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**MOONTA ENGINEERING & TRIAD TRANSPORT
SPONSORS XMAS PAGEANT FOR FOURTH YEAR**



Moonta Engineering and Triad Transport owner Kevin Stock has generously offered to be the Major Sponsor for the Moonta Christmas Pageant for the fourth consecutive year.

The Pageant Committee is extremely grateful to Kevin for his continuing support. As always, Kevin expects little in return but we should all be mindful of his wonderful generosity and support his businesses whenever possible.

Year.

The Honourable Jane Lomax-Smith, Minister for Tourism, popped in to participate in this unique underground experience and declared it "A great tour, fascinating location and very much in tune with the State's future. Well done!" Tour Guide John Barnes was congratulated on his professionalism. (See Photo—The Hon Minister and John on right.)



**Busy Times At Wheal
Hughes Mine**

Exciting things have been happening at the Wheal Hughes Underground Copper Mine at Moonta over the past few weeks. Apart from the normal stream of interested tourists, several school excursions have visited the mine whilst exploring the mining Heritage sites of Moonta. One excited group of Moonta Area School students were able to take part in the filming of a segment for the popular Channel 10 Children's TV Show "Totally Wild". We will find out when this will be aired some time in the New

The crew from "Postcards", one of South Australia's favourite television shows will be arriving this week to make an episode for future airing on Channel 9. Keep watching the TV Guide for details.

Be sure that you include a trip "down under" with your friends and family during the holiday period, and be a part of the excitement. Enquiries and bookings can be made at the National Trust Office at the Old Railway Station, and while there check out the great range of souvenirs and books relevant to the mining heritage of Moonta - your town.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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The Challenge Cup provides an opportunity for you to get your friends and family together and form a team, to compete in novelty events including an obstacle course and tug-of-war, among many others. Fantastic prizes will be awarded throughout the day including an award for the best dressed team.

There will be jet-ski rides and kayak hire, kite flying, live band Unfinished Project, food and market stalls and amusements. Free entry with a gold coin entry to novelty events, starting from 10:30am.

Proudly supported by Wahlstedt Quality Homes and 1st Choice Homes. For further information contact Gail on (08) 8825 3500

Moonta Writer's Group

The Moonta Writer's Group is a not for profit organisation that meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The members are diverse in their genres as well as in their experience levels; basically anyone with a passion for writing is welcome.

Recently the Council approved an Arts funding grant to the Group and this money will be spent producing an anthology. The book will be a mix of poetry and short stories which in some way will be themed around the Yorke Peninsula. This anthology will be launched at the next Cornish Festival in May 2009 and contributions of work will come from all our members plus the winners of our annual writing competition.

For more details about the Group please contact Pam Farley, PO

Box 205, Moonta on
750monster@gmail.com, or phone
0888253051

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge Moonta

The members of the above Lodge have recently made a donation of \$5000 dollars to the Moonta Health & Aged care service, for the purchase of two new electric operated patients beds.

This money was raised by the Lodge Members in their various local fund raising efforts.

This is in addition of the recent purchase of a new recording machine donated to the "Talking Times" at Kadina to assist in recording the Country Times on tape, to be distributed to the visually impaired members of the community. This funding was organised by the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, with contributions being made by the Masonic Foundation as well as the other Lodges on Yorke Peninsula. Don Ferguson. Secretary

Moonta Antiques & Collectables

The 13th Moonta Antiques & Collectables weekend was an outstanding success with over 1300 visitors through the doors.

With a wide variety of venues from offering a diverse range of items for sale and display there was something for everyone. The success of the Fair is due to the hard work of a small committee but is very much dependent on the various clubs and societies and individuals for the successful running of the weekend and we are very grateful for their support.

The original aim of the weekend was to draw tourists to Moonta on what was a quiet time of the year. It has now become one of the most popular annual events for Moonta.

The Moonta Antiques and Collectables Weekend Committee is a sub committee of the Moonta & District Progress Association. Our AGM will be held on 24th February 2009 in the Supper Room at the Moonta Town Hall at 7.30pm and anyone who is interested in attending is most welcome.

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Moonta Lights Up

Its All aboard!! when Moonta lights up from Monday 8th December up to and including New Years eve; except for Christmas Day.

