

Special Christmas and New Years Edition

Lakesider

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SUSTAINABLE GARDENING IN A NEW YEAR

One possible New Years Resolution is to improve the way that we use our water, given that we are currently in a drought.

Sustainable Gardening is all about gardening in a way that minimizes the impact our gardening practices have on the natural environment.

We have taken the following pertinent questions from a booklet that has been produced for *Sustainable Gardening Online*. A website that is well worth visiting if you are interested in this planet saving subject. Another site worth looking at is **Watercare** at www.watercare.net

Grab a pen and simply tick a box if it is something you are doing in your garden and add up your total at the end. You can continue making your garden more sustainable by aiming for more ticks in six months and 12 months.

If you require more information about an issue refer to one of the Sustainable Gardening booklets on the **SGA** website, www.sgaonline.org.au.

WATER - DO YOU

- mulch all garden beds and pots
- have 50% or more of your garden planted with local plants or drought tolerant plants
- cut your lawn long (8-10cm) over summer
- water in the cool of the day
- water around the plant root zone with long infrequent watering
- use a soaker hose or dripper system under the mulch instead of sprays
- have either a timer on your taps or shut off valves on your hoses
- have at least 3000 litres of water in a tank for summer watering
- recycle greywater from the laundry and bathroom to the garden

PRODUCTS - DO YOU

- grow any herbs, fruit or vegetables
- use organic fertilisers and no artificial weed or pest killers
- ask where a product comes from
- use recycled products, like bricks, timbers, plastic sleepers
- take your own plastic bag or canvas bag to a garden centre to carry home

products and plants

- reuse your plastic plant pots or put them in a garden center pot recycling bin.

PLANT SELECTION - DO YOU

- know the difference between native, indigenous and exotic plants
- have more than 30% of your garden planted with local plants
- have not planted any environmental weeds
- have at least one shade tree of suitable size for your garden
- have made a planting plan for a new or established garden to suit drought conditions
- have grouped your plants according to their water, sun and nutrient needs.

SOIL - DO YOU

- know which are the best types of mulch for different types of plants
- check mulch levels and replace every year to bring back to 8-10cm deep
- regularly add organic matter to your soil
- have at least 3 worms in a spade full of soil wherever you dig in the garden
- only dig your soil when you have to.

CHEMICALS - DO YOU

- avoid using chemicals before it rains or on windy days
- check your garden regularly for pest outbreaks the affected plant/s
- know exactly what pest or disease you are trying to control
- use chemicals that have a low toxic level
- use chemical alternatives (eg garlic sprays) or if you do spray, you target-spray only
- use organic fertilisers (compost, manure, seaweed and fish emulsions)
- over fertilise your plants producing excessive plant growth and excess green waste from additional pruning

SURVEY

You can complete this survey online by navigating to www.mawsonlakesonline.com.au and selecting the Online Survey Menu. Let's see how we rate in a Sustainable Gardening Awareness Community.

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The Next Forum:

The next Forum will be held during April 2007.

Watch for the next Lakesider and our website for more details and dates.

We would love to hear your feedback as to what speakers you would like see and hear over the next 12 months.

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Rotary Club of Mawson Lakes

The past two months have been hectic for the Rotary Club of Mawson Lakes. Members have been involved each weekend in selling tickets for the trailer Raffle, the prize a trailer and tools to the value of \$4000. Tickets are \$2 each or a book of ten tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn on the 19th of December at the Mawson Lakes Hotel. Funds collected will be donated to the Adelaide Cranio Facial Foundation and other Rotary projects. Any reader wishing to buy a book of tickets for \$20 to support this project should ring President Mark Abbott on 0439 071 540.

Members have also been busy running "Sausage Sizzles" at the recent "Science Sunday at the Lakes" at the Mawson Centre and at a "Life Be In It" day for 500 international students at Glover Park in Adelaide.

Members have enjoyed listening to guest speakers at the regular club meetings on a Tuesday evening held at the Mawson Lakes Hotel. The

photograph shows President Mark Abbott thanking Anna White from GREET Inc. for giving a talk on assisting young people to gain realistic work experiences.

