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EXCLUSIVE
FOR Evanston Park mother Heather Taylor, the apology recently delivered in State Parliament to people who were affected by the forced adoption practices of the past has helped bring closure to an event in her life that has brought her great sadness, pain and strength.
On 8 September 1970, Heather gave birth to a beautiful girl, Tracey-Lee, who she was

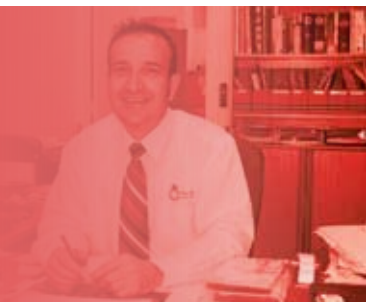
only able to glimpse momentarily before she was taken away for adoption.
Heather, who was 20 at the time, had a child out of wedlock and was under such great pressure from her father that she “agreed” to give up her daughter for adoption.
“I didn’t really have a choice,” Heather said, fighting back tears as she recounted the events of over 40 years ago.
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CLOSURE: Heather and Eric Taylor in Pioneer Park after the apology in Parliament

SORRY

PARLIAMENT APOLOGISES FOR FORCED ADOPTION POLICIES

From the Editor



With Father’s Day just around the corner, we thought it would be an opportune time to undertake a feature on fatherhood. Sometimes amongst the ongoing battle between men and women’s rights the role of men as fathers gets forgotten.

Research clearly shows the importance that fatherhood plays in raising and nurturing healthy families. Fatherhood is about creating a safe and nurturing environment in which children can grow and thrive – into caring well adjusted individuals. Fatherhood is hard work – but the rewards are enormous. I consider my role as a Dad the most important and rewarding part of my life. And yes I am sure I have made some mistakes – men like women need guidance when it comes to parenting. However, let’s not make fatherhood a casualty of the gender wars which some involved in politics wish to continually wage.

In this bumper edition (20 pages) of *Enlightened* we are asking our readers to provide feedback on the public transport services available to the people in the

electorate. Your feedback will help me lobby for improved services, so take the time to complete the survey – I value your views and opinions.

Our front page story is about a remarkable woman who has shown enormous courage in telling her story of having to give up her child for adoption against her wishes. That she holds no anger or bitterness towards the people who contributed to her pain says volumes of her big heart.

During September the issue of forced adoptions will be debated in State Parliament. If you have a story that needs to be told please do not hesitate to contact the Light Electorate Office.

We welcome your feedback on this edition of *Enlightened* and look forward to hearing of any suggestions you may have about stories we could run in future editions.

Our next edition will be published in early December.

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Editor

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DENMARK EXCHANGE STUDENT NICLAS FAREWELLED WITH PARLIAMENT TRIP

GAWLER Light Rotary Club exchange student Niclas Christensen ended his year in Australia fittingly with a visit to Parliament House.

Niclas, 17, hails from Denmark and was sponsored by the Aalborg Søndre Rotary Club.

“I have really enjoyed my time here in Australia living with my wonderful host families,” Mr Christensen said.

Niclas has stayed with four families during his time in Australia and has attended Xavier College in Gawler.

“Some of my favourite memories will be diving at the Great Barrier Reef, climbing Uluru and of course meeting friendly new people.”

Travelling to Perth and seeing the wild crocodiles in the Northern Territory were other highlights of his trip.

Niclas is very proud of the fact that he has been able to significantly improve his English during his visit to Australia.

Light MP Tony Piccolo - who hosted Niclas at State Parliament - said that he has picked up a number of Australian colloquialisms and even the start of an Australian accent!

Gawler Light Rotary Club president Steve Huckstepp said Niclas was a wonderful kid and an excellent ambassador for Denmark.

“Thanks to the generosity of his host families, he has seen more of Australia in his short time here than most of us will ever see,” Mr Huckstepp said.

“He took home many great memories when he left in June, I know” Mr Huckstepp said.

The club is looking forward to the arrival of its new exchange student from Switzerland in early July.



FAREWELL: Niclas Christensen and Pauline Huckstepp with Tony Piccolo at Parliament

APOLOGY IN STATE PARLIAMENT TO VICTIMS OF PAST FORCED ADOPTION PRACTICES

Despite her father’s actions causing her so much grief and pain, Heather held no bitterness against her father, and forgave him later in life so that he could die in peace.

Ironically, years later when Heather was reunited with her daughter, her father adored his granddaughter.

The memories of the birth are still vivid today, as if it had only taken place yesterday.

“It felt like my heart was being ripped out, when they took her away,” she said.

“They placed a pillow across my chest during the birth to stop me seeing my child.”

On every birthday Heather would think about her daughter: where was she living, what her new family was like, was she happy or was she being mistreated.

“I never gave up hope that one day we would be reunited,” she said.

As her daughter approached her 18th birthday, Heather registered with the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriage, giving the registrar the right to release her details should her daughter come looking for her.

And she did.

In late 1989 Heather received a letter from her daughter saying that she would like to meet her.

Heather was both excited and fearful of what could come from such a meeting.

After exchanging a few letters, mother

and daughter met at the Botanic Gardens - a moment Heather had been waiting for over 20 years.

“I could not believe how much like me she looked,” said Heather.

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While the reunion was something Heather had hoped for so long, when the moment came she was “terrified” that she would not be what her daughter expected.

The first meeting with Sonya (the name her adoptive parents gave her) went well and they have maintained a close friendship ever since.

“We are more like sisters than mother and daughter.”

Heather says that Sonya’s new family are wonderful people, and she could not have hoped for better parents for her.

“They encouraged her to meet,” she said.

While Sonya grew up in Kimba and Pt Lincoln, she now lives with her husband and children in the local area.

Heather wishes to thank Sonya’s parents for giving her “such a happy life”.

Heather was so happy when she and her family were invited to attend Sonya’s 21st party.

Despite the great sadness the adoption caused her, Heather has not allowed it to make her bitter about life.

“Had I the choice at the time, I would have kept my child, but when I see what she has become, I realised I could not give her what her adopted parents did,” she said.

This year, Heather celebrates 41 years of marriage with her husband Eric.

“Eric’s support over the years has helped me get through the tough days; he has always been happy to talk with me about it,” she said.

Fate sometimes produces unexpected but wonderful outcomes.

Eric and Heather have been able to provide great comfort to each other over the years, as Eric was not allowed to see his first son for over 39 years because his girlfriend’s parents disliked him so much.

“We both know what it feels like to lose a child,” said Heather.

The quietly spoken mother of two still recalls the day she was sent away from her hometown of Tanunda to a home for unmarried mothers in Walkerville when she was about 4 months pregnant.

Heather was in the public gallery the day the Premier moved the formal apology motion.

The apology in State Parliament brought her a sense of relief, but she was saddened by the fact that her mother was not alive to be by her side.

“Occasionally I do miss Sonya not calling me mum but I understand the great bond she has formed with her parents.”

“I am just happy to be her birth mother and she my daughter.”

If any person would like information about the apology they should send an email to apology@sa.gov.au.

Support is available to people who have been affected by the forced adoption practices of the past through the Post Adoption Support Service on 8245 8100 operated by Relationships Australia, South Australia.

THE LIGHTS will shine brighter at the Gawler Oval with a \$5000 State Government grant to the Gawler Centrals Sporting Club.

The grant was announced by the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, at the recent clash between Gawler Centrals and Willaston in June.

The Premier attended the local footy derby at the invitation of Light MP Tony Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said the Premier was very keen to support local sporting groups where he could, as they helped develop and keep healthy our young people.

The new lights will be brighter and cheaper to run than the existing ones.

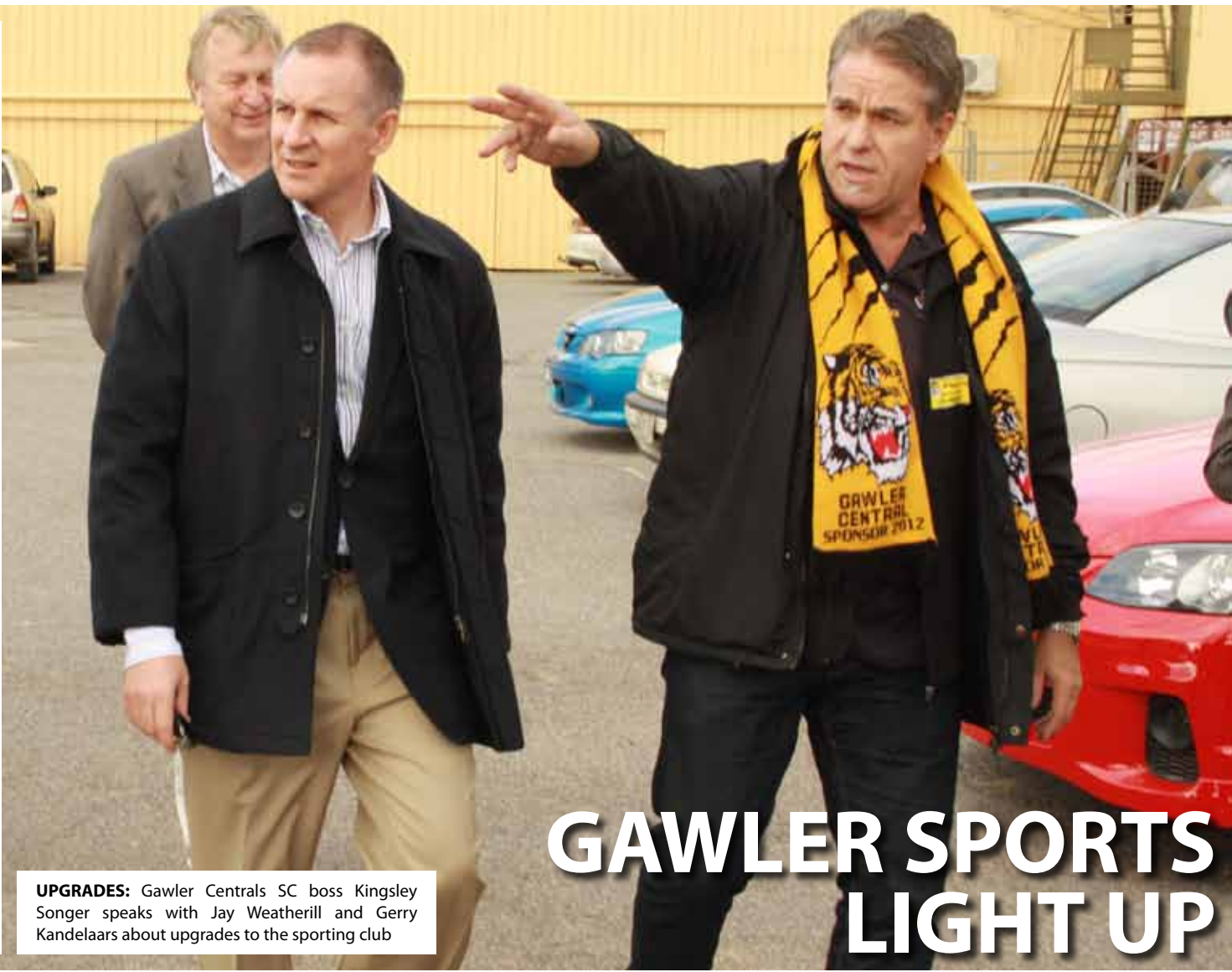
The project to refit the lights will cost about \$10,000; the balance will be met by the Gawler Centrals Sporting Club.

