

Gumeracha Games

When the Olympics, Commonwealth Games or any world series event comes to our TV screens (or in person) many are enthralled by the exquisite talent and dedication. So, if that's you, if you're a competitor, a superspectator or team manager then get ready: the Gumeracha Games are coming!

The first day of summer this year heralds the inaugural Gumeracha Games, where emergency service teams, sporting clubs and friends compete to test their prowess (maybe that's too strong – it's more about fun) on the Gumeracha Oval. The point is not to crown a winning team necessarily, but to raise money for a new siren at the Gumeracha District CFS station in preparation for the bush fire season.



A typical crew from the Gumeracha District CFS brigade. The brigade will compete in the Gumeracha Games on the 1st of December at the Gumeracha Oval to raise funds for a new CFS siren. Do you have a team to challenge them? Register now!

The Gumeracha District CFS station currently works with 30 volunteers but has a capacity for up to 43 and would welcome all new volunteers.

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Looking in the mirror is not my best activity. The reflection is not the lithe and slender girl of 20 years ago. It's my own fault - I love chocolate, especially chocolate honeycomb, at the moment.

You could say that the fault is mine that my figure is not a slim size 10. I chose to eat the chocolate and not exercise as much as I used to, therefore the weight gain is a natural cause and effect. I accept that (but I still don't know why chocolate couldn't have been designed to be calorie free??).

I recently read a book that pointed out that much of our woes, ills and hardships, can be traced back to human free will. We all have a choice to do or not do something. Sometimes we suffer from our own bad choices. Other times we suffer because of someone else's bad free will choice.

We suffer, and in the midst of that suffering, we cry out to God to come and rescue us, heal us and restore us. It was suggested that God's hands are somewhat tied because He made us with free will. Therefore, if we choose badly, that's our own fault.

That's partly true, and the thought has been depressing me for a few weeks, but it is not the WHOLE story. Yes, when we make bad choices, we reap the consequences, but where is God's mercy and grace He promised us?

One beautiful passage in 1 Corinthians 13 sheds some light on this. I read it this morning in a new way. God is love - He said so Himself. So if we replace the word 'love' with 'God', 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7 reads like this;

GOD is patient, GOD is kind. GOD does not envy, HE doesn't boast, HE is not proud. GOD is not rude, HE is not selfseeking, HE is not easily angered, <u>GOD</u> keeps no record of wrongs. GOD does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. GOD always protects, GOD always trusts, GOD always hopes, GOD always perseveres. GOD never fails.

(italics and underlining, mine).

Did you catch the good news in there? God isn't judging you when you make a bad choice. He doesn't shrug His shoulders at your suffering and say, "Oh well!". In the garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve made the ultimate bad free will choice, and ate of the forbidden fruit, did God just give up and leave them to their suffering? NO! He showed up for their evening walk in the garden, noticed they were absent, and went looking for them. Thus began His salvation plan to restore them - and all of us- back to Himself. Why? Because we matter to HIM.

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TOP OF THE TORRENS ART GALLERY - "CREATIVITY"

The latest Art Exhibition at the Top of The Torrens Community Art Gallery, adjacent the National Motor Museum in Birdwood, features a collection of works by visiting art group The Salisbury Art Society.

The exhibition, a p t l y n a m e d "Creativity", was officially opened on Sunday 20th October by Fay Jeanes. After welcoming the assembled artists and their guests, Fay spoke of the groups' creative journey.

"The Salisbury Art Society has been in existence for 40 years and is so proud to have grown from a small group of artists living in what was really a rural settlement, just on the edge of an expanding city in the 1970's".

She went on to pose the question as to why people seek to become artists. "Very often, people say that early in life there was a spark, a yearning, a love of drawing. Some



Kim Van Dokkum is a Founding and Life Member of the Salisbury Art Society, also serving as its first President. His photograph (from times passed) entitled '**Plugs and Oil Change – She'll Be Good**" is sure to bring a wry smile to the face of gallery visitors.

have been inspired by great artists like Hans Heysen and Monet, or had a teacher who encouraged them. Some put life first until one day they determined to make room for themselves and finally do what they love. Some just fall into it.

