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THANK YOU

Major fires and flooding in the local region over recent years has highlighted the importance that we understand and accept we all have a role to play in keeping the community safe, according to Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

Representatives from Gawler MFS, Dalkeith CFS, Kapunda and Salisbury SES

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From the Editor



HOLDEN CLOSURE

The pending closure of Holden looms large across the communities in the north of Adelaide and Gawler and surrounding areas.

Holden provided more than a job to many local people, and particular, to the many migrant families who moved to the region after the end of World War 2.

My family was one of those, with Dad, Raffaele, starting working at Holden within days of arriving in Kudla.

Dad's job at Holden was to be the foundation of a new life for him and his family. It was the first time my Dad experienced a 'fair days' pay for a far days' work".

I still recall the Christmas Fairs I attended at Holden Elizabeth as a child.

The northern communities now need new businesses to fill the breech. This is why this edition focuses on initiatives to support small businesses in the area. We need new businesses and existing businesses, whether home based or at street level, to grow.

In addition to the various opportunities available to small business to grow jobs we report on, we also have a special feature on small businesses – we would encourage you to support them with your custom.

Elsewhere in Enlightened, you will read about some of the great things happening in the Light electorate; such as events to celebrate International Women's Day, how the May brothers were more important to Gawler than James Martin, and the official opening of the renal unit at the Gawler Health Service.

Our local schools continue their great work and it was very pleasing to hear about the boost to the special education program at the Gawler & District College from 2018.

Do not miss our story about the forthcoming learning and earning in the disability sector seminar and exhibition. If you are living with disability and looking for work, or wanting to work in the sector, or you are a small business, wishing to provide services, this is a feature you need to read.

All in all this edition of Enlightened is full of news and views about people in the Light electorate.

Tony Piccolo MP
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MUNNO PARA PROUD



Munno Para Primary School students with Principal Belinda Kopania, Hon Susan Close MP and Hon Tony Piccolo MP

The Minister for Education and Child Development, the Hon Susan Close visited Munno Para Primary School on February 8 to hear directly from the northern Adelaide school.

Minister Close had a meeting with Principal Belinda Kopania, Education Director David O'Brien and the Member for Light, Tony Piccolo MP.

Student leaders at the school welcomed the Minister and Mr Piccolo.

Ms Kopania informed the Minister of the various programs the school runs to ensure each child is provided with the best opportunity to learn and grow to their full potential.

Ms Kopania spoke proudly about the commitment of her staff to the students in the school, and said she would welcome greater parental engagement in the school.

"We are keen to work with the children's families in an effort to provide the best learning environment possible," said Ms Kopania.

Mr Piccolo said the school's funding level was discussed with the Minister and she understands the challenges the school is facing.

"The school does a wonderful job with the funds available, but some additional funding would enable the school with the opportunity to provide some students living with a disability or behavioural issues with some additional attention," Mr Piccolo said.

Mr Piccolo said he was impressed with the number of partnerships the school had formed with a range of service providers to maximise the services available to the families at the school.

Following her visit, Ms Close announced Munno Para Primary School would be receiving $25,000 to install LED lighting, in order to help reduce the schools' power bills and create jobs.

Overall, the State Government is investing $15 million in solar panels and energy efficient lighting in schools across the State to reduce carbon emissions and create jobs for South Australians.

"Unlike the Liberals, the State Government is committed to investing in our schools. However, Steven Marshall's failure to commit to Gonski funding makes it harder for our schools to make ends meet," Ms Close said.

The possible co-location of the Munno Para Pre-School on the Primary school site was also discussed.

Mr Piccolo said a R-7 opened up a number of opportunities for children in the community with the possibility of attracting services generally available through a Children's Centre.

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Speaking at a meeting with local emergency services workers (both paid and volunteers) Mr Piccolo said that for most of us, this means doing our part in keeping ourselves and our families safe by planning for major disasters and events and undertaking precautionary actions to minimise any damage to our family homes and property.

The meeting was arranged to explore opportunities for the services to work together to help educate the community about the simple steps they can take to reduce the risk of fire and flooding, amongst other disasters.

It was agreed at the meeting that two community safety awareness events would be held during the year, one likely to be held in early April preparing people for winter related disasters, and the second, in September to increase awareness of bushfire risks in the local area.

Mr Piccolo said his office has volunteered to undertake the co-ordination of the events with participating local shopping centres and councils.

"As a community, we are fortunate that we have volunteers and paid staff who make it their life's work to help keep us safe; these are the men and women who work in the emergency services sector," said Mr Piccolo.

"Our emergency services workers do more than just help the community during natural disasters, they are there working every day (both as paid officers and volunteers) on a raft of other emergencies including motor vehicle crashes and search and rescue."

Mr Piccolo said that while emergency services workers do not seek a pat on the back for the wonderful work they do, as a community we should take time out to acknowledge and honour their work, especially those who have died or been severely injured in the line of duty.

At the meeting the idea of having an annual, simple and respectful service to remember those volunteers and paid officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, was discussed.

Mr Piccolo said it was agreed that a regionally based event could be held in Gawler on 4 May this year would be explored after further consultation with local units, brigades and station members.

"The service would be an opportunity for the community to say "Thank You" to the emergency service workers and their families," said Mr Piccolo.

"If any member of the community has any ideas or suggestions about what the service could involve they could contact me on 85 222878, via email at light@parliament.sa.gov.au or come in for a chat."

The meeting was also attended by the Minister for Emergency Services the Hon Peter Malinauskas MLC who discussed a range of issues with the volunteers and paid staff.



Minister Malinauskas speaking with local emergency services reps

PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

Programs to promote start-up businesses, increase the profitability of small businesses and mentor and support young northern entrepreneurs in the Gawler and Hewett areas were successfully launched in late January.

The programs are the result of a partnership between the Stretton Centre at Playford Alive, the Gawler Businesses Development Group and Business SA.

A State Government grant designed to create new job opportunities in the north in response to the closure of Holden, has made the program possible.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo, who successfully lobbied for the grant to help generate new economic activity, said the partnership between the three organisations will help small businesses grow.

Business SA's Northern Entrepreneurial Scheme 12 month program is modelled on the popular SAYES Program and aims to give northern entrepreneurs, 18 years and over, the skills to take a business idea and make it a reality.

Business SA's Kerry Sutton said with the guidance of industry experts and their own experienced mentor, participants will gain an understanding of leadership, finance, marketing and human resources – all the essentials to launch and run a successful and sustainable business.

"Aspiring business owners will leave the course armed with a comprehensive, fully-formed business plan, ready to conquer the world, all fully funded," said Ms Sutton.

Phillip Arnfield from Build a Better Business will facilitate the Gawler Business Development Group program designed to grow businesses, no matter how small, by improving their profitability.

Lindy Hunt & Leigh Parsons, Directors of Adelaide Retaining Walls Pty Ltd, who completed an earlier version of the program, said the training empowered them to create change.

"We began to focus more on what makes the business profitable rather than just winning the next sale, and we learnt how to make ourselves accountable, "said Lindy Hunt.

"We have always known what we wanted the business to be like, but prior to doing this program we lacked a system that made us accountable to the vision we had for the business," added Leigh Parsons.

Stretton Centre Manager, Mr Dermot Cussen said the Home to Curated Office Environment initiative provides home-based businesses with the opportunity to operate from the Stretton Centre's co-working office floor.

"In addition to receiving one to one business mentoring, successful applicants will benefit from working alongside and learning from other small businesses," said Mr Cussen.

"Here at the Stretton Centre, it's been great to see our co-workers grow within our curated office environment and employ new staff.

"Two examples include BT Group, a dynamic and innovative electrical contracting business and Sail & Swan, which produces bespoke, wedding stationery for national and international markets.

"BT Group currently employs four electricians, three apprentices and office staff, four of whom have been employed since July. In September , Sail & Swan commenced its first employee," added Mr Cussen.

Mr Piccolo encourages all local small businesses, in particular young entrepreneurs, to go online and read the guidelines and application forms to see if they are eligible to apply.

Guidelines and application forms can be found at www.strettoncentre.com.au/index.php/the-northern-entrepreneur-growth-program from Tuesday 31st January 2017 and close on Friday 3rd March 2017.



Dermot Cussen , Kerry Sutton, Phillip Arnfield, Caren Broughman, Louise Drummond and Tony Piccolo MP

JOBS BOOST AS MAJOR WORK STARTS ON CONNECTOR



Jon Gee MP, Hon Jennifer Rankine MP, Hon Tony Piccolo MP, Lee Odenwalder MP, Danny Parkinson and George Panagopoulos

Businesses and workers in the local area are set to reap the benefits from the start of major construction works on the $985 million Northern Connector project.

With Federal Urban Infrastructure Minister Paul Fletcher and South Australian Premier Jay Wetherill were on hand to turn the first sod.

The Southern Interchange, a key component of the Northern Connector project, will link the Northern Expressway with the South Road Superway and Port River Expressway.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the $985 million project would help drive economic growth with substantial benefits for freight and farming transport operators.

Premier Jay Weatherill said Lendlease had formed a partnership with a number of local South Australian contractors to deliver the Northern Connector project, including Catcon, McMahon Services, Roseworthy based LR&M Constructions, SEM Civil (Salisbury Earthmovers) and Intract Australia.

"These partnerships demonstrate a new standard in leveraging local industry and employment benefits as part of this almost one-billion-dollar investment by the South Australian and Australian Governments," Mr Weatherill said.

"Within the southern interchange, several local northern Adelaide based sub-contractors have already been engaged by Lendlease to deliver plant equipment and labour hire services.

