

Cittaslow Goolwa

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Events for your diary:

“At the Wharf” Music Night:

Friday 29 December 2017,

Friday 26 January. (Australia Day) 2018.

Friday 23 February 2018.

Sunday 11 March 2018 in conjunction
with the Fringe at Jeralde Park.

***Come along and bring your friends, buy
your wine and food and dance to your
heart’s content.***

Cittaslow Market Dates:

Sunday 10 December, at the Wharf,

January on the lawn adjacent to the RSL.

Sunday 7 January,

Sunday 14 January,

Sunday 21 January,

Sunday 28 January,

Sunday 11 February, at the Wharf

Sunday 25 February, at the Wharf



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President's Report for Cittaslow, December 2017 Newsletter.

A two year lease for Cittaslow Corner has been approved by Council. This is welcome news at the end of the year.

Management has approved to increase the insurance for Public Liability from 500 people attending events to 1000, which is an indication of the increased numbers attending "At the Wharf" and the "Smoke Off" events. The Annual Public Liability insurance has also been increased from \$10 mill to \$20 mill. The latter is due to Council requirements for the lease of Cittaslow Corner. The four year draft Strategic Plan is out for consultation with members. Constructive feedback has been received already. *Please contact me if you too have thoughts you wish to offer.* Cittaslow has written to The Minister of Transport in support of Investigator College in their push to have lights at the crossing on the main road for students. This is an important safety issue which has not been addressed satisfactorily by the State Government Department.

On November 3rd Angela Nesci organised with the help of several of the management team to provide morning tea for 70 guests at the opening of the Wildlife Welfare Rescue Centre. This is an extraordinary venture by Rena Robinson and her team of volunteers and is the first such centre in South Australia run entirely by unpaid workers.

On behalf of Cittaslow I opened Art @ Goolwa's new exhibition on the 12th November. There are 19 artists in this enterprise which provides an opportunity for local artists to showcase their work. The small building in Porter Street has become alive because of the hard work of these volunteers.

This month I was interviewed for Qantaslink Spirit magazine regarding Cittaslow, along with five other Goolwa identities. This article will showcase different aspects of Goolwa and hopefully encourage tourists to come and see for themselves our beautiful town and environment.

The Farmers Market had its first birthday and its development thus far has depended on Goolwa locals supporting local producers. Our market is one of many Cittaslow markets around the world.

Cittaslow had its AGM at the Goolwa Aquatic club on the 16 November and our first Annual report in this format has been produced thanks to Amanda Fairman a graphic designer, who didn't charge for her work. Thirty members were present. Angela Nesci was appointed to the management committee and will take up the Environment group leadership, while Christine Putland, Julie Low, Tracy Parkes and Karen Ross had their membership confirmed for a further year. Management positions are for a two year term, so there is one more year to go. All management positions will be up for election November 2018. We all enjoyed the presentation from Steve Grieve and Christine Putland and Kate Crawford's video on the Cittaslow Journey to Fonglin Taiwan.

One reason for such a successful year was the number of community members who joined Cittaslow and who became involved in the numerous events and groups within the organization, and the outstanding work of the management team. **Thank you all.**

*I wish everyone a very happy and safe festive season and may we look forward to 2018 with hope and renewed energy. **Margaret Gardner***

Christine Putland,
Margaret Gardner and
Julie Low at the Annual
General Meeting.

Photo: **Leon Mead**



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community garden continues to supply the Goolwa Children's Center with weekly produce. This is still being subsidised by Bendigo Bank.

The closing of Ballast Stone cellar door at Signal Point was a blow to fundraising as we lost our very prominent point of sale for our jams and chutneys.

However, these are now available at Cittaslow Corner While the turnover has been reduced it has been suggested that the products could be available for sale at the farmers market.



Volunteers continue to attend fundraising BBQ's at Stratco Hardware 4- 5 times a year.

Two of our very valued volunteers had to withdraw from the garden earlier this year due to serious health issues. However we are hoping that sometime in the future they might be able to visit for social events.

Volunteer numbers fluctuate during the year as the majority are retired people who travel and some have other volunteering interests and hobbies.

A few working bees were held during to help erect the new seed raising enclosure. This was necessary as the old one had been damaged beyond repair.

All garden beds for the community leased this year are now due for renewal in December. It is likely there will be some more available and they will be offered to people who have indicated that they would like to lease one.

