



# Willunga News... IN-A-NUT-SHELL

July  
2007

in conjunction with Willunga's events & community website [www.WillungaFestivals.com](http://www.WillungaFestivals.com)

## Showcasing Willunga Recreation Park...

What a wonderful asset the Willunga community has in the wide and varied facilities owned by Willunga Recreation Park (WRP). **The list of amenities has expanded over the years** from the original oval with its heritage style grandstand to the last impressive addition of the new tennis / netball courts in the north-west corner, adjacent to the school.

**The grounds and buildings have been purchased and managed by the people of Willunga.** At times, local councils and the state government have helped with grants but largely the local community has been in control and has funded the ongoing project known as the Willunga Recreation Park.



who use the facilities include Guides, martial arts, folk dancing, chess and theatre sports. The grounds are used by the Willunga Quarry Market every month, with a focus on arts and crafts, fresh produce and plants, while the **Old Show Hall's revamp and updated interior** (from money raised from an Almond Blossom Festival) has meant that many local actors have used it as a forum for performances of theatre sports and plays.

Many in the community may not be aware that when the **Police Station** in Willunga closed, WRP committee took the opportunity to purchase both the building and accompanying land, which adjoins 'Rec Park', at a competitive price. The building was rented out for approximately 4 years as accommodation but is now being used as a music teaching school, which is again helping increase the arts in the district.

### Our assets include:

- Oval
- Football clubrooms + Grandstand
- Netball courts + clubroom
- Tennis courts 2 + 3
- CWA & RSL Halls (built around 1975)
- Old Show Hall with stage (circa 1890)
- Old Police Station
- Sports & Social Clubrooms
- Willunga Recreation Centre ('Festival Hall' / basketball gymnasium) also includes kitchen and bar facilities, tables and chairs

## Regular Willunga Events

### Activities & Gigs...

- Courthouse Museum... Weekends & Pub Holidays 1-5pm. Tues 11am-4pm.
- Celtic Band...
- 1st Sunday 12 noon onwards Old Bush Inn.
- Chess... Thursdays 7pm CWA Hall, Rec PK
- FREE Jukebox and Pool table...**
- Fridays 8pm-midnight Old Bush Inn.
- FREE 8-Ball and Jukebox...**
- Sundays 4-7pm Alma Hotel.
- Judo... Wednesdays 7 - 8:15pm.
- Kick Boxing... Mon & Thurs 5:30 - 7:30pm.
- Library... Mon Tues Wed Fri - 8.30am-5pm; Thurs - 8.30am-6pm; Sun - 2-5pm.
- Under 2's Baby-time 3rd Thurs 10am. Under 5's Story-time - Wed 10.30am (exc Jan).
- Live Acoustic Music—open mic...**
- Thursdays fortnightly 8pm—midnight Acoustic gigs alternate Thursdays Old Bush Inn.
- Live Music...**
- Friday fortnightly - 9pm onwards, plus other weekend gigs Alma Hotel.
- Original Arts Night...** 1st Saturday opens 7pm, starts 8pm (winter) The Blue Doors.
- Peleton... Sundays 8am leaving Duck Inn Café/Takeaway/Deli
- Tweeters Walking Group...** Mon Wed & Fri 8am(winter) prompt. Meet at Office & Image.

### Churches...

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

### Community Meetings...

- Almond Blossom Festival 2007 Planning** is underway. Contact: Cherie 08 8556 3603.
- Community Forum...** quarterly... 7.30pm Feb May Aug Nov The Hub.
- Country Fire Service...** Wednesdays 7.30pm. Aldinga Rd, Willunga.
- Country Women's Association...** Meeting: 3rd Tues (except Jan) 1.30pm Handicraft: 1st Thurs 10.30am (except Jan) CWA Clubrooms, Recreation Park.
- National Trust...** 3rd Mon 7.30pm Courthouse.
- Neighbourhood Watch...** 2nd Mon (except Dec & Jan) 7.30pm Uniting Church Hall.
- Recreation Park...** 4th Mon (except Dec) 7.30pm RSL Club Rooms.
- Trades & Tourism...** Lois 08 8386 1535
- Trees for Life...** 1st Wed (except Jan) 7.30pm New Staff Room Primary School.
- VIEW Club...** 2nd Fri 11.00am Willunga Hotel
- Walking Festival 2007 Planning...** is underway. Contact: Jerry Keyte & Vicki Osland.

### 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 6am. Lions Saleyard, Binney Rd.
- Quarry Market...** 2nd Sat 9am-1pm Willunga Recreation Park.
- See details [www.WillungaFestivals.com](http://www.WillungaFestivals.com) Add yours.

**PROGRAMME  
LIFT-OUT inside...**



The ethos of our original purchase of the land was to provide a playing field **where people could play and relax.** This has certainly been a successful venture.

Another ongoing aim is to provide a wide and varied list of sports to locals as affordably as possible. This is not easily achieved in this day and age especially with such **huge increases in electricity and water costs.**

The traditional strengths of WRP rest with sports such as football, basketball, netball and cricket, all of whom have enjoyed many successes over the years. However, in more recent times other sports have been included under the umbrella of WRP. They include badminton, volleyball and table tennis.

**We have many locals who have 'cut their teeth' playing at Willunga** and then went on to play in the big time. Throwing on the boots for Willunga in the 1920's was **Taffy Waye**, who eventually played for Sturt and won two Magarey Medals.

Willunga Recreation Park does not cater solely for sports people. Other local groups

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for 400, used for the annual Almond Blossom Ball and to host lunches during Almond Blossom Week.

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**YOUR Copy in your Messenger, or from Post Office, General Store, Hardware or Service Station.**

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## July Events

- 5th Cam & Tex with Friends live... 8pm**  
Old Bush Inn ('Top Pub'), 51 High St, Willunga. Thurs.
- 6th Visches Fish Gig... 9pm**  
Alma Hotel ('Bottom Pub'), 11 Hill St, Willunga. Friday.
- 7th Campbelltown Brass Band... 6.30pm**  
Willunga Uniting Church, corner of St Judes Street and St Andrew's Terrace, Willunga.  
A program for all ages is planned, tickets only \$10. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds to Campbelltown Band and Willunga Uniting Church projects. Don't miss a night out with a Big Band in action.  
Tickets for the concert are available via David – 08 8557 7020 or Jenny - 08 8556 2758.
- 7th Festival Parade Entries close TODAY!**  
Forms at Willunga & Aldinga Library,  
Anyone still interested in going in the Festival Parade contact Cherie... 08 8556 3603.
- 9th,10th,11th Get Active Sports...**  
Willunga Recreation Centre, Main Road, Willunga.  
Come and try a session of your sport these holidays. For only \$15 per session or \$25 for the day enjoy a combination of skills and fun games INDOORS. If you are 7-13 years of age contact us now!!!
- |            | Mon 9th    | Tue 10th   | Wed 11th   |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 9am - 12pm | Basketball | Soccer     | Basketball |
| 1pm - 4pm  | Soccer     | Basketball | Soccer     |
- Call 08 8177 2106. [www.getactivesports.com.au](http://www.getactivesports.com.au)
- 12th Acoustic Jam Night.. 8pm**  
Old Bush Inn ('Top Pub'), 51 High St, Willunga. Thur.
- 12th Willunga Garden Club, 7.30pm Aust Natives, 8386 0290 (added late)**
- 13th Pottermania... 2 to 3.30pm**  
Willunga Library, cnr. St. Peters tc. and High Street.  
See report for more details.  
Enquiries: Helen McSkimming 08 8384 0006
- 14th Willunga Quarry Market... 9am to 1pm**  
For details see Quarry Market Report..
- 14th FREE Wine Tasting... 10.30am-12.30pm**  
Alma Hotel ('Bottom Pub'), 11 Hill St, Willunga. Saturday. Try Tintara wines.
- 14th Christmas in July Dinner Dance... 8pm**  
Alma Hotel ('Bottom Pub'), 11 Hill St, Willunga. Saturday. Enjoy the Christmas fare with Holly & the Buddies.
- 15th FREE Rose Pruning Classes... 1.30-4pm**  
Ross Roses, St Andrews Tce (thru tunnel), Willunga. Sunday. Tell your friends about this one! Learn how easy it is to prune your own roses from the professionals for FREE. Meet other "green thumbs" from Willunga and enjoy the surrounds of Ross Roses, one of the biggest rose breeders and propagators in Australia. Andrew Ross and his mother Maureen work tirelessly to improve and propagate roses to send throughout Australia.  
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Contact: Maureen Ross 08 8556 2555.

