

## Milang cannabis charge

MILANG - A 55-year-old Milang man was reported last month for cultivating cannabis.  
Six plants were found by police at his Lang Street property on Sunday, February 22.  
He will appear in court at a later date.



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# Council committees hang in the balance

By MICHAEL SIMMONS

**VICTOR HARBOR** - The dumping of a number of Section 41 committees has been placed on hold by City of Victor Harbor elected members, who want more time to re-think the changes.

The idea has also been met with irritation by a Section 41 committee member who feels the change will take away the community's voice. Section 41 committees consist of representatives from the community, elected members and staff management.

At the February council meeting, council management proposed to dismantle the eight current committees.

These are the Youth Advisory, Old School Building Management, Library Services Advisory, Disability Access, Heritage Advisory, Victor Harbor Boating Facilities Working Party, Recreation and Sport Committee, and Horse Tram Advisory.

It was proposed that the committees would morph into the Fleurieu Regional Community Services Advisory Committee, Community Places and Infrastructure Advisory Committee, Economic Development Committee, Southern Communities Transport Scheme Advisory Committee, Recreation Centre Management Committee and Tourism Victor Harbor Committee.

Dismantling the Section 41 committees was unanimously voted down by elected members, as they wanted time to re-think the mass changes to how the community can have a voice in local government.

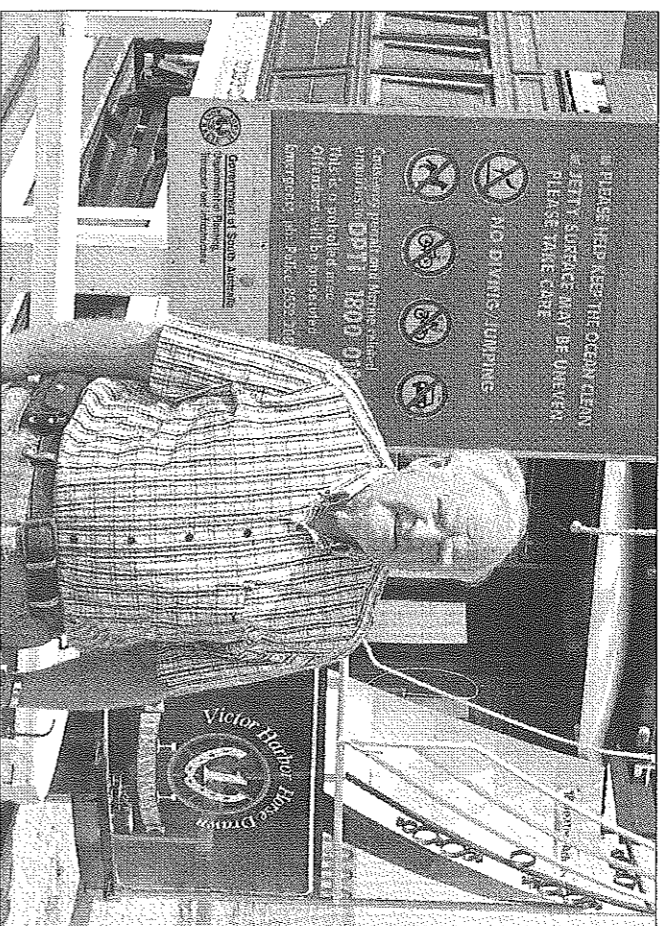
Councillor Carol Schofield moved a motion for a workshop on the issue as she was "not convinced on the new structure".

"We need to give more thought on how we are going to re-arrange the Section 41 committees, as I have a problem with what is currently before us," Cr Schofield said.

Councillor Moira Jenkins agreed. "I support councillor Schofield because reducing the committees will cause problems," Cr Jenkins said.

"I propose we should go through the current Section 41 committees."

Councillor Bob Marshall said a workshop is



**LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY:** Brian Liddy in front of the causeway and the horse tram he is passionate about.

needed as soon as possible.

"This issue is very important," he said. Former City of Victor Harbor councillor Tim Telfer made a deputation to council at the meeting, urging councillors to not follow through with the overhaul.

"Section 41 committees consist of local experience and knowledge of the committee they are on and I believe the new system will not work," Mr Telfer said.

"It will cause more duplication, not less. Communication is two-way and this is going to cut communication with the community."

"If I will disenfranchise council with the community and I would throw this new proposal in the bin where it belongs."

"The Boating Facilities Working Party needs to be a stand alone committee as they achieved

so much.

"We would not have the boat ramp we have now if not for the committee."

Brian Liddy, who is serving on the Horse Tram Advisory Committee, is staggered at why the changes are needed.

"The community has put a lot of input into the Horse Tram Advisory Committee and to disband it is going to take away a very important community voice," Mr Liddy said.

"I don't understand why this has been proposed as the committee has done some great work over the years, improving the health of the horses and the horses being introduced to barefoot rather than shod."

"We have kept an eye on the health of the horses and achieved so much."

A resolution will be made at the next council meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

## Health changes discussed in forums today

**REGION** - Community meetings explaining the changes to the Fleurieu Peninsula's health system will be held by local politicians today (Thursday, March 5).

The forums follow a number of changes to the region's medical system, including the introduction of a full medical team to look after patients at the South Coast District Hospital at all hours.

A number of changes have also taken place at Goolwa Medical Centre and Yankalilla's Southern Fleurieu Family Practice. Member for Hammond Adrian Pedertick will host a meeting at Centenary Hall, Goolwa, from 11am-noon. Member for Finnis Michael Pengilly will oversee a similar event at the City of Victor

Harbor Council chambers from 3pm-4pm. A representative from Country Health SA is expected to attend the meetings. The Victor Harbor and Alexandria council mayors have also been invited to attend. Mr Pengilly and Mr Hammond initiated the meetings after talks with state health minister Jack Shelling.

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