Train Tours will take place at 9pm and 10pm from Moonta's Old Railway Station with up to 3 carriages accommodating 7 people in each. Individual Family and Group Bookings can be made through the Moonta Visitor Centre ph 88251891 or email info@moontatourism.org.au

If you wish your home to be included on the train route leave your address at the Visitor Centre. All participants, businesses and residences will be judged in their own category. Entry is free.

Moonta Xmas Pageant

It's a date not to be missed. Moonta's Xmas Pageant will take place on Sunday 14th December from 5.30pm. Featuring over 30 floats from Moonta Clubs, Businesses and individuals.

Special appearances by Grace Bowman, Moonta's own 2008 Para Olympian Equestrian Event competitor, Kernewek Lowender May Queens, Digger the Wombat and, straight from the North Pole, every child's favourite, Father Christmas, in his reindeer sleigh.

The Pageant begins next to the Moonta Bowling Club and travels along Blanche Terrace to George Street and on to Queen Square. Queen Square will have food and soft drink stalls, entertainment and Santa in his Cottage immediately after the pageant. The entertainment continues with 2 hours of Carol Singing with Craig Woodward, Debbie Bell, Moonta Area School Choir, Lighthouse Ministries Choir, Moonta Uniting Church Choir and the KWM Brass Band.

Entry forms are available at the Moonta Variety Store 19 Ellen Street Ph 88252169.

Special thanks to the Moonta Xmas Pageant Sponsors who will be publicly acknowledged throughout the day and in the Carols Program brochure. Thanks also to Stuart Bone of Moonta Tyre Service for kindly donating two trailer tyres for one of our Xmas floats.

Santa's Cave

Santa can be visited in his cave at the Old Needles and Pins Cottage 47 George Street from Wednesday 17th to Wednesday 24th December. Opening times are 10am to 12 noon everyday and 2pm to 4pm on weekdays. A photographer will be available during morning sessions only.

Helpers are needed. The roster is available at the Moonta Variety Store.

Moonta Twilight Market

The popular Twilight Market will be held at the Old Railway Station on Saturday 10th January from 3 – 8pm.

If you are interested in a stall, contact Glenys on 88251891. Its a good opportunity for local Clubs and youth groups to promote themselves and fundraise and for locals to showcase their artistic talents.

Website Upgrade Soon

Our Progress Association Webmaster Russell Sobey of Sobey Multimedia is only weeks away from unveiling our exciting new website "Moonta What's On" which will focus on town promotion and incorporate a number of innovations to maximize local community input, visitor interest, the availability of information and ease of access. Make www.moontaprogress.org.au your regular information source and community One Stop Shop for what's available and what's happening in and around our town and district.

Available for use by local business and community clubs and groups.

Lions Club of Moonta

What have we been up to lately? Recently donated to the following causes; 89.3 Gulf FM Radio - \$135, Can -Care appeal - \$420, Make-A-Wish Foundation - \$100, Cranio Facial Unit - \$200, Lions Eye Health programme - \$56, Aust Drug Awareness Foundation - \$75, Moonta Area School - \$200, Wallaroo Hospital - \$1000, Royal Flying Doctor Appeal - \$500.

The \$1000 to Wallaroo Hospital was a joint venture with Lions Clubs of Wallaroo, Bute, Kadina, YP Rail and Moonta jointly funding \$8,300 in total for sorely needed equipment to allow Specialists to do more work, more effectively.

We've collected 8000 bales of hay to sell as mulching material in the last fortnight. We gave \$650 to the Wheal Hughes Copper Mine for outdoor seats and tables. We also arranged and paid to have extensive paving improvements done to the BBQ Shed at Polgreen Park and in conjunction with the Moonta Progress Association have upgraded the surrounding garden beds with plants supplied by Council. The area is now more welcoming and usable.

Future projects include collecting Xmas Trees from Wirabara State Forest and installing them in the Moonta CBD, taking part in the Xmas Parade and selling Lions Xmas Cakes before the big day on Dec 25th.

The Lions Club of Moonta thanks the community for its support and wish one and all a Merry Xmas and Happy & Healthy New Year.

Charlie Mines President.