- 17th Festival Wine Orders... due today!**  
See order form at back.
- 19th Krystal Collins live... 8pm**  
Old Bush Inn ('Top Pub'), 51 High St, Willunga. Thurs.
- 20th Triagra Gig... 9pm** Alma hotel, 11 Hill St.
- 23rd My visit to Ethiopia... 1.30pm**  
McLaren Vale Uniting Church Hall, Main Road, McLaren Vale (**please note change of venue**). Mrs Jan Lokan will be guest speaker for members and friends of the Willunga District Ecumenical Fellowship. Includes coloured slides. Light Afternoon Tea will follow the presentation. Everyone is welcome.  
President: Dora Nippress: 08 8556 2418 Sec.: Yvonne O'Brien: 08 8323 8594.
- 26th Acoustic Jam Night... 8pm Thur**  
Old Bush Inn ('Top Pub'), 51 High St, Willunga.
- 26th Sustainable Homes... 7.00pm**  
Willunga Environment Centre Inc., 18 High St, Willunga. An overview: about sustainable housing. A series of 3 talks presented by: Emilis Prelgauskas. Registration essential. 08 8556 4188.
- 27th SA Writers' Festival closing date...**  
9 – 16 September 2007. "Wirra Wirra Vineyards Short Story Award 2007" sponsored by the City of Onkaparinga and the SA Writers' Centre to promote our State's writers and encourage creative writing in the wider community.  
Two prestigious short story awards are being offered! A first prize of \$1000 is available to the winner of the Open section, and a first prize of \$1000 is also available to the winner of the Youth section (15 – 25 years).  
The top 10 winning entries from each of the two categories will be published in an anthology by Seaview Press and Salmat.  
**Closing date for entries is Friday, July 27, 2007.**  
Entry forms available at all City of Onkaparinga Libraries.
- 28th Family Fun Event Training... 1-3pm**  
On the oval, Willunga Recreation Park, Main Rd, Willunga. If anyone from the Christian Community would like to be involved in this event and help out with setting up, supervising activities, or packing up afterwards, please book in for the Training Day. Details: Phil Boulden on 08 8556 4023 0423 710 145.

## August Events

- 1st Willunga Trees for Life... 7.30pm.**  
Willunga Primary School. Tim Hoile, Director of the Marine Discovery Centre at Henley Beach. The Centre is a marvellous resource facility for schools, with programs that encourage an appreciation and understanding of Marine life to promote conservation and sustainable use. It also has a live sea horse display! Check out the website at [www.marinediscoverycentre.com.au](http://www.marinediscoverycentre.com.au). Note: Tim's talk will start at 7.30pm sharp, so don't be late!  
Inquiries Joyce West 8323 7513  
or email: [joycewest@ozemail.com.au](mailto:joycewest@ozemail.com.au)
- 2nd Acoustic Jam Night... 8pm Thurs**  
Old Bush Inn ('Top Pub'), 51 High St, Willunga.



**3rd Jump Daddys... 9pm**

Alma Hotel ('Bottom Pub'), 11 Hill St, Willunga.

**5th Celtic Music Day... 12noon**

Old Bush Inn ('Top Pub'), 51 High St, Willunga. Sunday with Rose &amp; Thorns.

**9th Acoustic Jam Night... 8pm**

Old Bush Inn ('Top Pub'), 51 High St, Willunga. Thur

**12th National Trust of SA AGM... 2pm**

The Hub community meeting room, St Peters Tce, Willunga. Willunga Branch. Guest speaker is Ian Stephenson, CEO of the National Trust of SA, presenting a National Trust perspective on heritage issues in SA.

Many thanks to the three people who responded to our request for a Treasurer - your willingness to be involved was greatly appreciated. (We would still like to hear from a prospective Secretary, if you would like to assist).

Visit the National Trust stall on Almond Blossom Fair Day, pick up a membership form, check the items for sale or browse through local history information. Watch this space for details of an historic Aldinga walk.

Inquiries to Julie Taylor 08 8556 2255 or email: [fayelush@ozemail.com.au](mailto:fayelush@ozemail.com.au).**News & Reports****New Golf Professional for Willunga Golf Course...**

St Peters Tce, Willunga. Peter Bickley is the new Golf Professional at the Willunga Golf Course. He has been a golf professional since 1988 and has worked at several different golf clubs. The last 6 years he has been at the Mt Barker District Golf Club as Club Professional. Peter is a full franchise member of On Course National Golf Shops, one of the larger national sports retail groups in Australia. Being a member of On Course, and a PGA Professionals (Professional Golfers Association Australia), enables him to provide top quality, range, service, coaching and teaching as well as best prices on all golf equipment.

Go in and say hello to Peter and check out what's in the new look Willunga Pro Shop. He wants to help you with all of your golfing needs, whether you need golf equipment, need to brush up on your golf skills, need your favourite clubs re-gripped, or just want to spend Sunday on the Course.

The shop is located at the Willunga golf course. On Course stock all major Australian and International Golf Brands, so why go out of your way to find the best golf gear when you can buy it right here in Willunga and then play a round at the same place!

Go into the store today, welcome Peter to Willunga, have a chat and a good look around. Contact: Peter Bickley 0407 718 039

**Reminder... new Forum committee...**

Forum meeting in August... have your say in what happens in Willunga & the district... put your hand up (or suggest your friend does!) for the new committee. Leon Corcoran 08 8556 7449.

**WANTED... All hands on deck for Festival...**

Many of you are already helping out in many ways, with the Ball, publicity, the Street Parade and general bits and **I thank you very much**. However, I would like to urge anyone that is able to lend a hand over the main festival dates to contact me. We need people to man the gates on Saturday & Sunday, set up on Friday, Saturday & Sunday and clean up on Sunday or Monday morning and after the Masquerade Ball.

We also need some volunteers as marshals for the Street Parade on Sunday morning, people to help run the Paper Plane Competition and folks to help on the Almond Blossom Stall (selling raffle tickets, ball tickets and the special ABF labeled wine) on Saturday & Sunday. Dish washers/dryers are handy during festival lunches.

Even if you are only able to help for a half an hour it would be very much appreciated. Call if you have any queries or would like to help. Thank you. in anticipation.

Cheri George, Event Coordinator 08 8556 3603

**Fun Run / Fun Walk...**

Part of Willunga Walking Festival on Saturday, 13th October. McLaren Vale to Willunga. Supports Multiple Sclerosis Society. Loads of healthy fun. Get out your old runners/walkers now and start training. Stay tuned for more news soon.

Details... Mike Pacillo 08 8556 1101

**Snippets from The NEW Jamaeraw School of the Arts...**

4/41 High St, Willunga. Sponsorship day last April was a success. Not only did we raise \$500 on the day but also many keen people wishing to express their support in various ways. The exciting opportunities we can offer as a result of your ongoing support is inspiring to all. So we encourage everyone to get involved in any way they can as every

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Our coaching arm is evolving into a non-for-profit organisation which enables us to access grants and benefit from wider community support for our endeavours to support our local talent. Standard committee and membership applies.

MEMBERS ~ able to attend committee meetings, vote at the AGM, and get discounts on show tickets.

COMMITTEE ~ we have a strong committee of enthusiastic people that currently meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday evening 5:30pm. Members are welcome to come along and have a listen to our plans as they develop.

CAKE STALL ~ We need people to supply cakes, biscuits, slices etc and/or to be rostered for shifts on the stall every Saturday in front of Office & Image, 8:30am-12pm

SEWERS! We have a large costume budget (\$5000) with some great designs by Tess Delony, therefore we urgently need people to help make them.