To quote Claude Monet I would like to paint the way a bird sings, with joy, with beauty, with freedom.' There is something about the purity of nature that captures an artist and makes them want to keep that image forever.

When you look at the little gems that are displayed today, you see pictures from the past - the old store shelf, a young artist on an ancient piece of machinery, a ruined farm house.

There are memories of our childhood, a day at the beach, or a ride on a tram. Then there are paintings of scenes. Most are rural; A river, holiday spot, farm house, a sheep in a paddock. I believe we all seek rest from the relentless busyness and disconnection of modern life and in particular, city living.

Someone said to me, you are so lucky to be an artist. You see the world differently from the rest of us. I had never thought about this,

but it must be true. An artist notices the little things, like the beauty of a rose or a raindrop. A bird or an animal - so beautifully formed. They see the colours of the sky, the blue of the distant mountains, the reflections in a stream. There is a deep connection. Many artists work alone. But Art is meant to be shared. What good is it if we create something of beauty and don't share it?"

In conclusion Fay said "This then is our purpose. The Salisbury Art Society members wish to share our hearts (for each painting comes from the heart) with those who would visit. To hope that someone will have such an attachment with a painting that they just can't walk away from it."

"Creativity" is on display now at The Top of The Torrens Gallery, Shannon Street, Birdwood, and closes Sunday, December 1st.





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Pat and Geoff at Mylkappa Wines at Birdwood donated one tonne of grapes. On an autumn morning this year, members of the Gumeracha Main Street Project Working Party picked the grapes.

Laura and Brendan at Unico Zelo and Applewood Distillery turned the grapes in to wine at their Gumeracha cellar door. Working Party members helped label and wax the bottles.

Artwork for the label was designed and donated by Adelaide Hills artist Rebecca Prince.

Every dollar made from the sale of the wine will go back in to Gumeracha's main street.

'This is such a wonderful display of community spirit,' says the Main Street Project's Chair Chelsea Lewis.

'Laura and Brendan approached us with the idea and have facilitated the process. We have the potential to make several thou-



Meg cutting the grapes and Laura with the new wine.

sand dollars which is quite significant for small groups and small towns.

We have been grateful to receive several grants and grants are fantastic, but they are always tied to specific outcomes. Fundraising money is untied, so it provides some freedom to be a bit more creative to invest, and we can also put the money towards projects that grants do not cover.'

The Main Street Project has several ideas on its wish-list and will decide as a group how the money is invested.

Evergreen is available for purchase at the Applewood Bar cellar door on Victoria Street in Gumeracha and also available online https://www. unicozelo.com.au/ collections/wine/ products/evergreen



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The old siren has been in use since the 1950s but sounded its last echo during the frosty days of winter this year. Being cast iron and almost 70 years old, winter was always a demanding time, requiring a lot of maintenance. A vote was put to the community regarding replacement and the response was unanimous: the district wants a new siren. This is a reliable warning system with generator backup, so when the electricity is cut, it still warns the entire district.

The siren itself

could cost somewhere between \$7,000 to \$15,000 which explains why fund-raising events such as this are so important. The Gumeracha Games are a non-profit event, sponsored by Bank SA, Evo Fit and the Gumeracha Hotel. Every dollar raised will support a new and much needed community emergency device.

The idea for the Gumeracha Games is to gather a team of eight people from your CFS unit, sporting club, emergency services unit (SES,

ambulance). police. workplace, club or friends and complete the obstacle course, among other quirky events yet to be devised. The term 'Mini Olympics' has been touted, but the jury's out on which Olympic event parallels the esteemed egg and spoon race. However, two things are certain: it's a great cause. and will be great fun.