While at the game the Premier was briefed by Greyhound Racing SA chief executive Matt Corby and the president of the Gawler Centrals Football Club, Les Pearce, on proposals to upgrade the facilities at Gawler Oval.

Mr Piccolo said the multi-million-dollar proposal was very exciting: not only would it improve facilities at the site, but it would also help generate new income for the clubs.

“The existing facilities require an increasing amount of maintenance,” Mr Piccolo said.

UPGRADES: Gawler Centrals SC boss Kingsley Songer speaks with Jay Weatherill and Gerry Kandelaars about upgrades to the sporting club



GAWLER SPORTS LIGHT UP

NEW CARERS’ HUB FOR GAWLER



WE CARE A LOT: Tony Piccolo launches the new NCN carer’s hub in Gawler

A NEW service hub for carers was launched earlier in the year which will make the selfless work that carers do a little easier.

Tony Piccolo MP officially launched the Northern Carers Network Gawler support and services hub at the Gawler Baptist Church on Murray St earlier in the year.

“Carers lighten the burden of those who have family or friends in need,” Mr Piccolo said.

“They bring a ray of light to the lives of those being cared for.

“Many of us are not in need of constant care. But if we were, I would hope that we lived in a society with sufficient compassion to care for those who need a helping hand.

“This new hub is all about giving some support to those who lend that helping hand.

“Northern Carers Network cares for carers.

“Caring is hard work: long hours, often in an isolated setting. It can be both physically and emotionally demanding, and it unfortunately can place considerable pressure on other family relationships.

“Organisations like Northern Carers Network are important.”

NCN chief executive Maria Ross said the organisation was listening to the needs of

“...carers bring a ray of light to those being cared for

carers in the area.

“We asked you what you wanted, and you’ve told us that we need a presence in the area,” she said.

“We’re hoping the new Gawler hub will assist you to continue helping those who need help the most.

“I’d also especially like to thank our local member, Tony Piccolo, for all his support during our time here.”

The hub will offer an array of services for carers, including counselling and support, carer support groups, information and education, social and recreation programs and programs for young carers.

For more information on the services offered by the new hub, call Northern Carers Network on 8284 0388 or the Light Electorate Office on 8522 2878.

VIKINGS CONQUER VICTORIAN TEAMS

ONLY a year old, the North Vikings Inline Hockey Club is already showing the north why the sport is the fastest game on wheels.

The Vikings recently took four teams across to the Victorian Championships in Moe for Australia’s biggest club championship. The Junior B squad took the cup in their division.

Captain Brad Chenoweth said “the support we had from the club was amazing and helped us get over the line”.

From this tournament, a number of Vikings players have also been selected to represent Australia in Hawaii in April 2013.

Congratulations to the following Viking players: Under 12s team: Brad Chenoweth, Lachlan Pitcher, Declan Linke, Cameron Pope. Under 14s team: Dylan Pope, Rebecca Aldridge, Sam Vaughan, Aaron Grubb.

The fun, exciting and fast-paced sport is open to players of all ages. The club roster has players as young as five and as old as 45 - all you need is a spare Monday, \$5 and a bike helmet to get started! For more information, call Peter King on 0432 345 207.

CONCORDIA IN THE KNOW AFTER MEET

CONCORDIA is destined to be a major growth area over the next 30 years, but a public information campaign will ensure residents are not going into the future alone.

The Concordia area, northeast of Gawler, is a future growth area in the 30-Year Plan for a Greater Adelaide. However, Light MP Tony Piccolo is determined that Concordia residents will be armed with the best-possible information about potential future developments.

“Being a part of such a major development area as Concordia can often feel overwhelming,” Mr Piccolo said. “I want to make sure that if there are questions, they are answered.”

Mr Piccolo held a capacity-crowd public meeting earlier this year, attended by the majority of the area’s landowners. Questions from the assembly were answered, and new requirements for developers were explained.

A delegation from a similar development in Munno Para, including representatives from town planners Connor Holmes, addressed the assembly, explaining the benefits a similar development would bring Concordia.

GAWLER DIGS DEEP FOR RED SHIELD APPEAL



GAWLER residents have dug deep during the Salvation Army’s national Red Shield Appeal.

Light MP Tony Piccolo joined in the sentiment of solidarity by helping collect for the appeal, but he was taken aback by the spirit of giving in Gawler.

“I have to say, I was pleasantly surprised by the outpouring of support and generosity,” Mr Piccolo told State Parliament.

“I spent a morning helping collect money for the the Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal, which is the Salvos’ major annual fundraising drive.

“I had high hopes for the community, but these were surpassed even in the short time I was there.

“Dozens of people dug deep to help the valuable work the Salvos do in our community.

“It made me proud not only to be a member of my community, but also to be an Australian.

“Last year, the Red Shield Appeal raised more than \$75 million, and South Australia contributed \$5 million to that total.

“It is my hope, and the hope of the Salvos, that we can beat that total this year, so I urge all South Australians to dig deep.

DIGGING DEEP: Tony Piccolo collects for the Red Shield Appeal

ITALIAN VOLUNTEER WORKERS COMMEMORATED WITH AWARDS

A SPECIAL awards ceremony organised by the Italian community’s peak care body has honoured volunteers for the important work they do.

Speaking at the annual awards ceremony for Comitato Assistenza Italiano – the Committee for the Assistance of Italians – Light MP Tony Piccolo said that the work performed by volunteers was “incredibly important”.

“Volunteers working in the Italian community are supporting a group of people who have built a new life in this country,” Mr Piccolo.

“They are not only helping people who are aging, with all the associated difficulties, but they must also surmount the additional challenges of vast differences in language and culture.

Mr Piccolo said he was proud to be representing the Minister for Volunteers, the Hon Ian Hunter MP, at the awards ceremony, as it gave him the opportunity to pay tribute to the hard work volunteers do – and extend his own personal gratitude.

“As a migrant myself, I have seen first-hand the difficulties and challenges you have experienced and risen above,” he said.

“Many of you here today have made enormous sacrifices to give your families a better life. You have earned the right to live in dignity in your retirement years.

“It is great that we have these special people, these *volontari*, to help and support our seniors.”

Bill Bailey was named Volunteer of the Year for his dedication to the Italian community and his work in residential care. Mr Bailey has been volunteering with Co-ordinating Italian Committee Inc since 2006, assisting clients with tai chi and keeping them active and enthusiastic. CoAsIt judges were particularly

impressed with his ability to communicate and reach people without speaking the Italian language.

Melodyelisa Silvestri was named Young Volunteer of the Year for her work assisting seniors. CoAsIt judges said she displays a true passion for and commitment to her native Italian community, that she brought a smile to the faces of everyone around her and that she is a peer role model.

Five other Members of Parliament also paid tribute to the volunteers, including Carmel Zollo MLC, the Hon Grace Portolesi MP and the Hon Jennifer Rankine MP.



WINNERS: CoAsIt Volunteer of the Year winners Melodyelisa Silvestri and Bill Bailey with CoAsIt chair Franca Antonella, Tony Piccolo, Jennifer Rankine and Carmel Zollo

PRIDE OF GAWLER LIONS

THE Gawler Lions paid tribute to members who have provided distinguished service to the community through their work with the club at its annual handover dinner held recently.

Lion and Light MP Tony Piccolo was MC for the occasion and distinguished guests included Wakefield MP Nick Champion, John Dawkins MLC, Bruce Eastick and Gawler Mayor Brian Sambell.

Jim Downer, who has been a member of the Lions for over 39 years and held numerous positions in the club including secretary, treasurer, youth of the year chairman and active in many events, was presented with the distinguished service award.

Former President, Lion Beryl Tearle was presented with the James Richardson Award for her distinguished service as secretary, president, youth projects co-ordinator and manager of club assets.

For his contribution to the catering activities of the club, former Yorke Peninsula Rail Lions Club Member, Brian Reay was awarded the Lion of the Year trophy.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship - the Lions' highest honour - was presented to Eric

Filmer for his outstanding contribution to all aspects of club activities during his 24 years membership.

Club president, Ray Brussow said the award winners were the “pride” of the Gawler Club.

Years of Service medals, totalling almost four hundred years, were also presented to club members. Ross Cook lead the way with 44 years of service, with Vern Atyeo just behind him with 43 years.

In his annual report Mr Brussow said while member recruitment and retention still remained a challenge the club had achieved much during the year.

“The very successful biggest morning tea is an example of where the club working with other was able to raise over \$10,000 for the Cancer Council.”

Mr Brussow said the club was very keen to work with other service clubs, and would continue to focus on programs to support young people in our community.

The club raised over \$35,000 during the year, with local charities benefitting from the \$15,300 donated by the club for community projects and activities.



MASTERCHEFS: Tony Piccolo with Gawler 15 hospitality students

GAWLER’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

THIS year’s Biggest Morning Tea in Gawler has lived up to its name, attracting more than 300 people and raising more than \$10,000 for cancer research.

Light MP Tony Piccolo, who helped organise the event, said it was a fantastic example of the local community uniting behind a common cause.

“A huge number of people came together to make this event happen,” he said.

“From large corporate sponsors to local high school students, this is truly an example of an entire community coming together and uniting in a common purpose.

“It’s difficult to find someone whose life hasn’t been affected in some way by cancer.

“Hopefully the money we raised – more than \$10,000 – will make a big difference in someone’s life.

“I want to see the scourge of cancer removed from the world completely, and I am fully behind any initiative that will help achieve that goal.”

Gawler Lions treasurer Eric Filmer, who was the driving force behind the morning tea, also gave his personal thanks to everyone

involved.

“Many, many people came together to help us – the Gawler 15 hospitality training programme for the young people who served the tea, for one.

“We owe a huge debt of gratitude too to Gwenda Green and Bev Filmer for preparing the catering.

“We’ve been entertained by the Adelaide Plains Male Choir and the Scoot Back Squares & Wild Frontier square dancers.

“And finally, we must send a huge thank you to Gawler’s local businesses for the donations of prizes and the Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club for their generous donation of venue.”

The 310 guests at the morning tea were comfortably accommodated in Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club’s trackside function room, free of charge.

GBJC – which also named a race after the Biggest Morning Tea brand – was happy to support the event, chief executive Dominic Shepley said.

“It’s a worthy cause, and anything we can do to support cancer research is absolutely worth doing,” he said.



PRIDE OF LIONS: Brian Reay, Jim Downer, Beryl Tearle and Eric Filmer with President Ray Brussow



THANK YOU: Colin Gramp JP (ret) was presented with a Certificate of Merit for serving as a JP, with the Royal Association of Justices of South Australia Inc, for 50 years. His valuable service to his community was recognised with a presentation by Mr Chris Johnstone JP and Mrs Maxine Chenoweth JP, State Council representatives and Mr Robert Brookes JP, chairman of the Barossa & Districts Justices Group. Picture courtesy of The Leader.



WINNERS: Tony Piccolo with EPS cross-country runners

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNERS WIN FOR EPS

EVANSTON Primary School cross-country runners have done their school proud, with students placing highly in a state-wide meet against hundreds of others.

Almost all the Evanston Primary students finished higher than 100th place in the South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association (SAPSASA) cross-country races on 30 May.

Many of the runners placed in the top 30, and some placed in the top ten.

The standouts for the day were 10-year-old Robert Briggs, who placed first over 2000m, and 11-year old Stewart McRostie, who placed third over 2000m.