1st Moonta Scout Group

A very merry Xmas to all and a very big Thank You to all who have supported our Group or Children in any way. Without the support we would not be as viable nor would the Children develop as they do. Last year was 100 yrs since Scouting began in England. This

year was Australia's 100th year and next year marks the 100th year for South Australia.

In a very important appointment, Mr Reg Williams, formally of Wallaroo and former Chief Scout of South Australia, has been appointed Chief Scout of Australia. It is the first time a South Australian has held this position and we wish him well.

We have had lots of camps this year and we have been out and about in the community. Recently we carried out our roadside clean up and we will shortly be taking part in the Moonta Xmas Pageant. We had a great night with the Moonta Croquet Club playing Golf Croquet. Thank you so much for your effort ladies; the children and adults enjoyed it. Many thanks to all the Leaders who have helped in the children's development this year.

Regards Wendy.

Moonta Senior Citizens Club

We wish to thank everyone who supported us at our Christmas Market which was a very successful event due to our hard working Committee and members.

Our Club will close on the 19th December and open on the 5th January with the first Bingo on 9th Jan. The Club will open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.15 – 3.30pm. Carpet Bowls on Monday afternoon, Bingo every second Friday. Our General Meetings start on 11th Feb and our Annual General Meeting will be on 11th March. All Welcome.

Enquiries ph 88253271, 88253146 or 88253248.

Cornish Assn Banner

A special *Meur ras* (thank you) to the NYP Quilters Group for making the magnificent Cornish Association of SA YP Branch banner and thanks also to Stephen Stock of Moonta Antiques & Secondhand and Josh Bowman of Moonta Home Furnishings for kindly donating materials to help complete the banner stand.

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Ken Vickery reported to our November meeting on local SAPOL activities for the period 1/10/08 to 25/11/08.

There were 5 incidents of serious criminal trespass recorded in the Moonta Bay – Port Hughes areas. These mainly involved holiday homes and a range of items, including golf clubs and buggy, were stolen. Two young males were arrested in relation to some of these break-ins.

Ken advised that in one instance, entry was obtained from a key, found under a front door mat. Obviously there is a message to be taken from this case. Further illegal activity involved a theft of a hot water service from a house in Moonta Bay and 5 bags of wall render stolen from another house under construction. There was also a report of property damage to the Moonta Laundromat. A mini bike was reported stolen from a Moonta home. This was recovered and two locals arrested. Again in Moonta, a forged doctor's prescription was presented to Newbery Pharmacy.

It was also noted that a gas bottle and cans



**Neighbourhood
Watch**



attracting 10 cents deposits were stolen from the Moonta Golf Club. With the deposit on recyclable containers now doubled, these are becoming a more attractive target for thieves.

Responding to a question on the effectiveness of alarm systems, Ken confirmed that monitored alarm systems are an effective burglar deterrent, but he suggested that unmonitored systems often become a nuisance to neighbours because of false alarms.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Brian Sainty, praised SAPOL for their quick response times. Ken explained, however, there could be occasions at night where prompt response might be difficult owing to tasking requirements.

Ken gave a DVD presentation of sample road safety commercials, highlighting dangerous situations arising from drink driving and seat belt use/misuse.

Questioned on the behaviour of heavy vehicle drivers in the Blanche Terrace, George Street vicinity, he added that the police are aware of problems where these vehicles enter towns, but noted cases of both good and bad conduct. In any event police would continue to observe these vehicles.

Brian Sainty told the meeting he had nothing more to report on the number plate issue but warned that the tourist season is nearly upon us, so lock things up !!

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The Committee of the Moonta & District Progress Association would like to thank our Moonta Business Partners for their generous support and encouragement throughout the year and wish them and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Welcome to Moonta Businesses

Steven & Carol Lance, new owners of **Waters Meat Store**, *Quality Meat at Affordable Prices*, 56 George Street Moonta ph 88252041.

Peter & Bev Daniell, new owners of **Seagate Moonta Bay**, *Stylish & Contemporary* ph 8825 3270 and **La Cantina**, *Perfect Seaside eating*. Ph 88253253.

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Thank you to **Sue Moss** and the **Copper Coast Volunteer Resource Centre** at the Wallaroo Town Hall for photocopying the newsletter. Open 9am-1pm Mon to Friday, Ph 88234128, fax 88232099

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