The community garden is looking for enthusiastic volunteers who can help on a regular basis on Wednesday mornings from 9am until 12am approx. We have a very small group who have been dedicated regular volunteers for a long time and would love to see some new members getting involved.

These are some of the areas we need help with;

- maintain a regular supply of seedlings
- tidy and weed beds and pathways
- empty and refill slater traps with sugary water
- spray plants that are infested with bugs or rust
- feed plants with worm tea
- chop green waste for composting and water existing piles
- hand water some beds on hot days
- prepare beds for new plantings (dig over bed, add manure, compost & straw.)
- Trim existing trees and scrubs
- Maintain existing sheds, preparation shelter, seed raising enclosure and irrigation system.

Please contact *Lyn Mateer* 0409 707 232

“At the Wharf”

Our first event for the season ‘Cittaslow Sunday’ took place on 1 October. The *Al Milano Band* played and their music was enjoyed by all. Beatbox Food Van, Olaf’s Goolwa Cockles and Arkie’s German Sausages were on sale.

Our second event was held on Friday 27 October. ‘*The Mac-Tones*’ played dance music on the deck. Thunderstorms, gale force winds and bush fires were predicted, resulting in a smaller crowd than we hoped for. *The Hungry Caterpillar* provided delicious burgers and *The Beach House Café* served Pizzas. Both have requested to come again next time.

Our third event was held on Friday November 24 when ‘*Damushi African Ensemble*’ returned. They also launched their CD at this event. About 200 people attended in perfect weather and enjoyed the laid back rhythmic African music and great food on offer. **Karen Ross**



Chief organisers at work



Photos supplied by **Rod Flintoff**



Cittaslow School Liason

Twilight School Fair- Friday 1 December. Cittaslow members were asked to help make 200 Lanterns for the **Goolwa Primary School** students for their parade at the close of their Annual Twilight School Fair. This will be a joint effort with Goolwa Community Centre and Bendigo Bank. This is following on from the Paper Snail Lanterns we made with the children for the International Assembly in May this year.

Vanessa assembling the kits ready for the school fair lanterns.



Up-date: The weather was unseasonable on Friday 1st December and had to be postponed for a week. It will now be held FRIDAY 8th December. Assistance will be appreciated to help children assemble the lanterns.

The Goolwa Primary School requested Cittaslow provide the Environmental Award to a student from year 7. This award will be presented at the year 7 graduation on the 13 December.

The winning student will receive a certificate and \$100.00.

Vanessa Mulhall

Cittaslow Corner.

The big news at Cittaslow Corner this month has been the extension of our tenure at Lot 1 Cadell Street with the granting of a further 24 months lease by Alexandrina Council. This is very good news since having a base from which to organise and manage our significant community initiatives has been a great advantage. Its location in the centre of town is accessible to the public and being at the entry to the Wharf precinct via Cadell Street means we maximise our exposure to both local community and visitors.

Throughout 2017 Cittaslow Corner has been used as:

- an information centre about Cittaslow activities,
- a venue for regular meetings and gatherings of members,
- a sales outlet for local producers
- a show case for local artists' works,
- an office for general administration.

Our continued access to the premises will support our goal to generate more publicity about our activities with the aim of building member numbers in 2018-2019.

In other news, members have now provided a book exchange in Cittaslow Corner. You are welcome to come in and browse, take a book and replace it with one of your own if you feel inclined.

November has marked the arrival of 'summertime' hours at Cittaslow Corner with the start of our peak opening times from 11am to 4pm, Thursday to Monday. This means we revert to two shifts per day for our volunteers: from 11-1.30pm and 1.30-4pm.

Please Note: Cittaslow corner will be closed for the following days over the Xmas and New Year period: Sunday 24th, Monday 25th and Sunday 31st December 2017 and then Monday 1st January 2018.

As always we rely on members to volunteer their time to keep the doors to Cittaslow Corner open throughout this busy holiday period.

If you have already registered as a volunteer but have not visited us for a while, or if you have yet to register, consider offering even one shift to help out.

Please Contact:

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Volunteer coordinator-

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Photo supplied by:

Leon & Bea Mead,

SOUTH COAST PEDICABS GOOLWA
166 Liverpool Road, Goolwa, SA.



Smoke Off Festival

Sunday 5th November proved to be the most successful Smoke Off event run by the Food and Wine Group. The photos supplied by **Rob Flintoff** speak for themselves.

