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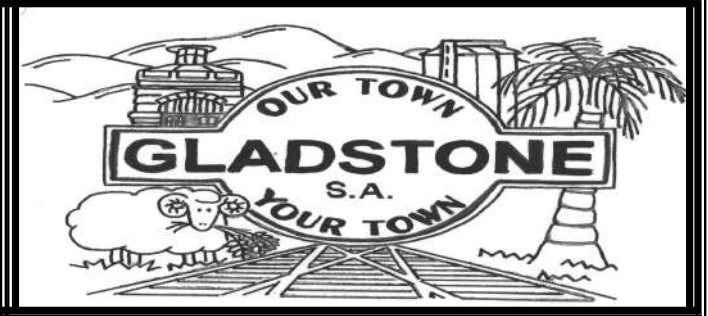
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# GAZETTE



## GAZETTE April 2024 Editorial

### Subway Mural Painting

Welcome to the April edition of the Gazette and the autumn weather at last!

Your GCDTA Committee has been working hard to prepare the subway for an exciting mural to be painted by noted muralist 'Mural Nomad': PJ and Ben Hannagan. The subway will be shut from April 4<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> for this reason, so please use the railway crossings instead. I hope this inconvenience will be greatly overshadowed by a mural which will be a fantastic attraction.

I wish to thank the Gladstone Art Committee and Opp Shop for helping to make it happen, their support is vital.

Two of our Committee met with the new Dog/Cat Control Officer, Mick Tobin and we are looking at placing the Dog Park in the Main Street, north of the Peace Garden, next to the picket fence. Mick felt this would be a great place for locals and visitors alike to exercise their dogs, as it is centrally located. Mick has taken over the Dog/Cat Control job from Garry Harris, who retired in February after 26 years of service. Thank you and well done Garry.

By the time you read this the mural will have just begun! Please respect the artists at work, they need to be able to get on with the job with few interruptions. There will be organised opportunities to talk to them.

*David Catford*  
President GCDTA

## **Finding a Justice of the Peace In alphabetical order:**

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## **Wind Farm Grant**

The Southern Flinders Regional Sport Complex Management Committee received last week a \$3,000 AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Grant. The grant will fund the installation of a rainwater filter and drinking fountain at the Stadium.

The water fountain will be placed on the stadium verandah and be available 24-hours a day for public use. Well done to the Committee for this innovative project.

## **The Cat**

You will have noticed the outline of a cat sitting on top of the locomotive on the 'Silver to Seaway' monument in the parklands in the Main Street. It is depicting the "Lady Jane Grey Cat" from the Gladstone Gaol. Does anyone have more information on this feline?

## **Golf Club News**

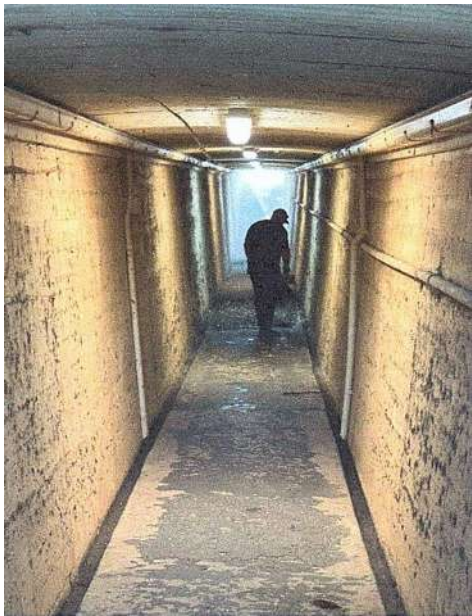
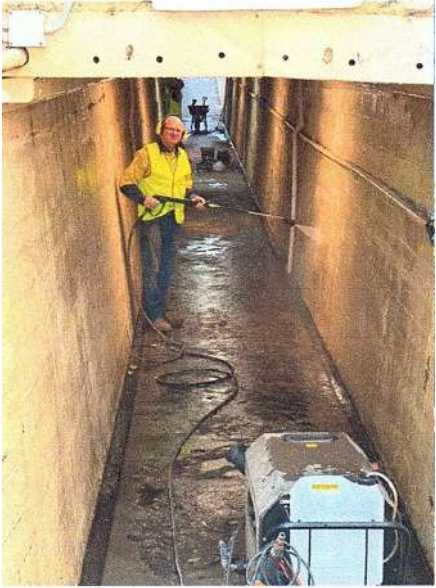
Hi everyone. The summer golf season is about to finish, and the main golf season is about to start. It will commence on **Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Tee off times will start at 10.00am.