All the Evanston Primary students were racing groups of up to 220 competitors per race.

Light MP and Evanston Primary alumnus Tony Piccolo, who recognised the runners’ accomplishments with certificates of achievement, said it was fantastic to see kids being active.

“It’s great to see these kids out there enjoying themselves and being active,” he said.

“It’s even better that they’ve done their families, school and communities proud with their efforts.”

“However, to perform at their best, they need the right attire and equipment, and not all families can afford it.

“Every child deserves every chance to fulfil their potential, so if any individual or business can provide some sponsorship, I strongly encourage them to contact my office.”

EVANSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACINGS

- 10-year-old girls 2000m**
Jessica Wallace - 77th
Nikita McRostie – 65th

11-year-old girls 2000m
Claudia Groth - 35th
Willow Mather - 103rd
Chantelle Keating - 49th

12-year-old girls 2000m
Gian Sharrock - 85th

13-year-old girls 2000m
Liarna Exindaris - 137th

10-year-old boys 2000m
Robert Briggs – 1st
- 11-year-old boys 2000 metres**
Ashley Fisher - 75th
Nick Sullivan - 25th
Stewart McRostie - 3rd
Jack McPhee - 214th
Anthony Blackwood - 71st

12-year-old boys 2000m
Cody Norris - 105th
Aiden Kraft - 30th

13-year-old boys 2000m
Patrick Keating - 110th
Andrew Lomu - 76th
Koen Sumner – 40th

DYSLEXIA GROUP THANKED IN PARLI

LIGHT MP Tony Piccolo has spoken in State Parliament about the often-crippling issue of dyslexia in young students.

Mr Piccolo last week chaired a public forum in Gawler organised by the Dyslexia Action Group, headed by Dr Sandra Marshall and Gawler Citizen of the Year Ophie Renner.

Mr Piccolo said he was honoured to chair the forum, and the issue was very important.

“It’s very problematic for us as a society,”

Excerpt from Hansard

...I had the honour and the privilege to be asked to chair the forum, both last week and an earlier forum late last year.

The forum was attended by a number of parents, teachers and other community members and both forums have had capacity crowds, so there are a lot of children in our community, and obviously families who are



PEOPLE OF ACTION: Sandra Marshall, Ophie Renner and Kylie Fotheringham

Mr Piccolo said.

“Children living with dyslexia have fine minds and are full of potential - but if we don’t recognise and work to overcome their learning difficulty, they will lose interest in education and we could lose that potential.

“We need to ensure that children with dyslexia are given a fair go in the education system.

“We need to focus on what we can do to help our young children, so they don’t actually lose interest in their education.”

concerned about their children’s development because they have the disability of dyslexia.

There was a really positive mood in the forum; in other words, a focus on what we can do to help our young children, particularly with early intervention, how to support them and how to help them maintain their self-esteem so they do not actually lose interest in their education, which has been a problem in the past.

I also indicate the government’s support to help these children.

LITTLE GREEN THUMBS AT WASLEYS PS

WASLEYS Primary School and the Wasleys community, today joined forces with local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo in establishing a community garden.

Mr Piccolo and Tom Laintoll of the “Greening Wasleys Group” joined Wasleys Primary School Principal, Deb Fairey in planting the first of the fruit trees in what will be a community food garden.

This garden is an outstanding example of a community initiative said Mr Piccolo.

To have the township community and the school working closely together is just great to see.

The children of Wasleys Primary are developing a sense of belonging through projects such as this.

We know that children who have a strong sense of being part of a community are far more likely to grow into responsible citizens

and contribute positively to the development of their community.

The unique environment that exists in Wasleys, that is a small community with their own school, means these students have an advantage over their metropolitan cousins.

In partnering with community organisations such as ‘Greening Wasleys’, this school is delivering a rich curriculum to the students.

The garden will eventually be producing food with which the children can then learn about cooking, nutrition and healthy living.

In the meantime they are getting plenty of exercise and fresh air.

A study undertaken by Planet Ark and released as part of National Tree Day showed that contact with nature results in positive health, wellbeing and developmental outcomes for children.



LITTLE GREEN THUMBS: Tony Piccolo gardening with Wasleys PS students

PREMIER DELIGHTED BY TOUR

PREMIER Jay Weatherill and other community leaders in June took part in the Tour de Light – a day tour around the Light electorate, showcasing our successes and our challenges.

More than 50 local leaders from churches, services clubs, businesses, local government and the media joined Mr Weatherill on the tour, organised and led by Light MP Tony Piccolo.

Mr Weatherill launched the tour with a talk highlighting the State Government’s seven focuses for the state’s future.

PMD Australia owner Kerri Krieg and manager Tony Clark explained how the manufacturing company moved into mining services after initially starting agricultural manufacturing twenty years ago; demand for their work is now at an all-time high.

LIGHT Regional Council chief executive Brian Carr provided an overview of the new Roseworthy development and spoke about the importance of getting master planning right.

ROSEWORTHY Campus executive dean

Iain Reid spoke about the plans the University of Adelaide has for increasing its community engagement and encouraging more students to take up agricultural programs because of the strong demand for skilled workers in the industry.

DE IESO Market Gardens owner Danny De Ieso spoke passionately about the need for more water in the Gawler River area if local market gardeners are to become economically viable, and how they are working with the Government to achieve this.

GAWLER and Districts College acting principal Jeff Forrester took the tour through the new school’s construction site, showcasing the opportunities the school will offer to young locals when it is complete.

Mr Piccolo said the feedback he received from the participants indicated that the aims of the tour were achieved and that he hoped to develop a bigger and better program for the tour next year.

He also said the feedback received from the 55 participants was extremely positive, with several suggesting that the tour should

be held twice a year.

“While it is important to face the challenges we have, it is equally important that we don’t overlook the great things happening in our community,” he said.



DELIGHTED: Premier Jay Weatherill addresses the crowd the Tour de Light



SUCCESS STORY: Premier Jay Weatherill and Gerry Kandelaars MLC are briefed on PMD Australia’s success by owner Kerri Krieg

LOCAL INDUSTRY SHINES

ON his recent visit to the Light Electorate the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP was taken on a tour of Engineering Firm, PMD Australia.

Located in Roseworthy, PMD Australia impressed the Premier with its capacity to innovate and respond to markets forces.

Light MP Tony Piccolo said the entrepreneurial approach as demonstrated by PMD Australia was an example of global thinking by local industry.

PMD Australia is a family business that has maintained continuous operation in this region for over twenty years.

Located in Smithfield for seventeen years, the company produced roof tile making equipment for tile manufacturers throughout Australia and overseas. Recognising the need to expand existing operations and meet the demands of emerging markets the business shifted to its current site in Roseworthy.

Three years later, with an investment of more than \$5m in the development of the new site, the business now boasts 3000 square metres of workshop floor space, state of the art equipment such as computer driven mills and lathes and its own fully equipped design department. The family run business, which has a policy of employing locally, provides jobs for up to 22 people.

With an eye to the forecast expansion of Greater Adelaide as outlined in the State Government’s 30 Year Plan, PMD now not only designs and builds tile making equipment but also manufactures its own roof tile. The Nova Roof Tile is a roof tile with a difference as it has been designed to meet local conditions - lighter, with a through colour (not a surface colour) and a greater structural integrity.

These qualities equate to a significant cost saving for the customer and the environment.

A more recent development for PMD Australia has been the expansion into mining support. Value adding to the investment in its engineering capacity, the company now manufactures specialised parts for underground mining equipment. With the high rate of wear of some of these parts the design and construction teams have been not only able to provide a speedy repair service but have also technically improved the parts in order to reduce the rate of wear.

Following approaches from local agricultural dealerships PMD Australia has also expanded in to the production of agricultural equipment. After consulting with South Australian farmers, the design and manufacturing teams have created world class low carbon, low till farm machinery.



SCHOOL’S IN: The Tour de Light attendees look around the new Gawler and Districts B-12 College

EDUCATION REVOLUTION

GAWLER is about to enter a new and exciting era of public education.

With the construction of the new Gawler and Districts B-12 College, Light MP Tony Piccolo said the new school brings an innovative and fresh perspective to the face of public education in our town.

The new school brings together the rich

heritage of Evanston Preschool, Evanston Primary school and Gawler High School.

“When you add the whole new dimension the children’s centre brings to this mix we have an educational offering that will be the envy of many other towns in our region,” Mr Piccolo said.

“The B-12 structure will provide

families of this region with a new and unique offering. Many families will now have all their children at the one school which makes good logistical sense.

“It also makes good educational sense as the students will no longer have to negotiate the sometimes difficult transitions from preschool to school and

primary to secondary. “

The State Government has committed \$12m to the establishment of the new school.

On the recent tour of the Light electorate, Premier Jay Weatherill was delighted to view the progress of the construction of the new buildings.

ROLL UP, ROLL UP, TO THE BIGGEST SHOW IN TOWN



SHOWTIME: The 2012 Gawler Show promises to be the biggest yet

The 2012 Gawler Show is fast approaching, and the line-up of entertainment, activities and competitions are destined to keep everyone enthralled.

To be held on the weekend of 1-2 September, the 156th Gawler Show offers a huge variety of things to see and do.

SA's largest country show celebrates with traditional horses, cattle, sheep and poultry exhibits throughout the weekend.

With over 6,500 exhibitors in both the outdoor animal sections and the indoor craft, cookery, produce and floriculture sections the Gawler Show is bursting with local support for the 26 competition sections on offer.

Free competition entries in a majority of sections for children who enter provide a great opportunity to share the enjoyment of agricultural shows with the next generation and continue the traditions of our long show history.

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS - BOTH DAYS

- Animal Learning Centre – educational, interactive display of a large variety of baby animals
- Agricultural Awareness Centre - activities for children to enhance their knowledge of agricultural and environmental practices
- Animal Nursery
- Showbags - www.showbags.com.au
- Sideshow Alley
- Exhibition Hall
- Over 300 stalls selling almost anything
- Grandpa's Farm
- Camel and pony rides
- Bank SA Treasure Trail
- Horses in action
- Youth Shak Community Displays
- Channel 7 entertainment marquee
- Aerosol Angels Art displays
- Elizabeth Riders' BMX, skateboard and scooter displays

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS - SATURDAY

- Cattle, sheep, poultry and birds exhibits and judging
- Locked and Loaded Laser Tag
- Official opening by Amanda Blair
- Libby O'Donovan on the main stage from 6pm, fresh from performances with the Adelaide Fringe and Cabaret Festivals
- Gawler's only fireworks display at 8pm

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS - SUNDAY

- American Muscle Car display
- Grand parade
- Zoe McDonald, psychic medium
- Father's Day challenges 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm. Great prizes for all participants
- Children's pet show at 11.30am
- Hickinbotham wood chopping at 12pm
- Lend Lease FEI Asia Pacific Round World Cup Show Jumping Event
- Ute muster

2012 DEVINE GAWLER SHOW

Saturday 1 September, 9am – 9pm
Sunday 2 September, 9am – 5pm

FIREWORKS SATURDAY NIGHT 8pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE GATE

Adult	\$15.00
Concession	\$13.00
Child	\$ 8.00 (5 – 16 years)
Family	\$45.00 (2 + 3)

PRE – PURCHASE MEMBERSHIPS

MEMBERSHIP \$40.00
4 Entry Tickets each allow entry to 1 Adult
OR 3 Children (5 – 16 years)

COME ONE, COME ALL: GAWLER ART SOCIETY OPEN DAY



GAWLER Art Society will hold a free open day in October entitled "Making Art-Work".

