March 21 at rreynolds@barossa.sa.gov.au, and will then be registered with the Conference organisers.

Barossa by Bike is an initiative of Barossa Council, Light Regional Council, RDA Barossa and Tourism Barossa. Visit Council's website for more information.



Facelift for Talunga Park

People still have time to comment on plans to redevelop Talunga Park at Mount Pleasant as a community, sporting and agricultural hub.

The draft masterplan is out for public consultation until 10am on March 17, with the option to make comment at the Mount Pleasant Show on Saturday, March 15.

Key proposals include a new community hub based around the farmer's market and annual Show, a new dressage and showjumping arena, a resurfaced oval with lights and a men's shed.

New entry/exit points and 115 new carparks are also proposed, although capital improvements are currently unfunded.

The plan and details of how to make a submission can be viewed online or at Council's Nuriootpa and Mount Pleasant branches.

New look hockey pitch



Construction of the \$1.2 million artificial hockey turf at Stockwell Recreation Park is expected to be complete by mid-March ahead of an official opening on Sunday, April 6.

Council is supporting the Barossa Valley Hockey Association project with a \$100,000 contribution in the 2013-14 financial year, and is also guarantor for a \$515,000 loan.

The development provides an all-weather playing surface and lighting for night games. Meanwhile, the second oval will be reinstated to ensure the continuation of junior sport, subject to final budget approval.

It's Storytime



Barossa Council Public Library presents 'Dads Read', a series of events throughout the year to promote the value of dads reading to their kids.

"Reading for just 10 minutes a day makes a difference in developing a child's reading," says Liz Beales, Co-ordinator Branch Services at the Library.

The first event will be Storytime for dads and children at Tanunda Library on Saturday, March 8 at 10.30am, followed by the annual Storybook Picnic at Seppeltsfield Wines on April 13, presented by Friends of Barossa Library.

Pick up a Dads Read brochure at your local branch library or visit Council's website www.barossa.sa.gov.au for events throughout the year.

illuminating art Revegetation



Images from the Barossa's best known art collection are illuminating Barossa Regional Gallery at night as part of the 2014 Fringe Festival.

Each night between 8.30pm and 12am, a selection of images from the Barossa Vintage Festival Collection are projected onto the front windows of the gallery.

The collection features works from renowned regional and Australian artists including Imants Tillers, Kathleen Petyarre, Rod Schubert, Marnie Wark, Dianna Longley and Hillary Mais.

'Collection Projection' is on display until the end of March and is an initiative of Council and Barossa Regional Gallery with support from projection art company Illuminant.



Trees for Life has launched an appeal to help landholders affected by the bushfires in South Australia to revegetate their land.

The organisation is seeking volunteers to help grow or plant native seedlings, or groups keen to provide financial or in-kind support.

A \$20 contribution can buy all the materials needed to grow 50 trees, while a \$65 contribution covers the cost of tree guards and stakes.

Trees for Life also wants to hear from landholders who want to be part of the project.

People can find out more by phoning 8406 0500 or visiting www.treesforlife.org.au

Australia's best on show

More than 100 of Australia's top racquetball and squash players will converge on the Rex next weekend for the Australian Racquetball Open.

Former world squash champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald and 11 time Australian champion Cameron White will be among the contenders vying for over \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

It's the first time the event has been held outside Victoria, due largely to the high standard of squash facilities at the Rex.

The event runs from March 7-9 and promises some great spectator viewing. For more information about the tournament visit www.squash-sa.com.au



Barossa Valley Squash Club representative Rose Dadds with Squash SA Development Officer Des Panizza at the Rex, which will host the Australian Racquetball Open next weekend.

<p>Every Saturday: Mount Pleasant Farmers Market</p> <p>Diary dates</p>	<p>March 2</p> <p>Joel Salatin workshop @ Barossa Farmers Market</p> <p>9am-5.30pm, cost \$195 (\$156 for members) Bookings at www.barossafarmersmarket.com.au/events</p>	<p>March 4</p> <p>Old time kitchen skills workshop with Pam Marshall</p> <p>Cost \$10 pp, kids u15 free. 6.45pm start at 132 Melrose Street, Mt Pleasant. Book on 8568 1907 or email mpnrc@bigpond.com</p>	<p>March 7</p> <p>Barossa YiAg Conference</p> <p>Presented by Barossa Young people in Ag, Yalumba Winery, 1pm-11pm. Cost \$25. Bookings: charlotte.barossa.org.au</p>	<p>March 8</p> <p>'Dad's Read' Storytime</p> <p>Storytime for dads and their children at Tanunda Library, 10.30am. Visit the Library page on Council's website for details</p>	<p>March 16</p> <p>Mosaic paver workshop with Kristin Wohlers, Kate Jenkins</p> <p>Make your own mosaic garden paver. Nuriootpa Library 1-5pm. Cost \$35 inc. reusable mould. Bookings on 8563 8440</p>	<p>Various dates</p> <p>Kids' mosaic classes with Kristin & Kate from Barossa Mosaic</p> <p>March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 4-6pm at Nuriootpa Library. Cost 15/session, ages 7+. Bookings on 8563 8440</p>
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