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AG TOWN 2022

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



We're a little late with distributing this month's magazine. We made a strategic decision to hold it over until the announcement of the AgTown of the Year event held on Friday the 4th of November. Unfortunately, while we have been back-to-back finalists four years running, we were once again not successful in securing the win. It really is an amazing achievement in being finalists for so many consecutive years. We are clearly demonstrating a strong and consistent approach to our town and how it is improving every year. We find the AgTown of the Year an excellent opportunity to revisit what has changed over the previous year and update that as part of our application. I want to thank again everyone that participated in putting the application together. The support from Kieren Chappell from the Council and Deputy Mayor Deane Rohrlach was invaluable along with all of the towns folk and business owners that met with the judges when they visited. We will be back at it next year with even more success to share.

November is also shaping up to be another exciting month. We have arranged with Regional Development Australia to have international presenter Chris Sands deliver a Town Workshop on the 15th November. This will provide insights and strategies to rally the town together to increase visitation and town pride. We encourage all businesses in the area to attend.

Later in the month we will also have another big weekend with the Mega Garage Sale on the 19th (register ASAP if you haven't already), followed by the Kapunda Rodeo that evening and followed up with the Makers Market on Sunday the 20th.

This weekend we will be hearing results from the Local Council Elections and the KBA is committed to working constructively with the Council for the benefit of our members and broader stakeholders. The KBA will also be holding our AGM on the 28th of November and I would encourage members to attend and get involved in our growing organisation. We are a highly energetic group that have a passion to play an integral role in the future success of Kapunda.

As Xmas approaches be sure to consider supporting our local businesses before heading to the larger retail locations or online. The success of any town is largely a result of the money that we bring in and keep in the town. The main street traders are doing their best to make it easy by staying open for late night trading on selected nights and if they don't have something you want, simply ask and they may be able to get it for you.

Lastly, this will be our last newsletter for the year, and we'll be back in January 2023. I wish all our members and readers a safe and happy festive season. As always, if you'd like to connect with me to discuss any opportunities then please do not hesitate to give me a call (M 0409 783 221).





MATTHEW MOATE
CHAIR

On Tuesday the 8th of November the Malinauskas Government annouced their Women in Business Program.

Their commitment is to invest \$4 million over four years and will provide a suite of initiatives designed to increase the participation of women in South Australia's business sector.

Local Business Owner Katharine
Crane attended the live launch lunch
at the Hilton in Adelaide and says this
is a fantastic opportunity for regional
women to have a greater access to
tools available for growth in their
businesses than ever before.



THE WOMEN IN BUSINESS PROGRAM

The Women in Business Program is tailored to the specific challenges women face in starting, running, and growing businesses, and will consist of two key elements:

The Women in Business Foundations

Program (delivered in partnership with
Adelaide Business Hub) will deliver
capability and skills development for
women in the formative stages of their
business journey, including financial
literacy, digital marketing, and
business planning.

The Women in Business Advisory

Program (delivered in partnership with
Behind Closed Doors) will equip
women leading high growth
businesses with the insights and
understanding to establish best
practice governance, undertake
strategic planning, and assemble
effective and balanced advisory
boards.



ANGLICAN CHURCH TOWER BELL

Andrew Amos

When I arrived in Kapunda 14 years ago, the chiming of the clock on the Anglican Church tower was one of the features of the town. However it soon fell silent. Age had taken its toll, both on the clock, and on those dedicated souls who had been climbing the ladders to wind the mechanism on a weekly basis.

The clock was made in 1866, about 10 years after the church was built. The tower was designed to have clock faces on 3 sides, but I gather this one faced mechanism became available and so was installed instead. It has two weights which need winding, one for the clock itself, and the other for the bell.

The escapement - the actual timing mechanism - had been replaced along the way, but the clock now no longer kept time and the church had been quoted a prohibitive sum to get it repaired. For these reasons, it had fallen silent.

