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WHEAL HUGHES UNDERGROUND TOURS ON AGAIN



The euphoria of winning a reprieve for the continuation of the Wheal Hughes Copper Mine Underground Tours has given way to the serious task of deciding and implementing the operational requirements and making preparations for an early new year start date.

Wheal Hughes Copper Mine Working Party comprising National Trust Moonta Branch, Moonta Progress Association and District Council representatives has been formed to manage the Mine aspects of the operation under a sponsorship arrangement with the District Council of the Copper Coast and the National Trust Moonta Branch will be responsible for the management and day to day operation of the Mine Underground Tour Program.

A Public Meeting and Sausage Sizzle will be held at the Mine on Sunday

9th December from 12 noon to inform residents about the Wheal Hughes Copper Mine Working Groups plans and their progress and to appeal for volunteers to be tour guides, to help in the mines office and to help maintain and develop the public areas around the site. Mr Ned Knight, a well credentialed former miner of 35 years experience has been appointed Works Coordinator and already several volunteers have offered their services but more are needed. Training and special accreditation for underground duties will be provided as appropriate.

The people of Moonta and Moonta businesses have an excellent opportunity to be ambassadors for the town and district by experiencing and promoting Moonta attractions including the Wheal Hughes Copper Mine, and encouraging family, friends and others to share the experience. We would also encourage locals to spread the word about the Moonta Heritage Experience during their travels and to take with them a handful of glossy promotional brochures for distribution at other tourism centres throughout the state and country.

Dear Readers

The process of distributing our Community Newsletter will change.

Future issues will not be hand delivered to letterboxes but, instead, will be available for collection from local businesses and other central points around the town and district.

We thank you for your support and apologize for any inconvenience.

10TH XMAS PAGEANT

Moonta is the place to be on Sunday 16th December for our annual Christmas parade. Commencing at 5pm from the Bowling Club, the pageant proceeds along Blanche Terrace, George Street and William Street ending on Robert Street. Father Christmas will make his way to his cottage in Queen Square to meet the children. Entertainment and food and drink stalls will be available at Queen Square leading up to the Carols at 7.30pm.

Float entries are still being accepted and entry forms are available at the Variety Store in Ellen Street. Children interested in participating in the pageant can also register at the Store.

SANTA'S CAVE

Santa is "making a list and checking it twice". If your children want to be on that list be sure to take them to his cave at 47 George Street. He can be visited from 19th to 21st December and on Monday 24th from 10am to 12am, 2pm to 4pm, and on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd from 10am to 12am. A photographer is available every morning. Lucky Dips and the Giant Xmas Stocking raffle tickets will be on sale.

On Saturday morning there will be light entertainment at Santa's Cave and the Xmas Stocking raffle and Xmas Lights winners will be announced.

Persons willing to help in Santa's Cave are welcome. A roster is available at the Variety Store.

Moonta Community Sports Clubs Steering Committee

On Thursday November 15th representatives from the following clubs Moonta Progress Association, Moonta Golf Club, Moonta Football / Cricket Club, Moonta Hockey Club, Moonta Tennis Club, CJ's Netball Club, Moonta Basketball Club, Moonta Community Sports Club (Tennis, CJs Netball, Basketball, Hockey and Softball), Moonta Area School Rep & Moonta Weight Watchers, met to discuss the formation of a Community

Sports Club in Moonta.

It was decided to gather information on existing Community Clubs in South Australia to see how they were formed, their structure and visions etc., clubs such as Ravendale at Port Lincoln, Ardrossan Community Club, Paskeville and Clare Community Clubs will be sourced for information.

As a group we believe a vision is needed for sporting and other clubs in Moonta to ensure our future, our continual growth and further development. As a combined "umbrella group" applications for Government Grants would be a major focus.

Our next meeting will be in Mid February, anyone interested in attending please contact Phil Ward (Minute Taker) Moonta Area School / Moonta Hockey Club on 8825 2088 during school hours leave you details and Phil will get back to you.

Contributed by Evie Jacquier

MAKE A WISH BEACH CARNIVAL

To be held on Saturday 12th January 2008 from 11am - 4pm at South Beach, Port Hughes.

