



## THE HUT COMMUNITY SHED

The Hut is cleaning out its Storage Shed in the Car Park at the Station, connecting power to the shed and seeking a grant to equip and line it in preparation for it being the home of a new Community Shed. It will be, like all Hut programs, a warm and welcoming environment where you can meet and work with others or just enjoy the company and a cuppa with local friends.

We are expecting there will be a number of groups that will form to use the Shed – the more the better. It will be available for a wide variety of activities – just what they will be is to be decided by the members.

A well attended meeting was held recently with interested community members, lots of great ideas were raised and a team put up their hands to work on the setup of the shed.

It is only early days yet, and the team are working hard on getting quotes for air conditioning, lining, insulation and materials for a small extension.

We have already applied for two grants that we are waiting to hear back if successful and another is to be submitted soon.

This is an exciting time for The Hut and the community, with another venue to run much needed programs, we are aiming to create a versatile, multi function shed where people can 'Create, Learn and Repair'.

If you are interested in being involved in the shed or just want us to keep in touch with updates, please email Bernadette at [bernadette@thehut.org.au](mailto:bernadette@thehut.org.au)



## Dates for your diary

### PENNY LANE MARKET

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
10am-3pm  
Cornerstone College,  
Mt Barker

### MEADOWS EASTER FAIR

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
April  
9am – 4pm  
Meadows Hall

### EASTER BREAKFAST

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
8.30am-10.00am  
(rsvp 31<sup>st</sup> March)

### ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Dawn Service at 6.30am  
AHC lawns in Stirling

### STANGATE HOUSE

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Royal Oak Day  
3 Edgeware Rd,  
Aldgate

Don't forget The Hut is on Facebook. So why not join up and like the page to stay up to date with what is happening at The Hut and in the local community.





## 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WWI

Join others from the Hills Community at the dawn service on 25<sup>th</sup> April on the Council lawns in Stirling at 6.30am, with light refreshments provided after the service.



## COMPUTER COURSES

### TERM 2 COURSES

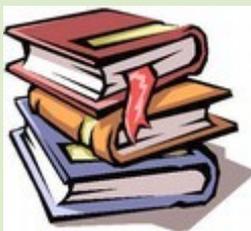
#### Digital Photography

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> April to Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June  
9am-12pm

#### Digital Photography Editing 2

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> June  
7pm-10pm

Bookings for these courses can be made through reception on 8339 4400 or [ace@thehut.org.au](mailto:ace@thehut.org.au)



## THE BOOK SHED

The Book Shed is open Mon-Sat from 10am-5pm and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month from 10am-2pm.

Donations of books are always welcome or come in and buy a book or two.

## New project for the Hills Community Centres

Recently the SA Government awarded contracts to successful tenderers to deliver innovative community services throughout the State. Applications had to be for the whole of a State Government Region. The wider Adelaide Hills, comprising Adelaide Hills and Mt Barker Council areas, is one such Region. This opportunity led to The Hut meeting with representatives of the Mt Barker, Norton Summit and Torrens Valley Community Centres to form the Hills Connected Communities Consortium to deliver a range of initiatives across the wider Hills Region.

It is a novel and exciting venture, bringing together four centres more inclined to compete than collaborate, to work as one entity, sharing resources to deliver services to the people or area where the need is greatest. It will focus particularly on meeting the needs of vulnerable individuals, families with children and young people who are socially/geographically isolated. It will involve extending the reach of existing programs in each Centre to other areas, especially to more isolated locations, and developing new approaches to meeting needs – such as taking support and information on services to where people are (play grounds, footy matches, the Pageant, etc) rather than them having to come to a Centre.

The Program is supported by a \$190k grant which enables employment of a Regional Coordinator for three days per week and part-time project staff in each Centre. The Coordinator position will be advertised shortly. Meanwhile, you can obtain a copy of the Position and Person descriptions from Bernadette who is taking expressions of interest in the position from Hut employees and volunteers.



## VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED

The Hut requires additional volunteers to assist with the following roles: Contact Bernadette for more information. PH 8339 4400

### **Personal Transport Drivers**

Drivers assist members of the community who are not able to access public transport by providing transport to medical appointments. Appointments are usually local, but may also include Mt Barker and City. This requires the use of their own vehicle with reimbursement provided.

### **Gardener**

Volunteer required to maintain the garden at The Hut around the gazebo area. Currently done once a fortnight on a Saturday but this is flexible. If you have a bit of a green thumb and this sounds of interest, please let me know.

## Update from the Board

It is with deep regret that The Hut Board has recently received three resignations from the Board. Ron Malcolm, who was the Chair, Harry Ostendorf, a recently-appointed Board member and Neil Wickens, a long standing and much appreciated volunteer and Board member - all of whom resigned for personal or family reasons.

At its last meeting, the Board accepted these resignations and passed a resolution of thanks and appreciation to them for the contributions they each have made. Professor Deborah Turnbull was endorsed as Chair and Mr Greg Bussell accepted the role of Deputy Chair.

**Deb** has lived in the Hills since 1995. She currently holds a professorial position in the School of Psychology at the University of Adelaide where she is active as a teacher and researcher. She has been on the Hut Board for 2 years.

**Greg** has been a resident of the Hills, living in Piccadilly for 18 years. He has many years experience working in the Health, Community Services and University sectors, and has been a Hut Bus Driver for 3 years and Board Member for nearly 2 years.

We would also like to welcome The Hut's new Executive Officer, starting next Monday (March 30):



**Pip Ahern** is a long-time Hills resident who is very familiar with The Hut. She has spent many years working in the not-for-profit and community services sector, most recently at UCW Bowden where she was Deputy CEO, overseeing a wide range of services including Low Income Support, Homelessness, Family and Community Development and a

large Community Care Program. She has a strong accounting background and experience in marketing and brand development, with a high commitment to service delivery.

Fortunately, Pip is not one to sit in the office but looks forward to 'getting her hands dirty' with Hut staff and volunteers to meet the varying demands on those working at The Hut.

She has earned the loyalty and support of staff and volunteers in previous positions and looks forward to meeting and working with Hut volunteers. She is also well organised, suggesting you may see some change around the EO's desk!

In short, Pip is an excellent fit to The Hut's culture and displays the skills, attributes and characteristics the Board wants in its EO.

You should be assured that The Hut is in very good hands.

The Board contains a well-balanced group with sound skill sets and experience from both community services and specialist backgrounds. The membership will be complemented by secondment of new members following a Strategic Planning session and examination of the skills needed to achieve the revised Plan.

Change can be a challenge but is always an opportunity, in our case, to review closely the current programs and potential new services which will fulfil our role: to enhance the well-being of residents in the Hills.

## UTILITIES LITERACY TRAINING for COMMUNITY WORKERS

Do you know people who struggle with utility bills? Would you like to help them more, but don't know how?

Join the Utilities Literacy Training for Community Workers.

**When:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Where:** The Hut Community Room

**Need:** Bring your own lunch

If you are interested in attending this course or want to know more information about it then please either contact The Hut on 8339 4400 or email [reception@thehut.org.au](mailto:reception@thehut.org.au)



## No Lights No Lycra

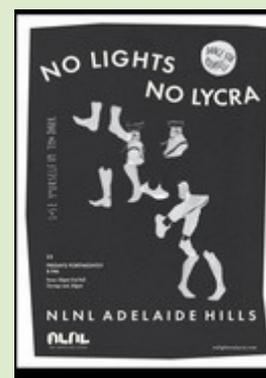
**When:** Friday fortnightly (During school term)

**Where:** Aldgate Oval Hall, Churinga Rd, Aldgate

**Time:** 8pm-9pm

**Cost:** \$5

**Bring:** Bottle of water and a small towel.





### School Holiday program

Come join in a workshop for 12-24 yo. Young people interested in recycling and planting will recreate beautiful planters using recycled containers

Where: The Hut  
1 Euston Rd Aldgate

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – 2 sessions  
10am – 12 and 1pm - 3pm

Register with Hills Volunteering Youth Connect

[youth@hillsvolunteering.org.au](mailto:youth@hillsvolunteering.org.au)