WELCOME LAUREN EVANS ~ Wednesday jazz/tap class teacher. Not only is she a joy for the students but she has also become active in our committee with her valuable experience and great ideas. Thanks Lauren!

NEW SINGING GROUP ~ We are planning a singing group to begin in term 3. Let us know your interest as soon as possible.

Contact... Albert &amp; Ambrae Jamae 08 8556 2033

**Willunga Uniting Church 'Take Ten'...**

Corner of St Judes Street and St Andrew's Terrace, Willunga. 'Take Ten' is a new initiative happening in Willunga. It is designed to allow the workers of the area to take ten minutes to shed their work stresses before going home to their families. This will lessen the impact of workday tensions upon said families.

Finding a balance between work, family and life matters is a struggle. Feeling conflicted over this daily struggle can often lead to a build up of tension. It is not often in the day space is made to stop and 'just be'.

Held each weekday 5.30pm to 6.30pm in Willunga Uniting Church, on the corner of St Judes Street and St Andrew's Terrace, Willunga. This time can be spent in quiet reflection, with music, flowers, reading or writing prayers. It is open to the individual how they use this time. Individuals can come and go as they feel led.

Enquiries to David 08 8557 7020.

**City of Onkaparinga Libraries...**

School holiday fun at your local libraries! Bookings essential for all sessions.

WILLUNGA LIBRARY: Pottermania. Friday 13 July, from 2 - 3.30 pm. Ages 7 - 12.  
ALDINGA LIBRARY: Fantastic fairyland. Wed 11 July, from 2 - 3.30 pm. Ages 5 - 10.

Bedtime storytime: Thursday 19 July, from 6 - 7 pm. Suitable for all ages.

Enquiries: Helen McSkimming 08 8384 0006.

**Willunga Farmers Market AGM...**

August 28th, 6.30pm, Waverley House, St. Peters Tc., Willunga. Anyone interested in nominating persons for committee should contact Lisa on 08 8556 4297.

**Willunga Quarry Market...**

Aldinga Rd., Willunga. With the winter solstice behind us, and the days lengthening, spring is on its way. In Willunga the sign of approaching Spring is heralded by the appearance of almond blossom. Now the end of July seems a bit on the early side to get in a tizz about Spring but when the buds of the Almond trees display their beauty is the sign that Willunga is in celebration mode.

From 20 July to 5 August 2007 Willunga celebrates approaching spring, with the 38th Almond Blossom Festival, visit [www.willungafestivals.com](http://www.willungafestivals.com) for the complete programme.

For the past 17 years the Willunga Quarry Market has supported the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival by holding a special market during the festival. The 2007 Almond Blossom Festival Market will be held on Saturday 28 July from 9am to 1pm.

In 2006 the Willunga Quarry Market became a major Festival sponsor by funding the Fire Sculpture Workshop. In 2007 we are joint major sponsors of the Fireworks display on Sunday 29 July with Wood 'n' Logs and Willunga Car Sales. Rug up and roll up at 5.45pm for a colourful and explosive display on natures canvas, Willunga's night sky.

On 14 July from 9am to 1pm visit our regular monthly market which is accessible from Main and Aldinga Roads and Railway Terrace, Willunga. July is a good month for buying comfort food. We have a great coffee maker who also sells hot chocolate, add a freshly made doughnut dipped in cinnamon and sugar from the Scotsman wearing a Tam-o'-Shanter then relax at one of the shaded tables and enjoy.

Quality craft, pre loved house hold items, plants, local fresh and homemade produce, and much more are available at every market. Some new products to scrutinise, hand embroidered blankets, baby wear, towels and pillow slips, Pete's handmade drums and odour and weed free pig compost. Free admission to every market.

Pamela Jensen 08 8556 2502 [www.willunquarrymarket.com](http://www.willunquarrymarket.com)



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### A message from your Acting President – Michael Pacillo

This page will be a monthly feature in “The Willunga News In-a-Nut-shell” giving you information of the happenings – acknowledging any special offers from our Traders – offering discount to our Members. We would welcome any interested person or trader to become a member and let’s put WTTA – back on the map – “Working for the people of Willunga”.

An invitation was extended to Phillip Tanner – Economic Development Officer – Food, Wine & Tourism – Onkaparinga Council to attend our last Management Meeting. This invitation was with a direct concern of the Committee as to where our Association was heading. Phillip introduced many interesting and constructive ideas which have come from his vast experience in his capacity as a Development Officer. We asked the question of him,

“How do we arouse interest and enthusiasm in our Traders and Members”? From his talk – he gave examples of how each Trader, – in whatever field, profited from Tourism. Canvass all members with a personally delivered questionnaire and approach Council to take over part of the Library on Market Days – thus opening up a perfect Information Booth. As Phillip is now directly involved in the function of Tour Down Under we will be fortunate to obtain information and assistance. Our next Member’s Meeting will be the AGM – 11th September, 2007 with the usual Dinner prior to the meeting – venue to be advised. So let’s get behind our Association – with your support we can continue to function and support the wonderful events this township has to offer.

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### A message from your Secretary – Lois Koppen

When working with Rod Easling – one could capture the zest and enthusiasm from this man of vision and what he had to offer. He asked the question – “What does the Association offer our Members?” – “What do the Members expect from the Association?” He was talking about producing a Traders & Services Directory – (this has been ably accommodated by “In a Nutshell”) – looking to including a WTTA Website – A Bi-Monthly Newsletter – whereby we could include Traders advertising. The Association’s ability in the promotion of the Apprenticeship Programme. He was very interested in following through with the Cittaslow Plan.

All these wonderful ideas Rod has left us as a legacy for the future of WTTA. It was a thrill to work with him – don’t let him down – it should be our aim to make sure some sincere effort is made to follow his legacy through.

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**Congratulations to Jason & Kate Fleming  
and we welcome the safe arrival of Calvin Fleming**

(Kate was the TDU 2007 Coordinator)

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Come and walk through the almond blossom, you can pick up a map of the almond groves from Deborah 85577188. Or just walk through the township and visit many of the beautiful historic buildings like the Old Willunga Court House or the Willunga Slate Museum.

Visit one of the Saturday markets or stop for a chat with friends at one of the cafes in town, a drink or a meal at one of the pubs, taste some local wine, catch some music, visit an art exhibition, attend a theatrical performance or spend the day at the fair. Willunga has so much to offer during the festival and you're all invited.

It's mid winter but we're out to celebrate the first blossom of the season and the return of the sun. On Sunday morning the Winter Wonderland Parade will make it's way down the High Street through the traditional pink and white colours of the blossom with pipers and floats and marchers galore!

Follow the pipers into the Willunga Recreation Park and grab a bag of almonds or a hot doughnut. Let the brassy sounds of the Onkaparinga Concert Band guide you to the Bank SA Marquee, buy yourself a glass of local wine and settle in for a great afternoon of entertainment with performances by Akoustic Odyssey, Kristal Collins Rose & Thorns, Southern Acapella Singers, the Sisters of Abundance and Tatachilla's magnificent Taiko Drummers. During the breaks have a go at making a paper plane and send it down the runway, there's a biplane joyride to be won!

Browse through the many stalls full of goodies on your way to The Old Show Hall where you will be entertained with dance performances, theatre sports and theatrical treats, you may even want to take part.

Take the children for a fun and informative stroll through environment displays where they and you can pat a frog or a lizard and learn about our precious planet. Don't forget to pick up a colouring in entry form; there are some great prizes for those budding young artists.

There will also be plenty for the young folk outdoors, take a peek in the wonderful story telling marquee

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Local musicians will give us a preview of the informal music and song sessions that will form part of the Fleurieu Folk Festival to be held in Willunga on the weekend of October 26th - 28th 2007. All are welcome to join in for a rollicking good time at the Sports and Social club just next to the Bank SA Marquee.

Have you entered the knitted beanie competition? Have a look at this year's entries and maybe you'll be inspired, or go and marvel at the expertise of the SA Wood Turners as many district groups battle it out for the Diamond Skew trophy.