Mr Piccolo said that he was aware of numerous former auto industry workers among the people who have gained work through the on-site NorthHub employment and training centre.

As construction ramps up, the Northern Connector project is expected to support 480 jobs a year with a commitment that at least 50 percent of all jobs will be filled by northern suburbs residents.

"This ensures that local people and businesses stand to gain most from the job opportunities created by this massive infrastructure investment," said Mr Piccolo.

"Long-term unemployed people, trainees and other workers who face considerable barriers are among some of the people who've already benefitted from preliminary works including trial embankments, a realignment of the Kings and Bolivar roads intersection and an upgrade at the St Kilda and Robinson roads intersection."

Lendlease have also created a one-stop on-site jobs, education and training hub, the NorthHub designed to maximise local participation in the project.

People seeking work or small business looking for contacts should approach NorthHub and register their interest.

The project is scheduled for completion in December 2019 and more information is available at http://www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au/nsc/northern_connector or for work and contract opportunities at http://northhub.sa.gov.au/

STATE GOVERNMENT GRANT ACCELERATES JOB GROWTH

Around 4,600 South Australians are in newly created jobs as a result of the State Government's Job Accelerator Grants.

Over 30 new jobs have been created in the Gawler area, across a range of industries, in the first six months of the program which was announced as part of the 2016-17 State Budget in July.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said that he was pleased to hear about the 30 new jobs in Gawler across the finance, services, civil construction, retail and professional services and other areas.

Local auto repairers, Les Haldane Mechanical, have created two additional jobs thanks to assistance of the job accelerator program.

Mr Haldane said the grant just made it a little bit easier to employ some additional staff.

Mr Piccolo said the current rate that businesses are registering new positions, means the grant scheme is on track to deliver about 14,000 grants over two years, as estimated at the time of the State Budget.

"It is extremely pleasing to see the reception these grants have received from the business community and the number of new positions that have been registered," Mr Piccolo said.

"The grants are working to drive more South Australians into jobs and will act as a strong lever to keep them in those jobs longer than they otherwise might be."

"That will have a significant impact on employment numbers in the northern parts of Adelaide as we head towards the closure of Holden in October."



Les Haldane Mechanical staff Cameron Ralston and Brian Walton with owner Les Haldane

Mr Piccolo said he wants as many businesses to know about these grants as possible – if these grants end up being oversubscribed and costing the Budget more than $109 million he would be very happy because that will mean more jobs for South Australians.

They offer grants of up to $10,000 to eligible businesses for each new worker employed above current staff numbers. The $4,000 Small Business and Start-ups Grant is paid in two instalments of $2,000 on each anniversary of the increase in employment.

Further details and application forms for the grants can be found online at https://www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au/grants-and-concessions/jobacceleratorgrantscheme

RACING TOWARDS ANOTHER CUP

So great was his passion about harness racing, the late Dudley Kemp would wag school to attend the trots.

A well respected and legendary stockman, horseman and catcher/clerk of the course, Mr Kemp - a Life Member of the Gawler Trotting/Harness Racing Club - was honoured last year when the Club re named their annual event the "DF & E Kemp & Son Gawler Cup."

President of the Gawler Harness Racing Club, Peter Bain described how Dudley would tell many great stories.

"He would clearly describe the old facilities at the site as if it was yesterday, so good was his memory," Mr Bain said.

"He would remind us about how the Totalisator building was made of wood and iron from old poultry sheds, stating that it was the only tote house in Australia where you could get ticks."

The DF & E Kemp & Son Gawler Cup is being held at Globe Derby Park on Saturday, 11 March, 2017.

Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo said the Gawler Cup was a great day on the region's social and sporting calendar.

"I have always enjoyed attending," Mr Piccolo said.

"It is a great night out and a lot of fun, and I would urge everyone to support the Club which has been part of our community for nearly 80 years.

"Mr Kemp would be ecstatic to see the event named in his honour and going from strength to strength."

The Gawler Harness Racing Club has been hosting its feature event at Globe Derby Park after their old facilities were purchased so the Northern Expressway could be built.

However, the Club itself has been working hard to return the event back to the local area.

A new facility is being built in stages on Two Wells Road in Buchfelde.

Mr Bain said the facility is currently being used for training purposes where up to 40 horses and more than 30 trainers use it on a regular basis.

"There are a few things left to complete before we can use the property to host our feature event," he said.

"This is a proud Club, and there have been a few hurdles to jump to get to where we are today, but we are working hard towards our goal.

"It must be said though that Tony Piccolo has always had his door open to us and given us advice and assistance, which is greatly appreciated."



Members of the Gawler Harness Racing Club

THE WORM WINS



Worm Burner number 6 on his last lap

Worm Burner has won Greyhound Racing SA's prestigious title of Greyhound of the Year 2016 at a gala event held at Nixons Function Centre.

Worm Burner started 2016 with his win in the St Leger Sprint at Angle Park and from there took all before him.

His year included a run of 13 metro races in a row at Angle Park which included the Group 1 National Sprint final in front of a home crowd.

He was invited to the Sprinters Top Gun at Sandown and finished a close third in the nation's biggest greyhound race, the Melbourne Cup.

Worm Burner was one of five contenders for the title with one of his littermates, Springvale Byrne also a contender.

Worm Burner now joins a prestigious clubs made up of past champions like Gun McBain, Wild Soul and cult-hero Ernie Bung Arrow.

Other awards handed out on the night were SA Leading TAB Trainer of the Year, Tony Rasmussen SA Breeder of the Year, Alan McCulloch Owner/Trainer of the Year, Cameron Butcher and the Outstanding Service to the Industry Award, shared by Scott Volbrecht and Stephen Bartholomew.

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GRANT HELPS DAVID'S FARM FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITIES

Young Roseworthy farm worker David Hayman has used a grant from the State Government's Regional Community Capability Fund to prepare for the fire season.

Mr Hayman is one of nine local farmers who were successful in obtaining grants from the $470,000 State-wide Fund to help upgrade firefighting capabilities.

The grant allowed Mr Hayman to purchase a 600 litre fire farm unit which he has mounted onto his Land Cruiser.

Mr Hayman said the Pinery fire last year highlighted the need for all farmers and residents in the area to be on alert and ready for any fire.

"Wherever I go to work on any farm, the fire unit will be with me ready to go" Mr Hayman said.

"The Farm Fire Unit Fund made it possible for me to purchase the unit and once I have completed the necessary training I will seek to register the unit with the local CFS."

Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo, who initiated the scheme while Minister for Emergency Services, said the grants help boost the frontline emergency response in local communities.

Another local farmer, Mr Tony Fotheringham who was one of the successful applicants in 2015 used his grant to upgrade the pump on his farm fire unit, which was also used to fight the Pinery fires.

"Farm firefighting units are always needed to take the pressure off brigades," Mr Fotheringham said.

Assessment of applications takes into account value for money, geographic location, existing capability and risk factors unique to the individual property.

Mr Piccolo said that an important aspect of the scheme was to improve the safety involved with farm fire units, so all successful applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have completed appropriate training before receiving grant funds.



Tony Piccolo MP with Roseworthy farm worker David Hayman and his new farm fire unit

NEW HOME FOR LOCAL SES



Members of the Salisbury State Emergency Service Unit

The Salisbury State Emergency Service Unit who service the greater Gawler area have a new $1 million premises to call home.

The new SES Unit, which was recently opened by Premier Jay Weatherill, wil provide better rescue facilities to the northern suburbs, Gawler and Adelaide Plains.

The Unit, which is co-located with the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) on the corner of The Grove Way and Main North Rd, now has additional parking bays for response vehicles and improved training amenities.

Premier Jay Wetherill said SES and MFS crews were at the heart of the community, dedicating their time to protecting those around them during situations that are often challenging.

"They deserve the very best facilities and that's what we have helped deliver at the new Salisbury SES Unit in our northern suburbs," Mr Weatherill said.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the Unit provides emergency services to the electorate and the 45 members do a wonderful job in keeping the community safer.

"During 2015 – 16, the Unit responded to 448 requests from people living from Parafield Airport, to Lower Light, Roseworthy, Sandy Creek and Humbug Scrub," Mr Piccolo said.

"The figure for this financial year is already higher.

"The Salisbury SES Unit was previously known as the Edinburgh SES Unit, and, since March 1993, was located at Hewittson Rd, Edinburgh North.

"The Unit dates back to 1962 when it was initially known as the Northern Districts Civil Defence Unit.

"I am advised that the move to Salisbury is a part of a longer-term plan to establish a new unit to the north - possibly at Gawler - to cater for the fast-growing suburbs and new residential developments in the area."

The 45 members are trained to carry out vertical rescues, which can mean helping unprepared locals trapped in dangerous environments such as cliff faces, caves, wells, towers and industrial equipment, and large animal rescues.

Salisbury SES Unit Manager John Lawrence said the new premises means better training facilities and more vehicle bays for our response vehicles.

"Our 45 members are also looking forward to working closely with MFS personnel," Mr Lawrence added.

Mr Piccolo added that the new station is reflective of the value both the state government and our local community places on the contribution of the SES and its volunteers.

REACH OUT WHEN HEAT IS ON

Members of the local community are being urged to identify family, friends and neighbours who may be at-risk and making a plan to check on them regularly if a heatwave occurs.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said with summer now in full swing, it is timely to remind everyone about the risks posed by extreme heat, particularly for older people.

"Emergency Services Minister, Peter Malinauskas recently launched a safety awareness campaign to remind people to be prepared for extreme heat events over the coming weeks," Mr Piccolo said.

