



TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Special points of interest:

- **Grant Funds Success**
- **Undergrounding Power Lines**
- **Lavender Trail**
- **School History Day**
- **KESAB**

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ICWM Plan, AWE Consultants Appointed

A recent meeting of the Council Project Committee with representatives from Council's Management team and the Association met to consider expressions of interest to investigate and overall Integrated Catchment Water Management Plan for Truro. Australian Water Environments along with Wayne Phillips and Associates were appointed by the committee.

Ms Kylie Hyde and Mr Wayne Philips met with the committee last week and commenced the project which is hoped to be completed by the end of July when a presentation will be made to Council. There is a workshop meeting planned for the Truro Community to be able to attend on the 27th of May where information will be available that has been collated and comment will be received.

The study is looking at a holistic approach to the Integrated Catchment Water Management for Truro whereby the collection and re-use of storm water and waste water will be investigated with consideration being given to able to store treated water in the underground aquifers for re-use at a later stage (ASR).

This an exciting opportunity for Truro considering the current water crisis in the River Murray which is hoped will solve the current problems with both storm and waste water around the town. The Mid Murray Council were successful in obtaining a \$12,500 grant from the Murray Darling NRM Board to help fund this \$25,000 project. Our thanks go to Council staff for the preparation of the successful submission. Cont. page 4.

Stage 2 of Undergrounding to commence

Advice has been received that the Second stage of the undergrounding of the Power Lines for the main street of Truro (Moorundie Street) is about to commence. This project was due to be completed by the 30th June 2008, however it now appears that the project is running about six weeks later than originally anticipated.

When completed this project will be a completion of what could be considered the first stage of the re-development of Moorundie Street. The re-surfacing that

was done last year has also improved the overall view of the street. Many unsolicited comments have been received from visitors to Truro about how nice the Eastern end of the main street now looks.

When this is completed it will be time to re-visit the Savarton plan that was done in 2003-4 for the upgrade of Moorundie Street and Pioneer Park. The addition of Street Furniture and planting of advanced tree species will also enhance the street.

Truro Primary School 1937



In conjunction with SA History Week 2008, Truro Primary School will once again be hosting a History Day. On Thursday 22nd May between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm the school will be opening its doors to the public.

The Junior Primary Class have compared childhood books that have been favourites throughout different family generations and created their own Photo Stories and posters on their findings.

The influence of the Truro and Districts Red

Truro Primary School History Day 22nd May

Cross shop to the local, state and Asia Pacific Region has been investigated by the Middle Primary Class. They have also looked at the origins of the International Red Cross. Work will be presented both electronically and in poster form.

Students in the Upper Primary Class have each compiled a range of material focussing on a specific year in history.

The school is also having a photographic display put together by Truro's local historian Reg. Munchenberg,

highlighting different volunteer organisations in the community, past principals, students and school infrastructure.

The day will include morning tea, a whole school assembly after lunch and conclude with an afternoon tea.

We welcome all members of the community including grandparents, friends and family to be part of Truro Primary Schools History Day.

Current planning is

for the next 55 kilometre section of the main trail to be extended from its current finishing point at Springton to Truro via Keyneton and built over several years.

Many hundreds of hours have so far been expended on planning, undertaking exploratory walks, taking to landowners and commencing work on a funding submission for the expansion of the Lavender Federation Trail towards its planned destination of Clare. Current planning is for the next 55 kilometre section of the main trail to be extended from its current finishing

point at Springton to Truro via Keyneton and built over several years. The Springton to Keyneton section is planned to have around 50% on made roads, mostly minor roads and 50% on road reserves & tracks. Crossing the Marne River plus the lack of north-south road reserves further east was a major determining factor in planning of the route of this section. In ad-

dition to the main trail, it is planned to construct two loop trails in this area.

In the Keyneton & Truro section totalling 32 km in length, 13.5 km is on made/public roads, 10 km along a rail corridor & 8.5 km on road reserves. Current planning is for three loop trails to be constructed in the second section. For more information go to:- www.lavenderfederationtrail.org.au



Dutton, Pine Hut and Sandleton Signs

Eleven Historical signs have been attached to powder coated sign boards where nine have been erected at Dutton, one adjacent to the site of the Pine Hut Church/School on Valley Farm Road and one at the former St Paul's Church on Sandleton road Sandleton to mark Daniel Lemke.

Daniel Heinrich Lemke (1832-1897), who is renowned as one of South Australia's leading reed Organ builders, is buried in the Church Cemetery. Lemke, a Lutheran Schoolteacher at Eden Valley and Moculta, is recorded

to have built 13 organs whilst he was a teacher. Two of his Organs exist in the Barossa Valley, in Ebenezer and Gruenberg (Moculta) Lutheran Churches.

