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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday

CFS Training 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday

CFS Cadets 5pm
Men's Shed 9am-4pm
Dr Nyoni 10.15am-1pm
SA Ambulance Training 7.30pm-9.30pm
Library 10am-1pm

Wednesday

Community Bus (pension week) 9.30am
Library (when printing newsletter) 9am-10.30am

Thursday

Cards & Games (in recess) 11am - 2pm
Transfer Station Open 10am-11am

Saturday

UC Op-Shop 9.30-11.30am
Transfer Station Open 10am-2pm

Sunday

Library 12pm-1.30pm
Courthouse Museum 2pm-4pm
(1st Sun each month)
Transfer Station Open 9am-10am

Catholic

Mass 9am

Uniting Church (UC)

Service 10.30am

Uniting Church Pancake Day In Port Wakefield



Wendy, Beth, Amanda (holding Bailey), Zayne, Colleen, Heather & Adrian enjoyed their pancakes.



2021 Pancake Team
Standing: Mike Evans, Lloyd Mudge, Caileigh Mudge, Naomi Mudge, Dianne Correll
Sitting: Pelita Webb, Dot Evans

(More inside)

Thought for the day

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can be great. – Mark Twain

--Please Note--

Next Issue: Wednesday March 17th 2021
News Items to be submitted by email or to the Newsletter box in the Post Office by:
3.30pm Friday March 12th 2021

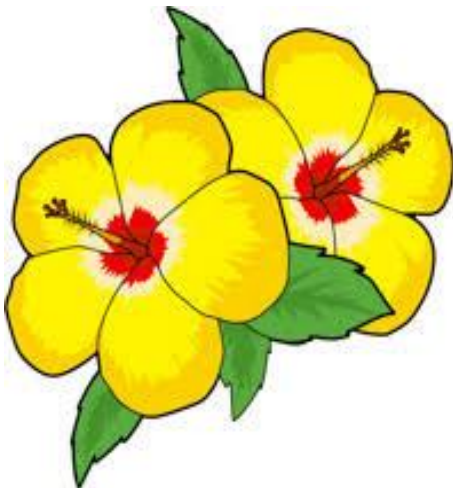
Sports Results to be emailed by 9am **Tuesday March 16th 2021**
Info Phone: Monica 0438 860 285

In the Garden 2021 No 3

Some interesting ways to fertilize our gardens... They are old and true. Some of us will remember, any new gardeners will find them useful... Don't throw out your Banana Peels, cut them up and put into a container, fill with water and leave for an hour or longer. Then pour over your plants, and you are giving them phosphorous, potassium, calcium and magnesium.

To Clone [strike] a cutting use Honey. Dip the cutting in the Honey and plant, a week later it will be growing roots. Honey is a natural hormone and rooting agent... Enjoy and love your garden, it will love you right back.

Cheers,
Wendy Garvie



Quiz questions

- 1- Who was the first Western explorer to reach China?
- 2- Which two countries have the letter X in their names?
- 3- What do the car brand's letters BMW stand for?
- 4- What name is Robert Zimmerman better known by?
- 5- The martini is a cocktail made with gin and what other ingredient?

Community Bus

PORT WAKEFIELD to SALISBURY and MUNNO PARA

Our next trip is on June 7th

Please book your seat with
Helen 0407 671141

We begin pick up at 8.30am
We are usually home
by 3.30pm



Community Bus

Dates for Community Bus to

**Balaklava: March 17th
March 31st**

Pickup at 9:30am, depart
Balaklava at 1:00pm



Contact Helen on 0407 671 141 to book a seat

FIRE SEASON SAFETY

IS YOUR PROPERTY FIRE SEASON READY?

1 THE STANDARD for all properties in Wakefield:



Reduce all grass, pest plants and undergrowth within 20 metres of any building on any property to a maximum height of 10 cms.



2 PICK WHICH PROPERTY TYPE SUITS YOU ...

PROPERTY TYPE	THE STANDARD	CREATE A FIVE-METRE FIRE BREAK	
Under half a hectre OR	✓	→	Slash entire block. A fire break is not mandatory for this property size.
Over half a hectre OR	✓	→ ✓	Requires a fire break around the entire property as close as practicable to the perimeter.
Primary production or industrial/ commercial	✓	→ ✓	If within 500 metres of any townships, buildings or structures, create a fire break along the perimeter and 100 metres on either side of the neighbouring assets.

A fire break is a five-metre wide strip where all grass, plants and undergrowth are less than 10 cm in height.