Ross Curtis was another speaker from the Royal Flying Doctor Service talking on the service the organization provides to people in the outback and of the difficulties in funding this service. The club donated \$500 to this worthy cause. Future speakers include Neil Sachse who will speak on developments in Spinal Injury Research and David Palmer on Aspberghers Autism Syndrome.

Finally the club ran a very successful "Pride of Workmanship Awards" night where five people who had been nominated by their employers as excellent employees were presented with a "Pride of Workmanship" trophy and certificate. The companies represented included Tenix, Bunnings Parafield, CE&A Pty Ltd, Western Patterns and Mawson Lakes Child Care Centre.

People wishing to know more about Rotary and how to become a member of the Mawson Lakes Club should contact President Mark Abbott on 0439 071 540.

M.F. Morton – Secretary - Mawson Lakes Rotary Club

EDITORIAL

The end of the year is nearly upon us again, and The Lakesider would just like to thank some people who have helped in various ways in 2006.

- The Mawson Lakes Progress Association - particularly the members of the 2005-2006 executive committee
- Affordable Print and Modbury Press, our printers during this year
- The Mawson Lakes Sports and Recreation Association
- Endeavour College, in particular Julie Freund, Community Coordinator
- Mawson Lakes School
- South Australian Police – providing the Neighbourhood Watch reports
- Our advertisers and ...
- ... you, our readers.

As we head into this Christmas Season, the Lakesider would like to wish everyone a Safe and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Enjoyable New Year.

Paul Schulz (Editor), and
Bob Smith (Publisher)

PROFILE—MAUREEN MORTON



Maureen Morton is currently Secretary of the

Mawson Lakes Progress Association, Chairs the Mawson Lakes Community Development Trust, is Secretary of the Mawson Lakes Rotary Club, Chairs the Science at the Lakes Committee, is a member of the Pooraka Neighbourhood House Management Committee and teaches cookery at The House on a Wednesday morning.

Maureen has lived at Mawson Lakes since March 2001 and retired two years ago from the position of Director of Adelaide TAFE. Prior

to that Maureen had been Director of Regency TAFE for 8 years and prior to that Director of Spencer Institute of TAFE. Spencer Institute was a country regional Institute of TAFE of 17 branches, including bases at Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Whyalla and Port Lincoln.

Maureen's major priorities these days are to her family of four children and six grandchildren and as well as her voluntary activities enjoying her hobbies of traveling, opera and the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

WHAT'S ON AT THE MAWSON CENTRE?

The Mawson Centre in main Street Mawson Lakes will become a hive of activity with **School Holiday Workshops** offering a variety of fun activities as part of its Mawson Lakes Education Services.

The program will include Scrapbooking, Painting, Crafts, Dance, X Box competitions, Beading, Makeup workshop, Intro to Martial Arts. There should be something to appeal to all and help fill in those long hot days during the holidays. Dates are yet to be confirmed for some of the courses but bookings can be made by phoning Annie on 83025449 or email apayne@salisbury.sa.gov.au.

Dates that are confirmed are:

January 9th 9.30-11.30

Beading for Kids – fun for 5-9 year olds \$7 per child

January 11th 1-3pm

Beading for Teens – 10-15 year olds \$7 per child

Adult Education in 2007

ACE courses. Funded by the Department of Further Education, Science and Technology there is a variety of courses on offer in the new year that are affordable and offer a variety of choices.

Drawing for beginners (Feb 9-30 Mar);

Basic computing Jan 10 – Feb 28 and March 7 – May 2nd);

Painting in Water Colour (Jan 12 – Feb 16);

Live Well Age Well -Over 50's (May 7 – June 11th);

Swing Dancing classes Feb 7 – 9 May),

Brazilian dancing classes (Jan 12 – Feb 16);

Interior Decorating (date tba).

Bookings can be made by phoning Annie on 83025449 or email apayne@salisbury.sa.gov.au.

The University of the Third Age (U3A) will also be offering a variety of courses for the Over 50's and enquiries can be made by phoning Pat at U3A on. 82580428 or Annie on 83025449 or email apayne@salisbury.sa.gov.au.