I have had an interest in clock mechanisms since a child, so in 2012 I set about getting the clock going again. The church had no money to allocate to this task, and the Rotary club I have been a member of also didn't want to take it on, so I have been operating on a shoe string budget.

My purpose was to try to reproduce the behaviour of the original clock, however, since the clock had been silent for a couple of years, I negotiated with Barbara Messner, the Anglican Priest who was living in the Rectory next to the church at the time, that I would only ring the bell between 9am and 9pm.

My solution was to drop the minute hand drive shaft coming from the original clock, and place a small electric motor there instead. The hour hand continues to be driven off this shaft by gears. Because of this, if ever someone wanted to get the original clock working again, it would be a simple job of reconnecting the shaft.

The ringing of the bell has proved to be more of a problem. I am continuing to use the original hammer, which weighs about 3.5kg. The bell is about 800mm wide. The weight of the hammer requires a fairly strong mechanism to ring it. My first attempt lasted for some years before it expired. My second attempt, using a windscreen wiper motor also lasted for a while. The next try, using solenoids, only lasted a few weeks. Elbourne Engineering helped me with this (I should hasten to add that its failure had nothing to do with them). I had come across another method of using a motor to pull something and then quickly releasing it called a "choo choo mechanism", but that would require some fabrication. This is where Brenton Diener from Solar Water Pumps helped out, and he made a device based around a motor from an electric car scissor jack. This was commissioned in early March and has been working well since then. Over the years, when the bell has fallen silent, I have been encouraged to keep working on it by various people around the town, particularly Fred van Leeuwen, and a couple of others who have made a financial contribution, so I would like to thank them all for that.











KAPUNDA & SURROUNDS

TOWN WORKSHOPS



"Love where you live, you just might make it better"

Tuesday 15 November 6pm - 8pm The Kapunda Bowling Club

Click Here to Book



Phone us to Find More 08 8563 3603 or email bridget@barossa.org.au





SUPPORT LOCAL AT YOUR LOCAL VIC

The Kapunda Visitor Information Centre is now stocking a range of local artisanal products sourced from local makers and creators. From books by local authors to cordial from local winemakers. From unique scented candles to local themed earrings and clips.

Perfect gifts for visiting friends and relatives, to take on your travels or to tick off the festive shopping list.











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Kapunda Rodeo



Saturday 19 November 2022 1pm Gates Open Action from 3pm, Live Music from 10pm

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST

Christmas Shopping Night



Christmas is nearly here and the Kapunda Traders would like to invite you the to spend some time with us to get some Christmas shopping ticked off your to do list!

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 16:00

WBBL Adelaide Strikers vs Sydney Thunder - Centennial Park Nuriootpa



The Weber WBBL is returning to the Barossa for the first time since 2019. With the WBBL being the world's best cricket league for women it's exciting to see the Strikers and their fans back in Nuriootpa.

TICKETS HERE

🕣 Kapunda Ghost Crime Tour



Book on a Kapunda Ghost Crime Tour and discover Kapunda's famous haunted past and it's rich and fascinating heritage. Who was Sir Sidney Kidman, and how at one point did he end up owning 3% of Australia! 12th November

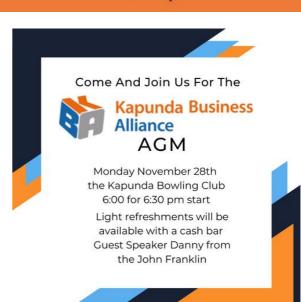
HIGHLY RECCOMENDED FOR ALL LOCALS AND VISITORS





THE MEGA GARAGE SALE IS BACK





CASUAL BLISS

Chantal Andrews

Chantal has been in the hair and beauty industry for 28 years. She started in Kapunda before moving to the Barossa to complete her apprenticeship. Chantal then moved to Perth for 6 months before coming back to SA where she lived in Victor Harbour. This is when she first started managing a salon and met her husband, Sam.

