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Lobethal Recreation Ground



Almost every weekend of the year, the hubbub of a community or sporting event rings throughout the Valley of Praise. Shouts from footballers, umpires' whistles, cheering crowds, and the drift of music or announcements, herald the sounds of community gatherings. For about a century the

Lobethal Recreation Ground has been in continual use, an effort to be commended par-

ticularly as the Ground is a community-owned and community-run asset.

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The Old Testament prophet, Isaiah, records for us in chapter 30 verse 18: "Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!" And Proverbs 29:18 records that: "Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who

keeps the law."

St Paul, in his letter to the Romans, (chapter 4:7-8), quotes from Psalm 32: "Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them."

And Jesus' disciple, John, wrote in 1 John 1.8: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

The message of the Bible is that we can all have our sins and failures forgiven (and remembered no more) and we can be blessed by God with eternal blessings that start here and now.

It has been suggested that writing down five things to be grateful for each day can be beneficial for mental health. There are blessings of family and friends, happy memories of times gone by, the ability to make new plans and hope for the future, good health, the beauty and diversity of the world.

Jesus taught the people, as recorded in Matthew 5:43-45 (The Message Bible): "You're familiar with the old written law, 'Love your friend,' and its unwritten companion, Hate your enemy.' I am challenging that. I am telling vou to love vour enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best-the sun to warm and the rain to nourish-to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty."

Jesus tells us about the love of God and demonstrated it by going to the cross of Calvary. Our greatest blessing of all is that we matter to God.



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The Mount Lofty Botanic Garden, Mount Lofty Summit, Cleland Wildlife Park and Cleland Conservation Park have plenty on offer for everyone.

You can go for a bushwalk or ride your mountain bike through the stunning natural bushland, visit the cute, feathered, furry and scaly native wildlife of Cleland Wildlife Park or have a picnic in the always beautiful Mount Lofty Botanic Garden.

And don't forget to check out the view from Mount Lofty Summit, the highest peak of the Mount Lofty Ranges which has panoramic views of Adelaide and the Adelaide Hills.

NPWSSA District Ranger Jen Pitman said autumn was a spectacular time of year to visit the precinct.

"If it's outdoor activities you're after, it's a great time of year to dust off the hiking boots or pump up the bike tyres and get out there," Jen

"There's something for everyone and some great activities have been organised throughout the month for people to enjoy and discover this little paradise."

Park of the month events include:

- Yoga and forest bathing
- · Discover the world of invertebrates and 'minibeasts' at Cleland Wildlife Park, which is half-price
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- Learn about the risks and rewards of fire on the landscape with our fire management team
 - Guided walks around

Mount Lofty Summit

· Guided mountain bike rides from the summit to Waterfall Gully.

For more information about these and other events and to book a place at an event visit: https://www. parks.sa.gov.au/get-inspired/ park-of-the-month

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Clearly this place is more than an asset though, when vou listen to community members reminisce. They talk about their childhood and family time spent at the Grounds, and how this tradition lives on as their own children and grandchildren are involved in various sports and events at the Grounds.

Greg Jaensch, President of the Lobethal Recreation Ground Sport Club Inc., said, 'Our purpose is to provide high class sports and recreational facilities to our affiliated clubs and to our local and surrounding communities.'

Today the Lobethal Recreation Ground is home to the Lobethal Football Club, Lobethal Cricket Club. Lobethal Netball Club. Lobethal Tennis Club, and the Adelaide Polocrosse club.

In a normal year the Recreation Ground covers most of their own running costs, with income generated from affiliated club fees, hire of clubrooms and oval, membership fees and bar profits. Adelaide Hills Council does provide an annual contribution to help with maintenance costs.

In addition to the sports played on the Oval and surrounding grounds, a variety of events have been hosted over the years, such as car shows, carnivals, car boot sales, dog shows, private birthday celebrations, funerals, conferences, community seminars, community meetings, workshops and more.

Recently, it was the hub for Blaze Aid while thev worked with the community and Rotary Club to rebuild fences after the Cudlee Creek fire. At that time, the grounds and clubrooms accommodated over thirty caravans, 130 people, and trailer loads of fencing equipment for several months.