PANCAKE DAY THANKS

Port Wakefield Uniting Church celebrated Shrove Tuesday by cooking pancakes on February 16th. We are grateful to the Port Wakefield Primary School students and staff who each year support this fundraiser and delight in tasting our delicious wares. Thanks also to a lovely group of locals who came around for morning tea and a chat.

Many of the Port Wakefield businesses ordered pancakes which were delivered for morning tea. Approximately \$370 was raised on the day for UnitingCare organizations to help them provide practical support to South Australians in need – those without a home, people living with disabilities, vulnerable children and adults, older people and families in crisis.

Since its inception in 2002, more than one million pancakes have been sold and over \$600,000 has been raised by groups state-wide.

Birds of the Port Wakefield Area

from a book of the same name by Paul Taylor and Wikipedia

Restless Flycatcher *Myiagra inquieta*

Another bush bird that has seriously declined in numbers.



It is a native of eastern and southern Australia. It is about 20 cm (8 in) long, with a glossy dark blue crest, a grey-blue back and white underparts. It is similar to the willie wagtail, though the lack of a black throat, white eyebrow and slenderer body shape are distinguishing features.

It feeds on insects, as well as other invertebrates such as spiders and centipedes and will feed alone or in pairs. It often hovers with its head and tail pointed downwards as it picks insects off from leaves. It rarely goes to the ground, preferring to hunt insects from mid-canopy.

Have you seen the TalkLife Bus?

The Talklife Bus is a Mental Health Awareness and Wellness project, providing support for people in local communities.

Talklife Bus is led by Peter Niejalke, and is based in Balaklava.

The Talklife Bus was launched in 2020 and has already visited several Mid North communities. This year we have been to Nuriootpa and are planning to visit Jamestown in March.

Due to the growing demand, we are looking for more volunteers to join us in attending events. We are also looking for helpers to assist us in administration and managing our website.

Our next training workshop is in Balaklava on March 13th 9 - 12:30. Lunch is supplied. Please register your interest with Peter.

If this interests you, please contact Peter on 0459 114 972 or email him at talklifebus@gmail.com



Digital Community Newsletters

Did you know that you can receive your Community Newsletter by email?

If you wish to do this please contact Monica on 0438 860 285, or email her at p.w.news@hotmail.com

Port Wakefield Community Newsletter is also uploaded onto the Port Wakefield Community Management Committee website: portwakefield.sa.au

Interested in supporting your community during disasters?

Red Cross Emergency Services are recruiting and training new and existing volunteers to support community members in emergencies. Red Cross volunteers help people affected by an emergency, disaster or traumatic event by providing care and comfort. Our work includes basic principles of support to promote natural recovery. This involves helping people to feel safe, connected to others, calm and hopeful, access physical, emotional and social support, and feel able to help themselves.

Training opportunities for people interested in volunteering: Kulpara Soldiers Memorial Hall, Upper Yorke Road, Kulpara

Friday, 19 March from 9.30am to 4pm.

Participants will need to bring their own lunch. Tea and coffee facilities will be available.

For more information, or to register, contact Lauren March 0407 972 709



PORT CLINTON BINGO IS BACK!!!

**Every Saturday afternoon at
Port Clinton Community Hall
Cumberland Road
Eyes down at 1:30pm**



Great Moments in Australian History

Convict life didn't get much more dismal than on Sarah Island, a penal station in Van Diemen's Land where prisoners passed the time between floggings and dysentery outbreaks by cutting timber for shipbuilding. In 1834, the authorities decided to close it down and relocate everyone to Port Arthur instead. But a convict named James Porter had a better idea.

Porter and nine other men were the last prisoners left on the island, and were supposed to finish building a brig called *The Frederick* that would transport them to Port Arthur. Instead, as soon as the ship was ready, the men overpowered their guards, swiped it, and set sail for the horizon. After six weeks at sea, they made it all the way to Chile, where they enjoyed two years of freedom. However, the governor eventually handed over Porter and three of his mates to the British Navy. In 1837, they were brought back to Hobart in chains and convicted of piracy.

It looked like the four men were headed for the gallows. Fortunately, Porter had an ingenious defence. *The Frederick*, he argued, hadn't been launched and registered at the time they stole it. It might have been "canvas, rope, boarding and trenails, put together shipwise," but legally, it didn't count as a ship yet. What's more, the non-ship was stolen in a harbour, and you had to be on the high seas to commit piracy. The authorities had to admit these were pretty good points. Thanks to Porter's pedantry, the four escaped the noose. Ten years later, he escaped captivity again and this time disappeared for good.