The open day, organised in conjunction with the Every Generation Festival on Saturday 6 October, will be held in the Stone Pavilion in the Gawler Sport and Recreation Centre on Nixon Tce between 10am and 2pm.

President Carol Green said she hoped the open day would attract new faces of all ages and diversities.

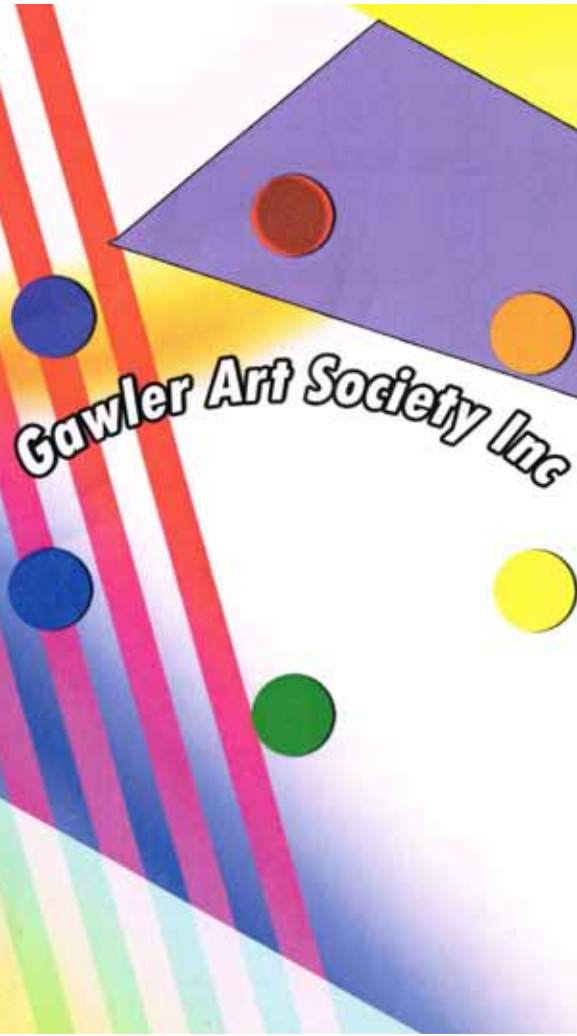
"Many of our members will be working in different mediums," she said.

"They'll show that making art is very diverse - you can apply yourself to anything you have a mind to.

"There'll be a continuous demonstration where members of the public can interact, glean knowledge, see different techniques and styles and learn from the artists.

"We are also organising a sausage sizzle and to have the kiosk open for a further two hours from noon to provide a choice of other food and refreshments.

More info: Carol Green, 8523 2593



WILLO'S Men's Shed has officially started its new life - by signing the lease on their new property.

The one+one+one year lease will ensure that the shed is able to both continue supporting the men who make up its membership and providing valuable health, outreach and construction services to the community.

The shed's public officer, Chris Hanley, signed the lease during International Men's Health Week at a celebratory community BBQ organised by Tony Piccolo MP.

"It's wonderful that the Willo's Men's Shed is safe and secure for the foreseeable future," Mr Piccolo said.

"Their staff of volunteers does great work in the community, and I'm glad that work can continue.

"The shed also provides a valuable service to its members, by allowing them a safe space to meet up and talk about issues which perhaps might otherwise go unaddressed."

Mr Piccolo also gave his thanks to the many businesses and individuals in the Light community who stood behind the Shed.

"Men's health is a very important issue to me, and I'm proud to live in a community where there is so much support for it.

"The BBQ was proudly sponsored by Drakes Supermarkets Gawler Foodland and Coles Gawler. We also held a free community raffle across Gawler, with prizes donated by many of the local fitness centres, including FitFix, STARplex and Dowden Personal Fitness Studio.

"Hyde and Partners also generously offered to provide bulk-billed checkups to men during the week - an offer they will be repeating later in the year, closer to Father's Day.

"Every man is a brother, a father, a son and a mate," he said.

"It's great to see local businesses and individuals standing behind this important issue, and it's fantastic that Willo's Men's Shed will be operating into the future."



MEN'S SHED BACK IN BUSINESS

GRAND REOPENING: WMS public officer Chris Hanley signs the shed's new contract

FREE HEALTH CHECKUPS FOR BLOKES

FREE health checkups for older men will be offered during special times this year - so show your loved ones you care about them and get yourself checked out.

Light MP Tony Piccolo joined with Hyde & Partners to offer the special service during International Men's Health Week in June: the Adelaide Rd practice bulk-billed checkups for men aged 40-50 years, making them effectively free.

The medical practice and Mr Piccolo are proud to announce they will repeat the offer during the Father's Day week.

"When men are not well - physically or mentally - the people around them also suffer," Mr Piccolo said. "Their partners, parents, children, brothers and sisters also miss out when the men in their lives cannot fully contribute to family life."

benefits," he said.

"Health checks will include blood pressure and blood sugar measures, height, weight and waist circumference and skin checks. "Blood checks for cholesterol and prostate checks will be offered to over 50's," Dr Page added.

Dr Page stressed the need for men to also consider their mental health.

"Men can feel very isolated when it comes to health issues," he said. "It's important men feel they can speak with somebody openly and without fear. Highest risks are times of change - birth of a child, relationship stressors and divorce, loss of employment/status, illness, bereavement and also those with mental health issues."

Mr Piccolo said it was important to break down barriers and say it's OK for men to speak out.



GET CHECKED: Tony Piccolo with Hyde & Partners nurse Simone Laskowski

Hyde & Partners GP Anthony Page said the 40-50 bracket was underrepresented in statistics for regular checkups - but it was the group that most needed checkups.

"It's this age group where simple interventions can achieve long-standing

COMMUNITY WIN: MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

INTERNATIONAL Men's Health Week 2012 was a huge success in Gawler, with free community events including a BBQ, market stalls, raffles and giveaways.

Willo's Men's Shed, recently saved from eviction, teamed up with Tony Piccolo MP - who coordinated and supported the events and activities - to staff a men's health info stall at the local Lions Gawler Railway Station Sunday Markets.

"Men's health is a very important issue that often falls by the wayside," Mr Piccolo said.

"When we have men who are emotionally and physically healthy we have healthy families."

"During the promotion, we promoted healthy eating and lifestyle activities and encouraged men to talk to their healthcare

practitioners if they have any concerns.

"It's important that we get rid of the stigma surrounding men's health and break down the barriers to men living healthy lives.

"Men are brothers, fathers, partners and sons, so when they are not well it impacts on the people around them."

The Light Electorate Office also ran a free raffle to win some excellent prizes from local fitness centres.

"It's wonderful that the community is getting on board," he said. "We had an outpouring of support from businesses across Gawler.

"I'd like thank those local medical practices, fitness centres and health food shops who came on board for this important promotion."



**To arrange your free
checkup, call Hyde & Partners
on 8522 3444**

Modern life is placing increasing pressure on family life with an increasing number of dads concerned about the lack of time available to spend with their children.

Less time is spent around the kitchen table discussing how family members spent their day, or problems they are having.

Through discussions I’ve had with

fathers, I’ve noted families have increasing commitments That competing for valuable family time.

With sporting, music, drama, and a plethora of other commitments families are spending less time together.

Many dads are seeking more time with their children.

The fatherhood feature tells the stories of

the lives of some dads, and how their role has changed over time.

While fatherhood has changed over time, as a society we still don’t appear to appreciate the very positive role that “engaged” fathers can have on the lives of their children.

Fatherhood is more that providing food on the table and a roof over the children’s

heads.

While these are important, dads need to nurture their children more if they are to grow in healthy adults, and realise their full potential.

I recommend first-time fathers to contact the Gawler Health Service’s Fatherhood Worker, Michael Evans, on **0434 368 891** if they have any questions.

BATTLER DOUG LLOYD: A COMMUNITY FATHER

IT ISN’T just children who need fathers - sometimes an entire community needs a paternal figure.

Seeking to give back to humanity, Doug and Dawn Lloyd joined Mission World Aid in Stirling, a non-profit organisation. For MWA, they collected clothing, hospital equipment and most things needed in third world countries.

They packed them into 40ft shipping containers, often shipping them out a rate of one per month.

Doug and Dawn were then led to go to an orphanage in Mozambique to carry out building work, assist in helping in the health and caring of babies and toddlers.

“...sometimes an entire community needs a father

They stayed for six months. An image which stuck in Doug’s mind was rebuilding a house using a 40 ft shipping container and building a new brick kitchen and a new timber lounge - which was chopped down by aid workers from a forest next door.

It was a pleasant serendipity - a fire in the forest had caused the original house to burn down.

On returning to Australia, they joined the Prodigal Trust, and they were responsible for creating and maintaining fruit and vegetable gardens on aboriginal stations in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands, just below the South Australian-Northern Territory border.

Doug also ventured up there and erected a coolroom that had been dismantled and stored here in Gawler.

Doug was also a fire crew member of the EFS, attending both Ash Wednesday fires in the Adelaide Hills.

Now in his 80s, Doug still gives back to the community, regularly attending the Willo’s Men’s Shed. He particularly enjoys the company of the other men in the shed and the ability to make numerous projects for home and his community.

THE LIFE OF CHARLES “CHARLIE” BROWN

CHARLES Holden Brown was born in outback Australia, on the shores of the Great Australian Bight, in 1914, the 3rd son in a family of 9 children.

At the tender age of 13 his father passed away, leaving his mother to manage the farm and 9 children alone. By the age of 21 the Great Depression was taking its toll and so Charles left home in search of work.

Taking with him his meagre life savings, he rode a bicycle on dirt roads, heading towards Queensland.

He eventually found work picking cotton 300 miles north of Brisbane. He later sold his bike, took a train south to Brisbane and waited for the ship Manunda to arrive. He then took passage back to South Australia.

Living once more in South Australia, Charles met and married his first wife. World War 2 was just beginning and he answered the call, leaving his young wife pregnant with their first child.

He spent the war years serving in both Darwin and New Guinea as an engineer. He only saw his baby daughter twice, for brief times on leave, before he was shipped overseas.

She was three before he saw her again.

It was a great sadness to him that she didn’t recognize him and it took a long time to begin to form new bonds with her.

Returning from war wasn’t easy and Charles and his young family travelled a lot, living in a caravan, finding work wherever they could. During this time a second daughter was born.

Eventually land for returned soldiers became available on the Eyre Peninsula, at a place named Wanilla. Charles and his family settled there in 1951. One more daughter was

added to the family and one by one the girls left to attend boarding school. His marriage, which had struggled to survive such difficult times, eventually ended, and Charles sold up and moved to Adelaide, working at a variety of jobs.

He purchased a new home and took up photography as a hobby. He became very skilled at this and spent many valuable hours in his darkroom, bringing to life captured moments frozen in time on film. Time passed and circumstances changed.

Being in Adelaide brought him closer to his daughters. At the age of 16 one of his daughters returned to live permanently with him until her marriage. It was then that Charles realized that city life was not for him and he followed his dream of living in the Riverland.

For the next 30 years Charles spent his winters following the sun in far north Queensland and considered himself to be the “original” hippy in a Kombi van.

The Riverland was a wonderful place for children and over the years Charles regularly enjoyed the company of his grandchildren who would come to stay during school holidays.

He developed a particularly strong bond with his grandson Gordon, teaching him to sail, swim and fish on lake Bonney.

