



Advancing Whyalla

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DIARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS IN WHYALLA

June 29- RSL Club Jaztonic
& Friends

July 4—Effective Volunteer-
ing training session

July 6—Last day school
term 2

July 12—AW Committee
Meeting

July 21—Quizic Night,
South's Junior Football



Advancing Whyalla celebrated Volunteers Week by awarding Deborah (Deb) Smith, with a Premiers Certificate for "Outstanding Volunteer Service" for her administrative volunteer work with the group since August 2005. Deb has been involved in a number of projects & activities including putting together Welcome Packs, folding & labelling the newsletters, staffing the office, helping out at Advancing Whyalla events as well as other secretarial duties. All of this has all been very much appreciated!

Deb was speechless (for the first time), but did say '...that it was very unexpected & she loves what she is doing.' whilst thoroughly enjoying her volunteer work Deb is on the lookout for paid employment



Originally from Melbourne, Deb has made her home in Whyalla with 2 of her children & 3 grandchildren. The grandchildren help keep her busy as she attends all their sporting activities & she also undertakes volunteer work at the Left Hand Club, in fundraising & is Team Manager for The Roo's Eight Ball Team.



Imogen Coates won first prize in the 9-12 yr old age group & Mikayla Bone won first prize in the 5-8 yr old age group

Fishy Fringe Colouring in Competition Winners

Well it was another successful Fishy Fringe Festival for the Advancing Whyalla stall, attracting heaps of kids to the free activities including free healthy snacks & giving away WERIC bags to the first 100 households. The colouring in

competition was again a hit with the winners of the 5-8 yrs & 9-12 yr old category pictured. Absent is winner of the 2-4 yr old category Sarah Stirling. Thank you to Coles & Woolworths (Viscount Slim Ave) for their kind donations.



Committee Reports—from Meetings held

12th April, 17th May & 14th June

- ⇒ The Fishy Fringe Festival was once again very successful. Winner of the raffle was Susan Burke. Stephen Stanley helped judge the colouring in competition with the winners being Sarah Stirling (2-4 y/o), Mikayla Bone (5-8 y/o) and Imogen Coates (9-12 y/o).
- ⇒ Jo has prioritised main points of the strategic plan to help keep the group on course with 2007 plan.
- ⇒ Jo has compiled a skills & contributions questionnaire for members so the information can be recorded in a database.
- ⇒ WEDB's project officer approached Advancing Whyalla re applying for a grant on their behalf through Dept Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture called the Women's Advancement Initiative. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with this application.
- ⇒ Jo looked into contents insurance for Advancing Whyalla's assets against fire and theft.
- ⇒ Advancing Whyalla presented Debbie Smith with a Premier's Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding volunteer service at it's May meeting.
- ⇒ Bob Shaw has been contracted as a consultant to establish the community leadership program in the Spencer Gulf and Northern Areas.
- ⇒ The business name SA Regional Community Leadership Program and domain name www.sarclp.org.au have been registered. The group has been successful in gaining sponsorship from Zinifex, OneSteel, Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group, Uni SA and FRACC. The prospectus is complete and looks fantastic.
- ⇒ Jo has joined a sub committee called Connecting to the Future, looking at information being supplied to new Whyalla residents. The Welcome Pack is one of the many information packs being circulated. The needs of new residents are to be looked at and prioritised so they are not overwhelmed with too much information.
- ⇒ The Whyalla Show will see a joint stall between WERIC & Advancing Whyalla. This will allow WERIC to have some displays and a lot more information about the centre.
- ⇒ On a sad note, John Ulstrup and David McBain have resigned from the AW committee due to personal circumstances.
- ⇒ Several inquiries have been made about when the next edition of the Wellness Guide will be published. This has been carried over for discussion at the July meeting.
- ⇒ Advancing Whyalla will be 10 years old in 2008. Planning is to commence for a memorable anniversary.
- ⇒ 5YYY have read the draft MOU and are ready to move forward to the next stage of affiliating with the group.



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 8645 5999, emailing admin@advancingwhyalla.org.au or post PO Box 2329, Whyalla Norrie, 5608. We apologise in advance for any incorrect names or those of deceased persons. Help us keep up to date.



The Whyalla EcoLETS group operate an organic vegetable garden at WERIC & hold market stalls on the **first Saturday of every month** held at WERIC, 88 Hincks Ave. Do you like gardening? Come along on Tuesday or Thursday mornings & help out in our community garden. For more info phone WERIC on 8644 1992

Next Market date is: Saturday July 7th 2007

Times they are a changing 2: It's our time to shine

On Wednesday 6th June the second of the Times are a Changing information evening was held at the Eyre Hotel. Instigated by the Whyalla Chamber of Commerce & Industry in conjunction with the WCC and WEDB the evening proved to be even a bigger success than the first one held 12 months ago.

Chamber President Ron Hay opened the evening, welcoming everyone on a very cool June evening. Jim Pollock was the first to take to the podium proudly outlining some 34 projects that the Council has been involved in over the last 12 months or so.

WEDB CEO Steve Arndt highlighted several areas of interest and growth for Whyalla including the boom in the mineral and resources industry and how this means an increase in activity for those Whyalla businesses providing services to these industries. Steve also mentioned the construction of a pilot desalinisation plant by the end of 2009 and Ausmelt setting up operations ready by the end of 2007 and the new Federally funded Concentrated Thermal Solar Project., using ANU "big dish" technology. The second of the Goal 100—Choose Your Future is up and running along with the Australian Technical College and there is talk of a Trades School being set up at Edward John Eyre High School.

