

Oakbank Soldiers' Memorial Hall

Where is the Oakbank Hall and where is the memorial? Occasional questions asked of the Hall's Secretary, Tony White. It is possible, when driving on the Onkaparinga Valley Road, to overlook the Oakbank Hall due to the trees and flourishing businesses surrounding it. But if you slow down, you might notice the Art Deco portico, its imposing columns, and maybe even the 95 years of memories and local history seeping through the walls and windows.

The Hall was built in 1926 as a memorial for local people who enlisted in World War I. The land was donated locally, funds were raised by the district, and the community had a commemorative hall for fairs, functions, concerts, celebrations and remembrance. Eight cedars were planted as part of the memorial and only one remains today. A World War II memorial plaque was added later.

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Tony Hervè (chairman) and Tony White (secretary) of the Oakbank Soldiers' Memorial Hall committee. The new committee injects enthusiasm into the much-loved community owned Hall. Don't miss the next Saturday Market, 13th March, more information on Facebook.



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I have recently watched the latest King Kong movie. There is a fabulous scene where King Kong has been fighting 3 Tyrannosaurus Rexes while they have been trying to catch the heroine.

Suddenly she is cornered and it looks like all is lost and she is going to be eaten.

Then the T-Rex pulls back in fright and the camera pans back. King Kong is standing behind the heroine, larger than the dinosaur and fiercely protecting her.

This reminds me of my God. He promises to never leave me and never forsake me. It is like He is standing behind me, larger than any foe, bigger than any scheme of Satan, fiercer than any weapon formed against me. I was encouraging a precious family member today about having confidence in God's protection of us. I shared that we can come to Him at any time, anywhere. Just like a child going to their father's business and marching right into the meeting and climbing on his lap. No fear, no rejection. The father scoops the child up on his lap and holds them tight.

This is how we can be with God. We can come right up to Him, climb on His lap and sit safe within His arms.

Deuteronomy 33:27 says, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, 'Destroy him!" How fabulous! Just like King Kong protecting the heroine, driving out the T-Rex enemy. This is the God I know and love. I can come to Him and climb up on His lap and tell Him all my troubles. He listens, He protects me and He drives out my enemy before me.

I have complete trust in Him, just like the child on the father's lap in the business meeting. If you have ever seen a child do this, you would have noticed the expression on their face. It is one of utter peace, contentment, trust, and confidence.

They face the world with a surety that all they have to do is what is before them and that the Father has got their back, because they matter to Him.



Friends of the Birdwood Institute Easter Pop-Up Market

An Easter Pop-Up Market will be held on Saturday, March 27 from 9am until 2pm in the Birdwood Institute. This is an opportunity for a community gathering that indicates support for this facility and raises funds for the ongoing maintenance and improvement of this beautiful old building.

It is the involvement and generosity of the community and the hard work of some volunteers that has not only kept the institute in public hands but has also completed many improvements with more to come!

The venue is a historical landmark. It is available for

hire and is regularly used for local activities including Ballet, Calisthenics, Yoga, dinners and wedding receptions. It is also home to the popular Book Shed, which is open on Saturdays from 10-3 and sells donated secondhand books at very reasonable prices.

All money raised, whether it be from book sales, the hire of the building or singular events like markets, is reinvested in the Institute.

A lot of money has been spent recently! The small hall has been airconditioned. The floors of both halls have been refurbished, and new stage and window curtains have been hung in the big hall.

The Friends of the Birdwood Institute are grateful to Torrens Valley Lions Club for their donation of \$2000 towards the air conditioning. We also thank the publican and staff of the Blumberg Hotel for allowing us to run a Friday night meat tray, chook and wine raffle!

Please come along to the Easter Pop-Up Market where we expect to have stalls filling both halls with a wide variety of handcrafted and secondhand items being offered by local people. Merchandise will include fabric and knitted craft, candles, soy products, essential oil products, cards, glass suncatchers, jewellery and accessories, baby and children's clothes, jams, biscuits, plants, and secondhand goods. There will also be live music, face painting, a raffle and a BBQ.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Lions Update



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and painting the wrought iron work at the Birdwood Memorial Arch. Birdwood High School invited Club members to attend the Memorial Service and unveiling of a plaque commemorating the Centenary of the Birdwood Memorial Arch. The unveiling was attended His Excellency by the Honourable Hieu Van Le, AC, Governor of South Australia with Coun-Malcolm cillor Herrmann officiating (pictured).