There were ten teams in the contest who worked long and hard smoking ham, beef, chicken and fish. Hundreds of locals and visitors got into the fun and to top it off the weather was a perfect 20 degrees.

The **Suzi and the Jets** provided party music and dancing on the lawns carried on well into late afternoon. Many wineries showcased their wines and food sold quickly including Cittaslow Sliders. Bombora's Papis were popular too.

The best ham award went to "Under the Sea" team and best open class went to the Ngarrindjeri team.

The Festival takings will support Currency Creek CFS, Goolwa RSL, and the Cittaslow organisation. Next year's event, I am told, will be bigger and better!

Thank you to the Food and Wine Group.

Without the support and great organization from the wonderful Volunteers it would not be so enjoyable.

You can view more photos on the Cittaslow website.

www.cittaslowgoolwa.com.au



Farmer's Market

1st Birthday celebration –22 October 2017

The Goolwa Farmer's Market will not be trading Sunday December 24th With Christmas the next day no doubt you will all be too busy.

Victor Harbor Farmers Market will be trading on Saturday 23rd December. You can order seafood from Neil (Victor Fish) at the Goolwa Market on Sunday 10th December and then pick it up from him Saturday 23rd December at the Grosvenor Reserve, Victor Harbor ready for Christmas Day.



Jane and Margaret celebrate with stall holders and visitors.

Cittaslow Farmer's Market will be trading EVERY SUNDAY in January on the lawn area adjacent to the RSL.

Last week we had our highest number of stallholders, 17 in fact, but it turned out the worst customer attendance.

Farmers markets only exist if they are supported by the locals and Goolwa is indeed fortunate to have this one. There is a wide range of produce from the Fleurieu region and producers work so hard to give customers the very best they can.

Did you know that Gina and Ian's strawberries are famous?

You will be surprised where her jams end up and the praise she gets for them.

The vegetables all come from just down the road at Tooperang and for Phil it's a 7 day working week. Jane makes her cheese at Second Valley and they are served in several restaurants in McLaren Vale. Nomad Chickens and Falkai farm are both at Finniss and Triple B Biodynamic beef is world class and also comes from Finniss. Madeleine even has curries ready to cook and they are wonderful.

Miss Buttercup is our latest addition. Come and try for yourselves.

This is just a short list of wonders at our market. By supporting the market and the producers you are ensuring your purchases are local and fresh.

Jane Williams

Tis time for the Management team to take a break.

There will be no further Meetings in January. *Yippee!*

Happy Holidays

Seasonal Dinners.

A late Autumn Seasonal Dinner was held on Tuesday 5th December at the South Lakes Golf Club and attended by 65 happy diners. Members were invited to bring along family members, friends and neighbours if they wished, with the theme being one of a 'Community Gathering'.

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful affordable hospitality provided by the Golf Club and their staff and a delicious 3 course meal consisting of soup, a choice of 7 mains and 4 sweets all for only \$25 per person. We are so lucky to have such a great venue available to us all for special occasions with the added bonus of a similar and even more affordable dinner every Wednesday night (bookings are essential).

All in all a great night, good company, wonderful food, lots of laughter and the opportunity to meet more locals, who too are so fortunate enough to live in Goolwa and nearby surrounds.



Deb and Sonja



Kate and John



And the Winner is.....**Noel Leahy**

Patsy Greer

Photos: by Rod Flintoff

Environment Group - Are you interested in the Environment?

Cittaslow is looking at starting a group in 2018. Please contact *Angela* on 0438321674.

Art Group - Are you interested in the Arts? Cittaslow is also looking at starting this group in 2018.

Please contact *Christine* on 0418809848.

The initial meeting will be open for a general discussion. If you have ideas to put forward and show an interest in either group then register your name with Angela or Christine and you will be contacted in the New Year.

Extra News:

Julie Low took on the role of treasurer only 4 months ago and has set up an accounting software program **Xero**. This will make accounting much easier and transparent in the future. Training will be offered to the various Cittaslow groups. All accounts will be on the one system and consolidated into one Bendigo Bank account.

The Fruit Forest is still in the planning stage with the site approved by Council.

A small group of members joined **KESAB** with Olaf Hansen as leader to clean up a section of Randall Rd. *15 bags of rubbish were removed in just a few hours.*

Publicity is managed by Ken Smith who thanked Leon Mead for his photos published in local papers and on the website. Cittaslow membership has increase enormously this last 12 months and this is due to the strong band of volunteers who work tirelessly to keep it all together. ***Please share the load.***