(Source- 'James Porter and the Capture of the Frederick'- abc.com.au, Wikipedia)

Dear Resident,

I am writing this letter to you and other town folk to raise the issue of declining volunteer numbers within Port Wakefield Country Fire Service (CFS) and the inability to attract new volunteers.

Firstly, I would like to point out that Port Wakefield (PW) CFS in recent years has always punched well above its weight compared to other towns with a greater population base. We have deployed our CFS Volunteer's and our PW appliances interstate to NSW, VIC and within the South Australian region - Clare Valley, Yorke Peninsula, Adelaide Hills, and Kangaroo Island just to name the most recent events. In a lot of cases these deployments were conducted multiple times over. As a result, a lot of the Port Wakefield CFS Volunteer's will be eligible for the "National Emergency Services Medal" which is quite exceptional. A few of the members have also received a Citation from the New South Wales Government. The NSW Premier's Bushfire Emergency Citation was awarded to recognize personnel who served in New South Wales during the 2019/2020 Fire Season. We as Port Wakefield residents should be very proud of what our local CFS has accomplished, especially with its limited membership numbers.

Apart from a horrendous fire season 2019-2020 then COVID19 our biggest threat at present is the lack of volunteers. Currently we have 15 Active members & two of those are operational support and if I break that down further nine of those are actually Port Wakefield residents. This doesn't seem like a lot given the 2016 census recorded Port Wakefield as having a population of 636 people. Just recently we have had our Hazmat response accreditation and capability removed as we simply do not have the numbers of trained volunteers to facilitate that kind of operation anymore. The CFS writing states you need minimum six persons trained in that area and we only have two with little hope of gaining extra qualified members. Similar story within the brigade in regards to "Operate Breathing Apparatus" and the "Road Crash Rescue" skill sets, we still hold those response types but we are at the minimum number of trained operators.

My question to the Port Wakefield residents is how do we fix this?

How do we regain the respect in the community whereby the residents are willing and able to volunteer their time for the benefit of the local community? We have utilized many forms of recruitment to attract new volunteer's, such as advertising, printing stories in the Plains Producer, letter drops, targeting specific individuals or head hunting. At present we are out of ideas and if we keep going in this current direction we will not have a CFS brigade or an operational one here in Port Wakefield. I sincerely hope it doesn't take a tragic event for everybody to sit up and take notice. Ultimately Port Wakefield CFS brigade is a community asset, if we ignore it and don't chip in we will lose it, and those resources will be redirected to other brigades that can respond to incidents like Balaklava and Dublin etc.

If you or anyone you may know of is willing and able to volunteer and help maintain this important capability for the township and its people please contact us via the CFS website <https://cfs.sa.gov.au/volunteer/> or by walking into the Brigade located at 10a East Tce, Port Wakefield SA. We conduct training during the school terms on Monday nights from 18:00 - 20:30 (no scheduled training on public holidays). All that is required is a current police check (which the CFS facilitates and pays for) and be voted in by our members. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.



Warren Miller
Captain Port Wakefield CFS
0428137642

Port Wakefield CFS News

Incidents- In the last two weeks, Port Wakefield CFS has responded to a freight train fire and a rubbish/pile grass fire, and has assisted the South Australian Ambulance service with lifting patients.

Training- In February, your firefighters renewed their qualifications to use Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, or SCBA. (Just like SCUBA, but without the Underwater bit.) This breathing equipment is necessary to protect them from toxic smoke while they fight structure fires.



On March 1, they helped water the local golf course as they practiced their hose skills for future grass fires.

Upcoming Training-

March 15- Crimson and Airs

March 22- Respond to Structural Fire

Did you know?

The country of Brazil is named after the brazilwood tree, which Portuguese colonists harvested to make an expensive red dye for the textile industry.

WE NEED YOU!
WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?
VOLUNTEER NOW
BECOME A FIREFIGHTER

For more information drop into the Port Wakefield CFS Station after 6PM on Mondays



Sitting by the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a police officer sees a car pattering along at 27 kmh. Says he to himself: "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies, two in the front seat and three in the back...wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