Stewart Payne spoke about the huge amount of interest in the new industrial estate with the potential to create hundreds of jobs here. He also talked about the increase in building approvals and the opening of two (2) new housing estates. 89 new homes have been built in the last 9 months and Whyalla City Council has given provisional planning approval for two (2) cabin parks at the Western end of Broadbent Tce.

Steve finished off by saying that things are on the up and up but it is still up to the community to get involved and be proactive. ***It is our time to shine.***

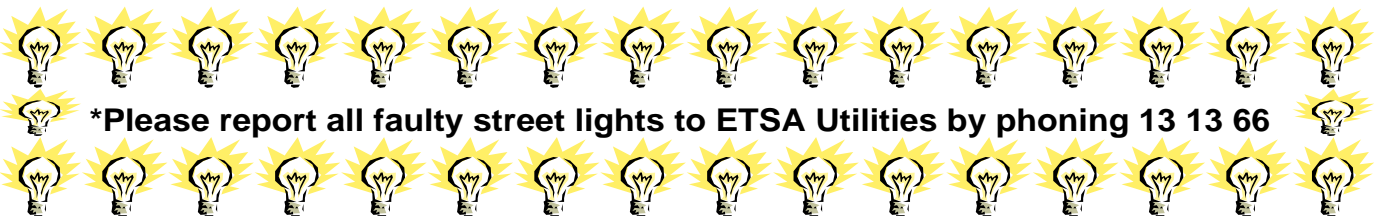
SA REGIONAL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

What is community leadership? - A community leader is one who directly or indirectly influences the health, prosperity and quality of life in their community.

In late 2005 Advancing Whyalla began investigating a community leadership program that is run in Gippsland, Victoria, with the aim of setting a similar program up in this region. With a lot of facts and figures under our belt we have begun establishing the program called the SA Regional Community Leadership Program. The primary goal of the program is to build leadership capacity within the upper Spencer Gulf and Northern communities. Over the course of 9 months 20 participants will be required to attend 13 program days around the region and two weekend residentials. During the program days the participants will have the opportunity to listen to and interact with speakers who are highly regarded in their field, talking about topics of interest or concern to our region as well as their own leadership experiences.

Bob Shaw, who has considerable knowledge and experience in leadership programs, has been employed to establish the program. Bob and Russell have met and undertaken presentations with a number of individuals and organisations throughout the Upper Spencer Gulf and Northern regions over the last few months. We have received strong support and significant sponsorship for the program

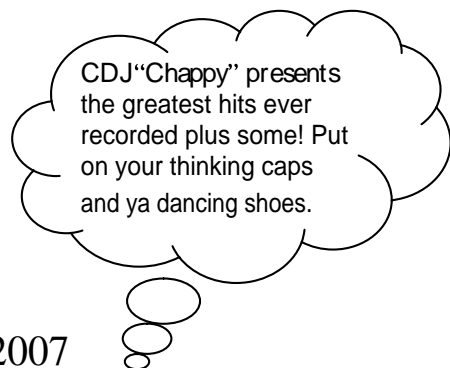
For anyone who would like more information about the program or a copy of the prospectus, contact Jo McGrath on 86455999 or visit the web site www.sarclp.org.au.



SOUTH WHYALLA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



1/2 Quiz 1/2 Music



When: Saturday, 21st July 2007

Time: 7.30pm– Late

Where: South's Football Clubrooms, Beach Rd

Dress as your favourite 80's Footy Star

Prizes for best dressed, Quiz winners and Dancing with our stars.

Supper is Provided

Tickets \$15

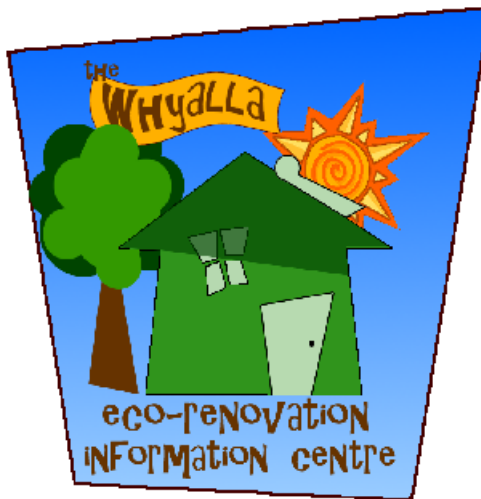
Paul Chapman: 0416 001 051 or Stephen Schubert: 0427 708 970

The Whyalla Eco Renovation Information Centre (WERIC) celebrated its **5th birthday** on June 5 & still remains the only facility of its kind in regional SA.

The Centre continues to offer a range of information & displays on ways to green up your home, garden, school or workspace.

A key focus is offering solutions that are easy & affordable. Anything from compact fluros, incandescent globes to water heating with solar & promotion of government rebates for photovoltaics (solar cells).

There are a variety of displays on sky lights, insulation, heating appliances & a roof colour model which records the effects of temperature on different coloured roofing & what this means in terms of heating & cooling buildings.



WERIC

88 Hincks Avenue

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Open: 10am—1pm

Mon—Thurs

There are fact sheets & information on rain water tanks, water restrictions & waste recycling.

Stroll through the garden & learn about growing native plants & gardening the organic way.

Seasonal fresh produce can be purchased from the garden volunteers each Tuesday & Thursday morning & the EcoLETS hold a monthly market on the first Saturday of every month.

Keep an eye out for the next WERIC Open Day in September with plenty of freebies, giveaways & fun for the whole family.

Don't forget to visit us
at the Whyalla Show