Mr Malinauskas said heatwaves can have significant impacts and cause more fatalities than any other natural hazard, including cyclones, floods, bushfires and storms.

"Enhancing awareness and understanding of the risks of extreme heat (particularly to those most vulnerable) and encouraging the community to take action to protect and preserve life, is critical for reducing loss of life during heatwaves", he said.

Mr Piccolo has written to some of the older residents in the electorate outlining some simple actions they can take to protect their wellbeing from heatwaves, including:

•Making sure air conditioners are serviced or replaced as necessary;

•Registering with the Telecross REDi service (operated by the Red Cross) which provides support during extreme heat events by regularly calling registered people to check on their wellbeing.

You can register by phoning 1800 188 071 or emailing: SAClientServices@redcross.org.au

Mr Piccolo said family pets can be particularly vulnerable to the heat, so people should make sure they have access to shade and plenty of water to last the day.

More information of how to cope better with a heatwave can be found at the South Australian State Emergency Service (SES) Heatsafe website at: www.ses.sa.gov.au/site/community_safety/heatsafe.jsp.

If any resident would like assistance in registering with Red Cross, they are encouraged to contact staff at the Light Electorate office on 8522 2878 or via email at light@parliament.sa.gov.au.



Light Electorate Office volunteer Denise helping pack the Heatwave Information Guide

EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH CREATIVITY

Empowering women through creativity is among the key messages at this year's International Women's Day events in the Gawler region.

Adelaide jazz performer, musical educator and entrepreneur Charmaine Jones-Devasagayam will address attendees at this year's Gawler International Women's Day Breakfast at the Gawler Greyhounds Clubrooms on International Women's Day on March 8.

Ahead of the day, on March 5, the SA02 Combined View Club will hold an event at the Barossa and Gawler Jockey Club at Evanston.

Both tie-in to the UN's overall theme for the day, which is how empowering a woman can empower a nation.

Local Member Tony Piccolo, congratulated the organisers of both events and thanked those in the region who tirelessly campaign for gender equality.

"International Women's Day brings into focus the hard work of these people and continues our united push towards improving the economic status and safety and wellbeing of women in South Australia," Mr Piccolo said.

Labor MLC and former Minister for Women Gail Gago said the State Government has a strong track-record of addressing gender equality.

In 2016, the State Government also released its blueprint for women's empowerment in SA, called Investing in Women's Futures.

A key objective of the blueprint is to reduce the gender pay gap.

In the past year, the gender pay gap for South Australia decreased to 11 per cent, down from 13.4 per cent in 2014.

"This is great news, but any number above zero is unacceptable," Mr Piccolo said.



Honourable Gail Gago MLC



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GREAT GAWLER GIRL GUIDES

"Enable young girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members."

The motto of the Girl Guides South Australia is embraced by its Gawler chapter, who strive for the betterment of all girls and women.

The Gawler Girl Guides have been part of the local community for more than 90 years and currently have 100 members, girls and adult leaders.

They meet in Tod Street four nights a week - sometimes there are two groups - with each night catering for different age groups.

The Gawler Girl Guides are always happy to welcome new people to there family (from five years of age).

They are looking for new leaders to become part of he team. Uniforms and training is paid for by the supporter group with money raised by the Guides and families by fundraising.

A big part of the organisation is to be involved within a number of local community activities and events to give something back.

They participate in the annual Clean up Australia Day, International Women's Day, ANZAC March and Dawn Service.

The Guides are also a large part of the Gawler Show, Village Fair and the Carol Evening. They also visit many of the aged care facilities singing carols at Christmas time.

May will also be biscuit month, so be on the look out for the Guides in the local community and show your support by purchasing some biscuits.

To be part of the exciting Gawler Girl Guides or to purchase biscuits in May, please call: Win Nicolai, District Manager, 0428 231 976; Sue Cruickshank, Leader and Biscuit Coordinator, 0402 394 360.



Guest Speaker Mandy Macky and District Manager Win Nicolai at the 2016 event with members of the Gawler Girl Guides

CONGRATULATIONS RILEY



Former Gawler Eagles player Riley McGree

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo has congratulated current Adelaide United and former Gawler Eagles junior Riley McGree on his first A-League goal.

"I was thrilled to see Riley get on the scoresheet last night," Mr Piccolo said.

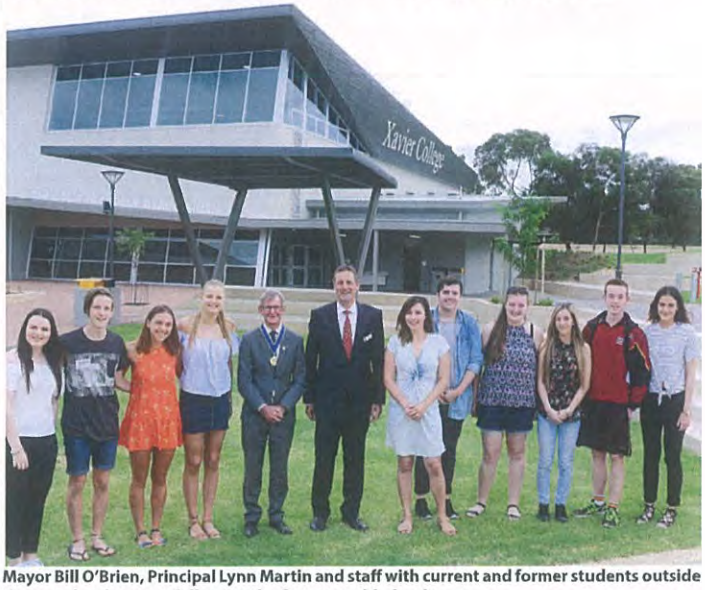
"He took the opportunity with such composure and skill that you forget he's only 18 years old.

"I congratulate Riley on this milestone and wish him continued success in his career.

"As the Local Member and Patron of the Club, I'm very proud to say that the Gawler Eagles had a part to play in his soccer journey."

Lachlan Brook, another former Gawler Eagles junior, is also part of the Adelaide United set-up.

NEW STUDENT HUB OPENED



Mayor Bill O'Brien, Principal Lynn Martin and staff with current and former students outside the new development following the first assembly for the year

Students at Xavier College were welcomed into the new school year with the opening of the new gymnasium and student services hub.

The works, representing stage two of the College's three stage redevelopment, came at a cost of $9.3 million.

The new and improved facilities include:

•a double court gymnasium;
•a student services hub incorporating six additional teaching and learning spaces; and
•an external plaza that links the new buildings together.

The new facilities will benefit the entire College community, enabling whole school assemblies, with room for all students, staff and guests to be seated in comfort.

The facilities have received substantial acoustic treatment and have access to the latest audio-visual equipment.

The College's capacity to conduct internal physical education classes has more than doubled, enabling students to take part in physical education classes in all weather conditions.

The student services hub is a very contemporary resource, information and service centre, which incorporates all student services, adaptive education, counselling, indigenous education, IT services, library services and vocational education.

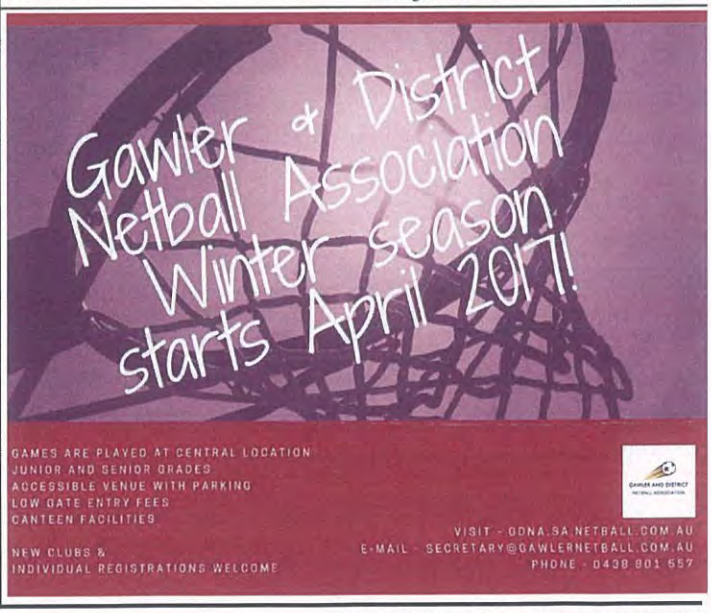
The student services hub opens onto three flexible teaching and learning spaces. With a further 3 spaces available on the second level.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said he understood that planning of the current College Master Building Plan commenced back in 2011.

"Ultimately the College Board resolved that it should become a three stage project, Mr Piccolo said.

"Stage 1 included the construction of the Mawson Discovery Base and the creation of an Indigenous Garden that was opened at the end of 2016.

The new facilities will no doubt increase the learning experiences of students at the College," he said.



AWARDS SHINE LIGHT ON THE AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT

Distinguished individuals and groups who have all played an important part in the local community have been recognised at the Town of Gawler Australia Day Awards.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said that this year's winners again reflected the deep commitment many in the local area have for their community.

"The heart of our volunteers know no bounds," said Mr Piccolo.

Congratulations go to Stan Roulston whose passion for preserving the past has earnt him the title of 2017 Citizen of the Year. Mr Roulston was nominated for his work in capturing Gawler's photographic past; most notably, though his hugely popular 'Glimpses of Gawler' books, published between 1998 and 2009.

However, Mr Roulston's community involvement extends beyond his love for history. He is also a trustee of the Gawler and District Quality of Life Foundation, and was fundamental in the formation of the Gawler Suicide Prevention Group.