At Sandleton, D. H. Lemke was a Farmer, Postmaster and Mail Contractor.

One of the new signs at Dutton

'Pioneer Park' Project gets Green Light

In 2007 the Association committed \$20,000 dollars of its funds to kick start the Pioneer Park Project. This commitment was conveyed to Council who in turn appointed Ms Karina Rose, Sustainable Recreation Project Officer at Murray Bridge, to draw up a submission for Grant Funding for Regional Open Space Grant Funding to the State Government.

The application applied for \$50,000 to engage a consultant to draw up proper plans to integrate the area immediately adjacent to the Craneford Winery with Heroes Park. It was also intended to allow for the construction of a gazebo. It was announced earlier in the year that the application had been successful, but not only that but an extra \$20,000 had been added to the application giving a total of \$70,000 for the project.

At last week's meeting of the Section 41 'Truro Streetscape Committee' a sub-committee of Council it was decided that it be recommended to Council that the committee membership be expanded to include R Munchenberg along with K Falkenberg, M Anderson and R Dawkins from the Association and the addition of Council's Management team to manage both the projects.

A meeting will be held on the 27th May to appoint the consultant.

Objectives of the project

The Project will achieve:

- Provision of much needed facilities to the Truro local community, as well as to visitors travelling on the Sturt Highway, between Adelaide and Sydney, and the River Murray.
- Facilities will include:

- o bbq area,
- o picnic shelter and tables,
- o interpretation displays and artefacts of the rich local heritage and history,
- o visitor information,
- o toilets,
- o playground,
- o gazebo,
- o garden areas of endemic native water wise plants,
- o car, caravan and bus parking areas,
- o lighting for night safety and access.

- Enhancement of the open space area, which is currently a vacant block, with no facilities.
- Linkages and additions to existing tourism attractions, such as the Truro town walk, Truro and Barton Drive, and direct linkage to Heroes Park.
- Enrichment and increased awareness of the rich local history of Truro.
- Increased spirit and interaction between Truro's local community groups.
- Addressing youth and aged needs – recreation (picnic areas, walking trail & playground), community participation, ownership and pride; and increasing knowledge and awareness of local history.

- Provision of a local outdoor function area (e.g. for family or community events) for the community (with the development of Pioneer Park & provision of facilities).
- Enhancement of regional strengths – tourist stop, picnic area, Middle Hut Creek, historic bridge, rich local history (Heroes Park – dedicated to World War I soldiers).



Pioneer Park – Heroes Park area

Aerial View

**'A total of
\$70,000
for Stage I
of the
project'**

Open Space Development – implementation of the Plan – Stage One. This will include the construction of the gazebo; and other elements of the Plan; providing unstructured recreational opportunities to capture the key tourism opportunity of interstate and intra-state tourist traffic; as well as catering to the needs of the local community.

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One of the new litter bins in Moorundie Street

Waste Management – Recycling KESAB

New rubbish bins have been erected in Moorundie Street as part of the upgrade to the main street and also because the new contract for Waste Management required new bins for safe operation.

The Council has formed a partnership with the three Riverland Councils investigating municipal waste, kerbside recycling and green waste within the four Council areas. Expressions of interest have been called for from relevant companies to provide one or all of the above services.

With the retirement of Mr Ross Swayne, who for many years had conducted the

annual inspection of towns for the KESAB awards, KESAB has appointed a new Tidy Towns Director, Luke Callaghan.

The format that will be followed is 'creating sustainable communities'. With emphasis on Water, Waste, Energy, Community engagement, Biodiversity and Education and innovation.

Workshops are being held at various regional centre's in May with one recently announced at Redeemer School, Nuriootpa on the 13th of May at 10.30 am.

LATE ITEMS

ICWM Plan continued from Page 1.

A Strategy Report of the 'Northern Catchments Stormwater Management for Truro' commissioned by Mid Murray Council was not deemed acceptable and Council were advised that in the Association's opinion the report was flawed and considered that no further action should be taken. Due to the announcement of the success in receiving Grant Funding to do the ICWMP the report should form part of that process.

PO Box Lighting

Since the completion of the first stage of the undergrounding of the power lines the Association has been in negotiations with Council to have the lighting at the Post Office re-connected. As reported in an earlier newsletter the previous connection was now no longer legal and a new arrangement has had to be made with the Council and the Post Master.

East Terrace Footpath

Negotiations continue with Council to have this footpath included in the

forth coming budget.

Association Lease

Representatives of the Association will meet with Council representatives later in May to commence discussion regarding the Lease Arrangements that the Association has with Council. There are a number clauses that are now no longer pertinent to the current lease and need to be re-negotiated.

Mayor's reception

The Mayor's Annual Reception for representatives of the Truro and Keynton communities was held on the 29th April.