Featuring the Challenge Cup involving an obstacle race and other challenges. Teams of 6 including at least 2 females. Team dress up encouraged. \$10 team entry fee or sponsorship fundraising. Trophies for Highest fundraising team, Best Dressed and Challenge Cup Winner. Other family events will be held throughout the day.

Donations of food and services from local businesses and Clubs for fundraising and prizes on the day would be most appreciated.

The aim of the day is to have FUN with your family, friends or work colleagues and to help us grant wishes to children living with a life threatening illness.

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Open Gardens Festival

The Moonta and District Progress Association was satisfied with the result of the Open Garden and Craft Festival over the October holiday weekend, even though several competing activities were probably responsible for the numbers attending being slightly down on last year.

However the keen garden lovers were not deterred and several Garden Clubs from neighbouring districts visited as many gardens as they could fit into the time available to them during their day trip by bus or car. Many local gardeners like to come along to see progress in gardens that have not been opened for a while, or to search out ideas for their own garden. Most garden owners had a steady stream of admiring patrons, and those who had trading tables, afternoon teas, or donations boxes for local charities, were more than satisfied with their results. The fine spring weather was ideal to show to perfection the beautiful gardens and the dedication and diversity of skills of the local gardeners, in spite of water restrictions.

The Craft Festival was well attended with many sales of good quality goods.

All participants expressed enthusiasm for the event, and confidently look forward to it being repeated in 2008.

THE N.Y.P QUILTERS

The N.Y.P. Quilters celebrated their 21st Birthday during the last Kernewek Lowender. The group has been meeting in the Moonta Town Hall Supper Room for about 10 years and has 56 members. Some of the foundation members are still involved.

The N.Y.P. Quilters have always been a very generous group of women. They have made several wall hangings for Public Buildings including the Ascot Theatre and Wallaroo Hospital and donated to The Royal Flying Doctor, Moonta Aged Care, Wallaroo Hospital, Rose Ward at the Women's & Children's Hospital, Riding for the Disabled, Anti Cancer, Lymphodema Group & Air Strip Lighting.

Quilts have been given to various organizations. These include Moonta Aged Care, Star of the Sea at Wallaroo, N.Y.P Homes for the Aged at Kadina, Anglicare, Moonta Uniting Care and the Wallaroo Primary School to raise funds for their resources after the fire. Our ongoing project is making little Cot Quilts for the cots of very young children in Rose Ward at the Women's & Children's Hospital. We also make "Little Quilts of

Love" for still born babies and Humidity Covers for the top of the crib.

We keep in touch with our exchange group, the Caradon Quilters in Cornwall. A number of exchanged Cornish quilts are displayed at the Moonta Tourist Centre.

We meet for Sewing Days every Wednesday and the Business Meetings are held the 1st Monday Evening of the Month, excluding December & January.

Elaine Norris-Green
Publicity Officer. Ph 88251981

SHIPPY'S BARBEQUE COMPETITION

Give away to the most needy sporting or Community Group or Club:

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MOONTA COMMUNITY SHED

Its all happening. Our Office is up and running and the materials are on order for our new storage annex and paint shop area thanks to a generous \$6500 grant from the Forsyth Foundation and Uniting Care Wesley.

Our very successful Rocking Horse Raffle was won by Mrs Graham of Blackwood for her grand-daughter Chloe. Thanks to all those people who bought a ticket and helped with our fundraising drive.

There are still a few vacancies on the Wednesday if you are interested in coming along.

There has been a rush on a number of our stocked items in the lead up to Christmas and we have introduced an innovative pot hanging pole which is attracting a lot of interest. Why not drop by and check out the bargains.

Moonta National Trust

The influx of visitors for the recent Open Gardens and Craft and Antiques and Collectables Festivals has bought an early start to the tourist season for National Trust Staff and things are getting busier with the impending opening of the Wheal Hughes Copper Mine Underground Tours.

Things have been happening at the Wheal Munta Station too with the recent addition of a station platform and extended roofing over the track enabling travelers to board and alight the train for the 50 minute tour in comfort and under cover. Landscaping work and paths around the site complete the project that was made possible through the efforts of a dedicated railway team, grant funding and the support of work for the dole participants.