Local Farmer Stefan Anesbury was named Gawler's Young Citizen of the Year for his passion and commitment to farming and mentoring other young students. The former Xavier College student is being recognised for his work within the local agricultural industry, on the back of being named the Gawler Show Royal Ambassador last year.

Evanston gardening guru Milton Vadoulis was awarded Gawler Council's Corporate Citizen of the Year award for his tremendous contribution to the town, primarily through his business Vadoulis Garden Centre that has been in operation for 56 years.

The Australia Day award for Best event went to none other than the Gawler Show, after putting on a spectacular 160th show in 2016.

Gawler 15 was also recognised receiving the Community Group of the Year award for assisting hundreds of students forge their careers and engaging with students most in need.

Mr Piccolo said all the winners have enriched the lives of other people in the community in some many different ways.

"Gawler and the surrounding districts can rightly be proud of its strong volunteer culture," said Mr Piccolo.

"Every part of our community is touched by the extended hand of a volunteer."



Community Group of the Year Gawler 15



Best Event Gawler Show Society



Citizen of the Year Stan Roulston



Corporate Citizen of the Year Milton Vadoulis



Young Citizen of the Year Stefan Anesbury

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS 'TOWN OF GAWLER' SQUADRON

1951 marked the birth of Gawler's association with the post-war Air Force, when No 8 Flight of the Air Training Corps was formed. In 2001 the unit became known as 'No 608 Squadron' Australian Air Force Cadets, and since 2011 has been known as the 'Town of Gawler' Squadron.

From its humble beginnings in 1951 the Squadron has continued training Air Force Cadets, primarily drawing its cadets from the Willaston-Gawler region, including many well-known South Australians in its significant 65 year history.

Sunday 4 December 2016 saw the Squadron exercising its Freedom of Entry Right into Gawler. The Squadron entered and paraded in the Main Street of Gawler celebrated with a South Australian Police escort and "with Swords Drawn, Drums Beating, Bands Playing and Banners Flying" said the Squadron's Commanding Officer Flight Lieutenant (AAFC) Lee Murphy.

The event in December marked a five year anniversary of the Squadron being formally granted the Freedom of Entry in December 2011 as well as the significant 65th anniversary of its original creation in 1951.

Local Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo encourages all young potential future cadets aged between 13 and 18 who wish to be considered for the 2017 intake of this Squadron to email: co.608sqn@aafc.org.au or paco.6wg@aafc.org.au

More information can be found; http://www.608squadron.org/



Members of the Town of Gawler Squadron

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Ben Builder of BT Group, Kieran Koch, Tarrie Flynn and Ricky Flynn of Real People Real Estate, Lauren Downton of Sail and Swan, Earle Webber of Clientology, Jason Keiller of SA Home Buyer

The Stretton Centre's curated, co-working space has developed into a vibrant entrepreneurial community, fostering growth and connection for the businesses inside Stretton.

Facilitating local jobs for local people across the northern region is the overarching objective for the Stretton Centre, which opened in September 2015.

The co-working spaces offer a bricks and mortar address,wifi, printing, meeting spaces and kitchen facilities.
Greg Hodgkinson, owner of IndigiSpace, is one of the many businesses collated at Stretton.

Mr Hodgkinson said that Stretton is an excellent space which provides support from Stretton's staff who bend over backwards to provide assistance.

"I would recommend anyone who needs business support, or who is thinking about co-working, to contact the Stretton Centre to discuss their options." Mr Hodgkinson said.

Mr Hodgkinson has used a Small Business Development Fund grant to develop the IndigiSpace website that markets Indigenous products to customers across the world.
Lauren Downton, founder of Sail and Swan, a bespoke invitations, stationery and artwork business had initially been running her business from home.

Ms Downton said that since moving into Stretton in June 2016, she believes her development was significantly fast-tracked by working amongst other entrepreneurs and via learning from her fellow co-workers.

"While Stretton has amazing facilities; its real value is the people. I've learned business skills at Stretton much faster than I would have if I kept working at home," Ms Downton said.

Ms Downton's business has continued to expand and developed so that now she has hired her first employee.

Additional benefits of Stretton include the reciprocal arrangements with other co-working spaces across the state.

Interested businesses can sign up for a week-long free co-working trial at Stretton.

For any enquiries, the Stretton team can be reached on 8524 4666 or connect@strettoncentre.com.au

GETTING GOOD ADVICE IS GOOD BUSINESS

Approximately 1,200 businesses a year receive information and advice from the Polaris Centre through its advisory services, mentoring, digital economy support, workshops and networking events.

Companies including Levant Landscaping Solutions based in Lewiston have accessed the business advisory services and attended workshops offered through the Polaris Centre tripling its turnover and employing six more staff.

The Polaris Business and Innovation Centre has provided practical business growth programs to established businesses and people thinking about starting a business for more than 15 years.

With a track record of success, it was recently named the best metropolitan business enterprise centre in Australia.

Polaris Centre staff can provide advice about federal and state government funding initiatives, such as the Department of State Development's Small Business Development Fund, and provide support and assistance to businesses during the application process.



Tonisha Janusaitis and Nina Parletta from the Polaris Centre

Bolly Aviation based in Virginia is one of those companies, receiving assistance from a business mentor to prepare their application and were successful in receiving $20,000.

Centre Manager Greg Ratsch, said northern Adelaide is one of the fastest growing regions in the State and the Polaris Centre has an important role in assisting businesses to grow and create jobs."

"The changing economy, especially the pending closure of GM Holden, provides challenges for northern Adelaide; however, this also provides opportunities for businesses to transition to new industries or product offering," Mr Ratsch said.

"This is where the experience of Polaris Centre staff can be of assistance and help companies navigate this change."

The Polaris Centre is an initiative of the City of Salisbury, supported by the Department of State Development, City of Playford and the University of South Australia.

The Centre offers business support to firms looking to establish in the City of Salisbury including site selection support, introductions to potential suppliers and business networks, links to research and development centres and advice in accessing grants and alternative finance.

CANNABIS ROUNDTABLE

Innovation and Manufacturing Minister Kyam Maher has vowed to continue working with key stakeholders to investigate the establishment of medicinal cannabis and industrial hemp industries following a successful roundtable meeting.

Industry associations, lobby groups, research bodies, companies and government departments met with Mr Maher in Adelaide on January 30.
The aim of the roundtable was to identify any barriers to the establishment of industries and create a co-ordinated approach moving forward.

One key outcome was the need to lobby the Federal Government to change regulations surrounding the production of medicinal cannabis.

Local MP, Tony Piccolo, welcomed the roundtable and said he will continue to speak to his State and Federal counterparts on the topic.
"I'm also keen to hear from locals on this topic and how they think the industry could be developed here," Mr Piccolo said.

"Not only has a properly-managed industry have the ability to create jobs, it can also help deliver health benefits."

On October 31, amendments to the Federal Government's Narcotic Drugs Act 1967 came into effect, allowing the controlled cultivation of cannabis for medicinal or scientific purposes under a national licensing scheme. The Commonwealth Government is solely responsible for issuing licences and permits under this scheme.

From 1 November, in South Australia certain cannabis products are considered in the same class as medicines such morphine, available under prescription by authorised medical specialist. Medicinal cannabis products made from Australian grown cannabis crops could be available this year.

Industrial hemp can be used to make clothing, building products and cosmetic products. While in South Australia it is legal to possess these processed products, it is currently illegal to grow the plant that produces the fibres.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS IN LIGHT

Home-based and small businesses in the Light Electorate can promote their products and services at no cost through a new publication developed by local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo is offering small businesses in his electorate the opportunity to market their business direct to the 2,000 people who move into the Light Electorate each year.

Mr Piccolo said when people move into the electorate they are looking for businesses to provide them with a range of products and services.

As the Local Member of Parliament, Mr Piccolo writes to new electors on a monthly basis and has offered to include a promotional voucher in the mail out for small businesses in his electorate.

Mr Piccolo said the guide helps people new to the area to learn about what products and services are available from local businesses.

"As a small business owner all they have to do is provide us with some artwork for a voucher to promote their business and offer some type of incentive (e.g. 20% off, 2 for 1 etc.)."

"We will print and circulate the promotion to all new electors at no cost to these businesses".

Mr Piccolo said the scheme is designed to provide practical support to home based, family and small businesses in his electorate.



Tony Piccolo MP drafts up the Light Small Business Guide with Louise Drummond and Caren Brougham

"This new, no cost scheme will enable local small businesses to reach this group of new and uncommitted customers, at no cost."

The scheme is only open to home based or small businesses that operate in, or where the owners live in, the Light electorate.

A sample of the businesses who utilised the free scheme appear in this edition of Enlightened.

"If small business owners are not sure how the scheme works or require further information they should contact the Light Electorate Office on 8522 2878 or via email at light@parliament.sa.gov.au

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Forever Lee provides men's and youth urban clothing at affordable prices to residents in Gawler and Munno Para.

Opening in 2011, the store originally included a selection of women's clothing.

But the demand for men's clothing became so popular, owners Mark and Kristy Hastwell redesigned their shop layout and now feature entirely men's wear, from underwear, shoes and even sunglasses and other accessories.

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Brands include Nena & Pasadena, Kiss Chacy, Sushi Radio, Stussy, Santa Cruz, Zoo York and many more.

"We are always looking to expand our range to meet current trends," said Mr Hastwell.

Local Member Tony Piccolo visited the store recently to promote his Local Business Directory and was impressed not only with the selection of styles but with the easy layout of the shop.

"You can walk in and walk out wearing a complete outfit including underwear, shoes and accessories," said Mr Piccolo.