His other grandchildren also spent time whenever possible with him and they all love him dearly.

Charles has always been a modest man and a gentleman, supportive of his family and considerate of their needs.

Now aged 98, for the past 3 years he has resided with his daughter Margaret Cooper in Kalbeeba where he makes the most of the

beautiful sunshine, enjoying the scenery and the wonderful wildlife of the area.

Caring full time for her father has been a demanding but wonderfully rewarding experience for Margaret.

She has found new skills in playing music (encouraged by Charles who still plays the button accordion) and he looks forward to the regular Friday rehearsals of “Bangers & Mash”, a musical group that rehearses at his home. He loves to join in, keeping time on percussion instruments or singing along with the old songs.

Margaret is herself a mother of three girls and a boy, who sadly has passed on. She is also a grandmother of two.

Reflecting on her own childhood, Margaret notes that the role of parents has changed over the years - not necessarily for the better.

“My father was a very caring man and gave a lot of time to me especially, as I was a baby boomer arriving on the scene nine months after dad returned from the war.

“He was always teaching us commonsense things that would allow us to become responsible, independent, creative and appreciative.

“He was always supportive, but at the same time allowing us to be ourselves, to use our imagination and to make our own mistakes as we grew older, knowing that we could always turn to him if we needed support.

“The difference that I have seen in the way parents raise their families today, is that many children are not taught to be responsible in their primary years.

“I feel that “family time” has dwindled over the years and children seem to spend a lot of time on their own in their own space.

“Only time will tell which way was best!”



Charles “Charlie” Brown with daughter carer Margaret Cooper, left, and his original Mini, right



Remembering Precious Souls Community Event of the Year 2012 Town of Gawler Australia Day Awards

Remembering Precious Souls is a community event offering families an opportunity to gather at the Willaston Cemetery Babies’ Memorial Gardens and lovingly remember the Precious Souls who have touched our lives and live in our hearts.

Remember Precious Souls is proudly supported by Sands (Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Newborn Death Support) South Australia - a little life, not a little loss.

All are welcome and we hope this will be a special time for all who come.

Further information is available from Ali Chapman on 8523 2292 or 0403 357 040



COLIN EDWARDS: FATHER, GRANDDAD, GREAT-GRANDDAD

COLIN and Margaret Edwards celebrate 56 years of happy marriage this year - and the parents, grandparents and great-grandparents have one or two things to say about fatherhood.

“Being a parent is very different today to when we were little,” Colin said.

“I was born at home,” Colin said. “When it was Mum’s time, Dad hopped on his horse and rode miles over to where a retired nurse lived.

“She came down straight away in her buggy, and she told him to get right out of it.”

Fate had a hand in their lives, it seemed; Colin and Margaret met a great many years before they became romantically involved.

“It was a long long time ago,” Margaret said.

“I was only a little girl of five, and I was living in Beltana.” (Beltana is a now a ghost town in the state’s mid north, and celebrates its centenary this year.)

“My mother was ill at the time. Colin’s mother did mission work along the railroads during the war.

“She must’ve stopped off during the train ride across and come to tend to my mum.

“Anyway, Colin’s mum brought me home from Beltana to Blinman, some 60 miles south, on the old Ghan, and I stayed with the Edwards for a about two or three weeks, until mum was better.”

“Many, many years later, we would move to Blinman, but the Edwards had moved away, so we had no connection, no communication.

When Colin came out of the air force, years after that, he didn’t seem to settle very well, so decided to get back to his roots.

“I was keen to go back bush,” he said.

“So I bought some horses with a friend, and we just rode back up to Blinman. Took us about eleven days.

“We met - again, you could say. We went to a few dances, and the rest is history really... we’ve been married for 56 years now.”

They didn’t marry straight away - they waited until they had a house to call their home. But two years later, they did, and they did.

Colin worked on the Alpana and Angorichina Stations - both now popular tourist spots as well as working sheep stations - for more than 20 years, before moving to Gawler.

“We decided we really wanted to live up North, in Gawler,” Margaret said.

“So we moved to Sunnyside Dr, just around the corner from where Tony (Piccolo) used to live.

“He went to school with our daughter, in fact.

“Eventually - after 34 years - we decided we wanted something a little more cosy. We couldn’t find anything suitable, so we sat down and had a think - worked out we could afford to build. So we sold up, and eventually our old house became part of a new development.”

Along the way, they had two children, Elizabeth and Rob, and three grandchildren, Candice and Brandon (to Rob) and Sam (to Elizabeth).

They now have a great-grandchild through Sam, two-year-old Bailey.

“...there is a big difference between then and now in parenting... everyone’s in a hurry nowadays, everyone has to rush off

Their experiences have taught them a thing or two about children and parenting.

“There is a difference between then and now, in parenting,” Colin said.

“When we were bringing up our children, money was very tight.”

Margaret agrees. “Times were tough when we came down from the Flinders,” she said.

“Colin was working around the clock he got about one day off every fortnight. The children would be in bed by the time he got home, and he would have left for work before they woke up in the morning.

“It didn’t leave a lot of time to spend home with us, with the family in those days.”

“These days,” Colin continued, “(Son) Rob is home during the week and on the weekends, so there’s more family time.

“They’re different generations to us - they’re more able to give their children things.

“They’re not spoilt by any means - I don’t mean to say that - but young people nowadays certainly have greater availability and accessibility to things - the pictures, or to television, or things like that.

“Today they can go to McDonalds, or to a film - we couldn’t afford to do that with our children.

“Children of today have got more - things are much more accessible to families now. Our children had to wait to get a television, for example.

“The boss thought Col was working long hours, so he gave our family a black-and-white set.

“We didn’t tell the kids about that until they saw it - it was like Christmas time.

“We didn’t go away on holiday very much either - Colin didn’t get very many holidays. Nowadays the younger people are able to go away; money and time are more available.

“(Granddaughter) Candice has been overseas with school already, and I guess that will come up with (grandson) Brandon.”

But despite families having more time to spend with their families today, Colin says there is less time spent.

“At the tea table in our day, we talked about things that had happened during the day,” he said.

“But today that doesn’t happen. Families today have all sorts of commitments - football practice, music lessons, mum and dad have to go to a committee meeting - everyone has to rush off somewhere.

“We didn’t get involved in any of that when we were parents. We thought a very important part of being a parent was being home when the children got home.

Margaret agrees. “When the children were having exams, I always made myself available to be home. We didn’t plan people coming over for dinner, or anything like that.

“We gave them time that was theirs,” Colin said. “I think today that doesn’t seem to be there with the younger generation.

“Everyone’s in a hurry nowadays.”

LEONARD COCKERILL: A FATHER TO MANY

IN THE late 1940s the site of a tanned, healthy young man from England roaring across the dusty back roads of Australia astride his 1000cc Ariel Square Four motorcycle accompanied by two motorcycle mates would have been something to behold.

Leonard Cockerill was on his way from Brisbane to Woomera where his carpentry skills were in high demand.

An important aspect of fatherhood is that you are not just a father to children; you are responsible for the entire family.

With this in mind, Len made the decision to uproot his family and travel around the world from native Britain to Australia.

Early married life was busy with work, family and raising two children. His wife Joyce began having attacks of bronchitis, and the family was advised that she needed a drier climate. In 1964, they moved to Elizabeth, South Australia and purchased a home. Joyce’s health improved dramatically.

Len was born in London in 1924 and grew up with his seven sisters and brothers through some very tough times. His father, despite being a highly skilled tiler and slater was, like millions of others, out of work from 1929-1931.

Len’s ever present dry humour emerges when he says, “there were no fat people back then!” Rationing was in full force and there was never enough. Most kids were small and skinny.

Len started a carpentry apprenticeship when he was 14 and his first wage was 12 shillings and sixpence. He remembers well Adolf Hitler visited London in 1940 in the form of the Blitz. He remembers the sirens, his mother and others running to the air raid shelters, and staying in the house with dad while bombs exploded nearby.

He joined the Air Training Corp as a cadet and at 18 years of age he was called in to the Air Force. He flew in a large twin engined Warwick Aircraft with a crew of six and they spent the remainder of the war years firstly on anti-submarine patrols in the North Atlantic and North Sea, and later on Air Sea Rescue missions.

Len was demobilised as soon as the war in Europe finished because his carpentry skills were deemed essential for the reconstruction.

In 1947 he emigrated to Australia travelling the country on his motorcycle working as a carpenter wherever the good jobs were. He returned to England in 1949 to romance and later marry Joyce.

Len is also a father to his community. He is a proud Mason and also a member of the University of the Third Age, Gawler Art Society, Gawler Bridge Club and Gawler Probus.

He has past his paternal values onto his and Joyce’s children, Keith and Lorraine, who are now teachers, responsible for shaping the next generations of Gawler children.

Len has led and continues to lead an active life. He continued in the building trade in Australia where he worked as a contractor for the SAHT and helped build the shopping centres at Elizabeth Centre, Grove, South and Vale. He has been a union man all his life, and when he retired at the age of 60, his union “family” sent him a letter formally recognising his contribution - this meant a lot to Len.

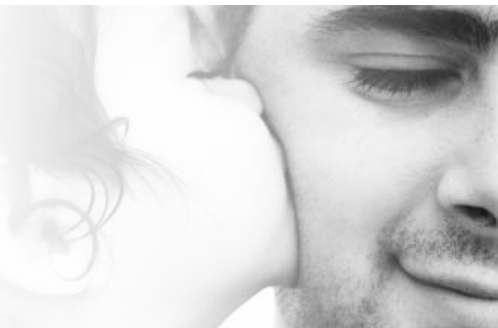
Len was brought up in a family with active diverse political views and discussion. Years later while working in Canberra he went to parliament and witnessed a heated debate between Ben Chifley and Robert Menzies. He was pleasantly surprised after the debate had finished to see them later sharing a joke and clearly enjoying each other’s company. It is an image and memory that has stayed with him always. They were very different times... and Len played an active part.

ARE YOU A FATHER?

Contact Fatherhood Worker **Michael Evans** on **8251 2080** or **0434 368 891**

An initiative of Country Health SA

Gawler Health Service has a range of courses and support services which can help you.



RELIEF AS WASLEYS PO & GENERAL STORE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS AGAIN



BACK IN BUSINESS: Tony Piccolo with Wasleys General Store co-owner Andrew Selleck

THE Wasleys General Store has re-opened, and in doing so has marked a turning point for the town.

The local Selleck family recently bought the site and, following some major renovations, the general store reopened its doors to the Wasleys community earlier in the year.

Part-owner Andrew Selleck said the community response to the re-opening has been fantastic.

“We just put the sign out the front to say we were open, and they have just flocked back in,” he said.

“Our takeaway service is doing really well

– so well that on Saturday nights there can be up to an hour wait to get your pizza.”

The general store offers a range of deli lines from newspapers to household essentials.

Andrew said that they are keen to make it a real country general store and are currently undertaking further renovations to introduce basic hardware and fodder lines.

“We are keen to provide a good service to the local community so that they will not have to travel outside the town for their personal daily needs – and we can look after their animals as well.”

Mr Piccolo, who visited the store during

the week, said the re-opening of the General Store marks a turning point in the future of the town.

When the general store and post office closed concerns were expressed about the future of the town.

Mr Piccolo said that through the establishment of the Wasleys Community Group, he could tell that Wasleys was a resilient community and would bounce back.

