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DIARY OF UP-COMING EVENTS IN WHYALLA

August 5th—
EcoLETS Monthly Market
B&S Ball—Westlands Hotel

August 19& 20
Whyalla Show

August 26
Win Newby Kindergarten
Wine & Cheese night
Tanderra Markets

Advancing Whyalla

JULY/AUGUST 2006

'Times they are a changing'

Wednesday July 26th saw a gathering of individuals and business people alike, at a function put on by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to hear Mayor Jim Pollock, CEO Phil Cameron and WEDB CEO Steve Arndt speak of the significant opportunities for Whyalla that are to present themselves in the coming years.

Jim Pollock began by saying how perfectly positioned Whyalla is to take advantage of the booming mineral/resource and defence industries. He also paid tribute to Whyalla's large volunteer base, which without their commitment Whyalla would not be able to serve the community as well as it does.

Steve Arndt said that Whyalla should be proud of its achievements in the past, and is glad it has realised that there is no 'white knight' coming to rescue Whyalla, it is up to us to grow within.

Steve went on to outline the opportunities that are available to

Whyalla in terms of business and industry growth.

- * Mineral resources—Iuka Mineral Sands project (220 N Ceduna), Oxiana Prominent Hill, \$6b Olympic Dam expansion
- * Desalination plant and the Solar Oasis project could see Whyalla become the water hub.
- * Aquaculture—there is still opportunity to break into new markets and expand the operations here, even the possibility of setting up a feed plant here.
- * Defence—the government are looking to expand the Cultana training area and moving a battalion from Sydney to Adelaide. With a \$70,000 a week spend while on training, Whyalla is again well positioned and well equipped with infrastructure to take advantage of this.

Phil Cameron outlined that council will be drawing up a new strategic

plan in 2007 and will be inviting the community to have some input in the planning stage.

Whyalla has recently experienced a booming economy due to Theiss and Project Magnet. The question was raised 'What is being done to educate the community about the consequences when Project Magnet finishes up?' While Whyalla can look forward to many up and coming projects to inject money into our economy, there will be a gap of at least 3 to 4 months where Whyalla will be expected to experience a downturn in economic activity.

Many people have brought investment properties or expanded their businesses, these same people now need to plan for a possible slowing down of the economy and put in place arrangements to handle this situation in the short term.

Are you one of these people? Start thinking about how you could be affected now!



Advancing Whyalla's stall at the Mt Laura Homestead Museum open day.



'Back to Hummock Hill'

Kids have a ball

A cool wintery start to the day at the Mt Laura Homestead Museum's 'Back to Hummock Hill' turned into a sunny but still cool day and drew large crowds out for this event.

Our stall was set up with the main focus on childrens activities with a table set up for colouring in and play-dough. This introduced a nice mix to the day so parents (and grandparents) could enjoy a look around and then the kids could come do some activities which was of interest to them.

Advancing Whyalla information was also on display and this was the first time we have displayed our new posters and information about our group and its history, aims, objectives and past projects. Once we purchase our banner stand and if we are successful with our grant for display boards we will have a complete kit ready for assembly so we can attend events and festivals with little effort for our volunteers.

Our City Our Future...

Advancing Whyalla is a concerned group of residents, pooling our ideas and skills, looking for ways to improve our City. Our common thread is that we all share the same concerns about the City we choose to call "home" and we plan to do what we can to improve our future.

Committee Report—from meetings held 8th June & 6th July 2006

⇒ We were successful in obtaining \$500 towards our banner stand from the Council Community Grant Program. A sub committee has formed to work on how it will look as far as text, photos etc.

- ⇒ Jo has also submitted a grant application to the council for a surplus photocopier. This would allow Jo to do the photocopying for Welcome Pack and for WERIC at the office, rather than have to take a trip into council. We are still waiting to hear about this.
- ⇒ Denise and Jo have submitted a grant application under the Federal Governments Volunteer Small Equipment Grant to obtain a 6 panel display system so we do not have to rely on borrowing one every time we attend an event.
- ⇒ Anna Jacobs, Youth Development Officer for the council attended our meeting on June 8 to inform the committee of the way things are changing in regards to the Youth Council and how they would like to see things happen. Anna undertook a survey of youth to find out why they are not able to commit to volunteer organisations such as the Youth Council. The reply was simply because the youth of today do not have the time once you factor in school, part-time jobs and sports commitments. There doesn't leave time for much else. The youth suggested to include volunteering into the school curriculum. Anna is in discussions with DECS and the high schools to try and make this happen.
- ⇒ Changes will be made to the Advancing Whyalla constitution to allow for other groups to become affiliated members of AW. These will be voted on at the AGM on September 14. Changes to the way AW membership fees are set out will also be addressed at the AGM.
- ⇒ The EcoLETS have moved their files and some of their furniture into the AW office and this has been set up as a second work station for use by anyone in the office. Advancing Whyalla have invited the EcoLETS to become affiliate members so they can share resources and use the office as their base also.
- ⇒ Advancing Whyalla will again be attending the Whyalla Show, sharing their display with the newly formed Whyalla Landcare Group. We will have the same site as last year just inside the double doors. We will be holding a raffle to draw people in and encourage membership. A sub committee has been formed to work out how the display will look and the same sub committee are also responsible for setting up the library window display in the Civic Library from 25th July to the 8th August.
- ⇒ Advancing Whyalla has been invited to hold a stall at the Labour Day Picnic offering childrens activities like colouring in and playdough, as well as information about our group. This is being held at the Ada Ryan Gardens on Monday October 2nd.
- ⇒ It is one year ago since the launch of the Wellness Guide and Advancing Whyalla continues to receive praise for taking on this initiative and as such will be putting in a entry for the Regional SA Great Awards which are due in by 1st September 2006.
- ⇒ Jo and treasurer Keith Sichler have begun the process of drawing up a budget for the 06/07 financial year. A draft was presented to the committee on July 6th and passed, noting a few minor changes. The 05/06 financial year saw us come in just under budget overall and Jo will be forwarding this information to Bond, Stuppos and Assoc for the annual audit.



