



IN-A-NUT-SHELL

Willunga's Community Newsletter

February
2007

in conjunction with Willunga's events & community website www.WillungaFestivals.com

Thankyou to Joan and Phil Turner...

For four years, Joan Turner, a long time resident and community volunteer, has single-handedly undertaken to resurrect this Willunga Newsletter, In-a-Nut-shell, and get it out to you at the beginning of each month. Her husband Phil has helped Joan with the deliveries to businesses up and down the



Thanks Joan!

main streets, so you can freely access your copy. Our thanks go to Joan and Phil on behalf of the Willunga community, and we wish you both the very best as you make your new home in McLaren Vale.

Office and Image are kindly continuing to provide the paper, printing and stapling at no cost. This is a great benefit to the community and we appreciate it very much.

The Offe Family have taken on the In-a-Nut-shell, Rilda being the main editor, with the help of Andrew, Michael and Margaret. Rilda, Michael and Andrew set-up and operate Willunga Festivals website.

The Offes continue the family tradition of helping in the community. Rilda's father-in-law, Garth Offe, who opened Willunga's pharmacy in 1959, helped instigate Willunga's first street lights and Willunga Christmas Eve Celebrations with Father Christmas coming to town in his sleigh. Both he and Margaret worked for the good of the town. So the tradition continues.

Willunga has changed...

in the last few years. Willunga is strong and vibrant in

history, culture and produce... a great place to live and a great place to visit.

Activities... With the arts, music, theatre and dance there is always some activity or entertainment to enjoy. Community markets, sales and auctions dominate Saturdays with all things fresh and with numerous bargains to fill the trailer. High quality garden nurseries are dotted about the landscape. All shops are rented and have excited, happy people with delightful products inside. Sporting activities and facilities are many and the envy of other towns.

Eateries, wine and accommodation... We have choices in eateries and fine wines for you to be out and indulging in the best with friends. Among the hills, gullies, almonds, olives, cows, vines and slate, bed and breakfasts are placed for visitors to soak in the atmosphere.

Working together... Willunga is a hive of busy people... working hard in many of the voluntary organisations and groups, each doing their bit and much more to bring the people of Willunga together and make the town a happy, safe and facility rich place to live.

Join in... Get to know "Willunga-ites" and make new friends by joining one of the many community organisations Willunga has to offer. Put your hand up and do your bit... your gifts and talents are different to anyone else's... and if we all do a bit, YOUR town will thrive and you will be enriched.

Showcase... Each month, In-a-Nut-shell, plans to showcase a Willunga community organisation, so you can learn more about your unique town and how you can be involved.

IN-A-NUT-SHELL is FREE... ie submissions are FREE and the Newsletter is FREE. So make use of this, your local newsletter to publicise your event or organisation for FREE. Closing time for your articles is 28th of each month at 9pm sharp. If for some reason you are desperate for your article to be added after 9pm, a late fee will apply.

www.WillungaFestivals.com is FREE also... so publicise your event or organisation for FREE... Send in your photos too. Articles are added as soon as possible throughout the month as the voluntary team's time permits. You are emailed as soon as your articles are on-line, for you to check them.

Articles for In-a-Nut-shell are formatted and generally added unedited. Each Issue of In-a-Nut-shell can be downloaded from a PDF file on www.WillungaFestivals.com If you print them off for your particular group, we request that you do so with the cover sheet in pink and that no changes are made. If appropriate, articles sent in for In-a-Nut-shell are added to Willunga's events website. The team at www.WillungaFestivals.com reserves the right to edit the articles before they go on-line.

A copy of In-a-Nut-shell will be emailed to Willunga Kindergarten, Primary & High Schools, The Waldorf School, Tatchilla College, Southern Vales Christian College and Cardjin College for inclusion of relevant notices into their newsletters. A copy is also sent to www.OnkaparingaCity.com, our Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg, Messenger Press as well as the Local Community Radio Station, Radio 5 EFM 89.3 FM/94.7 FM.

A few changes... At people's suggestions we have made a few changes in layout to this newsletter. We would like your thoughts and ideas.

Please contact Rilda Offe at events@WillungaFestivals.com or on 08 8556 2554.

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Regular Willunga Events

Activities & Gigs...

FREE Jukebox and Pool table...
Fridays 8pm-midnight Old Bush Inn.
FREE 8-Ball and Jukebox...
Sundays 4-7pm Alma Hotel.
Library... Mon Tues Wed Fri - 8.30am-5pm; Thurs - 8.30am-6pm; Sun - 2-5pm.
Under 5/s Story-time - Wed 10.30am.
Live Acoustic Music...
Thursdays 8pm-midnight Old Bush Inn.
Live Music...
Friday fortnightly - 9pm onwards, plus other weekend gigs Alma Hotel.
Courthouse Museum... Weekends & Pub Holidays 1-5pm. Tues 11am-4pm.
Solo Artist...
Sundays 3-7pm Old Bush Inn.
Peleton... Sundays 8am leaving Duck Inn Deli. Fun cycling for fitness with coffee / brekky stop.