From there they moved to Roxby which is where Chantal opened her first salon, Zealous Hair & Beauty. They then opened a second location in Woomera. After 5 years up in Roxby they moved back to Freeling where she had a home salon for 4 years. During this time Chantal and Sam had two beautiful daughters, Zemma & Zellina who are now 14 & 12 respectively. In 2014 they purchased Clip Goes The Shears over in Greenock. From there they rebranded to Casual Bliss and opened a second location at Kapunda in 2016. One year later it was decided to locate the business from Kapunda permanently to their current building of 37 Main St.



"WE ABSOLUTELY LOVE KAPUNDA AND SAW HOW THE TOWN WAS RAPIDLY GROWING. WE KNEW THAT KAPUNDA WAS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR OUR SALON AND WOULD GIVE US THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AND EXPAND OUR BUSINESS IN THIS EVER GROWING TOWN"

At Casual Bliss they offer a wide range of hair and beauty services. They specialise in high fashion colours as well as on trend cuts and styling priding themselves on their ability to create individualized, innovative colours and styles for all our clients. Other beauty treatments from waxing and tinting to lash extensions, facials, ear piercing, brow lamination and lash lifts are also available.

"I love creating a fun team environment within the salon. I am super proud of my teams ability to have a great time with each other and the clients while also providing a high quality service with a smile. I love sharing my passion and knowledge for hairdressing. Therefore I am really grateful that I can take on apprentices and offer job opportunities to aspiring stylists."

"A HIGHLIGHT OF OWNING CASUAL BLISS IN KAPUNDA IS MY ABILITY TO GIVE BACK TO THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. WE OFTEN DO FUNDRAISING TO HELP DIFFERENT CAUSES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES. WE ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH SPONSORING THE NETBALL CLUB, AND HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVOLVED IN KMS AND SOCIAL CLUBS."









NOVEMBER 20

Location: Kapunda Town Square from 10am to 2pm





FREE EVENT

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

MONDAY
21 NOV
5:30PM

BUSINESS PANEL EVENT WITH NBN CO

You are invited to attend a special networking event at Gawler Civic Centre where a panel of speakers will spearhead the topic of technological advancement in business.

As Australia transitions towards a fully digital economy, local businesses of all sizes continue to adopt innovative digital applications and solutions to support their operations, enhance their productivity and drive growth.

While this transformation has been underway for some time in many industries, the on-set of the COVID pandemic in early 2020 accelerated the process for many businesses.

Many of the behaviours adopted during this time will remain, particularly with hybrid working arrangements becoming more common.

Come along to this event to hear from industry experts on digital transformation and trends, share your views and insights and network with your peers.

Enquiries to Town of Gawler on innovationhub@gawler.sa.gov.au or 8522 0102





















FRIENDS OF KAPUNDA

Pre Loved Books

What is his Name?

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet."

There is no doubt about our well known Kapunda Artist Mal Craig, who is also an active member of the Friends of Kapunda Committee. Mal has created the new sculptor in the form of an elderly man reading a book and is conveying a message via a press button.

All we need now is a name for this crowd stopping feature who brings joy to all who look at him and press the button to hear his message. He is loveable but still nameless.



This is where you can help. Give him a name!

We would love for you to drop into the shop and let us know your suggestions.

We will take all the suggestions to our next committee meeting and hopefully have a name for this fella.

Thank you all for the continuing support of the town, and a massive thanks to our hard working Mal Craig.

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM CHAIRMAN BILL ADAMS (BILLYBOY881935@GMAIL.COM) OR SECRETARY/TREASURER NAOMI ARGENT (NAOMI.ARGENT@GMAIL.COM)
WE WILL WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT.



KAPUNDA TOURIST PARK

Meet Brad and Emma Valentine

In March 2013, nearly 10 years ago, Brad (a builder), Emma (a teacher) and their three children embarked on the new adventure of owning and managing the Kapunda Tourist Park. They are so proud of what they have built over the last 10 years and are excited to see it grow with the constant demand from travelers to our region.