“And bounce back they have,” he said. “The post office has reopened, the general store has reopened and lights are back on at the bowling club.”

WASLEYS COMMUNITY LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

WASLEYS’ community takes control.

The Wasleys Community Group is a small band of dedicated residents who are focussed on ensuring their town survives and thrives into the future.

Light MP Tony Piccolo said the group was doing fantastic work.

“Wasleys future looks considerably brighter, thanks to the formation of the Wasleys Community Group” he said.

“I called a public meeting in Nov 2011 after being contacted by residents who were concerned about the demise of services in their township.

“From the meeting a small band of dedicated residents have been meeting to formulate actions to bring more services to Wasleys and ensure a community voice is heard by service providers.

“The Wasleys Community Group, soon to be incorporated has received considerable support from my office through the magnificent work of staff member David Pedler and from Light Regional Council through the agency of Craig Doyle, Manager of Strategy, Projects and Engineering, and elected members Wayne Standish and Lynette Reichstein.”

Despite its short life the WCG has managed to advocate on behalf of the community on such matters as internet connection through the installation of ADSL lines, mobile phone reception, stormwater management, road and footpath conditions, tree lopping, economic development within the township, rail corridor use and management of existing facilities such as the cricket oval and the Institute.

Future projects to be undertaken include a needs analysis for an out of school hours care (OSHC) service.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Institute.

The WCG Committee extends an invitation to all members of the Wasleys Community to come along and contribute to the shaping of the future of Wasleys.

If you would like to find out more about it please contact Lynette Marker on 8525 4039.

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR WASLEY’S BOWLS

WASLEYS Bowling Club is ready to shine with the installation of new lighting for its bowling greens.

Builders erected the new lights over the club last week. The new lights will allow the club to attract and host more competitions – particularly twilight and night games – and bring more people into the small town.

The \$25,000 lights were part-funded by a State Government grant – part of the \$6.5 million Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Program, which matches dollar-for-dollar money raised by sport and recreation clubs.

The application for financial support was strongly supported by local State MP Tony Piccolo, who arranged for Minister for Sport Tom Kenyon to visit the club late last year.

The new lights are a boon for the club: the previous lighting fixtures were so poor they couldn’t be turned on for health and safety reasons. This in turn meant the club could no longer host twilight and night games.

WBC president Brad McDougall said the new lighting was fantastic.

“It’s marvellous; this will attract more competitions to Wasleys, which will really breathe life into the town,” he said.

Mr Piccolo said it was an excellent outcome for the club.

“The State Government is committed to promoting safe communities and healthy neighbourhoods,” Mr Piccolo said.

“These new lights will allow the club to become a sport and recreation hub in the area, and it will help the town thrive well into the future.

“I look forward to playing on the green myself!”



LUMINARIES: Tony Piccolo with Barry McDougall, WBC president Brad McDougall and KLM Group workers Brad Russell and Jarrod Trish

THREE GENERATIONS: Farmers Malcolm, Adam and Andrew Lucas on their farm at Reeves Plains; Andrew gave evidence to the committee



SELECT COMMITTEE TELLS COMPETITION WATCHDOG: BREAK UP GRAINS MONOPOLY

A PARLIAMENTARY committee has asked the national competition watchdog to break up a monopoly on the grains handling industry by imposing stringent conditions on an international takeover bid.

The Select Committee on the Grains Handling Industry last week endorsed a motion by Light MP Tony Piccolo to make a submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

The submission expressed “serious concerns” about the monopoly Canadian firm Viterra holds over the industry. The committee believes the monopoly will be

exacerbated by Swiss company Glencore’s proposed takeover of Viterra.

Mr Piccolo said the monopoly was hurting SA farmers, and the ACCC needed to step in. “The committee has heard from many people involved in the industry that Viterra’s monopoly is stifling the industry,” he said.

“Their experience is that they do not get an efficient or economical service from Viterra in many areas.

“They’re rightly worried that the situation will be made worse when Glencore takes over the virtual monopoly.

“The ACCC needs to step in now and

put in place conditions on the takeover – conditions which will ultimately benefit everyone involved.

The committee has made several recommendations to the ACCC with regard to conditions to impose, including divestment of some of the 106 storage facilities and eight ports Viterra controls, auctioning rail capacity and investment in new infrastructure.

Mr Piccolo said that the conditions the committee is asking to be imposed are not harsh.

“A lot of the conditions we are asking for are being considered by Canadian

authorities in the takeover by Glencore of Viterra’s Canadian interests,” he said. “For example, Glencore promised \$100 million investment in infrastructure upgrades. As 50 per cent of Viterra’s holdings are in SA, it’s the committee’s view that a similar level of funding should be sought here.

“I want to see Glencore and Viterra work with us to benefit the primary producers and the consumers.

“Creating a more competitive environment is better for everyone: monopolies stifle innovation and creativity, while competition ensures that it flourishes.”

EX-THINKER ROOS: TOUGH TALK FOR WINEMAKERS



TOUGH LOVE: Tony Piccolo with ex-Thinker Göran Roos and RDA chief Anne Moroney

FORMER Thinker-in-Residence Göran Roos has delivered some hard truths to Australian winemakers: adapt, or surrender your markets to other producer nations.

“Australian winemakers need to decide whether they want to be good winemakers or good business people,” Professor Roos told a group of South Australian vintners at Playford Civic Centre last week, in an address organised by Barossa Regional Development

Australia.

Manufacturing and marketing guru, former Thinker-in-Residence and now adjunct professor at UniSA and the University of Adelaide Roos argues that winemakers spend too much time trying to sell provenance and history – values that many customers do not care about.

“Winemakers need to understand their customers’ needs and wants and tailor their

business model and product to them, not the other way around,” he said.

A major thrust of Professor Roos’ address was that, because of the strong Australian dollar, winemakers are finding competing in the European and American markets difficult.

The similarly strong Asian markets are a natural growth area for Australian wine exports, but that presents its own problems, he argues.

“You have spent years making wines for the Western palate,” he said. “That product will not work necessarily work in the Eastern market; there are different values and social norms at play. You must adapt.”

Light MP Tony Piccolo said Professor Roos’ comments were a wakeup call to the wine industry.

“We make great wines in South Australia,” he said. “But we sometimes forget that a wine is only worth what customers will pay for it.”

“Professor Roos was not suggesting that we shouldn’t care about quality, but rather that we need to understand the customers’ needs better if we are going to be successful in the emerging Asian markets.”

Mr Piccolo said the Asian market was not homogeneous; many opportunities exist for boutique wine makers to carve out a niche for themselves.

Mr Piccolo said it was great initiative by the Barossa RDA to arrange the presentation by Professor Roos, as the purpose of the Thinkers in Residence programme is to challenge our current thinking to ensure we survive in an increasingly global market place.

SUSTAINABLE FARMING COMMITTEE

THE Select Committee on Sustainable Farming has received evidence from primary produces across the State, and will now examine the most pressing issues.

Chairman and Light MP Tony Piccolo said it was important to protect Australia’s primary producers.

“Agriculture is one of our biggest industries and one of the cornerstones of our economy,” he said.

“...agriculture is one of the cornerstones of our economy

“It’s important to acknowledge that the value of the SA food and wine industry is over \$14 billion per annum. It accounts for 36 per cent of the state’s total merchandise exports.

“It’s important that we ensure that it is as sustainable as possible, looking forward into the future.”

The committee previously extended the deadline to mid-June to allow as many people as possible to present evidence.

“There were some concerns that many farmers would be too busy planting around the time to present evidence, so we made the decision to extend the deadline,” Mr Piccolo said.



STAY SAFE: Tony Piccolo with Gawler Road Safety Group member Rob Laidlaw

\$6.5M TO SAVE LIVES

THE STATE Government is committed to reducing deaths on our country roads, with a new fine structure and a \$6.5m grant for SA's peak road safety researchers.

Fines for lower-level offences will drop: the cost of speeding less than 10km/h over the speed limit will drop from \$260 to \$150.

Demerit points will double, however, in line with new research showing that the threat of losing a licence is a more effective deterrent than losing money.

Light MP Tony Piccolo said the Government was committed to reducing road deaths.

"This is not about revenue-raising; we have slashed fines in half," Mr Piccolo said.

"We do not want a single person to die on our roads; this new fine structure will make our roads safer."

Road safety will receive another boost with a \$6.5 million funding promise to the Centre for Automotive Safety Research from the State Government.

The five-year funding plan for the University of Adelaide-based centre will allow CASR to continue its valuable work – work which has seen the road toll drop from 153 to 103 in the 10 years since it was instituted.

CASR was responsible for the evidence that lowering the urban default speed limit to 50 km/h will lead to a significant reduction in our road toll.

In the coming years, CASR will be monitoring young driver patterns, evaluating the effects of the graduated licensing scheme and monitoring the implementation of South Australia's road safety strategy.

The Minister for Road Safety, the Hon

Jennifer Rankine MP, said the partnership between CASR and the State Government was incredibly valuable.

"Road trauma costs our community over \$1 billion a year," Ms Rankine said.

"This \$6.5 million will be well-spent and will be important if we are to bring our road toll down to our target of 80 fatalities a year by 2020.

Mr Piccolo said the centre's work was important and the Government would continue its support.

"Even one death on our roads is one too many," Mr Piccolo said.

"Can you put a value on a human life? Of course not. But we hope with this grant, the Centre for Automotive Safety Research can help drive down the death toll on our roads to our goal: zero."

\$13m UPGRADE FOR EVANSTON INTERSECTION

A MAJOR intersection on Main North Rd in Evanston will receive a \$13.7 million upgrade as part of the Government's 2012/2013 State Budget.

The intersection of Main North and Tiver Rds will be upgraded, signalised and connected to a new Gordon Rd in Evanston South to form a four-way intersection.

Light MP Tony Piccolo welcomed confirmation that the important project would proceed.

"This is something I lobbied for when I was Mayor of Gawler, and I continued to campaign for it during my time in Parliament," he said.

"It's an important development, and it's going to be a great boost for the area, especially with the new developments going up in the area."

Mr Piccolo said the new intersection and connector road were part of the Government's support for the Gawler Urban Growth Areas identified in the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide.

"The Government is committed to providing infrastructure in development areas to ensure that the growth benefits the community," he said.

"The upgraded intersection and the new section of Gordon Rd will open Evanston up and contribute to positive growth for the entire area.

"We are focussed on creating a safe and active community – as well as the growth, we want to make this area as safe as possible, particularly for the parents and kids at the nearby Trinity College campus.

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"With that in mind, we're implementing a lower speed limit near the intersection and installing bike lanes as part of the project, to make the area even safer."

As part of the \$13.7 million upgrade, the Government will install:

- SIGNAL** lights to improve traffic safety and flow;
- A NEW** service road on the intersection's south-eastern corner to improve business access;
- BIKE** lanes on Main North, Tiver and Gordon Roads;
- NEW** and upgraded street lighting to enhance visibility on all approaches to the intersection;
- NEW** footpaths on the northern side of Tiver and Gordon Rds; and
- A LOWER** 80km/h speed limit.

The upgrade will be jointly funded by the State Government and nearby developers in Evanston, including Devine Communities and Lanser Communities, who will together contribute \$4.5 million to the intersection upgrade.

Service relocations are expected to commence in late 2012 and construction is expected to commence during the first half of 2013.

WILLASTON ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE ON TRACK



UNDERWAY: Tony Piccolo at the site of the new Main North Rd / Redbanks Rd roundabout

THE \$2.8 million roundabout upgrade at Willaston is running on schedule, and will be finished by Christmas.

