

We trust that this information will help you to remain actively involved in many projects and future Advancing Whyalla activities.

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Outcomes from the Public Meeting held in January

The aim of the Advancing Whyalla Public Meeting was to:

- * Present the Strategic Plan document.
- * Launch the Advancing Whyalla Promotional Leaflet.
- * Preview the 'Why Whyalla' Brochure compiled by the Pride group.
- * Present the six monthly meeting Calendar.



Two guest speakers were also invited to attend the evening:

* **Sue Menzies the Special Events Coordinator**, who spoke about her role and how other community groups can work together with this committee.

* **Wayne Morgan the CEO of the Office for Regional Development**.

Wayne addressed the group about the importance of Community involvement.

The common message was:

- Be a healthy community
- Participation
- Inclusiveness
- Consensus decision making
- Win-win solutions
- Collaboration
- Community pride.

The Advancing Whyalla Leaflet was distributed to every house in Whyalla one week after the Public Meeting.



Copies of the Strategic Plan, the Advancing Whyalla Leaflet, and the Six Monthly Calendar are available from the Coordinator if you have not yet received one. Contact Keren on 86455 999.

Advancing Whyalla to have its own identity

Advancing Whyalla has certainly made some progression over the past few months. Two new items will be introduced in the coming months that will enhance Advancing Whyalla's profile and create our own identity.

Advancing Whyalla's own Jingle – you would have seen the advertisement on TV recently 'Our City – Our Future' portraying Whyalla positively. You may have noticed our Logo is displayed on this commercial symbolizing our support to this campaign. A short jingle is being produced that will incorporate the words Advancing Whyalla, this jingle will then be incorporated into the commercial. This tune will be ours, and we will have the right to use it when ever we feel necessary.

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Have you seen Poems published in the Whyalla News from Advancing Whyalla members?

In case you missed it, here is one written by Larry Whalan.

My Choice

My Family here our lives we've spent,
times good and bad they came and went.
The children had to move away,
but my love and I said here we'll stay.

Here is where I want to be,
beside the blue-green sparkling sea.
To the west the is blue,
covered with a Saltbush hue.

Skies are clear the sun is bright,
Oh how I love the moonlit night.
Across the Gulf and to the East,
on Flinders Ranges my eyes do feast.

As I look Southward to the sea,
my thoughts drift on to what might be.

I feel that I must raise my voice,
and shout out loud this is my choice.

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Advancing Whyalla to have its own Web Site – soon you will be able to access up coming events and meetings, find out about new projects and progressions made by all the sub-groups from Advancing Whyalla. This will be an excellent tool to advertise the organisation, encourage new members and seek community support.

You may be aware there is also a Whyalla site that you can access on the Internet. Advancing Whyalla will also be linked to this site.

Presentation of Customer Service Award

The first round of Customer Service Awards were presented to five nominees recently. A presentation Ceremony was held on Tuesday February 1st 2000 to present the Recognition Awards. The Certificates were Presented by the Mayor in the Chamber room of the Whyalla City Council. The recipients were:

David Cooper from **McLeods Whyalla Motors Company.**

Susan White from **Harris Scarfe.**

Pauline Jones from **Photographic Moments.**

Grant Baverstock from **Whyalla Computer Centre**

Hannah Cody from **Foodland Essington Lewis Ave.**

Advancing Whyalla would like to congratulate these five people on their efforts – well done!

Nominations for the second round of

Presentations will close the end of March. If you have been impressed by someone's excellent customer service skills why not find out who they are, fill out an entry form and have them recognised for their dedication.

Nominations can be obtained from;

Public Libraries
Tourist Centre
Advancing Whyalla Coordinator



Clean Up Australia Day

There was a positive turnout for the clean up of the Whyalla Foreshore. As you know Advancing Whyalla initiated this project and we were pleased with the response. A total of 38 people participated in the clean up with approximately twelve truckloads of seagrass and weeds being removed by Council on Monday. This is a great effort, well done!

Thank you to all the Advancing Whyalla members, Surf Life Saving Club members and the Whyalla residents who volunteered their time and effort into this project. A big thank you also to David Leahy and the staff from Infrastructure at Council for the removal of 300 cubic metres of material off the beach.

Advancing Whyalla welcomes the following New Members to our team (paid as of 29/02/2000)

Tom Jeffreys	Bruce Ledo	Allan Nield	Marilyn Sterrett
Terry Brown	Stan Oates	Trevor Toomer	Stewart Payne
Malcolm Fewster	Jean Oates	Malcolm Green	
Nancy Fewster	Ella Smith	Marion Norman	
Steve O' Brian	Neville McCarthy	Val Callaghan	
Keith Wilson	John Holds	Larry Whalan	
John Warner	Joan Nield	John Lewis	
Robert Norman	David Poyner	Margaret Lewis	



THANK YOU MEMBERS

Thank you to all those members who were able to help distribute the Free Whyalla Maps to tourist front line businesses in Whyalla.