Churches...

Anglican... Saturdays 5.30pm.
Catholic... 1st 3rd & 5th Sun 8.30am; 2nd & 4th Sun 10.30am.
Uniting... Sundays 10.30am with Sunday school.
Ecumenical Fellowship... 4th Mon 1.30pm Uniting Church Supper Room.

Community Meetings...

Almond Blossom Festival...
Meetings starting soon.
Community Forum... quarterly Feb May Aug Nov The Hub.
Country Fire Service... Wednesdays 7.30pm. Aldinga Rd, Willunga.
Neighbourhood Watch...
2nd Mon (except Dec & Jan) 7.30pm Uniting Church Hall.
Recreation Park... 4th Mon (except Dec) 7.30pm RSL Club Rooms.
Traders & Tourism Association...
2nd Tues 7.30pm Waverley Homestead.
Trees for Life... 1st Wed (except Jan) 7.30pm New Staff Room Primary School.

Markets, Auctions, Boot Sales

Farmers Market... Saturdays 8am-12.30pm Alma Hotel carpark.
High School Car Boot Sale...
2nd Sat 8am-12 noon WHS grounds.
Lions Auction... Last Sat (except Dec) 8.30am to around midday. Gates open 6.
Lions Saleyard, Binney Rd.
Quarry Market... 2nd Sat 9am-1pm Willunga Recreation Park.

For more details see
www.WillungaFestivals.com

Add your regular community event to this space now!

Add your Regular Event by emailing events@WillungaFestivals.com or by calling Rilda Offe on 08 8556 2554

February

Willunga National Trust...

The **Willunga Slate Trail self-guided brochure** with map is available for a small charge at The Green Room on High Street (opposite the Library) or at the Courthouse Museum in High Street (open 1-5pm on weekends and public holidays and 11am-4pm on Tuesdays).

RAA members can 'Buy One and Get One FREE' at Willunga Slate Museum and Courthouse Museum (and most National Trust Museums in SA). Show your current RAA card, pay for one admission and receive another one free. So if you have visitors, this is an ideal way to show them something of our local heritage, and save on admission costs. The details are on page 64 of the latest RAA magazine (SA Motor).

Willunga National Trust has just been told that it will receive a further grant from the History Trust of SA, for the next stage of the **Slate Museum** - a display about transporting slate, titled "Heavy Hauling: Horses, Bullocks, Rails and Sails" which will also include a much-needed audio-visual component. Work will start soon on the first stage - preparing the walls and slate flooring. We particularly want the floor to be **irregular slabs of slate**, rather than square and uniform, so if anyone has any old-style slate slabs which they could contribute, the Branch would be very grateful.

Julie Taylor 08 8556 2255

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www.willungatoursouthaustralia.com

Willunga Country Fire Service... 7.30pm

Aldinga Rd, Willunga. If you are interested in finding out about CFS activities and being involved, come along on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

Mark 08 8556 2992

Willunga Almond Blossom Festival...

RSL Clubrooms, Willunga Recreation Park, Main Rd, Willunga. Meetings will be starting soon. Please call Liz for details if you can offer some help, no matter how small, with this year's festival.

Coordinator: Liz Ingoldby 0431 229 440

Chess Club... NEW! Feb start

Willunga Recreation Park, Main Rd, Willunga. At present there is no chess club in this region. I intend to organise games to be played on Thursday nights. I have purchased 8 sets of boards, chess sets and time clocks. I intend to start in February. If anyone is interested in supporting this new club, please ring me.

Darryl Peters 08 8556 2360

Alma Hotel... Fridays fortnightly... 9pm

11 Hill St, Willunga. **Live Music** every second Friday night from 9pm. Join the monthly Alma Email Club on melindataltmahotel@hotmail.com and keep up to date with events at the Alma Hotel.

Melinda McCauley 08 8556 2027

Table Tennis... mid Feb... 7pm

Old Show Hall, Willunga Recreation Park, Main Rd, Willunga. There have been practice sessions during January. It is now time to organise teams for a 10 week competition beginning in mid- February. This series of matches is open to all people. If you are a beginner, teams are graded so that you play against others of similar ability. We have games on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, beginning at 7pm. If you wish to participate, ring us.