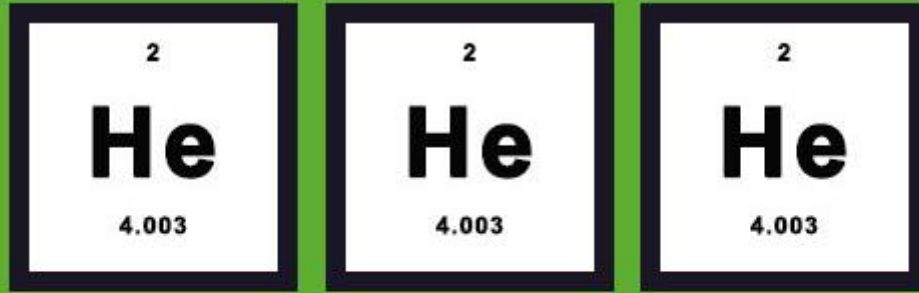
"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly...Twenty-seven kilometres an hour!" ...the old woman says a bit proudly. The Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explains to her that 27 is the highway number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grins and thanks the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask...Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken, and they haven't made a peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Highway 169." - (thanks to John Wheatley)



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Birthdays

March

Birthstone- Bloodstone, meaning 'courage'

Flower- Jonquil

March 3- Jacob Olson

March 4- Casey Lane-Watson

March 5- Katene Underwood

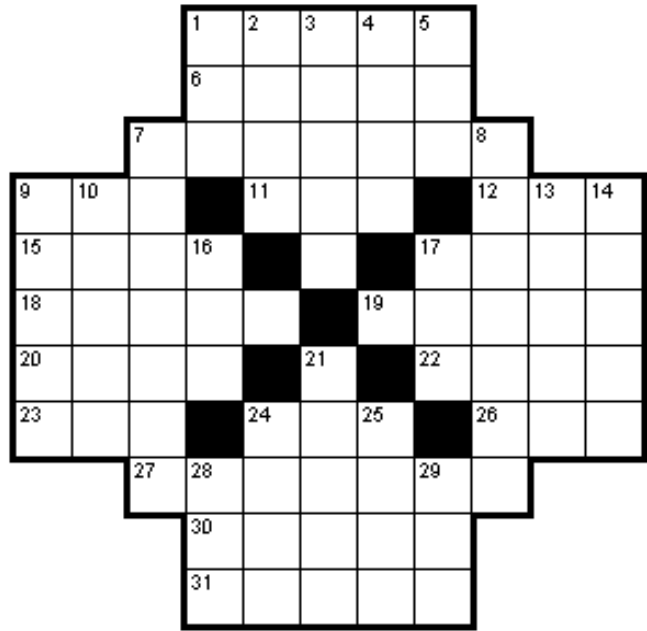
March 10- Sienna Butson
Wendy Garvie

March 11- Mark Moreton Jr.

March 15- Shaylee Hocking



X-Words 16



Quiz answers

- 1- Marco Polo
- 2- Mexico and Luxembourg
- 3- Bavarian Motor Works
- 4- Bob Dylan
- 5- Vermont

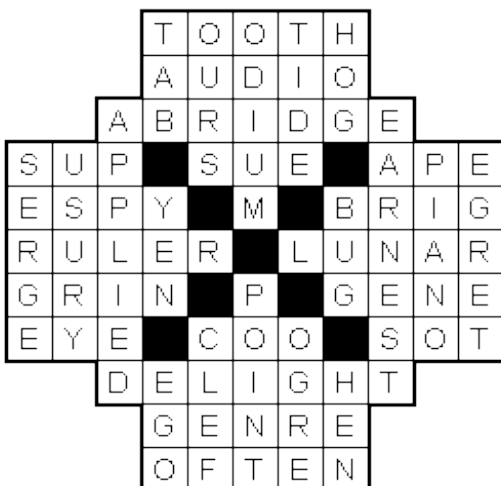
Across

1. Wetland (5)
6. Smell (5)
7. Paradigm (7)
9. Hit lightly (3)
11. Canine (3)
12. Insane (3)
15. Dull pain (4)
17. Withered (4)
18. Motionless (5)
19. Danger (5)
20. Item of footwear (4)
22. Compass direction (4)
23. Epoch (3)
24. Taxi (3)
26. Pasture (3)
27. Large feline (7)
30. Lariat (5)
31. Group of ships under the same ownership (5)

Down

1. Chart (3)
2. Desiccated (4)
3. Rotating mechanism (5)
4. Mixture of smoke and fog (4)
5. Amateur radio operator (3)
7. Moral (7)
8. Gem (7)
9. Out of fashion (5)
10. Performer (5)
13. Originate (5)
14. Greek letter (5)
16. Moose (3)
17. Witness (3)
21. Oversight (5)
24. Fossil fuel (4)
25. Hub of operations (4)
28. Mischievous fairy (3)
29. Decay (3)

X-Words 15 Solution



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