Philosophical Discussion Group – many topical subjects are covered – come and resolve the issues of the world!!! Commences 29 January 9.30am-11.30am Commence

Chair Dancing – the latest craze in dancing suitable for all ages and even those who have some physical limitations – sit and dance!! How? Find out! Commences 2nd February 9.30am - 11am

WEA will be offering courses at The Mawson Centre in 2007 and include:

Italian for Fun and Travel (20 Feb – 10 April)

Yoga Plus (26 Feb to 30 April);

Basic Banjo (28 Feb to 4 April);

Makeup made easy -20 January (one day workshop).

Enquiries in the first instance to Annie on 830253449 or apayne@salisbury.sa.gov.au.

The Mawson Centre is your learning, cultural and community hub and welcomes Defence Force families to become involved in our activities. For details on any of the activities contact Annie at The Mawson Centre on 83025449 or 0401984780 or apayne@salisbury.sa.gov.au

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year
and a
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To the advertisers and readers of 'The Lakesider'
From the
Chairman and Executive of the
Mawson Lakes Progress Association

Rumblings from State Parliament (From Hansard 23/11/06)

56. Mr HAMILTON-SMITH:

Question:

1. How many times has the lift for wheelchair and pram commuters at the new Mawson Lakes Interchange been inoperable, why has this occurred and if the reason is vandalism, why is the monitored security system ineffective in preventing this happening, and when and how will this problem be rectified?

2. Why is a person stranded in the interchange lift after 8.00 p.m. required to call the police emergency number rather than TransAdelaide for assistance?

3. Why wasn't a walkway constructed between the two platforms at the interchange to cater for wheelchair and pram commuters?

Answer:

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I provide the following information:

1. Between the opening of the Interchange and 30 September 2006 there have been 25 instances of breakdown or malfunction involving the lifts: These incidents have occurred as a result of:

- Vandalism – 10 cases;
- Technical malfunctions – 10 cases; and
- Unknown – 5 cases where the cause could not be established.

2. The incidence of vandal attacks on the lifts has reduced from the initial spate of attacks to only two for the month of July, with none recorded to 30 September 2006.

3. 31 cameras are used to monitor activities at the Mawson Lakes Public Transport Interchange. The cameras are linked to the Police Security Services Branch (PSSB). The system provides the potential to capture images of incidents for follow up by South Australia Police.

4. In response to vandalism of the lifts, the lift contractor has installed additional security features, which are considered to have contributed to the reduction in the number of incidents. Technical malfunctions of the lifts are being addressed as they occur by the lift contract as part of their contractual responsibilities. This has included the replacement of any faulty components that are identified.

5. A person stranded in either lift is not required to call the police emergency number. Both lift cars are fitted with a phone number that provides a direct connection to the lift contractor's after-hours service number. This number is attended 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Instructions on how to operate the phones are displayed within the lifts. It is not possible to dial any other number on these phones.

6. To provide a facility with a high safety regime for users, pedestrian facilities have been provided as part of the road bridge crossing over the rail lines. Pedestrian overpasses are the preferred method for pedestrian crossings over rail throughout Australia. The overpass facility includes lifts to provide an efficient, rapid method of crossing the tracks for mobility-impaired persons. Steps are also provided for other users of the facility.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Like many individuals, the Christmas season will always be tied closely to getting to spend valuable time with family and friends. Indeed many of the happiest memories of our lives have been at our family gatherings at Christmas. In some cases Christmas is the only time during the year we get to see some members of our families; needless to say Christmas is always a special time for some of us.

As a Christian, Christmas is an equally special time for me, since it signifies the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas serves as a time when I reflect and refocus on what is important in life. It is a time to remember what is truly important in life, and remember that not everyone is as fortunate as we are. Christmas is not a time of receiving, but a time of giving, and especially giving to those who are less fortunate among us. We often lose sight of how big small gestures can mean to people.

At the last Public Meeting on 25 October the Mayor of Salisbury congratulated the

Executive of the Progress Association for their efforts to inform the community by inviting all candidates in the recent Council elections. We were the only community group in Salisbury to organise such an event.