The Club is always looking for new members and if you are interested, you can email us at [gladstonegolfclubs@outlook.com](mailto:gladstonegolfclubs@outlook.com) or Phone : 0435642018 all new and old members and guests welcome.

Demolition work has commenced on the damaged half of the old Club House and work will start on a new club house in the next few months.

*Club Captain*





Photos from the subway cleanup for the mural.

Above left: Andrew Kitto with his pressure washer.

At left. Shawn Adams with the final clean up

And above are David Catford and Tracey Cunningham hard at work.

More photos from the subway clean-up for the mural.

Above David Catford with the finishing touches.

Above right. Marty Andrew tree trimming.

And at right, John Hennessy and Shawn Adams in discussion.







The massive machine used to prepare the surface for painting of the new six court complex at Ewart Oval.



The courts ready for tennis, netball and basketball.



Some photos from the Panthers Ride and Drive. Sunday 3rd March 2024. See report page 15



Mrs Karen Burford on her final day after many years of great service at the Gladstone Council Office.





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## Lions Club News

With football/netball just around the corner, Lions are gearing up for a busy season. We make and sell our donuts at the Gladstone and Laura home games of Southern Flinders. We have also operated at the Laura Market in March and look forward to a busy weekend at the Laura Fair this week.

Our efforts to acquire a new food van in order to meet new food standards is progressing well. In February we launched a sponsorship drive with an Advertising Opportunity sent to thirty local business organisations. Our current van is now 44 years old, having raised over \$220,000 in that time. These funds have benefited our local community with funds provided for local projects as well supporting charities across the globe.

If you would like to sponsor this worthy cause, please do not hesitate to contact Wayne Miller on 0428 887 550.

## Be a SAAS Volunteer

The SA Ambulance Service has launched its volunteer recruitment campaign. Answer the call!!! The campaign aims to attract new volunteers to ambulance stations across country SA.

SAAS volunteer are called on during times of need and have excellent standing in regional communities. By joining SAAS you'll get free qualifications, Ambulance Cover and be reimbursed for travel and childcare. SAAS also has a unique employer reimbursement program for volunteers who leave work to respond to emergencies in their community.

To find out more go to [www.saasambulance.sa.gov.au](http://www.saasambulance.sa.gov.au) or call 1300 175 584 during business hours.

## Rocky River 'Riters' Report

Rocky River 'Riters' meetings are in Gladstone on the second Friday of every month. Please contact us for meeting information. Our next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

The book reading for February was "A Low and Quiet Sea" by Donal Ryan. March's reading was "The Lost Man" by Jane Harper. We are planning workshops on Interviewing Skills to take place later this year.

Members choose **new words and phrases** from readings they do in the month.

The creative writing meetings are on fourth Saturday of each month at the Diocesan Hall in Fifth Street, Gladstone. Sessions run from 10am to noon with shared lunch.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining our group at [jhnc@bigpond.com](mailto:jhnc@bigpond.com) or telephone 0417 849 441. Go to Rocky River 'Riters' website: <https://rockyriverriters.club> Here you will find access to the Laura Literary Awards and to our member's writing showcase.

*Jonathan Hawkins-Clarke*

## Telstra 3G

Just a reminder that from June 30<sup>th</sup> Telstra will be switching off their 3G network. If you have a 3G device you will not be able to use it after that date.