Grab a bite to eat or a warming cup of coffee and stay around to watch the magnificent Fire and Light Spectacular. Taiko drumming, fire twirling, fire sculptures, giant lanterns and a grand finale of Winter Wonderland themed Fireworks.

For programme details see centrefold and the website [www.WillungaFestivals.com.au](http://www.WillungaFestivals.com.au)

**A Night or Two at the Theatre...**

You won't need to go to Adelaide to catch the latest offerings from Jamae-Raw Productions and Impro NOW! even though I heard an audience member comment "I would have gladly travelled to the city for this" after last year's performance of "How the Almond Blossomed" by Jamae-Raw Productions.

Not only will you have the chance to see the original play but they have also written a sequel for this year's festival. Both plays are based around a legendary myth that originates with the birth of the Almond Blossom, back in the ancient days, during the



# Willunga Almond Blossom Festival



reign of Helen of Troy.

A brave young soldier Demaphon rescues his grandmother Aethra from her slavery to Helen. After the ensuing battle he sets off home with Aethra to Attica. However on his stopover in the Kingdom of Thrace, he falls in love and marries the princess Phyllis. Unfortunately his grandmother falls gravely ill so Demaphon decides to take her home, leaving his new bride behind.

His promise to return immediately is unfulfilled and Phyllis, in her depression travels to the harbour 9 times (so legend has it) to wait for Demaphon, eventually giving up and taking her own life (pretty depressing eh!). Because of Phyllis's noble nature the Goddess Athena takes pity and turns her into a (lifeless) Almond Tree. Finally Demaphon returns and mourns Phyllis's fate. He declares his undying love and remains in Thrace where miraculously she finally blossoms – lovely tragic romance!

Written in comedic form with undertones of community living, sacrifices that must be made for the greater good. Both plays are written, produced, directed and performed by locals, a marvellous example of what our community has to offer. A little Shakespearean farce, a guaranteed night of hilarity at the old Show Hall Willunga. Why not treat yourself and buy a ticket to both shows.

You would have had to go to the city to catch a performance by Impro Now! Theatre Sports during the last Adelaide Fringe but during the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival you can spend the travel time having a pre theatre snack at a local Willunga café or pub before heading out to the Old Show Hall.

When there you will see locals Ewan Rouke, Tresh Pearce, Anne Simmons and Tony Walsh, mix it with the city folk in the red raw, full contact smack down that is Theatre Sports. They will sing, dance, mime, or do whatever it takes to create instant improvised entertainment. Scenes fuelled by audience suggestions are scored by you. Feel the Power!

## Saturday 28th July "Big Arvo" ... 1-5pm

The youth programme for this year's Willunga Almond Blossom Festival is on Saturday July 28. The Bank SA Marquee will be the entertainment hub for the "Big Arvo" featuring **local bands** Slate, Basic Alliez & Within Reason. There will also be some local **beat boxing** and special performances by the SA winners of Triple J's, our Taste of Chaos competition, Her Latest Flame and the crew from Da Klinik.

**There's a break dancing workshop** from Da Klinik and **lantern making** with Justin de Leeuw, **dance** performances and an **art** exhibition presented by Willunga High School students.

### Show rides, food stalls and info stalls.

Kicks off at 1.00pm - winds up at 5.00pm and it will only cost you \$3 if you're over 5 years. Under 5, free entry.

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## 19-20 July... Thur & Fri

### Jamae-Raw Production... 8pm

Willunga Show Hall, Main Road, Willunga. Comedy Play written for the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival 2006... "The Trials and Tribulations of Phyllis Green Leaf" or "How the Almond Blossomed". Special performances by Taliesin. Refreshments available, sponsored by Penny's Hill Wine. Tickets Adults \$12; Members/groups of 10 or more \$10; Children \$6; Family (2 Adults + 2 children under 15yrs) \$30. Bookings at The Green Room on High Street, Willunga. Phone 08 8556 4994.

## 26th July... Thursday

### FESTIVAL LAUNCH... 7.30pm

Willunga Show Hall, Main Road, Willunga. Official Opening by Simone Avramidis, Associate Artistic Director, Come Out Youth Festival. Performances by Simply Strings & Jamae-Raw Productions with "The Trowels & Tribulations Of Phyllis Green Leaf" or "How the King Blossomed" (The Sequel!). This NEW one specially written for the 2007 Festival. Food by Jessika sponsored by d'Arrys Verandah Restaurant, Wine from Fox Creek & Minko, Refreshments from the Alma Hotel. Limited Tickets \$20 from the Green Room on High Street, Willunga. Phone 08 8556 4994.

## 27th July... Friday

### Jamae-Raw Production... 8pm

Willunga Show Hall, Main Road Willunga. "The Trowels & Tribulations Of Phyllis Green Leaf" or "How the King Blossomed" (The Sequel!). Special performances by Taliesin. Refreshments available, sponsored by Penny's Hill Wine. Also Willunga Bakery & Wood 'n' Logs. Tickets Adults \$12; Members/groups of 10 or more \$10; Children \$6; Family (2 Adults + 2 children under 15yrs) \$30. Bookings at The Green Room on High Street, Willunga. Phone 08 8556 4994.

## 28th July... Saturday

### MORNING MARKETS...

- 8am - 12.30pm Willunga Farmers Market, Alma Hotel Carpark, Hill St, Willunga... Guest Chef from Café Lime, Goolwa
- 8.30am - around Midday Willunga Lions Auction, Sale Yards, Binney Rd, Willunga.
- 9am - 1pm Willunga Quarry Market, Main & Aldinga Rds & Railway Tce entrances, Willunga... The Drum Maker will be a special feature.

### BIG ARVO... 12.30 - 5pm

Willunga Recreation Park, Main Road, Willunga. DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE... Admission \$3.00. Featuring performances by... Slate, Her Latest Flame, Da Clinic, Basic Alliez, (A) Within Reason, Beat Boxing, plus... Break Dancing Workshop by Da Clinic; Lantern Making Workshop with Justin de Leeuw (G); Training Workshop with Churches/Fusion Awakening; Art Exhibition (A) and Dance Performances by Willunga High School students (B). Show Rides \* Food Stalls \* Display Stalls.

## 29th July... Sunday

### STREET PARADE... 10.30am

High St / Aldinga Rd, Willunga. Theme - "Winter Wonderland". Pipers, Marchers, Floats, etc

### FAMILY FAIR DAY... 10.30am - 7.30 pm

Willunga Recreation Park & The Willunga Recreation Centre (Stadium)

Admission Adults \$6.00  
Student (13-18) & Concession \$3  
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### Blessing of the Tools of Trade... (E) 12.20pm

Art, Craft & Display Stalls, Food & Wine Stalls, Face Painting, Old MacDonald's Travelling Farm, (F) Show Rides. Story Telling Tent.

FREE Fun Activities by Local Christian Communities... 12noon-3pm(H).

Bank SA Marquee... Featuring Onkapingara Concert Band; Southern Acapella Singers; String Beans Willunga Fiddlers; Sisters of Abundance; Tatchilla Concert Band; Akoustic Odyssey; Kristal Collins; Rose & Thorns; Taiko Drummers.

### NEW This Year...

Paper Plane Challenge;(D) Knitted Beanie Competition; Roving Circus Performers; Southern Turners from SA Wood Group & Wood Turning Competition (Diamond Skew Trophy) & Demos; Environment Display Trail;(B) Story Telling By Play Back Willunga.

### Community Stage, Old Show Hall...

Dance Clubs; Impro NOW! Theatre Sports; Jamae-Raw Productions; Circle Dancing; Celtic Harp; by Taliesin; Willunga High School Art Exhibition.

### Sports & Social Clubrooms...

Fleurieu Folk Festival Music (C).

### FIRE & LIGHT SPECTACULAR incl

#### FIREWORKS... 5.30-7.30pm

Admission \$2; Under 5years Free.

- Spectacular illuminated Lanterns and Fire Sculptures... made in community workshops with Artists Karen Hammat & Justin de Leeuw,
- Fire dancers/performers & Taiko Drumming,
- Fire Works Spectacular... Sponsored by WOOD 'n' LOGS, WILLUNGA CAR SALES and WILLUNGA QUARRY MARKET.

