



Advancing Whyalla

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Do you have email?

Send us an email with your ideas, views or let us know what is going on with any groups that you are involved in. In return we will forward any useful information onto other members. Its all about COMMUNICATION. Lets keep the lines of communication open in our community Let us know your email address today.

DIARY OF UP- COMING EVENTS IN WHYALLA

25 - 26 March - Tanderra
Craft Markets

1 April - EcoLETS Market

14-17 - April Snapper
Comp

15 April - Fishy Fringe

21 May - Back to Hummock
Hill



A note from the President

What can I do?

How often have you thought this or heard it said?

We've all been in the

situation where, for one reason or another, we've found ourselves on a community organization mailing list. We don't mind getting the monthly/quarterly newsletter and having a quick read. Every now and then we'll see an item of interest or an event that we might like to attend/participate in. But we really don't want to become committed to regu-

lar meetings and active participation. Its OK!

Many groups, just like Advancing Whyalla, are pleased that you are still happy to receive their newsletter. All of these groups would love to have more active participation by their members but accept that this is the way it has always been and will probably continue to be for social and community groups.

But just every now and then (don't you love all my little clichés?) we need a bit of a nudge to 'get off our butts' and get a bit more involved. The minute you turn up to a meeting or function associated with a group you will

see the enthusiasm of its members and will experience the welcome. There is no better way to establish a whole new set of friends.

If attending meetings is not your 'thing', then a call to the group's organiser (for Advancing Whyalla that is Jb McGrath), with the words "what can I do?", will certainly receive an energetic response. For us it might be helping to fill "Welcome packs", helping out on our Fishy Fringe stall, getting involved with one of our projects or just putting a few of our '50 reasons why' brochures in service stations as you tour the country.

So, 'what can I do' – heaps! Just give us a call.

2006 Planning Day

The Advancing Whyalla Planning Day was held on Saturday 18th Feb at Edward John Eyre High School library. The day began with a bacon and egg breakfast which was heartily enjoyed by all. We got underway at 9.30am under the guidance of Marg Garrett. We divided into three groups and revised the previous project list. We then came together and each group put forward their ideas and views of how our project list should look for 2006 and beyond.

We broke for 30mins in which time Bruce Ledo addressed the group on his idea to revitalise the Whyalla Wheelies cycling group using Advancing Whyalla's banking and budgeting facilities.

Denise spoiled us with muffins, scones and chocolate cake for morning tea (like we needed it) and then we were back into it again. Some projects were marked as complete, some were deleted, some were revamped and some others were added. We ran out of time before we got to prioritise these projects but Marg kindly took the revised list home and sorted it into a more user friendly report .



Chef's at work cooking up a hearty breakfast.

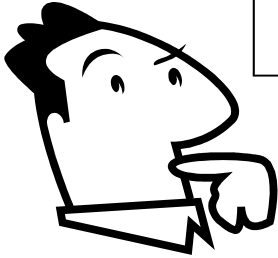
A very big thank you to Marg for facilitating the day at short notice. Also thank you to Clint for arranging the use of the library and the bbq and also to the cooks at breakfast. Thankyou to Denise for scrumptious goodies and other bits and pieces supplied for the day. And lastly thank you to all those that attended and participated in the day. ☺



Left: Marg, Keith, Clint, Jo & Russell. Above: (from back) Andy, Denise, David (front) Peg, Brian & Trevor

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.



Have your say: What projects would you like to see Advancing Whyalla involved in? 86455999

Committee Report—from meeting held 9th March

Anyone can come along and get involved. A great opportunity to meet people and have fun while making a difference to issues in our community.

The Advancing Whyalla Committee-

President—Russell Bambridge

Vice President—Kaye Doyle

Treasurer—Keith Sichler

Secretary—Jo McGrath

Committee: Clint & Marg Garrett, Peg & Brian Brereton, Trevor Toomer, Michael Hillier, Andy Martin, Denise Sharp, David Poyner, Debbie Smith, Natasha Free (council rep) & Amelia Cooper (WEDB rep)

Land Care group update—given by Denise Sharp. The first public meeting was held on 1st March with 8 people attending and expressing an interest.

Planning Day—2006 strategic plans. As we were unable to complete the strategic plans at the planning day it was decided that at each meeting we would work on a couple of areas from our project list.

The immediate focus for Advancing Whyalla are :

- * Stall at the Fishy Fringe 15th March
- * Volunteers week 15th—21st May
- * Stall at Mt Laura Homestead Museums—Back to Hummock Hill 21st May
- * Updating promotional material for displays at these events and others

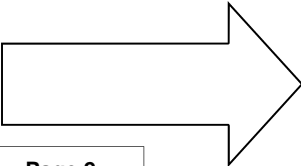
Handover of the future promotion of Wellness Guide to Whyalla Hospital and Health Services—Jo to accept and thank WHHS for the level of support offered.