More information and latest trends can be found on their facebook page or by visiting their shops at 70 Murray Street in Gawler or the Woolworths shopping Centre, off Curtis Road, Munno Para.

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LET THE BATTLE BEGIN

Have you misplaced your teenage or young adult children? There is a fair chance that you will find them battling it out at the rear of the Arcade at 40 Murray Street, Gawler.

Table Top Warfare swung open its doors to the public at the end of January. Table Top Warfare is a new business in Gawler that specialises in board games, trading cards and miniatures.

Table Top Warfare is the brainchild of Alicia Hera-Singh and Brothers Mark and Wayne Fischer.

Wayne said that table top gaming encourages social interaction with people rather than online gaming which can be socially isolating.

"The games provide you with the opportunity to develop critical, creative and strategic thinking skills" Mr Fischer said.

"Our goal is to not only sell the biggest range of games and accessories, but to also provide a safe, accessible environment for experienced and new table top warriors" he said.

Table Top Warfare are open every day, except Tuesdays, from 10am and are open until late on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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MORE TO MAY THAN MARTIN

Andrew May, the great-great grandson of Gawler inventor John Frederick May (Fred) believes Fred's achievements have not been properly acknowledged by the South Australian community.

Andrew said Fred's inventions, such as the adjustable harvester comber and ore concentrator, revolutionised Australian agriculture and mining.

Andrew is determined to correct the record and ensure that Fred receives the recognition he rightly deserves.

Andrew is so determined to restore Fred's place in history that he has published the first volume of the life and times of Fred with a book called the Mechanical Genius – John Frederick May.

Andrew said that their research unearthed so much historical material that he is working on the second volume of Fred's life in South Australia.

"While he had no formal university training as an engineer and was entirely self-taught, he had already built steam engines throughout South Australia's copper mining towns, Burra and Moonta before moving to Gawler," said Andrew.

The centenary of the first trials of May Brothers Climax Harvester took place in Gawler River on the 5th of January this year.

Andrew said what distinguished this harvester from earlier models was that it had an adjustable comb and was wider.

"That patent went worldwide and it's still used today," he said.

The apple does not fall far from the tree, with Andrew's son James spending many hours restoring one of the harvesters that now takes pride of place at the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Agricultural Museum north west of Gawler.

Both of Andrew's children have been instrumental in helping him with his research and keeping the family history alive.

Remnants of the May Foundry in Bassett Town (Gawler South) still exist with the old showroom now a series of townhouses.

Andrew regrets that while people in Gawler rightfully praise the work of James Martin, they often forget that Fred was also a full partner and introduced agriculture re-designs and mining equipment to Phoenix Foundry, hugely attributing to what is perceived as James Martin's sole success.

"Fred deserves great acknowledgement for what he did for not only Gawler, but Australia and beyond in relation to mining and agricultural machinery," said Andrew.

A university report prepared by Susan Phillips and Michael Pilkington in 1980 offers support to Andrew's view, stating:

"Frederick May's genius for invention and modification of agricultural and mining machinery did much to consolidate James Martin's position in these fields between the years 1873 and 1885."

A copy of Andrew's book can be viewed at the Murray Street Office of Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo and copies are available for purchase from the author.

Mr Piccolo said the book brings to life the genius of the inventor John Frederick May.



Tony Piccolo MP with Andrew May and James May

A WEALTH OF HISTORY AT ROSEWORTHY MUSEUM



Roseworthy Museum manager Geoff Nowak

The Roseworthy Agricultural Museum, located at the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus, showcases local innovations and displays farming machinery that was manufactured both locally and abroad.

The Museum's current exhibition, "Made in Gawler", displays the amazing inventions by Gawler's pioneers since its The May Brothers made a significant contribution to agriculture. But they were not alone in pushing agriculture forward in South Australia.

Museum Manager, Geoff Nowak said that the aim of the Museum is to show the development of dryland farming in South Australia with emphasis on the Roseworthy Campus and surrounding towns and areas.

"There are over 1300 items in the museum with many manufactured in the surrounding towns", Mr Nowak said.

On Sunday 21 May 2017, the Museum will be putting a spotlight on agricultural innovation from across South Australia at its Annual Operating Day with an exhibition entitled "Made in South Australia". The Annual Operating Day will run from 12pm – 4pm.

"The open day normally attracts a crowd of between 100 and 200 visitors", he said.

The exhibition will display more than 100 motor vehicles, tractors and farming machinery that were manufactured and developed in South Australia.

Following his recent visit to the Museum, Local Member of Parliament Tony Piccolo said that the exhibits show that the people of the Light Electorate have been contributing to the South Australian economy for more than 150 years.

"The Museum complements the work of the University as it showcases the achievements of the past right next to today's cutting edge research and innovation," Mr Piccolo said.

The Museum is open from March to November 10am – 4pm each Wednesday and 1.30pm – 4pm the third Sunday of each month.

The Museum is run by a small group of dedicated volunteers, in collaboration with the University of Adelaide's University Collections group. You can find more information about the Museum at www.adelaide.edu.au/uni-collections

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CLOSURE SAD FOR HOLDEN FAMILIES



Tony Piccolo MP not happy about the Holden closure

The recent announcement by Holden that the last car will roll off the Elizabeth plant production line on October 20 is a sad moment for the whole northern community, according to Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said that as a "Holden family" he was personally aware of the important role the plant has played in the lives of many families, including many 1950's and 60's migrants.

"My family arrived in South Australia on 13th March 1963, and the very next day my late father, Raffaele, started work at Holden, and did so, for over 20 years until he retired through poor health," said Mr Piccolo.

"Holden provided many opportunities, and it is not unusual to find three generations of a family working at Holden."

"I still recall the Christmas picnics I attended at Holden as a child."

"Our first family car was a Holden HR ute and every car I have owned has always been a Holden."

"If my dad were still alive, he would have been heartbroken by the news, as Holden gave our family a fresh start in our new home, Australia."

Mr Piccolo said the South Australian Government will continue its support for workers, suppliers and northern Adelaide by providing millions of dollars in support to help workers move into new employment.

Mr Piccolo said automotive workers shouldn't have to lose their jobs.

"When given the option to support the domestic car manufacturing industry, the Federal Liberals shamefully drove Holden out of town," said Mr Piccolo.

The State Government's $24.7 million Northern Economic Plan, released last year, is a blueprint for a prosperous northern Adelaide focused on creating jobs and empowering local communities.

Mr Piccolo said new local economic growth programs will be launched later this month for the Gawler and Hewett areas under the auspices of the Stretton Centre, the Gawler Business Development Group and Business SA.

Details of programs to support workers and companies are available at http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/industry/automotive and details of the Northern Economic Plan are available at http://looknorth.com.au/

TENACIOUS, BUT-HEAD AND ART

Kingfisher Family Day Care encourages children to use art as a way of expressing their creativity though visual art and short stories.

Director April Stanley-Banks opened the centre in April 2014, incorporating her nursing and midwifery knowledge with her artistic skills.

"Art is a means for children to learn and create their own realities," said Ms Stanley-Banks.

"It doesn't really matter if the princess' head is three times larger than her body or the ships look more like balls of yarn with ears" she said.

At the launch of Kingfisher Creations' first children's book, entitled Tenacious", director April Stanley-Banks praised the children from her child-care centre as being the incentive for her to write the book.

Tenacious is a rather distinguished Dorset ram, who stands apart from the crowd.

Tenacious and his mate But-Head from the Gawler River New Bold Stud were guests of honour at the launch, which also featured artwork created by both Ms Stanley-Banks and children who attend the Centre.

Local Member, Tony Piccolo attended the launch and exhibition in January and was very impressed with the standard of work created by the children.

"In 2016 I hosted a SALA exhibition that features portraits of politicians," said Mr Piccolo.

"I am keen to again host another exhibition as part of Gawler's SALA Art Trail but this year I would like to feature artwork of Gawler by our younger budding artists," said Mr Piccolo.

Further information on how to purchase a copy of the book "Tenacious" can be obtained from Ms Stanley-Banks by calling 0403 154 997.

Information on the SALA exhibition at Tony Piccolo's office will be available on Tony Piccolo's web site at www.tonypiccolo.org



Michael Stanley, April Stanley-Banks with Angela and Bill Close launch the Kingfisher Creations

NEW MINDA OFFICE IMPROVES SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



Tony Piccolo MP with Rob Dempsey and Gai Dawe

The opening of a new Minda office in Elizabeth is great news for nearly 14,000 people living with a disability in Adelaide's northern suburbs.

The new office will improve access to a much greater range of day options, in-home support, advice, advocacy, training packages, allied health services, recreation and leisure, and employment.

Minda CEO, Cathy Miller, said the new office, located on Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth, would meet the growing demand by local families and expand Minda's highly successful MyPATH program into Adelaide's northern suburbs, Gawler and beyond.

"We know that there are more than 5,000 people in the City of Playford, about 1,000 people in the Barossa Valley, and nearly 7,500 people in the City of Salisbury, living with a disability who have flagged the need for greater levels of support in their day-to-day life", Ms Miller said.

"The new office ensures support is now available when and how people need it".

"Minda is proud to set the benchmark in South Australia when it comes to individualised program options that puts a person at the very centre of decision-making."

"We have gone to great efforts to transform our organisation to best-prepare for the widespread changes arising from the National Disability Insurance Scheme."

This expansion milestone has been possible through the support of the State Government, the local community and the broader sector, she said.

Minda's popular MyPATH program offers a range of learning pathways tailored to the needs of the individual, providing opportunity to develop skills and foster independence.

Activities include cooking, pottery, gardening and various community-based outings. It also encourages development of skills that can lead to supported employment.