Darryl Peters 08 8556 2360 or John 08 8556 5950

3rd Impro Now... book ASAP

1 Quinn Rd, Willunga. **Last opportunity to play in the 2007 Fringe Festival...** If you have not improvised before, enrol in one of the two weekend courses below and you are

on your way to playing in the Heats of the TheatreSports™ State Championships in March. There are two options:

- 1) Willunga Sat Feb 3, 11am – 6pm
- 2) City Sun Feb 4, 11am – 6pm

If you have improvised before there are also two options with ongoing classes in

- 1) Willunga... Tuesdays, 7-9pm commencing Jan 30
- 2) Adelaide city... Thursdays, 7-9pm commencing Feb 1

Only \$47 to attend one or both of them! If you have a team already organised, tell us ASAP so we can send you a rego form.

All Enquiries: Anne & Jeff Simmons 08 8557 1078

E-mail: impronow@westnet.com.au

www.impronow.com.au

7th Willunga Trees for Life... 7.30pm

New staff room at Willunga Primary School. On Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm, **The Botanical and Bird Delights of Scott Creek Conservation Park** will be discussed by Tom Hands from the Friends of Scott Creek CP. The meeting will be followed by supper. Visitors are welcome.

Joyce West 08 8323 7513

8th Willunga Garden Club... 7.30pm

Lutheran Church Hall, Aldersey St, McLaren Vale.

The first meeting of the year for the Willunga Garden Club will be held on Thursday, February 8th commencing at 7.30pm. Admission is \$2 which includes a lucky door prize and a gourmet supper. Guest speaker for this meeting is Chris Elliot who will speak on **potting soils**. All welcome.

Secretary: Jenny Raison-Green 08 8386 0290

Email jennrai@inet.net.au

10th Willunga Quarry Market... 9am-1pm

Willunga Recreation Park Grounds, Aldinga Rd, Willunga. Saturday, 9am to 1pm. Jenny and Barry Jungfer have confirmed they will be travelling from Paringa in the Riverland with dried apricots, prunes and juicy oranges for sale.

Shrove or Pancake Tuesday falls on 20/02/07 this year. Volunteers from the Willunga Uniting Church will be busy making pancakes at this market as an early Shrove Tuesday fund raiser for Uniting Care Westley.

A new product to look out for... Wicked Willy's Wicks, creative presentations of environmentally friendly soy and palm wax candles. Ideal for gift giving or adding atmosphere to daily living.

After the recent rains, replace those empty spots in your garden with hardy drought resistant plants. Consult the plant sellers for free advice. With the school year underway there may be time for a little reading relaxation. Seek out the second hand book sellers for a variety of titles.

Replenish your larders, with local produce and homemade goodies. Come to the Willunga Quarry Market and treat yourself to a leisurely carefree shopping experience with friendly country service.

Bookings: Jenny 0407 791 492

Contact: Pam Ph/Fax: 08 8556 2502

See www.WillungaQuarryMarket.com

10th Pancake Day 2007...

UnitingCare's Pancake Day provides an opportunity for people within the community to register and hold a Pancake Day event to support the less fortunate members of our community. It is a fun event that raises funds to help UnitingCare provide practical support and advocacy to more than one million people.

This year a stall will again be held at the **Willunga Quarry Market** on Saturday, February 10th. Come and enjoy a piping hot pancake with yummy toppings ie maple syrup, golden syrup for the aussies(!), jam or lemon and sugar all for only \$2. Stack of 2 for \$3.50, stack of 3 for \$5.

Funds are distributed to UnitingCare agencies to help allevi-

ate poverty and disadvantage in Australia. Poverty is about lacking the means to live a decent life. It's about not having enough money to eat healthy food, gain adequate housing, and remain healthy physically and mentally. Caring first for those who need it most is an expression of the compassion of God. We believe God calls us to care for each other and particularly those who are marginalised or vulnerable.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) gets its name from the ritual of shroving that Christians used to participate in the past. Shroving is asking for a pardon for wrongdoings and sins. Shrove Tuesday is a day of Celebration as well as repentance, because it is the last day before Lent. (Lent is the name used for the 40 days before the death of Jesus Christ). Lent is also the time of abstinence, a time of giving up things.

Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to spoil oneself, and use up the foods that were not allowed to be eaten during Lent.

In the old days there were many foods that would not be eaten during Lent: such as meat and fish, eggs and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shroving Tuesday and eat up all the food that would not last the forty days of Lent without going off.

For information on holding your own Pancake Day event contact 1800 060 543 or www.sa.unitingcare.org.au

Jenny Esots 08 85562758

jenny.esots@fmc.sa.gov.au or j.esots@bigpond.com

10th Willunga Trees for Life... 10am

St Peters Tce, Willunga. A **Working Bee** will be held at the Willunga Wirra from 10am on Saturday 10th February - helpers are always welcome!