Community Leadership Program update— Russell has spoken with Mark Whitfield & Jack Velthuisen who are keen to set up a working party including Len Pullin and a representative from Advancing Whyalla to visit Gippsland and see the program first hand.

Whyalla Wheelies proposal—Bruce Ledo to put a formal letter in writing

Community Idol Competition— Westpac offer \$3000 prize money for community groups who demonstrate innovative, vibrant, effective and representative leadership in their community. Jo to assess whether Advancing Whyalla are eligible to enter.

Advancing Whyalla's next meeting date was scheduled for 13th April. Due to the Easter long weekend the meeting date has been moved forward one week to the 6th April at 5.30 in the new venue of the Flinders Region ACC office located in the old ANZ bank building located on the corner of Farrell and Forsyth Sts.



If you receive our newsletter but it is addressed incorrectly please let us know. Advancing Whyalla likes to keep an updated community data base, but we can only do this with your help. Please inform us by telephoning 86455999, emailing advwhy@bigpond.com or post PO Box 2329, Whyalla Norrie, 5608. We apologise in advance for any incorrect names or those of deceased persons. So help us keep up to date.



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 1st April. Hope to see you there.

FREE - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

WEDB in conjunction with the Small Business Field Officer Program are running a **free** Corporate Governance workshop on March 22 at 6pm in the WEDB training room. It is expected to run for 4 hours and a light meal will be provided. The workshops are designed to be a general introduction to Corporate Governance and will cover the following topics:

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| * Defining an organisation | * Legal responsibilities |
| * Understanding the legal structure of your group | * Your constitution |
| * What is a board? | * Delegations |
| * Who are the office bearers and what do they do | * Procedures |
| * Managing risk | * Conflicts of interest |
| * Succession planning within an organisation | * Record keeping |
| * Duties | |
| * Conducting meetings within a legal framework | |

To register your intention to attend or for further queries please contact WEDB on 86457811.

Whyalla Landcare Group to start up—

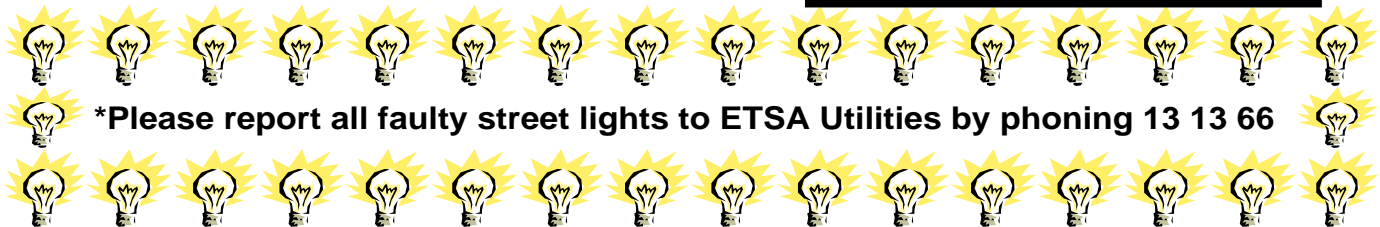
Whyalla residents are invited to become involved in the soon to be formed Whyalla Landcare Group. Expressions of interests are being sought from volunteers interested in being part of this group. Gerry Gillen and Denise Sharp are keen to get the group up and running so work can begin on revegetating, cleaning up and beautifying areas of need around Whyalla. They hope to form close links with schools and any other groups with the resources to help. Advancing Whyalla are lending a hand by becoming the umbrella organisation. This ceases the need for the group to go through all the paperwork associated with gaining an 'incorporated' status and Advancing Whyalla will also be able to provide administration support to the group.

Two public meetings have already been held with reasonable interest being shown. If you were unable to attend either of the meetings but would still like to be involved you can contact Gerry Gillen on 0424973206 or Denise Sharp on 0427188546.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE—GET INVOLVED

OUR CITY—OUR FUTURE



***Please report all faulty street lights to ETSA Utilities by phoning 13 13 66**

Mt. Laura Homestead Museum

**CELEBRATES THE ORIGINS OF WHYALLA
(FORMERLY HUMMOCK HILL)**

BACK TO HUMMOCK HILL



Hummock Hill Cricket Team -1920

Sunday May 21 10.00am – 4.00pm

At the Museum in Ekblom St.



No. 10 Horwood St.

**Sausage Sizzle Tea Coffee Soft Drinks
Stalls Entertainment Competitions
Stationary Engine Display
Blacksmithing Demonstration
and much much more**

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