The Whyalla EcoLETS group operate an organic vegetable garden at WERIC and hold market stalls on the first Saturday of every month now being held at WERIC, 88 Hincks Ave. Like most community groups they are finding it hard to attract members and keep their committee running. Anyone who is interested in taking part in this group can contact WERIC on 86441992. Next Market date is 5th August. Hope to see you there.

The United Trades and Labour Council

Will once again be hosting the

Labour Day Picnic

On Monday October 2nd. 10 am til 3pm

At Ada Ryan Gardens

Heaps of FREE stuff for the whole family to enjoy.

For more details Yolanda McMillan on 86457115



Ambassador training— Let's talk Whyalla up

OPPORTUNITY TO
BECOME A
WHYALLA
AMBASSADOR

Whyalla Ambassador Training encourages and provides the means and tools for Whyalla people to be positive Ambassadors for our City, at home or away.

The Ambassador program is FREE and takes around 45 minutes. It is a casual and informal presentation pointing out what Whyalla has to offer in the way of lifestyle, recreation, tourism and work.

Whyalla Ambassadors are a group of cheerful and knowl-

edgeable citizens who recognise how lucky we are to live in Whyalla and who are ready, willing and able to provide general information about the city we call home.

Since its conception a number of Ambassador training presentations have taken place. Representatives from organisations as well as individuals have become recognised Ambassadors after completing the Advancing Whyalla Ambassador training.

We now offer you the opportu-

nity to undertake Ambassador Training so you can become a positive ambassador for Whyalla. It can be an organised group presentation at your work place, a girls night out at someone's house or a coffee and chat around the kitchen table.

Participants receive an Ambassador Kit to keep in their car and an Advancing Whyalla pin to wear proudly.

Call Jo on 8645 5999 for more information or to book training.

B & S Ball at the Westlands Hotel — Relay for Life

Put on your best clothes and prepare to party

Live music + DJ

team
'Old Crows'

Games and prizes to be won

A great door prize of a trip for two to Adelaide flying REX and tickets to an AFL football game. Tickets \$20 available at the Westlands Hotel with proceeds going to the Cancer Council.

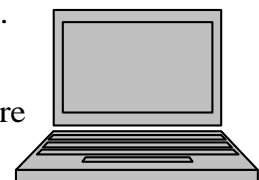
You don't need to be a Bachelor or a Spinster—just come along for a great night out and help raise money for Relay for Life and cancer research.

Does your group or business need the use of a data projector or laptop? Advancing Whyalla has one of each to hire out for community groups \$20 a day and for businesses \$50 a day.



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Contact Jo at Advancing Whyalla on 8645 5999 for more information



Community Mentoring

*Connecting students
community and
learning*



At the invitation of the Department of Education and Children Services two representatives of the Whyalla branch of The Association of Independent Retirees attended a meeting called of community groups to be informed of a Mentoring program that has been trialed and now is being introduced to selected communities throughout South Australia, Whyalla is one such city.

The program comes with the endorsement of both Bob Shaw and Ross Bray to those AIR members who have a concern about the void in some students lives when it comes to support as his or her schooling draws nearer to the end. A time of vital importance to educators and students alike.

If the student is struggling the education system has discovered a sympathetic ear with a few well chosen and timed words of wisdom can often turn around a students attitude to learning. The students mostly go forward and complete their education with a renewed outlook on life.

The work of about 1.5 hours is voluntary and you are able to vary days and times to suit your retirement. Think about it. Contact DECS for further information.

Member profile—Andy Martin

- Born in Ireland
- Arrived Adelaide 1948, came to Whyalla 1957 as apprentice with BHP
- Married Margaret 1962, and have 5 sons (4 grandsons at the moment)
- Transferred to shipyards on completion of apprenticeship, was self employed for a while, then went to BHP as draftsman
- Studied computing at Institute of Technology, Computerised Engineering Records, and became involved with maintenance systems
- Left BHP and joined TAFE as casual maintenance systems trainer, worked at Pt Augusta as IT Coordinator
- Involved with
 - Whyalla Car Club
 - Whyalla Branch of National Trust of SA
 - Advancing Whyalla Inc
- Retired 2005
- Interests include family, photography, motor sport, history, gardening and the City of Whyalla.

