



# Tourism Triumph

**Council has reaffirmed its position as a leader in the tourism sector, after taking out two key awards at the SA Tourism Awards.**

Council won the Local Government Award for Tourism which highlights Council's commitment to regional tourism in the Barossa.

The Council managed Barossa Visitor Centre was named the Best Visitor Information Centre for the third year in a row and was inducted into the SATIC Hall of Fame.

Mayor Bob Sloane said, "Council prides itself on its ongoing contribution to economic development through tourism."

He also praised the efforts of staff and volunteers at the VIC their continued success in providing an extremely high calibre tourism service.

*Pictured Right: Rebecca Reynolds, Judi Veldkamp, Jo Seabrook, Mayor Bob Sloane, Kerstin Ward-Lohmeyer and Stacy Modra celebrate the success.*



## Election Wrap

**The results from the 2014 Council Election revealed a higher return on ballots for The Barossa Council, as compared to the State average.**

Council received 5,728 votes equating to 34.1% which is above the state average of 31%.

Mayor Bob Sloane was elected unopposed.

Your Council, along with the Mayor, for the next four years (in the order elected) is John Angus, Michael Seager, Margaret Harris, Leonie Boothby, Bim Lange, Tony Hurn, Richard Miller, Scotty Milne, Christopher Harms, Dave de Vries and Mark Grossman.

The new Council sat for the first time last week.

## Gift of reading

**Council is encouraging people to 'Give the Gift of Reading' this Christmas, by donating a children's book to the Barossa community to help share the love of reading.**

The Barossa Council library is participating in the literacy building initiative that creates the opportunity to bring the love of books and reading to children in the local community.

To participate, purchase a children's book (for children 0-18) and deliver to any Barossa Library branch before December 15. Books will be presented to Lutheran Community Care who will distribute to local children.

For more information contact the Library on 8563 8440.



## Community initiative

**The Tanunda CWA Hall has been given a facelift both inside and out.**

The exterior of the building is being transformed as part of Council's Cycle Hub project, while the interior has also been giving a vibrant boost.

The Tanunda CWA ladies engaged a team from Employment Directions through the Federally funded 'Work for the Dole' scheme, to paint the interior of the CWA hall.

Lynette Brew, Secretary of the Tanunda CWA said it was great working with Employment Directions.

"It was a great partnership project," she said. "We supplied the paint and the Employment Directions team did

the painting as part of the Work for the Dole scheme.

"Painting the interior has really given the whole inside of the building a facelift."

The paint work, along with other renovations including new carpet tiles, blinds and kitchen appliances has left the building looking sparkling new and Lynette says the inside will complement the new exterior facade of the building. All works have been funded by the CWA or through in kind donations from businesses.

The CWA hall will be ready for hire again in December. The Cycle Hub project will result in a transformation of the Tanunda Town Precinct.

## Annual Report

Council's 2013-14 Annual Report is available for viewing online at [www.barossa.sa.gov.au](http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au).

## Springton Mural



A vibrant new mural, designed by local artists, Alison Halliday and Trent Manning, takes pride of place in Springton. The artwork was commissioned by the Springton Progress Association as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations, and made possible with grants through Council's Community Assistance Scheme and Country Arts SA.

## Kalbeeba Infill Study

**Council is exploring the potential for infill development within an existing rural living area and potential options for an undeveloped area at Kalbeeba.**

Over the past few years, Council has received requests from owners to either rezone their land or to relax existing policies to allow smaller lots. The study will provide landholders with the opportunity to be involved in one-on-one discussions with Council staff, where they can pass on information, provide ideas and thoughts.

Council looks forward to the involvement and input from landholders.

For more information about the Kalbeeba Infill Investigations study visit [www.barossa.sa.gov.au](http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au) or call 8563 8444.

## Barossa Made Markets

**The Tanunda Town Square precinct will become a hive of activity on a monthly basis with the Barossa Made Markets becoming a regular fixture on the Barossa events calendar.**

The Barossa Council - Barossa Visitor Centre is seeking applications from local artists, craftspeople and producers who are interested in showcasing their Barossa Made wares to locals and visitors.

Markets will be held on Friday, December 5 (Christmas market); Saturday, January 17; Saturday, February 21; Saturday, March 21 and Thursday, April 10 (Barossa Vintage Festival).

For more information contact the VIC on 8563 0600 or email [visitorcentre@barossa.sa.gov.au](mailto:visitorcentre@barossa.sa.gov.au).

## 5000 poppies

**Locals have handmade, knitted and crocheted 100 poppies as part of the library workshops for the '5000 Poppies' project.**

The poppies will contribute to the massive poppy field at Federation Square in Melbourne to commemorate the Anzac Centenary.



Every Saturday: Mount Pleasant Farmers Market

*Diary dates*

**Nov 26 - Jan 19**  
**LATITUDE ART PRIZE -**  
Featuring artists from the Barossa Regional Gallery and beyond. Open from 11-4pm Wednesday to Monday. For more information contact 8563 0849 or [info@barossa.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@barossa.sa.gov.au)

**November 30**  
**OUR SHOUT! LET'S TALK!**  
2014 Bushfires Recovery Group presents a FREE afternoon of reflection and information. From 3.30pm-7.30pm. Phone 0409 679 215 or visit [www.barossa.sa.gov.au/events](http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au/events).

**Dec 1 - Jan 30**  
**SUMMER READING CLUB**  
Register and pick up your Summer Reading Club pack at any branch of the Barossa library or register online [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)

**December 7**  
**SPOTLIGHT IN THE VALLEY**  
Sunday, December 7 @ 1pm, Lyndoch Hall. Tickets \$10, children under 12 free. Tickets available from Council or at the door. For further details call Monique or Sherril on 8563 8412.

**Dec 16, 17, 18**  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR KIDS**  
Christmas craft for kids at all Barossa Council branch libraries. For children four years and above. Bookings essential 8563 8440.

**December 24**  
**CHRISTMAS CLOSURES**  
Nuriootpa Council Office will close from 1pm on Wednesday, December 24 to 5pm Thursday, January 1 2015. Branch and opening hours can be found online [www.barossa.sa.gov.au](http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au).