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## What Does This Mean for Gladstone

The Economic Forum was held recently in Port Pirie. South Australia is strategically placed to capitalise on the global shift towards renewable energy and sustainable technologies. The abundant copper and magnetite iron ore resources for sustainable technologies like electric vehicles, wind turbines and green steel production further solidified its role in the green economy. The plan to build the world's largest Hydrogen Power Plant at Whyalla facilitates industrial processes like steel production.

These initiatives will create employment opportunities in South Australia, particularly in the Spencer Gulf region. What does this mean for Gladstone? This development will ensure the viability of the Port Pirie Smelter for the next 50 years. As a satellite town to Port Pirie there will be a causal sequence that will drive up the need for family housing, other accommodations for transient work forces and the flow on from that will drive increased need in domestic suppliers, trade providers, education etc.

Housing will be one of the early challenges. This provides individuals with opportunities to develop their own properties, sell land, look at other options for accommodation provision. What can we each bring to the table, to contribute to growth?

*Dee Scown*  
*Treasurer GCDTA*



## Vaping Laws

From March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 new smoke-free and vape-free laws have come into force. Smoking and vaping will be **banned** from a variety of public outdoor areas in South Australia. These include:

- \* early childhood services premises
- \* Entrances to shopping centres
- \* at hospitals and health facilities.
- \* within outdoor public swimming facilities
- \* at major event venues
- \* within ten metres of a sporting venue during an underage sporting event.
- \* on beaches within 50 metres of the red/yellow flags
- \* within five metres of a jetty.

For further information visit [clearingtheair.sa.gov.au](http://clearingtheair.sa.gov.au)

The GCDTA committee would like to invite you to also volunteer in any way that you can. There are always opportunities to help, and with that comes the pride of making a contribution to a community with a wonderful family heart, that is growing in population and recognition.

## Volunteer Awards

Nominations are open for the 2024 South Australian Volunteer Awards. Given the very high percentage of volunteers within our community, there are sure to be some worthy recipients in our midst.

- The Joy Noble Medal: SA's highest distinction for an individual.
- 'The Andamooka' Community Project Award: Recognising a community or group volunteer project of significant community benefit.
- The young Volunteer Award: Honouring an impressive young volunteer aged 12 to 25.
- The Excellence in Volunteer Management Award: Honouring a volunteer manager for their contribution to the profession.
- The Premier's Award for Corporate Social Responsibility: Recognising the community contribution of a SA for-profit business.

For more information visit [www.vsant.org.au/savolunteerawards/](http://www.vsant.org.au/savolunteerawards/)

Of note: Council is now accepting **concrete** at its transfer stations.

To recognise the important of volunteering it is now customary to place monetary values on both hours and equipment use (volunteers tend to use their own tools and machinery). Those values in this instance came to manhours totalling \$1,822.50 and Equipment use \$200. This also assists organisations in the securing of grants as recognition of contributions in-kind.

*David Catford*  
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## The Annual Gladstone Art Exhibition.

### History

The first Gladstone Community Art Exhibition was held in the Gladstone High School Hall in November 1976. It was the initiative of the late Richard (Dick) Biles who was the art teacher at the High School at that time. Artists from all over the State as well as regional artists were invited to submit works which would also be available for sale. The exhibition not only offered a cultural experience for visitors, but also an opportunity for students to enhance their art education by viewing the work of other artists.

The proceeds from the sale of art work were used to purchase works to be displayed around the school; the selected work was decided by a consensus of the school staff.

This exhibition became an annual event under Dick Biles' direction and supported by the school staff until his resignation due to illness in 1997.

In 1997 It was decided to widen the display at the exhibition to include art and craft work by students. An encouragement award was introduced for young artists as well as a People's Choice Award.

The last exhibition was held at the High School in 2001 when school resources needed to be redirected.