8408 0575



### Hills Volunteering is now on Facebook

Check out their page for dates of their next market stall and updates on new training opportunities

<https://www.facebook.com/HillsVolunteering>



### TRAINING COURSES & DATES

If you are interested in any of the courses below, please register: online at [www.hillsvolunteering.org.au](http://www.hillsvolunteering.org.au) email [training@hillsvolunteering.org.au](mailto:training@hillsvolunteering.org.au) or by phone to 8339 4400

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** 10am-12pm  
Dementia Awareness – Recognising the signs  
Adelaide Hills Positive Ageing Centre, 36 Nairne Rd, Woodside

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** 9am-3.30pm  
Senior First Aid – Targeted at volunteers working with the elderly  
Adelaide Hills Positive Ageing Centre, 36 Nairne Rd, Woodside

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April** 9.30am-4pm  
Child Safe Environments  
The Hut Community Centre, 1 Euston Rd, Aldgate

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** 9.30am-12.30pm  
Dementia Awareness – World Engagement – Montessori Method  
Adelaide Hills Positive Ageing Centre, 36 Nairne Rd, Woodside

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** 10am-12pm  
Introduction to the Incorporation Act  
Council Chambers, DC of Mt Barker, 6 Dutton Rd, Homemaker Ctr

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May** 9.30am-12.30pm  
Basic Financials – reading financial reports  
Council Chambers, DC of Mt Barker, 6 Dutton Rd, Homemaker Ctr

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** 9.30am-12.30pm  
Food Safety and Handling Principals  
Mt Barker Community Centre, 31 Princes Rd, Mt Barker



*ReVamp Youth Project*



## Entertainment Book

The Hut is selling Entertainment Books this year to raise funds, 20% of each book sold goes directly to The Hut.

Books are available to pre purchase right now and will be available from 27<sup>th</sup> April.

The book is also available in digital format to be used on your phone so you always have the vouchers with you.

A book will be available to view at The Hut in the coming weeks, and orders can also be placed with Reception.

To pre purchase online and take advantage of the earlybird offer enter this link into your browser:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1a67085>



## THE FRIENDS OF WOORABINDA BUSHLAND RESERVES

The Friends have helped to maintain and re vegetate the wonderful Adelaide Hills Council bushland reserves centered around Woorabinda Reserve, Stirling.

*Our group is looking for more active Volunteers to help in this rewarding work.*

Help is needed with Bushcare work and a wide range of other activities associated with the care of these beautiful public reserves! e.g. displays, photography, art and monitoring etc.

**We welcome all new volunteers: skilled or unskilled!!!**

If you are interested in:

- Bushcare work
- learning about native plants and animals
- helping to write Newsletters, or
- mount displays and run events

all the while enjoying the magic of these reserves and helping to maintain them,

**Then, we need you!**

Come and join us, meet new people, share your skills and time with us! Meanwhile we will be happy to share our time and skills with you!

Please contact Brian Donaghy (chairman) Te. 8339 2033 for more information or to become a member.

Email contact: [woorabinda@internode.on.net](mailto:woorabinda@internode.on.net)

## Manifesting Mandalas

*"Manifesting intentions and goals, using mandalas as art therapy!"*

Learn to create your own Mandala from scratch.

No art experience necessary, all materials provided.

Next workshop at The Hut, Sunday April 12th

11:00 – 3:00.

Contact Sharon to book

0455948700

[www.manifestingmandalas.com](http://www.manifestingmandalas.com)



## Survey of the social connections of older Australians

Are you 65 years or older? Would you like to take part in a survey that the University of Adelaide are conducting?

If you are interested pop into The Hut to pick up the survey book and if you have it returned in the reply paid envelope by the 30<sup>th</sup> March, you will go into the running to win some great prizes.

Alternatively the survey can be completed online

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/social\\_connection](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/social_connection)



**PLANT RESCUE**

Do you enjoy gardening & the conservation of plants?

Be involved in the Plant Rescue program where we rescue plants from gardens & nurseries. We re-pot, graft, propagate, & offer TLC to plants before selling them to the community.