## 30 July - 2 August

### FESTIVAL LUNCHES... from 11.30am

Willunga Recreation Centre Hall. Fantastic Three Course Meal including tea & coffee for only \$15 with choices for every course. Enjoy our famous 'Almond Soup' as well as great local wines in a friendly, cosy atmosphere. FREE local entertainment and craft/produce stalls. Walk through to Show Hall for Willunga High School Student Art Exhibition. Provided by the Willunga Netball Club. Tables served by Willunga High School students. For large bookings call Anne on 08 8556 2874.

## Workshops

Free Giant Lantern & Fire Sculpture Workshops with local artist with Justin de Leeuw.

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Training Workshop with Christian Community and Fusion at BIG ARVO. For details call...

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# Almond Blossom Festival

## Programme

### 3rd August - Friday

**Impro NOW! Theatre Sports...** 7.30-8.30pm  
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### 4th August - Saturday

**THE MASQUERADE BALL...** 7.30pm  
Willunga Recreation Hall, Main Road Willunga. Featuring... THE ONKAPARINGA CITY BIG BAND & THE DIX.  
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### While You're in Town...

**Almond Blossom Walks...**  
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Info from Deborah 08 8557 7188.

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**Street Parade 10.30am**

**Willunga Court House / Slate Museum**  
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**Professional Rose Pruning in Willunga Rose Garden...** 29th July, 1.30pm-4pm  
Willunga Jubilee Rose Garden Maze, Aldinga Rd, Willunga. Professional rose pruning by the Rose Society of SA. Come & watch for awhile.

### ART Exhibitions...

**20th Annual Willunga Hill Art Group Exhibition & Sale...** 27th Jul-5th Aug  
Willy Hill Café, 27 High St Willunga.  
Official opening Friday 27th July, 7.30pm.  
**Off the Slate Gallery...**  
29 High Street, Willunga. Wed-Sun & Pub Hols, 10am - 4pm, Sat 9-4. "BEYOND EXPECTATIONS" Exhibition to be opened by Imelda Rivers, Arts Development Manager, Country Arts SA on July 22, 2pm.. Continues through the Almond Blossom Festival and SALA, until September. Details: 08 8556 4099  
**Fox Creek Cellar Door...** July & August...  
Malpas Rd, Willunga  
"The Most Beautiful Lantern" by Sally Heinrich  
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This programme was true to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing. The WABF reserves the right to amend programme details and apologizes for any inconvenience caused.  
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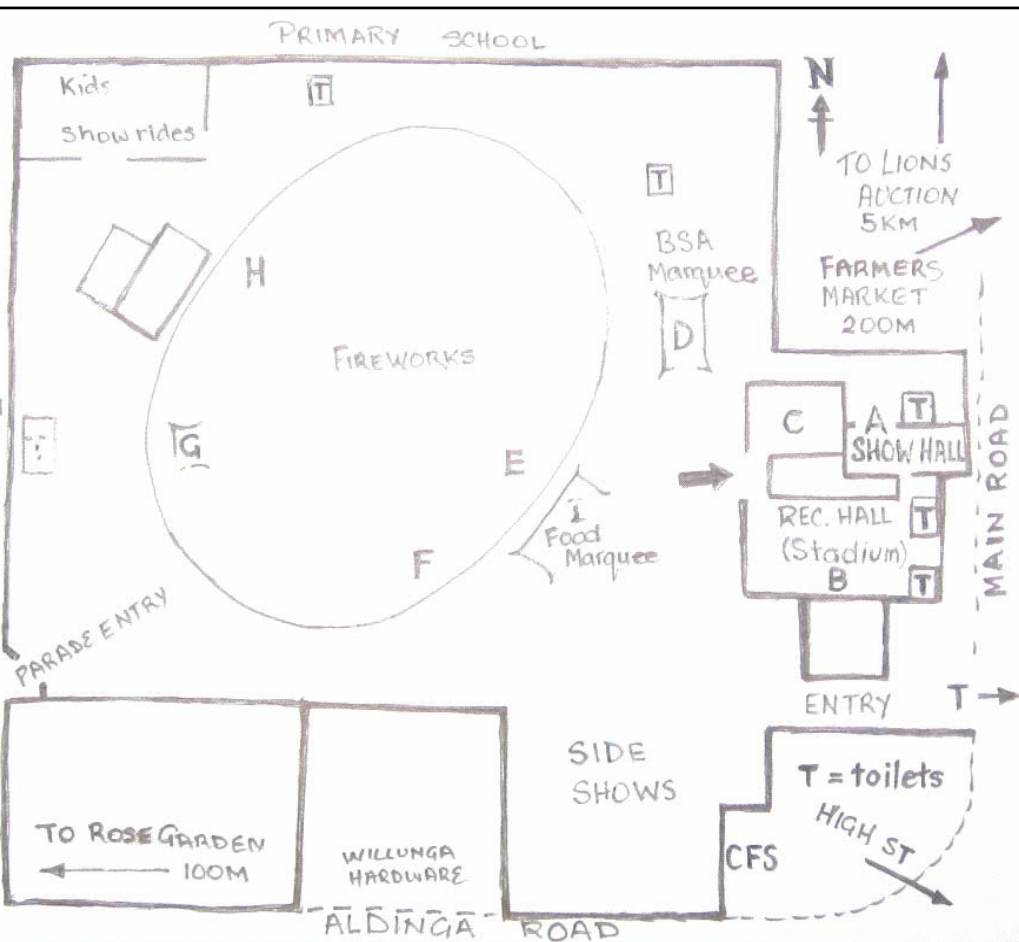
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## Willunga Almond Blossom Festival Features

### FREE Family Fun Activities...

provided by the Local Christian Community and Fusion Awakening...

Our local Christian Community, plans to again put on a fun-filled open crowd festival as part of the Fair Day, as their gift to the community. This event has reasonable expense involved and last year the Christian Community gave over \$900 so the Festival incurred no cost and the families of the community could enjoy lots of FREE FUN!!!

Some of the activities this year will be...

Traditional Blessing of the tools of trade.

Crafts: kid's carpentry, henna painting, bubble blowing, juggling ball making

Circus Skills: diablo, juggling, slinkies

Games: Giant snakes & ladders, 3 legged race, board games, footy toss, stilts, geeter boards

Community Games: tug of war, egg and spoon race, gum boot toss, netball, sack race

Information: Information about the churches, schools ministry & Christian schools in the area will be on display.



### Fire & Light Spectacular... provided by

Wood 'n' Logs, Willunga Car Sales & Willunga Quarry Market

Traditionally the Almond Blossom Festival has a fire works display. Last year it was decided to expand on the theme and create a Fire & Light Spectacular, with lanterns, fire sculptures, drumming and fire twirlers. I'm sure all would agree it was spectacular and fortunately for the crowd the rain held off until the final skyrocket was fired.

Lets hope the rain stays away this year because we're building up to another wonderful spectacular. Not only is local artist Justin de Leeuw working with various community groups to create more fire sculptures and lanterns this year but another wonderful community artist Karen Hammat from neighbouring Yankalilla is loaning us several stunning giant shell lanterns that were made by community groups, under her guidance for the Leafy Sea Dragon Festival.

The theme for the Leafy Sea Dragon lantern presentation was "Our Fragile Coast" and it will be exciting to have them presented again for the joy of all at the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival. Tatchilla High School's Taiko drummers will provide the music for the lantern parade, fire dancers and igniting of the fire sculptures. The finale, of course, will be a magnificent fireworks display.

### Schools Joining In...

Local schools are really getting involved with this years Willunga Almond Blossom Festival, with groups in the parade, performers at the festival, fund raising, exhibitions and demonstrations.

Students from Willunga High School will be exhibiting their artwork in the Willunga Show Hall from the 28th July to the 3rd August and dance students will be performing at the "Big Arvo" in the Recreation Hall on Saturday the 28th July.