In 2008 a proposal was put to the Gladstone Community Development and Tourism Association (GCD&TA) by Gladstone resident Annette Ognjanovic for the construction of a gallery building to house a large Panoramic painting of a Southern Flinders scene to be executed by panorama painter Jeff Morgan. This proposal was to provide a unique attraction for visitors thus leading to a social and economic benefit for Gladstone. Such a development would require a huge injection of funds and among many suggestions for fund raising was the reintroduction of the Annual Gladstone Art Exhibition, this time to be a fund raising project of the GCD&TA.

A subcommittee was established to organise and manage the event and the first exhibition was held in September 2009 in the Gladstone Town Hall. The exhibition was open to all artists in both 2 and 3 dimensional forms and continued to feature the work of students not only from Gladstone High School, but all schools in the Rocky River District.

Subsequent feasibility studies which highlighted the difficulties in advancing the Panorama Project led to the project being shelved, but the success of the Art Exhibition has resulted in a significant annual event for Gladstone and as a participant in the "Brush with Art" programme, has become part of a major South Australian regional art event.

Proceeds from the Exhibition will be used toward projects aimed at arts development in the community and cultural tourism.

The 2024 Exhibition will be the 15th year in this format (*the 2020 exhibition was cancelled due to Covid*) and the 41<sup>st</sup> Gladstone Art Exhibition.

Colin Raison

Exhibition Coordinator. and the 2024 Committee ;Trina Barber, Karyn Durrant, Virginia Ferguson, Robyn Harris, Cheryle Gericke-Syta,. Jon Hawkins-Clarke, Chrissie White,

## **Panthers Ride and Drive. Sunday 3rd March 2024.**

The weather gods were on our side for the first ever Panthers outing. A great display of

fancy cars and shiny motorbikes gathered in the Main street parking bay.

Approximately 15 cars, 1 Limo & 8 bikes set out from Gladstone to head to Port Broughton.

After coffees, cool drinks and plenty of chit chat by the foreshore, 5 bikes & 5 cars

continued onto Port Hughes for lunch at the local Tavern, before making their way back to

Gladstone.

We were overwhelmed at the turnout and variety of vehicles. Thank you to all who came

out on the day. Hopefully we will hold another one later in the year, possibly to somewhere

different, and we welcome anyone and everyone along.



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## GLADSTONE EX\_SERVICE PERSONNEL GROUP

### March/April 2024 report

The ANZAC Dawn Service will be held on Thursday the 25 April at the Gladstone Street war memorial. The service will start at 6.15am prompt.

This year everybody will meet at the war memorial. Previously people met at the RSL building and marched to the war memorial. Due to the low numbers of veterans leading the march it was decided to meet at the war memorial. Posters will be put around on the notice boards.

Another change for this year is that there will not be a 'gunfire' breakfast at the Gladstone bowling club house. Tim Zander and some volunteers are instead having a marquee set up at the war memorial and will serve tea, coffee and scones. A donation tin will be available.

The 6th of June 1944 was D Day. The allied invasion of Normandy. The force included 7,000 ships and landing craft manned by over 195,000 naval personnel. By June the 30<sup>th</sup> 1944 850,000 men, 148,000 vehicles and 570,000 tons of supplies had landed.

The Cowra break out took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1944. The Japanese prisoners of war with improvised weapons stormed the perimeter fence and overcome the machine gun posts. As a result, 231 Japanese were killed, 108 injured. 4 Australian soldiers were killed.

The land battles in new Guinea with defeat of the Japanese at Wau and clearing the Japanese from the Huon peninsular was completed by April 1944. The Australian army then began campaigns against the Japanese garrisons from Borneo, Bougainville, new Britain and at Ai tape New Guinea.

With the terrible death toll in Ukraine and Israel from invading forces. The terrorists' random attacks make one wonder what a human life is worth. We live in one of the best countries in the world, which was defended during WW2 by service personnel, too many making the supreme sacrifice. We hope and pray that this will never happen again.

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEN  
LEST WE FORGET**