On Thursday 15th November at the Moonta Mines Museum a new display 'OUR CORNISH CONNECTION' was opened by Mrs Lilian James OAM, Bard of Cornwall and President of the Yorke Peninsula Branch of the Cornish Assoc. of SA. The Museum Committee was well supported by 65 invited guests from various organisations from Moonta and surrounding districts. After the opening a traditional Cornish morning tea was served to our guests by two students from the Moonta Area School who impressed everyone with their smiles and friendly approach.

The Old Miners Cottage has just celebrated 40 years of being open to the public.

Its "All aboard" for the Christmas Lights tram tours. The tour will leave the Old Moonta Railway Station at 9pm and 10pm each night from Monday 10th December to Monday 24th December.

Don't forget the Twilight Markets at the Old Moonta Railway Station on January 5th and 12th from 3pm to 8pm offering lots of variety stalls, collectables, food, drinks and train rides.

If you have some hours to spare and enjoy meeting and helping people the Tourist Office would love to hear from you. Venues include the train, museum, cottage, sweet shop and Wheal Hughes Mine and office. Enquiries and Bookings 88251891.

Lions Club of Moonta

2007 has been another eventful year for the Lions and their ongoing support for the Moonta & District Community and other deserving charitable organisations.

An auction in April helped to fund and train a hearing dog for a local resident. The proceeds from a local Business Directory contributed to a \$5000 donation towards the Moonta Community Bus. Further beneficiaries included the Little Livers Association (\$400), Meals for Cancare at the Pt Hughes Accommodation Centre (\$800), the Cranio Facial Unit (\$400), Royal Flying Doctor Service (\$1000), The Moonta School Drug Awareness Programme (\$1500), the RSL Gun Restoration Project (\$2700), the Para Olympic Appeal (\$150), Moonta School Year Awards (\$100), Community Sporting Association in Moonta (\$350).

Other donations were made to Heartbeat, CJ Netball Club, Lions Medical Research Foundation, Lions Drug awareness foundation, Novita Child Services and 89.3 Gulf FM.

Our latest auction in November was very successful netting \$2434.

The above funds are able to be earned by the Moonta Lions Club through the generosity and support of local traders and townspeople. Special mention must be made of a local farmer who donates pea straw for our Club to sell. Over the year we made \$2368 profit thanks to his generosity. Well done Trevor.

Anyone wishing to join or find out more about our Club can contact President Charlie Mines on 88252761.

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Our November meeting was well attended and we were pleased to welcome Police Constable Sergeant Ken Vickery, who presented us with current policing issues in the Moonta and Copper Coast Area and reported that the Indigenous Football Carnival was not attended as heavily as predicted and was relatively quiet.

However over the last couple of months there has been again a spate of car break-ins and goods stolen from a number of premises. These crimes are generally opportunistic caused by vehicles or premises being unsecured or items left in view for easy access. It is therefore important that we take every measure to ensure cars and premises are properly secured. To this end a Brochure has been produced for display at caravan parks for a campaign – “LOCK DOORS & SECURE BOATS”.

There has also been a spate of vandalism and graffiti, police remind residents to be vigilant for this type activity and to report it to them immediately.

Ken also advised that there have been some



Neighbourhood Watch



‘juvenile break-ins’, with Police successfully apprehending five of these offenders. Attendees were concerned that there was a high incidence of cars exceeding the 50 kph speed limit in particular on the Western end of George Street.

REPORTING OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

While we often observe something that we are not sure that should be reported, it is better that we do rather than be sorry afterwards. If you have a concern or you are unsure about contacting police direct, this can be done through Area Coordinator Brian Sainty on 88253817.

DRY ZONES

Remember the rules regarding the drinking of alcohol in designated dry zones. No drinking between 10pm and 6am.

Please remember that 000 is for emergencies only and police can be contacted on 131444.

THE NEXT MEETING OF MOONTA AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IS ON **Thursday 17th January AT 7.30PM** IN THE TOWN HALL. EVERYONE WELCOME.

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MOONTA & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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