As mentioned in the previous edition, the Club will be collecting single vision glasses (no cases please) as part of Lions Recycle for Sight Australia. The collection points will be at Mt Pleasant Pharmacy, Birdwood Pharmacy, Kersbrook Pharmacy and Post Office, Gumeracha Pharmacy and Community Centre.

If you would like more information about Lions or Lions activities, please contact one of our Members: Phil Dennis (Secretary) on 0419 830 754 or Dave Richards on 0417 821 107.



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Mondays during school terms. 11:15am - 12:00pm, free.

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THIS WEEK!

Writers Week Live Streaming

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When the previous committee retired, Oakbank resident, Tony White, campaigned for volunteers to join the Hall's new committee in August last year. With the Hall's fate hanging in the balance, Tony was adamant they would save it, particularly as it is a memorial to people who sacrificed so much.

The wider community rallied round at the AGM, where over one hundred people attended, many nominating to join the committee. This interest and commitment endures as residents and local businesses continue to support the Hall in numerous ways.

The new committee members are: Tony Hervè, Tony White, Adrian Dormer, Tony Kemp, Neil Shillabeer, Vicky Charlton, Graeme Charlton and Geoff Keuhne.

The committee's mission is 'to manage, promote and maintain the ... Hall for the enjoyment of the community.' This is a community owned and operated building. The driving force to continue its upkeep is the significance of having a com-

munity gathering place, and the many benefits that flow on from that.

just a In few months the committee and volunteers have revamped the back vard and sheds where the Saturday Markets are held. Their numerous working bees were bolstered by students from the Hutt Community Centre Horticultural Course. The students designed a new memorial garden and irrigation system for the Hall and are keen to implement their designs one day.

Needless to say, most projects and ideas require funding. The Adelaide Hills Council has provided a muchneeded grant to restore the veranda. Other avenues for grants are also being explored to assist with urgent repairs, maintenance and improvements.

If you are interested in hiring the Hall, volunteering, becoming a member, or anything else, please visit the Oakbank Hall on Facebook or call 0408 085 525.

S A T U R D A Y MARKETS - The need for community gathering was duly met at the <image>

The Basket Range Bakers sold out at the Oakbank Hall's Saturday Market in February. They will be stocked up at the next market, 13th March. Contact via Facebook or 0402 058 160.

inaugural Saturday Market last December. Chairman, Tony Hervè said, 'The hall was a hive of activity. The market enabled locals to have a good yak. It was a release from COVID for people who couldn't see each other during the year.'

The Saturday Markets run every second Saturday of the month from 8am to 1pm. Local artisans sell local handmade and homegrown produce such as bread, plants, dried fruit. woodwork. jewellerv. crafts. teas. home preserves, monthly super-raffle and more. Grab your breakfast or brunch from the BBQ, fresh fruit, or even icecream.

Phil Young, the Basket Range Baker, sold out at the February 13th Saturday Market, and plans to be back at the March 13th Market.

We loved the relaxed and friendly atmosphere, the beautiful setting under the trees and the live music,' Phil Y o u n g s a i d . (Incidentally, live music was provided by local band, Almost Acoustic). Phil Young went on to say, 'The committee are really helpful. I think this market has the potential to become an iconic farmer's market ... we are really pleased to be selling our long ferment sour dough breads, brownies and other treats.'

Stalls at the Saturday Markets are \$20 each for stall holders, please contact the Hall committee on 0417 849 894 or via Facebook.



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Also, as a celebration, there will be a 50% sale on everything on March 10th, 11th and 12th 2021.

Donations have been given to approximately 20 charities that include several local charities, whilst several local people have been assisted. Also Gumeracha Uniting Church Knitting group have been given funds for purof chase much needed wool - and they in turn knit for many charities.

Please contact either Anne on 0447 093 533 or Karol on 0412 962 082.

EASTER POP-UP MARKET

Saturday, 27th March, 2021

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