Construction began on the roundabout in June. Light MP Tony Piccolo said that once complete, the roundabout would be a boon for the community.

"Creating safe and active neighbourhoods is a major priority for the Weatherill

Government, and this project will help to improve traffic flow through the area and also make it safer."

Mr Piccolo said he was working with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and local residents and businesses to ensure that there will be minimal disruption during the construction period.

"Obviously it's a fairly major project for the intersection," Mr Piccolo said. "However, the department has assured both myself and the community that they will work to ensure there is minimal disruption."

Plans for the roundabout are on display at the Light Electorate Office, 148 Murray St, Gawler. They can also be viewed on the internet at www.infrastructure.sa.gov.

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2012 LIGHT ELECTORATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SURVEY

Are you happy with the public transport services in your area? Are you unhappy with them? Do you have an idea for how they can be improved? Then fill in the survey on the next page! Your opinion is important to the State Government.

After you’ve finished, remove this page along the dotted line to the left, then fold it along the solid horizontal lines below so the address in the middle of this page is facing out. Then simply pop it into a postbox - the postage has already been paid!

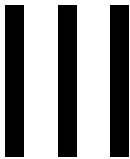
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MORE than 40,000 people have helped the new Gawler metro bus service celebrate one year of operation. The new 49X buses which loop through Gawler, Hewett and Evanston have proven a hit with commuters. If you have an idea about how the services can be improved, please fill in the survey on the next page.

GAWLER BUSES ONE YEAR OLD

ELECTRIFICATION PLANS DELAYED

MORE trains and more services will run on the Gawler rail line from 2013, pending its future electrification.

Light MP Tony Piccolo said he was very disappointed that the line’s electrification had been deferred due to a significant drop in the state’s revenues; however, he was confident that work done to date would improve services to local people.

“The State Government has assured me that we will be increasing services in both directions,” Mr Piccolo said. “It’s expected that as many as seven additional trains will be added to the 61 currently available on weekdays.

“This will mean more frequent services for Gawler commuters.

Mr Piccolo said that very tight state budgetary situation has required some very difficult decisions to be made.

“As a train user myself, I’m pretty disappointed the project has been deferred,” he said.

“I understand that commuters will be upset by this delay. But I will be lobbying hard for the project to continue as soon as possible.

“I’m glad other upgrades have gone ahead.”

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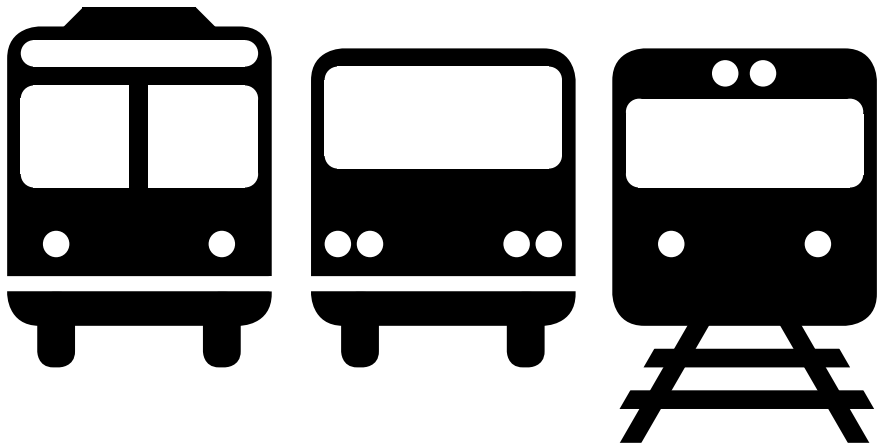
2012 LIGHT ELECTORATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SURVEY

Public transport in our area is a major concern for me, and I know it is for many of you, too.

So we can get the best possible outcome for our electorate, I'd be very grateful if you could fill out this short survey - it will arm me with the information I need to represent you in Parliament.

Kindest regards,

Tony Piccolo



PERSONAL DETAILS

Name:

Sex:

MALE / FEMALE

Age:

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Address:

Phone:

Email:

PRIVACY NOTE: The Light Electorate Office absolutely respects your right to privacy. The above details are only used for statistical purposes and to contact you directly if we are able to act on your specific concerns. Your details will not be shared with anyone else.

GAWLER METRO BUSES

How often do you use this service?

Trips per week:

0-12-45-89-1010+

What route do you use most often?

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Why do you use the bus service?

Link to train lineTransport to schoolTransport to Murray St

Visit family / friendsDoctor/health apptsShopping

Alternative to carOther:

What's the best thing about the Adelaide Metro bus service?

Cheaper than a carTravels all over GawlerLinks to other Metro services

It's a useful serviceGreener alternativeReduces Gawler congestion

Other:

Do you think bus timetables are easy to read?

YESNO why not?

Do you find your bus drivers courteous and helpful?

YESNO why not?

Should there be greater incentives to use buses?

YES specify:

NO

Are you happy with the time taken to get across town?

YESNO why not?

Do you think buses connect with other buses and trains effectively?

YESNO why not?

GAWLER TRAIN SERVICE

How often do you use this service?

Trips per week:

0-12-45-89-1010+

What's your usual point of departure?

Gawler CentralGawler OvalGawler

EvanstonTambelinKudla

Munno ParaSmithfieldOther:

What's your usual destination?

ElizabethSalisburyMawson Lakes

AdelaideOther:

Why do you use the train service?

No carCheaper transportGreener transport

More relaxingFaster than a carOther:

What do you want to see in the next timetable review?

More all-station trains

More express trains (please specify times):

More stops at particular stations (please specify):

Other:

Do you find your train drivers and security staff courteous and helpful?

YESNO why not?

Should there be greater incentives to use trains?

YES specify:

NO

GAWLER AND ANGLE VALE DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

How often do you use this service?

Trips per week:

0-12-45-89-1010+

Which Dial-A-Ride service do you use?

GawlerAngle ValeNeither

Why do you use the bus service?

Link to train lineTravel within your areaTravel to Gawler Town Centre

Visit family / friendsDoctor/health apptsTravel to school:

Other:

Do you think bus timetables are easy to read?

YESNO why not?

Are you happy with the time take to get to your destination?

YESNO why not?

What's the best thing about the Dial-A-Ride service?

Links to other servicesIt's a useful serviceOther:

65 WONDERFUL YEARS SPENT TOGETHER

ERIC and Hilda Winspear have just celebrated a wonderful achievement: 65 years of happy marriage.

The two met and were married in 1947, a time of healing after the Second World War.

“He lived in the village and we lived in the dale,” Hilda said.

“I remember meeting at the dance... I remember his mum didn’t like me very much. I’m glad she changed her mind about me.”

Eric served in the army for four-and-a-half years before turning his hand to busdriving.

But when one of their daughters – who had emigrated to Australia in 1969 – wrote them with photos from down under, they knew it was time for a change.

“We were taken in by the beautiful blue skies in the photograph,” Eric said.

“So we asked her what it was like down here, and she said we certainly wouldn’t be any worse off. There were plenty of opportunities down here for us, so we took off right away.”

Eric started as a diamond driller for the Highways Department, and he helped to build many of South Australia’s iconic landmarks, including Swanport Bridge at Murray Bridge.

The pair has lived across the state – from Christies Beach in the south, Murray Bridge in the east and now Gawler in the north – but enjoy every inch of the country.

Light MP Tony Piccolo, who met the still-happy couple on their anniversary, said they were an inspiration to generations that will follow them.

“It’s an incredible achievement, to be married for 65 years,” he said.



DIAMONDS: Eric and Hilda Winspear with Tony Piccolo on their 65th wedding anniversary

“It’s truly humbling to find two people who have found such happiness in each other, and I wish them all the best for the future.”

Eric and Hilda have four children – Sheila, Michael, Wendy and Dawn – and so many

grandchildren and great-grandchildren they’ve lost count.

Eric admits that the course of love hasn’t always run true, but both he and Hilda have grown because of the rocky patches.

“We’ve had quite a happy life,” he said.

“Anyone who’s lived this long and been married this long and says they’ve not had any disagreements about anything – well, they’re telling big lies.

MILESTONES AND ANNIVERSARIES



NEW FACES: New Member of the Legislative Council Gerry Kandilars with mother Nelly and wife Gloria.

ANNIE Beckman has lived through two world wars, made it through the Great Depression of the '30s and survived countless droughts to celebrate her 105th birthday on Boxing Day.

Light MP Tony Piccolo was honoured to attend Annie's 105th, having met her five years earlier at her 100th birthday celebrations.

Mr Piccolo said despite age taking its toll on her eyesight and hearing Annie seems very contented with life and it was great to see her surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great grand children on the day.

"Despite the many hardships, people of Annie's generation seem to appreciate life more," he said.

Born north of Freeling on the family farm and delivered by the local "bunny catcher", Annie was one of Thomas and Catherine Meaney's thirteen children.

After attending local primary and secondary schools Annie went to Adelaide to train as a teacher at the college located in Kintore Ave.

Annie taught in many country schools and it was during her placement in the Riverland that she was to meet her future husband, farmer Albert Beckman.

Annie married Albert in February 1931 and they remained together until 1974 when he passed away.

With difficulties in trying to make ends meet on the land, Annie and Albert decided to move to Adelaide and Annie gave up teaching to start raising her family – six children in all.

In 1933 the couple moved to Gawler South, and were one of the first Housing Trust residents in Eyre Grove in 1947.

Albert found work with the State Highways Department then later with the Commonwealth Works Department.

According to son Arthur, Annie devoted her life to raising and caring for her family, but still found time to volunteer at the local St Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

"Church was important to mum, so apart from attending every Sunday she would regularly volunteer her time to help keep the place clean," Arthur said.

Later in life, Annie spent around twelve years as a volunteer at Martinide visiting residents at the nursing home, she would later spend 13 years there as a guest.

SOUTH Australia's newest MLC owes a debt of thanks - and inspiration - to his parents.

Mr Kandilars took over the vacancy left by Paul Holloway when he resigned last year.

His family is very important to him, and inspired him to enter the political fray.

"In my youth, my parents actively encouraged us to discuss issues of the day," he said.

"We used to have very robust discussions across the kitchen table."

His parents - Nelly and Leo - left their native Netherlands almost 60 years ago.

Before his political career kicked off, Mr Kandilars worked in the telecommunications industry for more than 20 years, including as a telecom tradesman for the Postmaster-General's Department and a principal technical officer for Telstra's Forward Planning Section.

105 CANDLES FOR ANNIE

STILL GOING STRONG: Annie, right, with sister Edith and Tony Piccolo

St Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

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ANNIVERSARIES



Bill and Maureen Rasmundale celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 24 November 2011



Ian and Denise Watts celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 30 November 2011



Eileen and Malcolm Roswell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 10 February 2012



Dennis and Mollie Emmett celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 22 February 2012

If you would like us to feature your anniversary - or the anniversary of someone you know - please contact the Light Electorate Office on 8522 2878

Annie in Enlightened 20

IN MEMORIAL: ANNIE BECKMAN, 26/12/1906 – 6/6/2012

Sadly, Annie Beckman, whose 105th birthday we celebrated in the previous edition of Enlightened, passed away in June.

In memorial, we are honoured to present an extract from the eulogy her grand-daughter, Catherine Frost, gave at her funeral.