There will also be a fundraising scones and refreshments stall for the school's Volley Ball team. The Volley Ball team will be demonstrating for the crowds on the Family Fair day on Sunday the 29th July. Students from Willunga will also be serving lunches in the Recreation Hall during the week 30th July to 2nd August.

Willunga Primary students will perform for folks at the Festival Lunches and the children from the School's Green Group will have a wonderful display as part of the Environment Walk at this years Family Fair day on the 29th July.

Tatchilla High School are once again a big part of our festival with performances by the school's concert band, their Taiko drummers and their teachers & friends group the Sisters of Abundance. Students from Tatchilla will also be busy making fire sculptures with local artist Justin de Leeuw for the Fire & Light Spectacular on Sunday 29th July.

Aldinga Primary School, Willunga Preschool and Willunga Primary School are all holding fund raising stalls this year.

### F.A.R.M.S. will get you all steamed up!

Make sure you take yourself for a walk around the oval on Fair Day and be sure to look at the wonderful old antique stationery engines on display by the gentlemen from F.A.R.M.S. The men give of their time and work to add a lot of colour and variety to our festival. The machines are always a delight and these fellas spend a lot of time keeping them in perfect running order. A little piece of history, a lot of fun.



## Masquerade Ball...

Mystery, fantasy, glamour and glitz, this years Ball promises it all. For those of us that couldn't make the trip to Carnivale in Venice this year, the annual Almond Blossom Ball is bringing a touch of Venice to us. Create a beautiful mask, put on a gorgeous suit, gown or costume and join in the carnival atmosphere. Anticipate a luscious extravaganza, where jugglers and harlequins will greet you and expect an evening full of fun and fantasy, dancing the night away to the sassy swing of the Onkaparinga Big Band and jiving to the contemporary beat of The Dix.

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## Willunga - State TheatreSports™ Champions come home to perform in the Almond Blossom Festival...

Locals Ewan Rourke, Sam Calleja and Anne Simmons, performing as "The Rudds" caused the upset of the 2007 Fringe by taking out the State TheatreSports™ Championships. Although playing against more experienced opposition, this locally trained team carried all before them going undefeated throughout the championship. Last week they retained their title in the State Champions Challenge and now they have come home to perform in the Almond Blossom Festival.

In TheatreSports, teams sing, dance, mime, or do what ever it takes to create instant improvised comedy. Scenes fuelled by audience suggestions are scored by judges and the audience and rarely do the two agree.

Nicole Kidman, Andrew Denton, Georgie Parker, Glynn Nicholas, Ray Martin and Geoffery Rush are just a few Australian entertainers who have played TheatreSports and who rave about it's benefits and fun.

Jeff and Anne Simmons under the title of Impro NOW! hold the International TheatreSports™ Licence for South Australia. They moved to Wilunga in 2005 and started immediately running classes from the Waldorf School and their home studio. In the recent State Championships, they entered 2 teams and are always looking for more players just willing to have a go.

There are beginners courses in August and November so if you are interested in finding out more about these or the Almond Blossom Festival Show, they can be contacted on 85571078 or [impronow@westnet.com.au](mailto:impronow@westnet.com.au)

## Photographic Competition...

This year because other events in Old The Show Hall, needed the use of the stage, we have postponed the Photographic Competition and Exhibition to a later date. It is planned for the event to be held in its own right. You will be notified in The Willunga News In-a-Nut-shell; the Southern Times Messenger; and to previous competitors by email.

We are on the lookout for a new coordinator. Due to Rilda's new role as Editor of In-a-Nut-shell, she will only be able to be an assistant to the coordinator. If you are local and wish to support Willunga Recreation Park with this venture, then please contact Rilda.

If you failed to collect your photos last year, please do so now by calling Rilda on 08 8556 2554. Any remaining photos will not be held beyond August 5th, 2007.

## From your editor...

From this issue onward, Willunga News In-a-Nut-shell will be delivered to the householder in Willunga and via Australia Post to the RSD's. This increases our circulation from 650 to over 1000 copies per month. Increased printing and circulation costs means we will need to include a few more ads and increase the cost of those we have been running.

**Our purpose** in doing this is to reach the many residents in Willunga and nearby who do not regularly come into the Willunga business area and so are not aware of what happens in their town and the services and amenities that are available to them.

**In-a-Nut-shell** is now hosting Willunga Traders & Tourism Newsletter. If other organisations would like to follow suit, please contact Rilda on 8556 2554. We are offering community organisations this service as a way of increasing their effectiveness while reducing their workload.

We also have some exciting new developments coming, including helpful hints provided by some of the town's businesses. If you would like to be involved, please call Rilda for details.

**This month** is our SPECIAL Almond Blossom Festival EDITION. At 6600 copies, it is the biggest circulation in the history of the newsletter. It is being delivered to Sellicks Beach, Aldinga Beach, Aldinga, Maslin Beach, McLaren Vale and Willunga.

**We want to thank** the 66 local businesses who have placed their advertisement in this issue. Our wish is that each of you will get your money's worth in increased business.

**Special thanks** also go to Brian Visser, Margaret Offe and Andrew Offe for their assistance in putting this issue together under some rather trying circumstances.

Others who put a lot of effort are specially acknowledged on the back page of this issue.

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## A Word from the President...

I have been more than happy to serve the local community of Willunga in the role of President of Willunga Recreation Park Incorporated over the past 2 years.

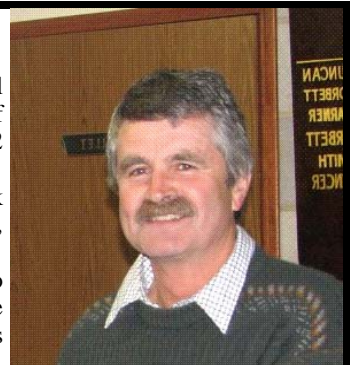
As you have read previously, the Recreation Park grounds are not owned by the Onkaparinga Council, but by you, the local community.

I therefore wish to encourage local residents to take a greater role in using and appreciating the grounds & facilities as well as participating in its overall management and ongoing improvements.

The Willunga Recreation Park committees of the past can be justifiably proud of not only their foresight in purchasing the land but also in the management which to my knowledge has always been on a volunteer basis.

It is my firm belief and hope that despite living in modern, rapidly changing times, that old time values of community and family spirit can still be preserved and that Willunga Recreation Park will continue to be profitable and flourish well into the future.

*Trevor Desmond*



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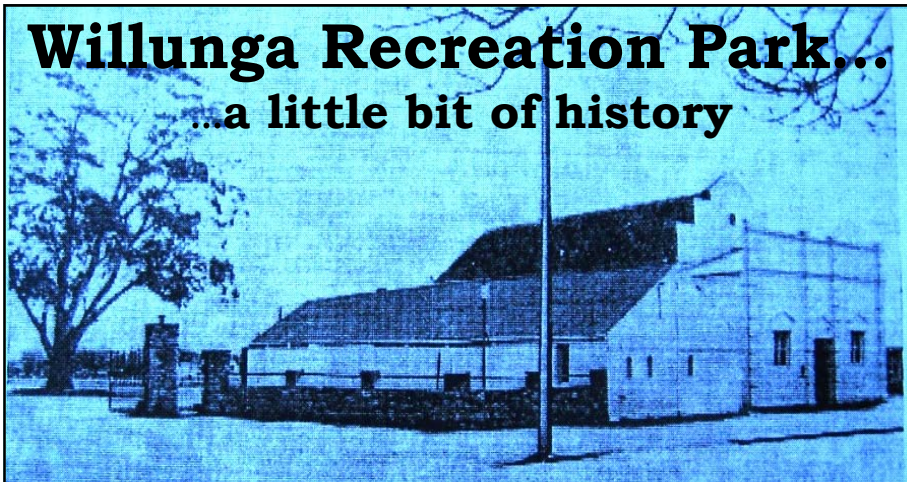
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*The* Willunga Almond Blossom Festival's purpose has always been to provide the finances to make Willunga's recreation grounds a better place for Willunga residents.

