

IN BRIEF

Public land leased to caravan park

Coorong District Council is proposing to lease a section of public land in Meningie to the Lake Albert Caravan Park for use as low cost recreational vehicle parking and occasional overflow camping. The lease for the land on Fiebig and Narrung roads will initially be for a term of five years. A park spokesperson said they would happily take over lease provided an arborist inspected all trees and rectified problems including lighting and tree stumps removal; an insurance risk was made and a deal struck in regards to waste removal. A plan showing the proposed lease area is available on council's website or at any council office. Written submissions can be made by 5pm Tuesday, June 16 by emailing council@coorong.sa.gov.au, hand delivering to any council office or posting to: PO Box 399, Tallim Bend, 5260.

Advice on environmental projects

Three vacancies have come up on the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth community advisory panel a group which provides community input into the State Government's management of the ecologically vulnerable region. The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources encouraged people willing to attend bi-monthly meetings and occasional other events to express their interest by 5pm on May 27. For information contact Nerida Buckley on 8204 9453 or at nerida.buckley@sa.gov.au.

Coonalpyn's Biggest Morning Tea

June 8, is the 2015 Market Day at Coonalpyn Hall. Only for the day between 9am and 3pm, there will be stall holders, arts and crafts, light lunches, a sausage sizzle, raffle, door prizes and more. All money will go to the Cancer Council SA. For more information or to book a stall phone Teracia Page on 0427182730. Donations of plates with morning tea and raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Signing the Coonalpyn way

Visitors to Coonalpyn will be welcomed by new entrance signage on the Dukes Highway. Plans have been drawn up for a stone wall entry statement with the town name in steel lettering, providing a similar entrance sign to other townships in the council district. The Coonalpyn Community Hub was awarded \$4000 from round two of Coorong council's Community Events, Grants and Donations fund towards the project. The project will also involve various local clubs and organisations as well as other volunteers.

Drink up, time to donate blood

IT IS important to have eight glasses of water before donating blood, but it is also important to book a time to donate. There are still free spaces for people to donate blood while the Australian Red Cross Blood Service is in Murray Bridge this week. Murray Bridge woman Leanne Pittaway, pictured, has already booked, just like she has done many times before. "I've saved about 54 lives in six years," Ms Pittaway said. She has donated on and off since she was 18 after going with her parents as a child when they donated. "Family-wise, some have been sick and needed a blood transfusion; Dad did a kidney transplant and him and the guy needed blood then," she said. "They need more and more people to

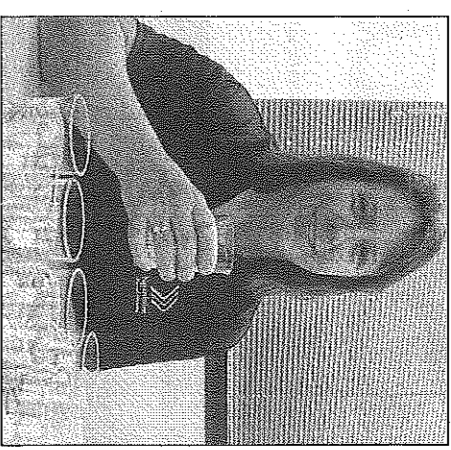
donate - there are more accidents than people that donate.

"I do it because of that reason, I might need blood ... you know it is going to be used wisely."

Blood Service spokesperson Emma Schreiber said 27,000 blood donations were needed each week to keep patients well during winter.