In the previous Newsletter we mentioned we would like to target as many of these front line businesses before Christmas. With support from members we were able to distribute maps to forty businesses.

WELL DONE!

The Pride group will now review the locations covered throughout the Town and identify areas that may be missed.

Stay tuned we may still need your help!

Advancing Whyalla increases its profile

In the last month Advancing Whyalla has been invited to Guest Speak at the Rotary Club and Probus Group functions.

Our President, Andrew McCance has attended these functions. He has enjoyed this opportunity and was flattered greatly with the Probus group.

Other groups have made the approach and dates are being established with the 4WD Club and The Garden Society

Changes to Pride & Tourism Group Meetings

To accommodate the members of this group who cannot make Tuesday evening meetings. The Pride and Tourism group have decided to make the following changes to their meeting schedule.

Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm –9.00pm at the TAFE Cafeteria

AND

The fourth Thursday of the month at 7.30pm – 9.00pm at the TAFE Cafeteria

Please note: this will be a trial it has not been accommodated in the Six Monthly Calendar and will commence in March. Please contact Keren for any other group information.

Advancing Whyalla Needs Your Help!

Wine and Food Fair: On Saturday March 18 Whyalla will be hosting a Wine and Food Fair. Advancing Whyalla will be managing one of the Corporate tents providing food and we need volunteers urgently. This will be a fun filled day, it will be an opportunity for Advancing Whyalla to gain more funding for projects as well as advertising our organisation. If you can help please contact the Coordinator ASAP – 8645-5999.



Skills Audit: Although some of you have completed and returned your Skills Audit, there is a large number of members who haven't. Advancing Whyalla has in recent months and is continually taking on board additional projects that require members support. To be able to find the appropriate members to participate in certain projects it would be far more effective using the Skills Audit Database. However we need more members to return the audit sheet so that this information can be collated.



GST Issues

Expert advisors will be in Whyalla from the 20th March - 31st March to advise businesses and community groups about the new tax system.

The visits are on a one-to-one basis to assist people in implementing the GST into their own organisation. They can assist with registering for an ABN, how GST works, how Pay as You go operates, how to calculate GST for your organisation, how to keep records after the 1st of July, and how GST will impact on your cash flow.

To book and reserve your free appointment ring the ATO Advisory hotline on 132478 or you can also call Pam Burmeister 8208 3060



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Your thoughts,
comments, and ideas are
welcome at any time.

Henry Ford once made
comment while making a
team to build his cars

"Get ting to get her is
the Beginning.

Keeping together is the
Process.

Working together is
the success "

Newly Formed Rotaract Club

The newly formed Rotaract group has approached Advancing Whyalla to provide a weekend Leadership workshop. With collaboration between the Advancing Whyalla Leadership group and Steve O'Brien from the Rotaract Club a weekend in May 2000 has been selected.

The weekend will require the Rotarians to not only learn to work together better and have responsibility through exercises of initiative but also accept a broader view when dealing with situations. All of this will take place while bushwalking, climbing, (psst, don't tell them this bit) stepping out over the edge of a 100 foot cliff backwards, and safely abseiling!

Have fun guys and gals!



Group Projects Update

Leadership Group: will be organising a weekend workshop for Clubs and Organisations around Whyalla. The aim of this workshop is to explain roles and responsibilities of positions within an organisation (President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc). Training in Funds Submission Writing may also be incorporated into this weekend however this is still being negotiated (*please call to register your interest if you would like to attend*).

Human Services Group: are working on the WELLNESS Guide, the group has applied for funding from Community Benefit SA to assist this project. Human Services will also be organising a Volunteers Day to recognise all the community members who volunteer their time and effort to different charities and services.

Pride and Tourism: working on the Ambassadors program. Currently assessing the possibility of introducing an Anti Graffiti campaign. This issue is still to be addressed by the group for their support.

Renewable Industries: A number of members were concerned about the treatment of effluent and water reuse. These members researched other more environmentally friendly means of treating the Murray water. This information was then passed onto members from Council who are to present SA Water with a report outlining other means of treatment for the water.

Eco City Team: Continuing to plan the Eco Earth Trail and seek funding.

Keith Wilson to participate in the Sydney to Whyalla Bike Ride Fundraiser

As most people are aware, Keith Wilson (an Advancing Whyalla member) has initiated a fund-raiser to raise money for the Whyalla Hospital, which enable the purchase of new equipment.

The 'Whyalla on Wheels' bike ride will commence on Easter Sunday. John will be joined by Ron Versteegh, Ian Wilsdon and Port Augusta's Brenton Worden.

This project will have a substantial benefit to our community. Advancing Whyalla supports this project and congratulates Keith and his co-riders for their dedication and contribution to our community.

A Cabaret will be organised very soon to help fund this project. As an Advancing Whyalla member we would like you to keep an eye out for the Cabaret to be advertised. Then come along and support Keith in his endeavour.



Let us all contribute a little so that our community can benefit a lot!