More information about Minda's Disability Choices can be found at https://mindainc.com.au/what-is-disability-choices

Mr Piccolo, who has visited the new office, said he has been working very hard through a range of seminars and exhibitions to encourage service providers to open offices in northern Adelaide to service the northern suburbs, Gawler and the Barossa.

WASLEYS 'DUDDED' BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MOBILE TOWER DECISION

The Federal Liberal Government has "dudded" rural communities within the Light Electorate by not providing funding for mobile tower stations in Wasleys and surrounding districts.

Following the devastating November 2015 Pinery Fires, Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo lobbied the State Government to provide a financial contribution to help secure a commitment from the Federal Liberal Government to provide better mobile voice and wireless broadband coverage in rural and regional communities.

Mr Piccolo said the South Australian Government committed to contributing $2 million to the second round of the Mobile Black Spot Programme.
The Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Programme provides funding to Mobile Network Operators to build new mobile base stations in regional locations, with $60m allocated nationally for round two.

Under the programme, the Mobile Network Operators – such as Telstra and Optus – submit applications directly to the Federal Government for funding to build new base stations.
The Federal Government determines which sites will be funded.

The South Australian Government will contribute $1.3m to the 15 sites chosen by the Federal Government.
"Sadly, of the 20 sites funded through the program, all are in Federal Liberal electorates," said Mr Piccolo.
"Regrettably the Turnbull Government has failed to address mobile black spots in communities that were impacted by the Pinery Fires.

"During last year's federal election campaign, the Liberal Party promised to fund nine base stations in three of its South Australian electorates.

"Just prior to Christmas, Federal Regional Development Minister Fiona Nash announced that only three of these would go ahead.

"A September 2015 Australian National Audit Office report heavily criticised the Turnbull Government's operation of the programme.

"The report found the programme provided poor value for money and the government largely ignored non-Coalition seats, despite the need for more mobile service bushfire-prone areas."

"The State Government is committed to working with the Federal Government to improve mobile coverage and competition in regional areas and we will continue to advocate for more base stations to be built in the state," he said.

"The safety of the community in rural areas is of paramount importance to me."



Tony Piccolo MP and Wasleys local Lew Rithcer

BID FOR FAIRER DEAL FOR FARMERS AND FOOD PROCESSORS



Tony Piccolo MP with local farmer Malcolm Lucas

People and businesses with an interest in the farm and food processing sectors will be invited soon to make submissions on an issues paper to be published by a State Parliamentary inquiry into organisational and market structures that prevent them receiving a fair deal.

Parliament's Economic and Finance Committee is undertaking an inquiry recommended by the Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo, into the current public policy settings for the organisational and market structures of the horticultural, viticultural and agricultural sectors and associated processing.

Mr Piccolo said the inquiry has adopted a two stage process to ensure we have a good understanding of the issues the Committee needs to tackle.

"In the first stage of the process we are asking interested parties to submit details of issues they believe should be investigated through the inquiry, said Mr Piccolo.

"The Committee will then prepare and publish an issues paper to outline the matters that its intends to investigate, and invite further submissions while hearing evidence from witnesses."

"I am looking forward to hearing from primary producers about how we can make the industries more competitive and address the imbalance between producers and big retailers.

"The enquiry will be looking at all the various barriers that exist along the supply chain from farm gate to plate.

"I will be particularly interested in hearing how we can give producers a greater say in the supply chain, increase competition and grow the sector.

"I am keen to explore how producer, market gardener, worker and consumer co-operatives could be utilised to create a more financially sustainable food sector", he said

Primary Producers South Australia (PPSA) have welcomed the inquiry and suggested viticulture and grain markets could see particular benefits.
Chairman of PPSA Rob Kerrin has been quoted on the ABC as saying a look into supply chains was valuable.

"If the committee are willing to look into the supply chain, I think there will be a fair bit of interest across the state in all industries," Mr Kerin told the ABC.

Submissions for the first stage of the inquiry close on Friday 3rd February 2017 and should be directed to Ms Lisa Baxter, Executive Officer, Economic and Finance Committee, Parliament House, North Terrace, ADELAIDE SA 5000, or via email to EFC.Assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au or by phoning (08) 8237 9223.

GAWLER LANDOWNERS TO CREATE NEW VISION FOR RURAL AREAS

The landowners of Hillier, Kudla and Evanston South have joined forces to create a new vision for the southern rural areas of the Gawler council.

There was a significant turn out of residents to learn about the future of the Kudla and Hillier region at a community event held on on Sunday 22 January 2017.

The Gawler Land Owners Group, established by a hard working and committed group of local landowners, co-ordinated the meeting at the Gawler Sport & Community Centre.

The steering committee appointed Gerard Coutts & Associates to facilitate the event after having assisted similar groups at Two Wells Road, Buchfelde and Coventry Road, Evanston Gardens, with remarkable results.

Mr Coutts said the outstanding effort of the group's steering committee has seen the adoption of a working structure that now requires the support of the local landowners.

"At the meeting there was a healthy level of discussion around that very point that individual local land owners, with the support of local government, can both benefit from 'working closely together', " Mr Coutts said.

The meeting concluded with discussion on the following issues:

- A 'combined voice' rather than working in isolation has benefits; and
- The objective to work together to establish a master plan.

The message that was clearly adopted by those who attended is that the formation of an effective Land Owners Group is a "win-win" for all parties.

Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo attended the event and said he felt the group were on the right course with respect to the process they were adopting.

"While the process may take some time to complete, it is the resident's best opportunity to influence the local Council and State Government."

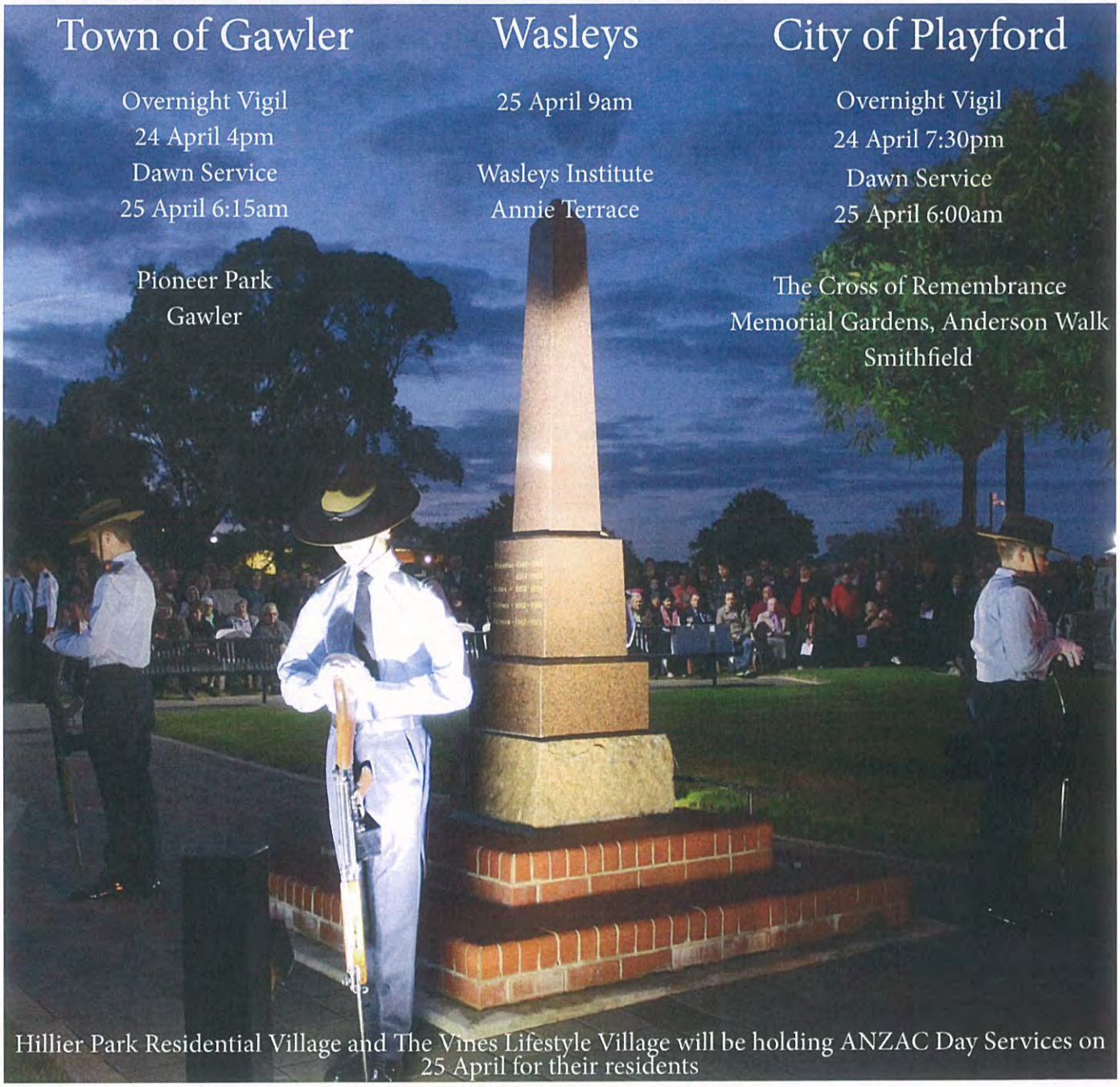


Gawler Landowners Group Committee Gerard Coutts, Domenico Sergi, Andrew Delengas, Robert Bombardieri, John Costa and Vasi Prokopiou

Mr Piccolo said he would be happy to support the steering committee through the process.