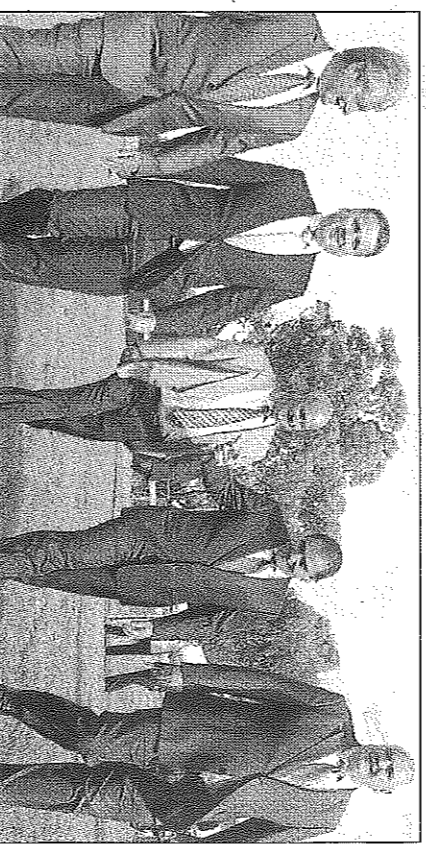
"A bad cold and flu season can drastically reduce the number of people available to give blood because you need to be feeling 100 per cent healthy to donate," Ms Schreiber said.

"To avoid a repeat of last year, we're urging healthy people, and particularly those with O negative blood, to book to donate blood between now and 31 May to help us secure blood stocks ahead of winter."



- Details: The Mobile Donor Centre will be operating in Murray Bridge today and tomorrow from 11am to 7.30pm, and on Thursday from 7.30am to 3pm. To book an appointment, call 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au.

Lifeline for Gifford Hill



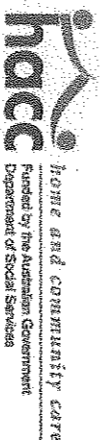
Happy days: Murray Bridge Mayor Brenton Lewis, Federal Assistant Regional Development Minister Jamie Briggs, Murray Bridge Racing Club chairman Reg Nolan, Member for Barker Tony Pasin and Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick are all smiles at the announcement of \$5 million in funding for the Gifford Hill reencourse development.

"It's a big impetus to get things progressing further," he said. "I'll get a bit of attention on what's happening out there, a bit of positive news."

A beaming Adrian Pederick, State Member for Hammond, said the shot in the arm was much needed. "I'm so pleased and excited about the potential for not just the racing club but the whole region," he said. "This will give the racing club and investors so much more confidence, a

bit of momentum to get on with the job so we can see racing go ahead." However, the news Mr Briggs brought was not all positive. He also announced that \$25 million in economic diversification funding - of which \$5 million was originally supposed to go to Gifford Hill - had been taken off the table. That decision will leave projects including the Murray Bridge council's Bridge Street redevelopment and Coorong council's Murray-Darling Basin centre at Meningie millions of dollars short of funding.

Instead the money will be used on projects across the State, including roads on the Eyre and Yorke peninsulas. He said it would be up to the Commonwealth Grants Commission to decide whether the new funding for Gifford Hill would result in South Australia losing GST income. The State Government refused to accept the diversification funding for that reason.



**Advance Care Directives
Your wishes for future care**

Thursday 21st of May 2015

**Rural City of Murray Bridge Local Government Centre
Committee Room, Seventh St, Murray Bridge
Thursday 21st of May 2015
1.30pm to 3:00pm**

**Forums open to community members and service providers
Presented by the Office of the Public Advocate**

- An Advance Care Directive gives those who care for you a clear understanding of your needs and wishes should you lose the ability to communicate them for yourself.
- It could be for a number of reasons including:
 - An accident or mental health episode
 - Dementia or similar condition
- A sudden serious stroke or
- Because you are unconscious or in a coma.

The new Advance Care Directive replaces the existing Enduring Power of Guardianship, Medical Power of Attorney and Anticipatory Direction with a single Advance Care Directive Form.

To register please phone Gary Sawyer on 853391156

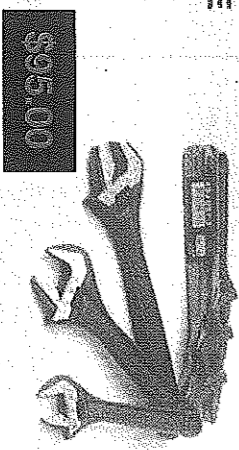
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