Emma, who grew up in Kapunda always thought "There's nothing to do in Kapunda" (Like all kids growing up in regional towns). Thankfully, she is now wiser and appreciates what Kapunda has to offer and is a proud advocate of our town. The fact we are close to Adelaide, but far enough away, a stone throw from the Barossa and Clare wine regions and not to forget the rich history this town has, they are never lost for ideas to help visitors explore.

The Tourist Park is a melting pot of people, from young and old to the rich and famous Aussie Road crew stay in the park with their group (3rd time staying ad they love the small country feel) Beccy Cole, Libby O'Donovan and Amber Poulton.. Just to drop a few names.) You never know who might run into while staying here! The stories their visitors share are inspiring



"WE LOVE SEEING OUR GUESTS EXTENDING THEIR STAY AS THEY WISH TO EXPLORE OF WHAT OUR REGION OFFERS. THERE IS MORE THAN MEETS THEY EYE"

The park currently has 17 Cabins and 40 sites. There are plan to build more cabins in the future. The Valentines' love that they get to see the process of the builds from design to construction of these and being able to use and employ locals to help see them come to life.









AGTOWN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Matt Moate

The annual AgTown of the Year Awards were presented at the Ukaria Cultural Centre in Mt Barker on the 4th November as part of the Solstice Media Rural Showcase dinner. For the fourth consecutive year Kapunda was one of five finalists in a field of 59 total entries from across the state.

KBA Chair, Matthew Moate, and Light Regional Council Mayor, Bill O'Brien, attended the dinner on behalf of the town. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with other regional leaders and to celebrate the success of regional South Australian towns, businesses, and entrepreneurs. Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Hon. Clare Scriven MLC, presented each town with a finalist certificate before announcing the winner as Mypolonga. In taking out the prize, The Mypolonga Progress Association, sporting the hashtag #MYPOSMALLBUTMIGHTY, featured diversified farming, agriculture, and innovation programs in schools along with unique retail and tourism backed by strong volunteer commitments delivering value across sporting and other groups. Very worthy winners and from a small team a wonderful achievement.

The KBA submission supported by the Light Regional Council was again very strong this year. While once again we fell short of the win, we should all be proud to have achieved such another worthy position as a top 5 finalist. The AgTown of the Year Awards is an excellent opportunity to benchmark our town's success and growth year on year. No other town that we can think of has managed to be in the top 10% of entries for each of the past four years.

We'll be back again next year!



Photo: Matthew Moate (L), KBA Chair, being presented with Kapunda's AgTown of the Year Finalist Certificate by Hon. Clare Scriven (R) MLC Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. Photo by: Frankie the Creative





Thursday 20 Oct 4pm-5:30pm Gawler Civic Centre





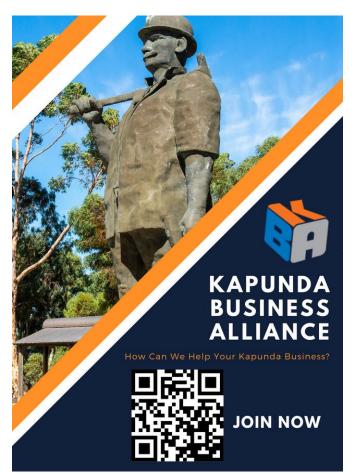
It's harder and harder for businesses to make ends meet, facing constantly rising costs.

That's why Regional Development Australia BGLAP is hosting a free workshop with Johan Czanik who has 25 years experience in business costings. Get more focus in your costings and more clarity on each dollar you spend. Make better decisions, grow your finances and reach your ultimate return on investment.

Seating is limited. Book now on eventbrite.com by scanning the QR code or call RDA on (08) 8563 3603















Meals

Closed Monday's

Lunch: Wednesday - Sunday 12pm to 2pm,

Dinner: Tuesday - Sunday 6pm to 8pm

Phone: 08 8566 2205

Bookings Recommended

Any special dietary requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to cater for all your needs.

Functions are available

Please Note: 10% surcharge on Sundays & Public Holidays

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