Further information about the activities of the group can be obtained by sending an email to gawlangroup@yahoo.com

ANZAC DAY SERVICES



ANZACS REMEMBERED AT THE RACES

The Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club is again the venue for the hugely popular annual ANZAC DAY horse race meeting here in South Australia. The management and staff at Gawler are already busy planning what will be a great day for the public and also the many returned service people who have so bravely committed and sacrificed their lives for us to live how we do today.

"We as a club are so fortunate to be given the honour of conducting racing on this iconic day on the calendar. Irrespective of what sport or function you are involved in, it makes you proud and very privileged for how we live and enjoy our great country today", Jockey Club CEO Shane Collins said.

Races at the Gawler venue on ANZAC DAY is not uncommon and the club has worked hard over many years to make sure the day is successful. A big part of this day is the "Gallipoli Memorial Trophy Race" which has been held every year since 1994. The amazing trophy depicts a typical Australian 'Digger' during the Gallipoli campaign in 1915. On the trophy is a stone donated by Dr Roger Freeman which is from Anzac Cove.

The race is steeped in history and Adelaide trainer Ken Sweeney has taken the Gallipoli Memorial race out 5 times since 1994, but one of Adelaide's best trainers, Phillip Stokes, has taken the prize in 2014 and 2015. Local Gawler trainer Gary Searle has his name etched on the Gallipoli Memorial with his horse, "So Ready", ridden by David Carney winning in 2007.

Some of South Australia's best jockeys have taken the honours in recent times with names such as Dwayne Dunn, Michael Carson, Wayne Kerford, Simon Price, Adrian Patterson, Paul Gatt and Libby Hopwood, all being successful over the years.

It will be interesting to see who adds to this great list in 2017.

The Gawler venue has great packages and options for all patrons to enjoy the day.

"It is a very exciting time for the Jockey Club and we hope that everyone can come along and enjoy this wonderful day. Whether it's the ANZAC celebrations, the horse racing or just catching up with friends and family, we have something for everyone here at the track", Collins said.

For more information contact the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club on 08 8522 1801 or email functions@gawlerjockeyclub.org



ADELAIDE NORTH GRADUATE CEREMONY

Over 200 guests attended the Adelaide North Special School Year 7 and Year 12 Graduation December 2016.

School Principal, Mr Byron Stuut said it was a wonderful night of celebration and community spirit, with eleven Year 7 and eleven Year 12 student graduates.

Students were presented with their graduation certificates and wishes were made as they witnessed the cutting of the Graduation cake, after which graduates and their families along with staff and guests enjoyed a sit down meal.

Guests at the graduation included the Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo and a representative for the local Member, Mr Jon Gee MP.

Mr Stutt said that along with the official school photographer, Heike Harris, many families took the opportunity to take photos in front of the amazing background display created by Suzy Moir.

Mr Stutt thanked Suzette Black and the very hard-working Graduation Committee who spent countless hours behind the scenes to ensure that the graduates and their families enjoyed an inspiring evening that will be fondly remembered.



Graduating students of Adelaide North Special School with Principal Byron Stuut and Deputy Principal Jenny Rickard-Bell

NASSSA VOTED BEST IN AUSTRALIA



The Northern Adelaide State Secondary Schools' Alliance winners

The Northern Adelaide State Secondary Schools' Alliance are the 2016 Australia-wide winner of the School Pathways to Vocational Education Training Awards in the Australian Training Awards.

The awards are the peak, national awards for the VET sector, recognising individuals, businesses and registered training organisations for their contribution to skilling Australia.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo said NASSSA, which includes Gawler and District College and Mark Oliphant College, entered one of the seven award categories available.

"Through showcasing best practice, NASSSA demonstrated continuous improvement and innovation in the design and delivery of VET which has led to national and international awareness and respect for Australia's VET sector and skilled-based careers," Mr Piccolo said.

"I extend my congratulation to them for their outstanding achievement."

The Awards are held annually in November in a different State or Territory.

The 2016 Australian Training Awards were held in Darwin, Northern Territory November 2016.

NASSSA Senior Leader Student Pathways Heather Bitter said the alliance of 11 public schools in the Northern Suburbs of Adelaide is the key to the Alliance's success.

"Twelve representatives from the 11 NASSSA schools attended the event and were ecstatic to receive the highest accolades in the country," Ms Bitter said.

"This was the culmination of a lengthy application process whereby NASSSA needed to demonstrate leading practice in vocational education and training, strategic planning processes, student and staff focus and employer and community focus."

An evaluator spent a full day visiting various training sites and receiving evidence to validate the application.

Following this, NASSSA Chair Peter McKay and Ms Bitter were interviewed in Darwin presenting to the judging panel and responding to questions.

Mr Piccolo said the announcement of NASSSA's success was a momentous occasion and truly demonstrated the quality and strength of the Alliance delivering quality education and futures to students in the northern suburbs of Adelaide.

More information can be found at: https://www.australiantrainingawards.gov.au/awards/2016/rto/#schoolpathwaystovetaward

BOOST FOR SPECIAL ED

The Special Class program at Gawler and District College will be expanded from 2018 to include junior primary and primary school children.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo has welcomed the announcement as the additional places help local families with children who have a learning disability.

"The additional places mean that more Gawler families will be able to send their children to a local school rather than sending them to schools located out of the area. "said Mr Piccolo.

In addition to the additional places, the Gawler and District College Special Class Unit will receive a major upgrade to accommodate the new places.

The Gawler and District College announcement is part of a $10 million State Government Strategy to support families whose children are recommended to attend a special education option.

Mr Piccolo said the new investment in special education will result in children with a learning disability being supported to access the most appropriate education pathway for their circumstances in a location closest to where they live.

"The State Government has recognised there is a demand for special education options placements, and this investment will help schools to increase the number of special options pathways that are available to children and young people in their local area," said Mr Piccolo.

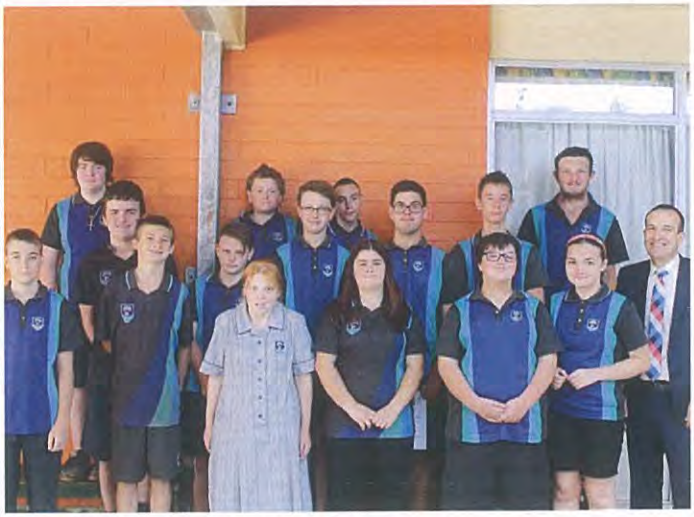
"These pathways will provide more opportunities for early intervention, and will help schools provide quality support and specialised education to children and young people with a disability."

Twenty-five additional special options pathways will be established in schools and preschools across the state and will provide over 250 additional places for children and young people with a disability.

While most sites will have their services up and running by the start of term 1 2017, as the Gawler and District Special Class Unit will undergo a major upgrade, the new places will be available from 2018.

Mr Piccolo said Gawler and District College has been allocated the additional places following extensive consultations that were undertaken across the state to identify areas of high demand and where special options pathways could be improved.

Placement in a special option will be dependent on available vacancies and student priority and schools will communicate placement offers to families during the 2017 school year.



Tony Piccolo MP with the Gawler and District College Special Education classes

GAWLER HEALTH FOUNDATION SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

The Gawler Health Foundation is a hardworking group of volunteers who raise funds for projects and equipment to improve the quality of the services and experiences provided by the Gawler Health Service, according to local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

Foundation spokesperson, Ms Nicole Ryan said fundraising includes a variety of activities such as special events, stalls, movie nights, donations, memberships, in-memoriam donations and bequests.

"Keep an eye out for details of our Walk for Gawler Health in October," said Nicole.

Recently the Foundation purchased new equipment including five televisions for day surgery and a television for the waiting room for the Dialysis Unit.

Ms Ryan said six Foetal Dopplers have recently been purchased to allow doctors and nurses to hear the baby's heartbeat.

Cancer patients will benefit from the recently acquired Chester Chest, which allows nurses to practice putting in lines for Chemo treatment.

"More equipment is on the way," said Ms Ryan.

The Foundation also likes to get the community involved.

In December, Trinity College Gawler River Year 9 Tech Studies class of 2016 produced two lovely coffee tables for the Foundation.

Ms Ryan said these are located in the rooms with the sofa bed chairs we purchased last year.

"These rooms allow families who have members in the palliative care unit to sit and relax, have some time out and in some cases spend the night with their loved ones."

"It is great to see young students helping their community and producing such wonderful quality tables," she said.

Call into the office and see Nicki on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am and 3pm, or visit their website at www.gawlerhealthfoundation.org.au



Members of the Gawler Health Foundation with one of the new coffee tables made by the Trinity College Gawler River Tech Studies students

NEW RENAL UNIT A GOD SEND



Renal patient Mr Trevor Graske (and wife Maxine) chat with Health Minister The Hon Jack Snelling MP and local Member, Mr Tony Piccolo at the official opening of the Renal Unit at the Gawler Health Service

People living in and around Gawler who need kidney dialysis are now getting treatment closer to home, following the opening of a new $2.29 million renal unit.

