



NEWSLETTER

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*Wishing everyone
a very
Merry Christmas and
a happy and
prosperous New Year*

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'Mount Compass Community Forum'

2022 – 2023 Committee

Chair: Stewart Glass

Vice Chair: Steve Kappler

Secretary: Paul Birkwood

Treasurer: Drew Hunter

Committee (4 allowed):

Steve Hayes

Iain Grindle

Andrew Bradley

Denise Coomans



Welcome to the *Christmas* edition of the Newsletter:

The festive season is with us and so the MCCA would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

The first AGM of the MCCA was held on 24th November 2022 and there have been some changes in the committee. As per the Constitution, half the committee members are subject to an election each year and this AGM it was the Vice Chair, Treasurer and two committee-members. Steve Hayes, a longtime contributor to the community, also stepped down as Chair to make way for Stewart Glass. Jillian Jordan, the very dedicated and competent Secretary, has also stepped down to make way for Paul Kirkwood.

Thank you to the retiring committee members and to the membership in general for contributing to the successes over the past 18 months. Our public meetings have been well attended so thank you to those as well. There is still much to do in the coming year.

The committee for the 2022 – 2023 year is shown on the left.

The first meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 18th Jan. (at 7:00 pm) in the Community Centre on Peters Tce. It will be a public meeting so everyone is welcome to attend and to contribute to the discussions. Meeting will be held on a 6-weekly basis with a mix of committee and public meetings. However, all meetings will be open to members. Our membership is well over the 100 and growing (membership is \$5 per household joining fee).

The objects of the MCCA are to promote the interests and to act on behalf of the greater Mount Compass community to the tiers of government and others on issues that affect the wellbeing of the community.

Future newsletters will allow for local businesses to promote their services and showcase their products. The proceeds will be directed back to printing and posting costs and/or the community. Email Denise Coomans at denisecoomans@gmail.com for further information.

The year that was:

Development work on the sub-division on the corner of Arthur Road and George Francis Drive is continuing and titles for the 17 allotments should be issued to the new owners soon.

For information, the vacant land on Arthur Road opposite cemetery and zoned as Deferred Urban together with some 80 hectares adjacent to this land and extending to Heysen Boulevard (to the caravan park) has been purchased by Capitoline Pty, the consortium which also owns the golf course and the Compass Springs water supply.

A meeting that was arranged with ESCOSA re the private water supply to about one third of Compass residents to discuss ongoing issues was deferred as the matter is still before the SACAT (a tribunal). Once finalized, the meeting will be re-scheduled.

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Join the CFS

SA Country Fire Service

Mount Compass



What do CFS volunteers do?

You will work side by side with other volunteers in times of emergency and learn new and valuable skills that will help you in day-to-day life and in your workplace.

Most of all you get to help make your community a safer place to live in and enjoy the support from your community for your efforts.

The CFS offers a range of roles including:

Firefighter - Radio operations
Road crash rescue - Structure fires
Operational support - Fundraising

All training provided
No prior experience required

CFS Recruitment Enquiry

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

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Phone: _____



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Monday at 7pm

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There was however a detailed response received from ESCOSA about the range of issues that the Mount Compass community have continued to raise over the 5 years since the granting of a water licence to the owner of Compass Springs.

There was an approval to an invitation from other community associations to form a focus group on issues of common concern on the Fleurieu.

There were concerns raised about the removal of trees from the golf course together with what actions to be taken with their removal from site.

Concerns also were raised again about the future of the Mount Compass aquifer and that it supplies not only the private water supply but also SAWater and many farms in the area. This is one of the major concerns that will be discussed with ESCOSA.

An important submission was made to the Alexandrina Council's Mount Compass Innovation plan which included preserving the natural environment, the swamps, the wetlands, monitoring/protecting/managing of the precious town aquifer, respecting/protecting the flora & fauna of the local area and protection against over-development of the lands.

Meeting was also had in July with the member for Finnis re a range of issues affecting Mount Compass (detailed in the Minutes of the meeting)

Earlier activities included attending a state government committee meeting (Environmental, Resources & Development) re the proposed re-zoning of the golf course area, supporting the re-instatement of certain officer volunteers to our local CFS and making a deputation to the Alexandrina Council re the establishment of the association and the re-zoning and developments in the general Mount Compass township. The MCCA also showed its respects by being involved in the ANZAC Day.

The year ahead

The MCCA has an extensive list of issues raised by residents over the years and will look at prioritising these and taking the appropriate actions with local, state and federal governments and instrumentalities. Attendance at any of the public meetings is encouraged to enable locals to contribute and to hear what is planned and what have been the results. Residents are also encouraged to join the MCCA so that it can speak on behalf of many.

Councillor Report: Cr Bill Coomans JP

Thank you to the community, and indeed the wider community now comprising the new West Ward, for electing me to Alexandrina Council for another four years. At our first meeting the Council Members also elected me as the Deputy Mayor which I must say was unexpected.

The Village Innovation Plan community meetings will continue in early 2023 and it is an opportunity for residents to have a real say in what needs to be planned for in the area in which they live. The Asn recently undertook a survey of issues already identified and this will be included in the planned meeting. Some of the important issues is the inclusion of an aged retirement village in any new subdivision, the establishment of a childcare centre in an appropriate area and resolving the problem of heavy transport entering Victor Harbor Road from Nangkita Road.

The shops that were recently destroyed by fire in the main street of Mount Compass have now been demolished and plans are underway for their replacement. I congratulate Council staff who bent over backward to provide approvals and items of need to enable the butcher and bakery to set up in the adjacent building.

I'm also looking forward to improvements to the recreation park (additional playground equipment [done]), more carparks, mini basketball court, report on toilets; roadworks for Peters Tce, walkers/jogging trail along Sand Mine Road and improvements to the shopping precinct.

Merry Christmas everyone and trust 2023 will be a great year for all.

Deputy Mayor Bill Coomans JP – 0417 326 665

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