Our recreation grounds are very special for a couple of reasons that this writer knows of... firstly they are one of the few town grounds that are owned, financed and controlled by the local residents and secondly, we are one of the few South Australian towns to be blessed with oval, grounds, courts and a public hall/sports stadium within a hundred yards of the town's centre.

**Beginnings...** Eight acres were purchased from Susanna Pethick in 1876 by the Willunga Recreation Grounds Committee for £12.00 per acre, £50 having to be borrowed.

The grounds were developed over ensuing years to include the stone Show Hall, and a large timber (undressed tree trucks) and iron structure, alongside, that was still in existence until the current Stadium was built in 1979. A number of other buildings for housing displays of animals and craft were erected around the grounds most notably in the area where the Quarry Market is now held (The booth's three small windows you can see in the photo above were for ticket collectors).

Until 1968, the grounds were owned and operated by the Willunga, Aldinga, Noarlunga & McLaren Vale Agricultural and Horticultural Society Inc. After some heated wrangling between the different town interests, ownership passed to the Willunga recreation Park Committee.

**The First Almond Blossom Festival...** Willunga's first Almond Blossom Festival was held in 1970 and was considered "a great success" despite the fact that the SA Tourist Bureau refused to support it "because...(Willunga) could not hold a Festival with success." The festival ran over ten days with over 1000 lunches provided to bus groups by the people of Willunga. Historical photos and papers were displayed at the courthouse, antiques at St Stevens Church hall, as well as an art show, displays of local produce and almond cracking machinery, cookery demonstrations, a drama night and two variety concerts.

The fair day programme was extensive and included the street procession, marching girls, and wood chopping contests, folk dancing, and displays of radio controlled aeroplanes, vintage cars plus sideshows as well as all the food booths. The most popular girl in the district (votes placed in boxes around the district prior) was crowned Miss Almond Blossom at the Almond Blossom Ball.

**Since then...** The Almond Blossom Festivals were timed to the blossom season, which meant their share of wet and cold weather and good and bad takings. "The early committees had much to learn... one year the committee was devastated by flu...another year one member kept buying up food... one year the marquee was not very water tight and heavy rain produced the hilarious use of umbrellas by visitors inside..." But despite these challenges and the heavy work loads encountered by those involved, much was achieved over the ensuing 10 years...

**Vision & work pays off...** In 1979, the many fund raising activities including the Almond Blossom Festivals resulted in the opening of the new stadium at a cost of \$183,000. \$30,000 came from Festival fund raising, \$20,000 from the RSL's sale of its previous premises, a CWA contribution of land (entrance), \$40,000 from the Education Department to use facilities and the rest from a bank loan... very big in those days!

**The Future...** Population, cultural and personnel changes as well as the loss of the almond industry have presented many challenges to the running and maintaining of "Rec Park", but community spirit, vision and commitment to our children and their children can overcome any future obstacles. I hope this very brief and incomplete history spurs you on to do your bit for "the town".

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# Willunga Visitors Directory...

*Eat, Visit, Stay...* food/wine, places to visit, accommodation & emergency assistance...

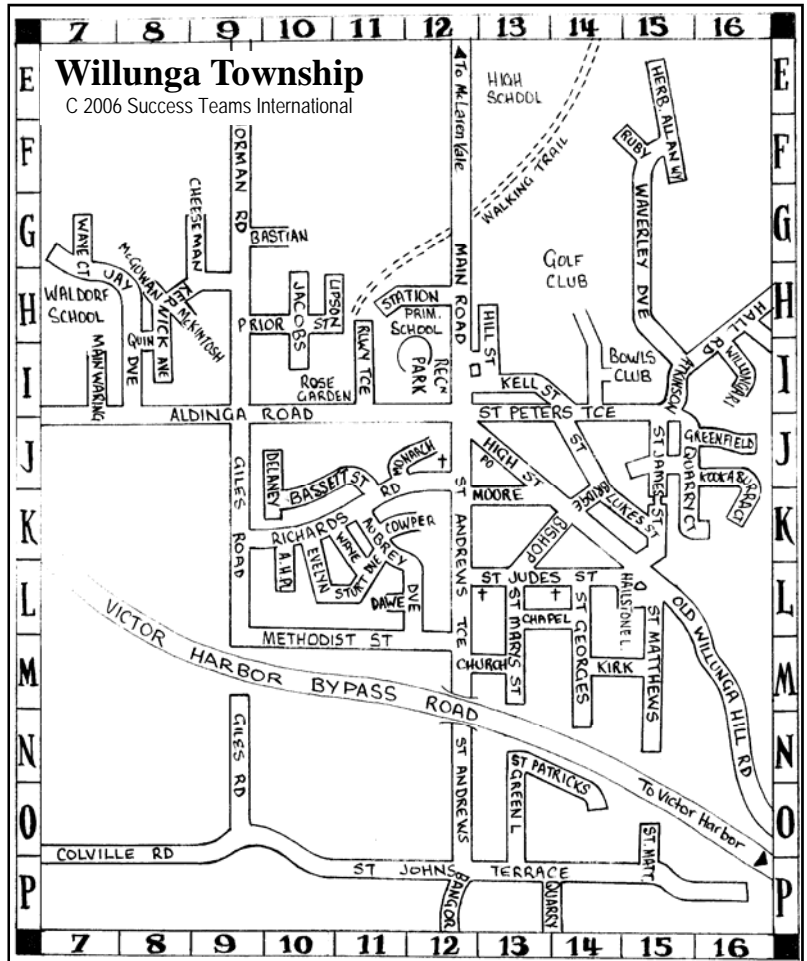
<b>Accommodation...</b>				<b>Tariffs... Wknd rates may apply</b>	
Almond House s/c Holiday Home	G 15	28 Waverley Dve, Willunga		Min 2 nights, \$115/night	08 8556 4615
Amaroo Water Gardens B&B	N 22	Bevan Rd, Hope Forest		\$190 per night, \$230 per night	08 8556 7497
Bindarah Valley B&B	P 16	St John's Tce, Willunga		\$165/couple /night	08 8556 2819
Blue Grape Vineyard B&B	R 5	6/7 Newman Cl, Willunga		To be supplied	08 8556 4078
Blushing Grape B&B	J 8	75 Aldinga Rd, Willunga		From \$140 incl full b/fast provs	08 8556 2997
Brackenwood Vineyard Farmhouse	Q 20	Bishop Rd, Willunga Hill		To be supplied	08 8556 7277
Citrus Cottage	K 14	37 High St, Willunga		\$200/couple /night	08 8557 8516
Hawthorne of Willunga	H 12	18 Main Road, Willunga		\$140/couple/night	08 8556 4595
Kurianda Cottage	-	Willunga Hill		\$200/couple/night	08 8268 4471
Linger Longer Vineyard	H 5	California Rd, White's Valley, Willunga		\$100-\$150/couple/night	08 8556 2358
McCaffrey Cottage	J 15	21 St James St, Willunga		Approx \$120/couple per night	08 8556 2539
Sea & Vines Cottage B&B		Culley Rd, Willunga		To be supplied	08 8295 8659
The Dairy	E 23	Pottery Road, Willunga Hill		To be supplied	08 8556 7207
Willunga Peacock Farm	G 9	Norman Rd, Willunga		\$150/night/dble inc cont b/fast	08 8556 4051
Willunga Sunsets	P 10	2 St Johns Tce, Willunga		\$110/couple/night, Spa suite Sat \$120	08 8557 1008
Willy Hill Units	J 13	27 High St Willunga		\$120/couple/night	08 8556 2379
<b>Food...</b>				<b>Opening Hours</b>	
Seated meals	Alma Hotel	H 13	11 Hill St, Willunga	To be supplied	08 8556 2027
	Golf Course Restaurant	H 14	St Peters Tce, Willunga	Lunch 7 days, Wed & Fri from 6pm	08 8556 4300
	Old Bush Inn	K 14	51 High Street, Willunga	7 days, lunch 12-2, dinner 6-8	08 8556 2032
	Willunga Bowling Club	I 15	St Peters Tce, Willunga	To be supplied	08 8556 2246
	Willunga Hotel	J 13	3-5 High Street, Willunga	Mon-Sat 12-2, 6-8, Sun 5.30-7.30	08 8556 2135
	Willy Hill Cafe	J 13	27 High Street, Willunga	7 days 8.30am-5pm	08 8556 2379
	Willunga Bakery	J 13	16 High Street, Willunga	Mon-Fri 8-5.30 Sat/Sun 8-4	08 8556 2323
	Duck Inn Café/Takeaway/Deli	I 13	8a Hill Street, Willunga	Mon-Wed 8am-6pm, Thurs-Sat.8am-9pm	08 8556 2822
Light Refresh/ Tea/coffee / Cellar Door/ Local Foods	Slender Image Coffee/Prov	J 11	17 Aldinga Rd, Willunga	Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-1, Appts also	08 8556 4922
	Willy Hill Cafe	J 13	27 High Street, Willunga	7 days, 8.30am-5pm	08 8556 2379
	Willunga Health Foods/Cafe	J 13	29 High St, Willunga	Mon- Sat, 9am-5pm	08 8556 4683
	Willunga Takeaway	J 12	1 Aldinga Rd, Willunga	6 days, 12-8pm, Closed Mon	08 8556 2290
<b>Places to visit...</b>				<b>Opening Hours</b>	
Adelaide Biplanes (Aldinga Airfield)	P 2	Coleville Rd, Aldinga		8.15am-dusk, 7 days	08 8556 5404
Amaroo Water Gardens	N 22	Bevan Rd, Hope Forest		Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm	08 8556 7497
Magpie Springs Studio/Gallery/Cellar Door	R 19	Meadows Road, Hope Forest		Fri-Sun/Public Hols, 10-5 or appt	08 8556 7351
Minko, Cellar Door/Providore	J 13	13 High Street, Willunga		7 days, 11am-5pm, Closed Tues	08 8556 4987
Off the Slate Gallery, original fine art	J 13	29 High St, Willunga		Wed-Sun/Pub Hols 10-4, Sat 9-4	08 8556 4854
Paintball Sports	U 28	Blackfellow Ck Rd, off Yundi Rd		7 days, Bookings essential	1300 791 035
Ross Roses Nursery	N 12	St Andrew's Tce thru tunnel, Willunga		7 days, 10am -4.30pm	08 8556 2555
Slender Image Beauty/Fitness/Massage	J 11	Aldinga Rd, Willunga		Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-1, Appts also	08 8556 4922
The Green Room, sustainable living/giftware	J 13	2 High St, Willunga		Mon-Fri 10-5, Sat 9-4	08 8556 4994
Tall Poppy fashion/furniture/giftware	J 13	17 High St, Willunga		Mon-Fri 10-5, Sat 9-4, Sun 9-4	08 8556 2665
Willunga Antiques & Restorations	J 13	17 High St, Willunga (workshop 8556 7302)		Fri 10-5, Sat 9-4, Sun 10-4	08 8556 2999
Willunga Courthouse & Slate Museum	L 15	61 High Street, Willunga		Tues 11-4, Wknds/Pub Hols 1-5	08 8556 2195
Willunga Leadlights & Glass Studio	K 13	36 High St, Willunga		Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-12, Appts also	08 8556 2363