Joyce West 08 8323 7513

12th Willunga Neighbourhood Watch... 7.30pm

Willunga Uniting Church Hall, cnr St Judes St & St Andrews Tce, Willunga. Guest Speaker... Dr Donald Dowie... Memories of World War II and beyond. Come along with your friends and neighbours.

Secretary: Judy Dunn 08 8556 2163

13th Willunga Traders and Tourism... 7.30pm

Waverley Homestead, St Peters Tce, Willunga.

Meetings open to financial members. To become a member and be involved contact Rod.

Contact... Rod Easling 08 8557 1020 or 0414 383 777

E-mail svia@esc.net.au

14th Valentines Day... Book now!

Alma Hotel, 11 Hill St, Willunga. Book in for Valentines Day (Wed Feb 14) and for every 2 main meals ordered receive a free shared dessert.

Melinda McCauley 08 8556 2027

22nd Willunga Community Forum...7.30pm

The Hub, Main Rd, cnr St Peters Tce, Willunga.

Agenda... Council update on McLaren Flat planning issues. Come along and have your say in the community. Meet your local councillors and politicians.

Chairperson: Lorraine Rosenberg 08 83573880 or 0409691188

24th Karaoke... 8.30pm

Alma Hotel, 11 Hill St, Willunga. DONT sit around. Come to Karaoke Saturday, 24th February from 8:30pm.

Melinda McCauley 08 8556 2027

26th Willunga District Ecumenical

Fellowship... 1.30pm

Supper Room, Uniting Church Hall, cnr St Jude Street Willunga. We will meet for the first time in 2007 on Monday 26th February at 1:30 pm. This will be the **Annual General Meeting** and will be followed by viewing of **coloured slides from Paraguay**. Paraguay has compiled the Order of Service for the 2007 World Day of Prayer. Everyone is welcome. The afternoon will conclude with light afternoon tea.

President: Dora Nippres 08 8556 2418

Secretary: Yvonne O'Brien 08 8323 8594

March

Impro Now... Wanted!

1 Quinn Rd, Willunga. **More Crew Members Needed...** O.K. We know you're out there, hiding behind a book, staring at a computer screen or surfing the TV channels, but really, HOW REWARDING IS THAT? Get out of the house, meet new people, be part of one the biggest **Fringe Festivals** in the world. We need people to train and perform as:

M.C.: Keep audience informed during the performance; **Audience Manager:** Co-ordinate audience members who perform in the show; **Front of House:** Sell and collect tickets; **Assistant/trainee Stage Manager:** Facilitate the show on the night; **Celebrity Manager:** Look after the celebrities appearing in our shows; **Meet & Greet:** First point of contact; **Snogger:** Create the sets for each scene; **Food:** within a budget, provide refreshments for cast and crew; **Sound;**

Lighting; and **Curtain.**

Contact us at now - First in gets their choice of shows.

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2nd 2007 World Day of Prayer... 7.30pm

will be celebrated in St Stephen's Anglican Church Willunga on Friday 2nd March commencing at 7:30pm. Guest Speaker will be Ms Athena Taylor - the theme: "**United Under God's Tent**" The service will conclude with light supper. Everyone is welcome.

Coordinator: Wendy Fopp 08 8556 7472

5th Willunga Neighbourhood Watch... 7.30pm

Willunga Uniting Church Hall, cnr St Judes St & St Andrews Tce, Willunga. Guest Speaker... Sergeant Al Buckler... School care youth council. Come along and help keep Willunga a safe and caring community.

Secretary: Judy Dunn 08 8556 2163

7th Trees for Life... 7.30pm

New staff room at Willunga Primary School. **Inspiration on your Doorstep: Wildlife in your Backyard.** James Smith from **fauNature** will discuss the wildlife that may have been in your own backyard and garden, and what you can do to encourage species you would like to see.

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13th Willunga Traders and Tourism... 7.30pm

Venue to be advised.

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25th Active Onkaparinga Family Fun Day...

The Rose Garden, Aldinga Rd, Willunga. Mark this exciting, full-on family fun event on your calendar. Details coming soon.

Onkaparinga Council Community Development Officer; Tanya Dunn Brown 08 8384 0739 or 0416 117 142

31st 20th Birthday Open Day Picnic...

Willunga Wirra, St Peters Tce, Willunga. On Saturday 31st March from 12 noon, there will be a Trees for Life 'Open Day Picnic' at Willunga Wirra, to celebrate our 20th Birthday. All past and present members and friends are welcome.

Joyce West 08 8323 7513

Notice at an Optometrist's Office:

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you have come to the right place."