Christmas is a time to reflect on what has passed, draw a line under it and move on. I have said and done things in the past year that I am proud of and others that I would rather not have happened.

I always draw strength from the fact that mistakes are part of the decision making process and we have made quite a few decisions during the past year.

The next year is a year of building. This community will be left with the facilities that others have deemed to be in our best interests. It is up to our representatives, be they State, Local or Community, to speak up for us all in the selection of community assets.

I look forward to the next year and all it will present.

Just a point before I close off for the year. Last year I was told that the Café's along the Promenade would have access to a lakeside dining facility. This hasn't happened and it sounds like a good focus for the next year.

Finally, thank you to all residents and businesses who supported me and your Executive during the past year, we are, as always, grateful for the confidence expressed.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. Please take some time out to say Hi to your neighbours and say Hi back.

Bob Smith
Chairman

What's been happening

Endeavour College

German School's Film Festival – 2 of our films were awarded prizes.

SA Interschool Chess Finals – 12 chess players played in this recent competition, and came third in the competition, where players played 7 matches during the day!

The Premier's Reading Challenge – the Library ran this Challenge for the first time, where all students completed some of the reading, and 25 students completed the entire challenge.

UniSA student teachers visit – Endeavour College welcomed 11 UniSA Masters of Teaching students from the Mawson Lakes campus to the College. These international students, toured the College, visited a number of classes and participated in a panel discussion with staff.

Mawson Lakes Progress Association

Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 October.

On the same evening, a seminar was held, presenting candidates for mayor and council positions. Everyone who came was able to

hear for themselves where the candidates stood.

Watch for the Wheelbarrow

Over October and November you may have noticed some people outside of Woolworths handing out little blue pieces of paper, and standing next to a growing pile of cans and packets of food.

Run by the Mawson Lakes Community Church, the 'Watch for the Wheelbarrow' appeal is all about asking the Mawson Lakes community to donate non-perishable food items to be packed into food hampers, for distribution to the less fortunate among us at Christmas.

The hampers are put together by Lutheran Community Care in Blair Athol and every item that is donated to "Watch for the Wheelbarrow" will go to someone in need this Christmas.

Mawson Lakes Community Church would like to thank everyone who contributed food items. They will make a difference this Christmas.

Calendar

Wednesday, 6th December

Endeavour College End of Year Service, 7pm. This is the official graduation of Yr 12 students, including speeches and presentations of awards for students in Years 10 – 12.

Friday 8th December

Endeavour College Year 9 Independent Project, Presentation Night - from 6 pm. Come and see a range of student projects they have been working on all year.

Tuesday 12th December

Endeavour College Closing Service, 2 pm. This service closes the school year, with a special emphasis of Year 8 and 9 student achievements. All welcome.



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1 March 2007

Closing Date for articles:

1 Feb 2007

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CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Mawson Lakes Community Church

Christmas Eve - 7pm, Sunday 24th December - "Experience Christmas" - A timeless message of hope. Christmas Day - 10am, Monday 25th December - Both services are in the mall at Endeavour College, 85 Mawson Lakes Boulevard. For more information, contact Pastor Stephen Abraham 0403 007 156. Email: church@mawsonlakes.org

Lakes Edge Community Church

Christmas Eve Service - 10.30am, Sunday 24 December - Uni SA Lecture theatre GP1-09. For more information, contact Graeme Leske 0412 165 255. Email: enquiry@lakesedge.org.au

Mawson Lakes Church

Christmas Eve Service - 10.00am, Sunday 24 December - Mawson Centre, Mawson Lakes Boulevard, Mawson Lakes. Email: life@mawsonlakeschurch.org

Crossroads

Christmas Day Service - 9.00am, Monday 25th December - Mawson Lakes School, Garden Terrace, Mawson Lakes. For more information contact Rev Marco D' Angelo on 0413 141 122. Email:

pastormarco@wesleyancrossroads.com

The Potters House Church

Meets in the Planetarium Building, University of SA. For Church Service details contact Pastor Mark Lassey on 0405 137 627

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