In true community tradition, the committee and clubs are continually improving the site. The current oval dates from the 1950's when it was rotated 90° to run north/ south. More recently, committee upgrades include the kitchen, toilets, lights, oval top dress, and clubrooms. Recently the Lions Club of Onkaparinga generously donated and erected a shed and picnic tables at the southern end of the grounds.

These are nice grounds, well used by the community and the people who run the sporting clubs are interested in growing their sports in the community,' Greg Jaensch said.

The Lobethal Football Club raised funds for new Oval Lights that will be utilised frequently in winter for night matches, training, and trials. The tennis and netball clubs are currently fundraising for new lights and poles after successfully resurfacing the courts.



"The Willows" memorial plaque on Lobethal Road. The Willows site was used as a community recreation ground for football, cricket and picnics. After fruitless attempts to purchase The Willows, other locations were sought. "[A]t the eleventh hour the SA Woollen Company were approached ... [they offered] a site rent free with an indefinite lease and the right to purchase" (Daily Herald, Adelaide, Friday 4 October 1912). Thus, the Lobethal Recreation Ground on Onkaparinga Street became community owned!

The care factor is higher because it is community owned, and the success rate is higher too,' said Lincoln Powell, Vice President. Pointing out the window at three grades of football teams training together, the busy tennis courts, and children playing on the playground, he said, 'That is success.'

The 2021 AGM is planned for 7:30pm, Tuesday 30th March at the Lobethal Recreation Ground club rooms. Greg Jaensch said, We are always looking for volunteers to help maintain the oval and surrounds, or to help any of the sporting bodies. Everyone is welcome to attend.'

You can contact them on Facebook, email lobethalrecground@gmail.com or call on 0439 895 037.



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A reminder that the Friends of the Birdwood Institute will be holding their Pop-Up Market on Saturday, March 27th, from 9am to 2pm, in the Institute.

This is an opportunity for a community gathering that indicates support for this facility and raises funds for the ongoing maintenance and im-

provement of this beautiful building.

Please come along to our Pop-Up Market where we will have stalls filling both halls, which are looking wonderful with new curtains and re-surfaced floors!

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LIONS UPDA

Members of Lions Club of Torrens Valley have placed eye glasses collection containers at various businesses in the towns.

Do you have old single vision glasses lurking in the bottom of your cupboards or "put away just in case they are needed again?"

Flyers will be placed in post boxes and on notice boards in Gumeracha, Kersbrook, Birdwood, Cudlee Creek, Mt Pleasant and Mt Torrens with donation points listed.

Club members will be manning the BBQ at Harmony Day, Saturday 13th March, at Federation Park, Gumeracha. Call by, say hello and find out more about what Lions do in your community.

The Club is still supporting the Community Pantry at Birdwood, by donating food items for those in desperate need and our 5c & 10c drive continues!

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Member for Kavel. Dan

Cregan said, "The Centre is an important asset for our community and the whole district. This is a project I was really keen to see through and I was delighted to have the honour of welcoming the first customers when the Centre opened at 9.00am today."

"I'm pretty excited about it. Only two weeks ago I was driving out to Murray Bridge to replace my own licence and get a new photo and that is just one of the tasks that can now be completed locally in the Hills," Dan added.





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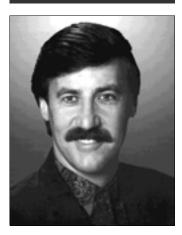
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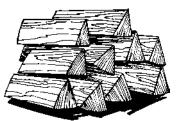
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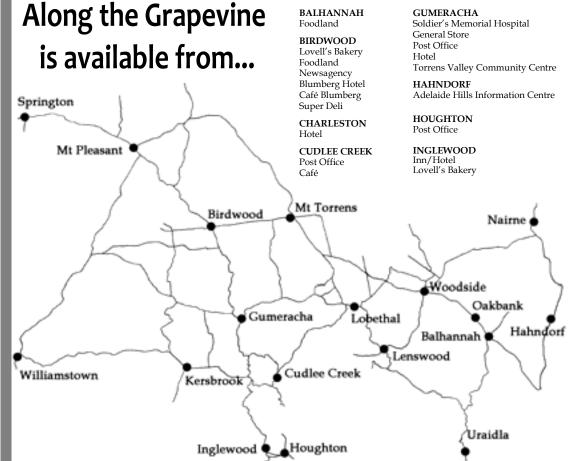
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