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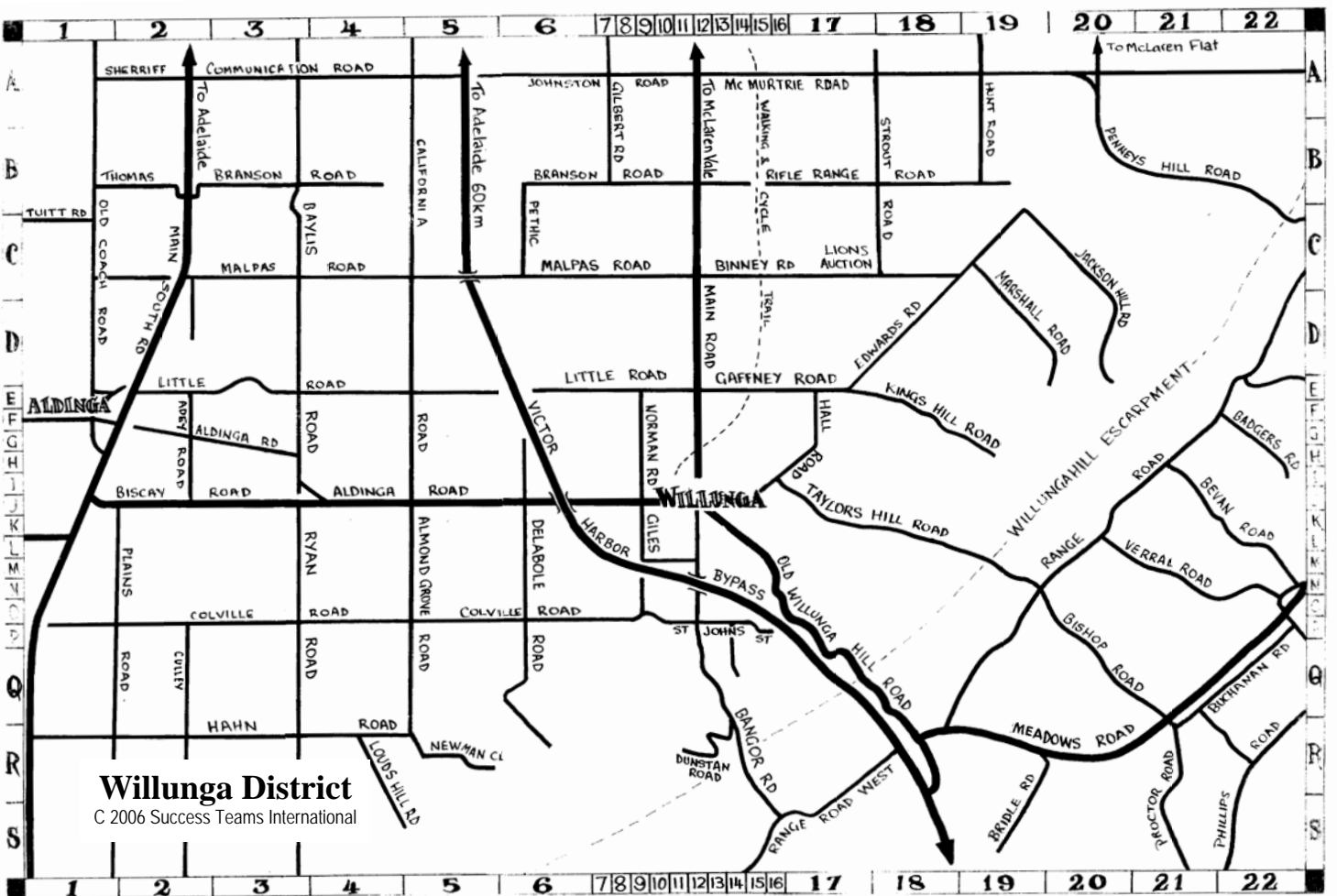


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<b>Chemist...</b> Willunga Pharmacy 9 High St, Willunga	J 13	8556 2156	Mon-Fri 9-5.30, Sat 9-12
<b>Chiropractic/naturopathic/ massage...</b> 20 High St, Willunga	J13	8556 2668 0417 839 721	Mon-Fri 8.30-5.30, Sat 8.30-12.00
<b>Dentist...</b> 9 Main Rd, Willunga	H 12	8556 2472	Mon-Fri 8.45-5.30
<b>Hospital...</b> Alexander Kelly Drive, Noarlunga Centre	N/A	8384 9222	24 hours
<b>Vet...</b> 103 Main Rd, Willunga	G 12	8556 2075	Mon-Fri 9-5.30 Sat 9-11am Consult by appt
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<b>Willunga Automotive</b> 16 Main Rd Willunga	H 12	8556 2982	Mon-Fri 8.30-5.00
<b>Willunga Service Station</b> 16 Main Rd Willunga	H12	8556 2050	Mon-Fri 6.30-8.30 Sat-Sun 7-8.30
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