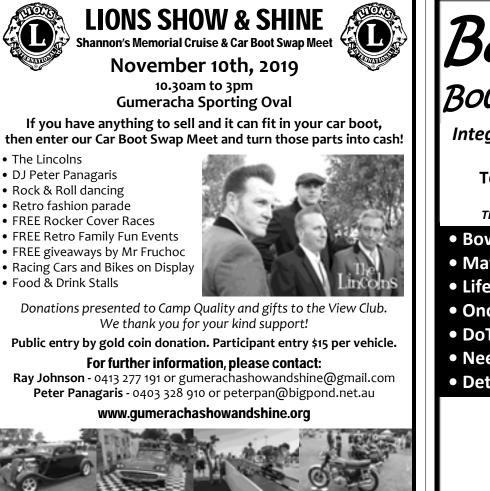
The obstacle course and sporting events are organised by Evo Fit's Mandy Napier, who is currently contemplating a uniform swap relay and other interesting items. Get your team together and enter (\$10 per person entry fee, details below).

Stall holders are also invited to sell their wares and help the community at the same time. The stall holder fee goes directly to the CFS siren fund (\$20 per site plus your own insurance, details below).

The Gumeracha Games are organised by the community minded Bank SA in Woodside. Branch Manager, Tony Hobbs and Senior Customer Service Manager, Jacqui Smyth are committed to the Adelaide Hills community and supporting people in down to earth. face to face ways.

"The siren is a big part of safety for the town with the fire season coming ... if we can help in any way we will," Tony said.

To enter a team, book a stall or find out more, please call Jacqui Smyth on 0430 300 417 or email gumerachagames@gmail.com, or visit the Gumeracha Games Facebook page. To find out more about volunteering for the Gumeracha District CFS brigade, please call Brigade Captain Hans Liedig on 0428 719 616 or email gumerachacfs@gmail. com





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Murder at the Manor

Birdwood author and playwright Kate Farrer has written her third play for Top of The Torrens Theatre Group.

"When I decided to write a murder mystery play for TOTT I had no idea it would attract so many young performers.

I had a core group of adults that I wanted in the play and a couple of younger TOTT members that I was hoping to interest.

First a younger sister wanted to be involved, then a friend, then a cousin then more friends. Before I knew it, I had 8 youngsters in the play, ranging from 12 to 16. They were so keen I had to write some more characters into the script.

So now we have a dedicated team of 16 actors in 'Murder At The Manor'. Rehearsals are

full of singing and laughter. The youngsters have formed a close bond with each other and the older actors, and all are learning new skills and gaining confidence in their abilities."

The play is set in rural Australia in an old homestead called The Manor. It is owned by quirky old Sally Forth who keeps yodelling for no apparent reason. Her cousins Dawn Breaks-Again and Caffy Latte hate each other and want The Manor for themselves. Dawn's husband Alan Again has his own agenda. The young twins, Mabel and Goldy Syrup, from down the road have come to visit Sally and get in the way. There is plotting and counter plotting and that is before the guests arrive for the murder mystery weekend.

Rock band The Wild Rose Thorns arrive, followed by Janet Marble and Hercules Parrot from the Agatha Christie appreciation society. Then Crystal Ball with her mystical powers and second sight comes to join them. Oh yes, there seem to be some resident ghosts at The Manor.

The play moves along with twists and turns, well known songs to join in with and the comedy provides laugh after laugh. Come and discover if it's a "who done it?" or a "who didn't do it?"

I hope you are able to come along to enjoy all the fun and see how talented our local young people are. Booking details and performance dates are in the adjoining Advertisement. *Kate Farrer*



Pictured left to right: William Melbourne, Jocelyn Helbers, Rebecca Holder, Emma Waddington, Charlotte Martin, Colin Holder, Kate Farrer, Micah Jackson, Jessica Holder, Merry Schaeffer, Sue Hill, Gwendolyn Van Zwol, Rob Lucas, Tracey Holder, Glynnis Burrows, Yvette Schafer.



Pictured left to right: Charlotte Martin, Rebecca Holder, William Melbourne, Emma Waddington, Kate Farrer, Micah Jackson, Jocelyn Helbers, Gwendolyn Van Zwol, Jessica Holder.



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