Come & get your hands dirty, learn & share your love of gardening with others.

**If you have plants, cuttings, or equipment to donate, please let us know.**

Volunteers attend to the plants Tuesdays & Fridays, so come along, have a chat, and see what plants we have to offer.

**9.00am-2.00pm**

Contact The Hut for more information.



**NO INTEREST LOANS**

As a community service, residents of the Adelaide Hills living on low income, may be eligible for an interest free loan of up to \$1,200

The loan is FREE of ANY CHARGES, FEES and INTEREST.

For further information contact The Hut 8339 4400

**THE HILLS MUSICAL COMPANY VOLUNTEER VACANCY**

The Hills Musical Company, based at The Stirling Community Theatre is a voluntary organisation of people with a passion for live theatre, the Arts and with a huge community spirit. They are currently looking for volunteers to widen their community and be sure to provide quality theatre not only for the entertainment of the Adelaide Hills community but as an opportunity for people of all ages to get involved and use and refine their skills whilst being supported by a friendly, inclusive community.

Volunteers are needed at various times throughout the year in a number of different areas including but not limited to:

- Set Construction
- Scenic Art
- Costume
- Catering (with reimbursement for ingredients) for auditions/functions
- Graphic design/Admin – helping with Program/artwork/publicity
- Members of the committee and helping with auditions, front of house, costume room etc.

For more information, please contact Megan on 0408261181 or [info@hillsmusical.org](mailto:info@hillsmusical.org)

**CARING FOR CARERS**

This is a fantastic opportunity for people who spend so much time and energy looking after loved ones, to spend some time being pampered, participate in useful workshops and able to support each other. The Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at The Hut 1.30 – 3.30pm.



March 25th	Bingo
April 22nd	Easter Celebration
May 27th	Guest Speaker
June 24th	Movie Day – The Sentimental Bloke
July 22nd	Games Day, Bring a joke to share





## volunteer news

### Have you updated your details?

If you have recently changed your mobile, please let us know.

If you received this newsletter via post and you have an email address, please send an update to [bernadette@thehut.org.au](mailto:bernadette@thehut.org.au)

### **Travel Reimbursement**

Following a review of the rate at which volunteers are reimbursed for travel costs incurred on volunteer work, the rate has increased from \$0.68¢ to \$0.78¢ per Km the same rate as the Tax Office allows for business expenses claimed in taxation returns (calculated by roadside assistance organisations like RAA to cover the full cost of registration, insurance, depreciation, maintenance and running of a vehicle).

### **Volunteer Vehicle Insurance**

Following announcement of improvements to the insurance cover provided for volunteers' and staff vehicles, and a recommendation that volunteers using their vehicle inform their insurer, several found that their insurer classed their vehicle as 'commercial' if volunteer travel constituted more than 20% of its use. The result was that affected volunteers were facing extra cost to insure of around \$150-\$200pa – or The Hut was facing this cost to reimburse affected volunteers. Fortunately, following representation to insurers holding this view has resulted in them issuing confirmation that volunteers' vehicles will be classified as 'private' so long as they do not receive "a fare or reward for use of the vehicle"; reimbursement of costs is not fare or reward. If you are affected by a ruling that your vehicle is 'commercial' please challenge that yourself and if no change, contact Garry with copies of quotes or evidence of the commercial classification.



What would you like to see in your newsletter? If you have ideas on how to improve it or specific content you would like to see please email [bernadette@thehut.org.au](mailto:bernadette@thehut.org.au)



### **THE HUT EASTER BREAKFAST**

All Volunteers are invited to The Hut Easter breakfast on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April starting at 8.30am out on the platform. Enjoy a cooked breakfast and catch up with other volunteers.

Please RSVP by the 31<sup>st</sup> March so we have an idea of how many people to cater for.

### **GARRY'S FAREWELL**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 5.30pm.  
More details soon.



*Kay and Lyn working hard at the reception desk, while Thomas is busy in the background.*

If you have any photos from Hut outings or group activities you would like to appear in the newsletter please email to

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