Health Minister Jack Snelling today officially opened the facility, which provides lifesaving haemodialysis treatment to local people six days a week.

Mr Snelling said it is incredibly important that the people receiving dialysis can do so in a comfortable environment, preferably close to home. This service will allow patients in Gawler and the surrounding areas to do just that.

"With the commencement of services here last September, and in line with the subsequent increase in patients, we have also provided for extra staff," Minister Snelling said.

"Additional staff include nurses as well as dedicated Allied Health services such as a dietitian, social workers and pharmacy support ensure that patients are provided with all the services they require," he said.

Local Member, Mr Tony Piccolo said kidney disease is truly a silent and under-recognised condition and for those who have been diagnosed, dialysis is critical to the management of their illness.

"While time spent receiving treatment can vary, for the average patient, it's around three times a week for four to five hours, every week of the year," Mr Piccolo said.

"This significant investment in services shows the Government is committed to rural healthcare," he said.

The purpose-built renal unit at Gawler Health Service has nine chairs and is already providing on average 300 treatment sessions per month.

Since opening its doors in September 2016, the Gawler Renal Unit has expanded its services from three days a week to six days - saving patients from travelling into metropolitan Adelaide for treatment.

Local resident Mr Trevor Graske said the new renal unit had been a godsend, as he previously had to travel to the city.

Currently 25 local people access the service three times a week, with a session typically lasting between four and five hours.

GAWLER CARE AND SHARE GROUP

Meeting at: Elderly Centre
37 Fourteenth Street, Gawler South
Tuesdays

Gawler Care & Share Group will be celebrating their 40th Birthday on May 9th at the Elderly Centre



Care & Share provide:

- Social support program
- Fun activities
- Morning tea and lunch

Contact: Beth 0447 710 677

GAWLER AND DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Meeting at: Elderly Centre
37 Fourteenth Street, Gawler South
Mondays from 11:30am-3:30pm

Joining fee: : $12 for 12 months or $2 per day

Activities include:

- Cards
- Indoor bowls
- Rummunkin



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MRS ELSIE PACKER 100TH BIRTHDAY



Daughter Faye McKenzie with Mrs Elsie Packer on her 100th

Gawler great-grandmother Elsie Packer celebrated her 100th birthday on January 3, marking a lifetime of community involvement in our region.

Born in Angaston, Elsie is the eldest child of Amanda and Wilhelm Puchs and has a sister, aged 94, and an 88-year-old brother.

During her childhood, Elsie lived at Sandy Creek, Gawler and Perponda and spent her first seven years of her schooling at Gawler Primary School before switching to Lyndoch School while living with an auntie and uncle.

She has spent the past 50 years volunteering with the Country Women's Association (CWA) at Smithfield, and later with the Gawler CWA, where she honed her hobbies of handicrafts, sewing and knitting.

On July 4, 1942, Elsie married Dudley Packer at Perponda.

During their marriage, Dudley worked at Finsbury, Woodville and Smithfield, where he took up the position of Station Master.

Between 1974 and Dudley's retirement in 1978, the couple lived in Gawler. Elsie has continued to call the town home after her husband's death in 1988.

Elsie has two daughters – Judie (deceased) and Fay and two granddaughters, Sue and Vicki.

She has four great grandsons – Jameson, Tyler, Mitchell and Callum, as well as one great granddaughter, Shaya.

Local MP Tony Piccolo, congratulated Elsie on her milestone birthday.

"It's heartening to hear from locals who have lived in our region for much of their life and I hope Elsie had a wonderful birthday with all those who are near and dear to her," Mr Piccolo said.

ANNIVERSARIES



Mr and Mrs Logozzo's 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated on January 14



Mr and Mrs Schwartz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 4



Mr and Mrs Boswell's 65th wedding anniversary was celebrated on February 9

NEW RETIREMENT VILLAGES ACT IMPROVES TRANSPARENCY

The Retirement Villages Act 2016, which passed through Parliament in November 2016, has a number of changes that will bring certainty and transparency to village life for residents, according to the Minister for Ageing, the Hon Zoe Bettison.

Speaking at a special forum in Gawler, Ms Bettison said the introduction of a mandatory maximum 18-month repayment period for residents who exit will deliver greater certainty to residents.

"This means that if you want to leave the village, perhaps to move closer to family, you can now have certainty about when your funds will be released," said Ms Bettison.

"This, along with the ability to remain in residence through the relicensing period gives residents greater security and a range of options should you want to move."

The new Act will lead to an increase in transparency of village funds, including a break down of management fees and providing details of exactly what consultation residents can expect regarding the village budget and finances.

The new Act also sees an increase of penalty amounts to deter contravention of the law. Penalty amounts will now range from $750 to $35,000 for offences.

Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo, who organised the forum, said there are also major changes for prospective residents, in particular, the introduction of a standard disclosure statement, which will improve transparency and clarity of residence contracts.

"This will make it easier for prospective residents to compare fees, charges and services across a number of villages and to have greater clarity regarding all charges from entry to exit," said Mr Piccolo.

Ms Bettison told the forum that she intended for the new Act to come into effect in January 2018 allowing sufficient time to develop the corresponding regulations.

"I aim to have the draft regulations released for public consultation by Easter this year and information about public consultation will be widely distributed. I urge you all to contribute towards it," Ms Bettison said.

Ms Bettison also spoke about the State-wide Conversation with Older South Australians, which she launched in October last year.

Over 400 older people from across South Australia attended a series of dynamic community conversations. They told the State Government what was great in their communities and what could be done to make South Australia an even better place to live as people age.

"Tapping into the experience and ideas of older South Australians was what the conversations were all about," added Ms Bettison.

Mr Piccolo said the ideas and themes from the conversations will be used to guide and inform an Age-Friendly South Australia initiative which the Minister plans to release in the middle of 2017.



Tony Piccolo MP and Minister the Hon Zoe Bettison with seniors from various local retirement villages and groups

MAJOR LEARNING & EARNING EVENT IN THE DISABILITY SECTOR ANNOUNCED



Leesa Vlahos MP , Tony Piccolo MP, Jenny Rickard-Bell, Dermot Cussen, Yvonne Cloke and Byron Stuut with students of the Adelaide North Special School

Learning and earning opportunities for people living with a disability or people seeking to work in the sector will be showcased at a major seminar and exhibition being held at the Adelaide North Special School (ANSS).

The event is being co-ordinated by local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo in association with the school and the Disability Workforce Hub (DWH) based at Northern Futures Inc.

Mr Piccolo said the community would gain a better understanding of the learning and employment opportunities available in the disability sector.

"People who wish to work in the sector, those living with disability looking for meaningful work and small businesses that would like to explore what opportunities might exist for them will all find the event beneficial," Mr Piccolo said.

"Small businesses will gain a better understanding of how they might be able to provide services to support the sector as it grows with the roll out of the National Disability Scheme in northern Adelaide from 1st July this year.

"Those attending the exhibition will have an opportunity to talk one to one with service providers or regulators."

The exhibition will have a number of service providers and advocacy groups from both the not for profit and for profit sectors and government agencies.

ANSS Principal Byron Stuut said the school community are thrilled to host the Learning and Earning Expo.

"We are highly committed to providing excellent opportunities for children and young adults living with disabilities to access the wider community as active and purposeful citizens," Mr Stuut said.

"I take my hat off to the services and employers presenting at the expo who have a passion and belief to support those living with a disability."

Northern Futures Disability Employment Co-ordinator Yvonne Cloke said the event will promote the wide range of occupations in the disability sector, not just direct individual support, and will showcase the enhanced career services provided through the Disability Workforce Hub.

The seminar and exhibition will be held on Wednesday 5 April 2017 from 6pm at the Adelaide North Special School, 135 Douglas Dr, Munno Para.

A full program and attendance registration form will be available at www.tonypiccolo.org/learning-and-employment-attendance from Friday 3 March 2017.

Individuals, businesses and community organisations who are contemplating exhibiting or speaking at the exhibition/seminar can attend a special briefing on Monday 20th February 2017 at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Adelaide North Special School.

To register for the briefing go to http://www.tonypiccolo.org/learning-and-employment-briefing by Thursday 16th February 2017.

While the exhibition and seminar will focus on learning and employment, service providers in related fields are also welcome to exhibit.

To register as an exhibitor or speaker go to http://www.tonypiccolo.org/learning-and-employment-exhibitor by Friday 24th February 2017.

Enquiries regarding the event can be directed to Mr Piccolo's Electorate Office on 85 222 878 or via email at light@parliament.sa.gov.au

LEARNING IN THE DISABILITY SECTOR

Exhibition & Seminar

Wednesday 5 April 2017, from 6:00pm at the Adelaide North Special School, 135 Douglas Drive, Munno Para.

Making you aware of the challenges and opportunities for learning and earning in the disability sector

Who should attend?

- People living with a disability
- Families & carers of people living with a disability
- Career counsellor
- Teachers in special education
- People working with people living with a disability
- Small businesses providing to those living with a disability
- Advocacy groups

Who will be exhibiting/speaking?

- Disability employment services
- Disability service providers
- Disability advocates
- Disability employers
- Government agencies
- Small business advisors
- Disability Workforce Hub
- Stretton Centre

For the full program and to register your attendance go online at: www.tonypiccolo.org/learning-and-employment-attendance by Friday 24 March 2017



NORTHERN FUTURES

ADELAIDE NORTH SPECIAL SCHOOL

This event is proudly brought to you by Tony Piccolo MP in association with the Adelaide North Special School and the Disability Workforce Hub (Northern Futures Inc.)