Annie had an abundance of qualities – good natured, hard working, organised, gentle, nurturing and perhaps, just perhaps, a little determined and stubborn too on the odd occasion...

I recall a phone call or two my father Arthur (Jeff), made to her suggesting that she was not to climb ladders, use step stools to reach the unreachable or undertake tasks a much younger and more able person would not even attempt on their own.

Proof of her stubbornness and determination was a broken wrist when she attempted to cut down part of the apricot tree in her 80's!

Annie probably did, and got away with, many other maintenance tasks unbeknown to her family

Annie cared deeply for all her family, extended family and friends. She could update you with the comings and goings of all, was extremely proud of her children's, grand and great grand children's achievements.

Annie was a nurturing and supportive person; and as a grandmother, very caring and warm, she was guiding when required, but also quiet when needed.

Annie travelled later in life to her children after (husband) Bert passed away in 1974, gaining a second lease on life. If ever needed, she would be on a plane, train or bus ready to lend a hand or join a celebration.

Annie was even known to take the odd ride in a truck down to the South East and back to Gawler just for a change of scenery!

You can just see her now hitching up her skirts and climbing into Brian's truck at

Ey Grove, with a huge grin on her face and goodie basket full of delicious snacks!

Above all Annie loved a new baby, the joy that shone from her face when she held her grand and great grand children on her knee cannot be replicated.

She was a loving sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Annie always looked forward to her "beetle bobs" and "bob-sie twins" visiting, these were the names she gave the great grand kids.

With her own two hands, our Annie made countless wonderful things, wrote many fine letters.

She shared with each of us our joys and sorrows over the years.

Her love of cooking, gardening, crafts and sense of adventure will always be remembered as will her generosity and kind spirit.

Annie's family always came first in her thoughts and actions and we have all been very fortunate to have had her in our lives.



John and Kate Harkness celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April



Bob and Elaine Phillips celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July



Albert and Glenda Heath celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April



Ray Connor celebrated his 80th birthday in May

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FRESH AND SUSTAINABLE: Tony Piccolo and Phil Hallard with the new Nunga produce products



NUNGA GROWERS GET FRESH

Drakess Foodland supermarket shelves now stock the new Matjarra brand of fresh produce provided by Aboriginal growers from regional South Australia.

Up to 25 people have been employed under the Nunga produce project to supply South Australians with fresh herbs and chillies.

When visiting Gawler Foodland to view the Matjarra range of products, local Member of State Parliament, Tony Piccolo MP said it's a shining example of what can be achieved when Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians collaborate.

"This is a true partnership between growers, markets and supermarkets such as Drakes Foodland," Mr Piccolo said.

"Every time a South Australian buys a Matjarra branded product, they will be contributing to the development of this self-sustaining Aboriginal enterprise."

Drakes Foodland Gawler store manager Phil Hallard said the Nunga Produce project and the Matjarra brand was a fantastic initiative.

"This is a great product, one that we're proud to have on our shelves," Mr Hallard

said.

"Drakess is right behind this project - it's a great idea to help Aboriginal growers be more sustainable, and we're more than happy to stock it."

This product is grown by family owned businesses at Port Victoria, Port Lincoln and Ceduna.

The Matjarra brand was launched at the Adelaide Produce Market during NAIDOC week by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Paul Caica.

"The spirit of this week instils a sense

of pride among Indigenous Australians, much like the Nunga Produce project which supports Aboriginal employment and training and provides an avenue for economic independence" Mr Caica said.

The range of produce grown by this collective of Aboriginal farmers including chillies, spring onions and herbs such as parsley, basil, coriander and lemongrass, is available at all Drakes Foodland stores.

"I encourage all shoppers to support this initiative by adding Matjarra produce to their shopping lists," Mr Piccolo said.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GROUP AIMS TO PUT GAWLER BUSINESSES ON THE MAP

BY businesses, for businesses – that's the way the Gawler Business Development Group is describing itself.

The GDBG was formally established as an incorporated body of the council in June 2011.

The group has two main objectives, firstly to represent business interests in Gawler and secondly to market the services that businesses within the Town of Gawler have to offer.

Kingsford Hotel proprietor and Gawler Business Development Group chair Tony Harnett, said the group's driving purpose is to promote the Town of Gawler as a retail hub – and in order to achieve that goal, businesses

needed to band together.

"In recent times, business owners have become acutely aware that Gawler is competing with the 'big box' shopping centres, like Munno Para and Elizabeth," he said.

"We hope that our business community can come together and make Gawler its own shopping district – we need to keep our local dollars local."

The group is comprised of more than a dozen elected members from businesses within the community; Mr Harnett described the current membership as "extremely skilled and passionate".

The major project of the group at present

focuses on the second objective of marketing Gawler's business opportunities to the community.

The group's website, located at www.gawler.org.au, has recently gone live and it is hoped that the new medium will provide a forum for business to showcase their services and products online.

"There are over 100 businesses currently on the site, but there are in excess of 450 businesses in Gawler and the surrounding area," Mr Harnett said.

"We want everyone to be able to utilise this site: it's a cheaper and - we believe - more effective way to communicate with consumers."

Mr Harnett said that the group's business liaison officer, Sigrid Murljagic, was in the process of visiting each business face to face in the hope that they may decide to become a part of the website.

"We think we have a unique and special shopping area in Gawler," he said.

"Gawler can provide for everyone's needs – that's the message we need to get out the community."

"We reckon we're getting traction, but there's still a long way to go."

For more information on the Gawler Business Development Group, contact Sigrid Murljagic by phone on 8523 0240 or by email at sigrid@gawler.org.au



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS: Tony Piccolo, deputy chair, with fellow members of the Business Development Council, which provides advice to the Minister for Small Business



HERE FOR YOU: Mike Sinkunas, Tom Koutsantonis and Tony Piccolo at the Small Business Forum

GAWLER MEETS SMALL BUSINESS COMMISH

NEW codes of practice for farmers and franchisees are the first things the new Small Business Commissioner will institute.

The inaugural commissioner, Mike Sinkunas, and the Minister for Small Business, the Hon Tom Koutsantonis, spoke at the Light Electorate Small Business Forum in June, outlining their plans to level the playing field in the two sectors.

Mr Sinkunas told the forum that the new industry codes of practice will enable penalties to be applied for serious breaches.

“Penalties will act as a deterrent,” Mr Sinkunas said.

“Currently, the lack of penalties in the Federal Franchising Code means that franchisees have to rely on the courts for redress – assuming they even have the resources to do so.

“Under the proposed codes of practice, the commissioner will be able to issue fines for breaches.

“We will take a common sense approach and only issue fines in the worst cases, and will initially encourage business operators to do the right thing.”

Mr Koutsantonis fielded a range of questions and said that, by creating a fair playing field, the Government would help small business to compete in the global marketplace.

“Protectionism can do more harm than good in the long-term” he said.

Mr Koutsantonis told small business owners he was keen to hear how various regulations impact on their businesses.

“We do not want to get in the way of small business growing,” the minister stressed.

The forum was arranged by Mr Piccolo as a service to small businesses in the electorate.

“The feedback from the forum was very favourable and the business operators welcomed the opportunity to have their concerns heard,” Mr Piccolo said.

Both the minister and the commissioner also acknowledged the groundwork undertaken by Light MP Tony Piccolo that led to the passing of the Small Business Commissioner Act.

Mr Piccolo said that small businesses are vital to South Australia’s economic success.

“More than 138,000 of our South Australian businesses are small businesses,” he said.

“That’s a huge number, and that’s why we have pushed so hard for the Small Business Commissioner position to be created.

“We want small businesses to be able to punch with same power as big businesses. We want them to have an advocate on their side.

“We want small businesses to take advantage of the support and advocacy the Small Business Commissioner provides.”

Both the commissioner and minister agreed to follow up on a number of issues raised by local business people.

LEON’S CAFE A BIG HIT WITH HEWETT

IT’S CLASSY and with the best view in town, Leon’s Café brings new life to the Hewett Community centre.

Chef Leon Angione has partnered with the managers of the Hewett Community Function Centre, to bring a new dimension to Gawler’s café scene.

The function centre offers the services of Leon’s café from Monday to Saturday.

Enjoy a cup of the best coffee in town while sampling some of Leon’s cuisine. All prepared on site by the experienced hands of Leon Angione.

Leon, a chef of 31 years’ experience in many restaurants throughout Adelaide, including Ayers House, Eros Ouzeri in Rundle St and the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Restaurant, is now offering a complete catering service through the Hewett Community Centre.

Able to cater for 200 people in a formal dinner setting and 300 for cocktail events the Centre provides a valuable addition to Gawler’s function capacity.

Leon is anticipating that the centre will be used for seminars and business forums because of its capacity to readily cater for larger groups.

Hewett Community Function Centre is now the complete package.

With views over the gum trees and the North Para River and state of the art catering facilities the Hewett Community Function Centre provides an ideal setting for a café. Combine that with mouth watering cuisine lovingly prepared on site by a chef of 31 years experience and you have the perfect recipe for a relaxing cuppa for two or for a function

of up to 300 people.

Leon’s Café is bringing the community into the Hewett Community Function Centre. A true community facility the HCFC now boasts the services of Leons Café, formally of Main Nth Rd Willaston.

A unique partnership brings together a church, a regional council and a business enterprise for the benefit of the community. The Centre is managed by the Hewett Church of Christ which holds its Sunday services on site and throughout the week hosts various community groups, such as parenting groups and yoga classes.

Light Regional Council mayor Bill O’Brien said the new building had been designed to be flexible and multi-purpose.

“We’ve designed this space to be as adaptable as possible, so it can really cater for any function you can imagine,” he said.

“Training sessions, lectures, functions, meetings, Church services, weddings, funerals or other gatherings from small to large, informal to formal; all events can find a place here, and the possibilities that creates are very exciting indeed.

“The fact that the Hewett Community Church has agreed to take on the role of managing the centre on behalf of Council and the community only goes to show the strength of the relationships that have been formed over the journey so far as well as the investment and support in the future success of this new facility.

“I’d personally like to thank the Church for their proactive role in taking on various responsibilities for Hewett Centre.”



DELICIOUS: Leon Angione at his cafe in the Hewett Community Function Centre



SELFLESS: Rotary Club volunteers Gail Kurtz, Trevor and Barbara Kilpatrick, Naomi Walker, Ray Doody and Debbie Harvey

ROTARY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Petstop Gawler are the winners of the 2012 Gawler Rotary Local Business of the Year Award.

Operated by Trevor and Barbara Kilpatrick at Gawler South, recognising the potential for better and expanded services, the business has expanded into areas such as reptiles and other exotic and animals and birds.

The awards are based on nominations received from the Gawler community.

With the awards focus on service it was no accident that Michels Patisserie’s Debbie Harvey won the employee of the year award.

In the volunteer category, long term Gawler Care & Share volunteer Gail Kutz was won the best local volunteer award. Gail runs weekly “move it or lose it” classes for about 35 people who are either elderly, frail aged or younger disabled.

Qualified in recreation for older adults Gail also volunteers her time in a number of aged care facilities in the area.

Ucare volunteer, Ray Doody won a special mention in the volunteer category for his contribution to assisting those in need who seek support through Ucare.

Naomi Walker won the Best Local Junior Volunteer for her “serial volunteering” and being an “outstanding example”.

EPS: FAREWELLING FIFTY FABULOUS YEARS

EVANSTON Primary is searching for its old scholars in preparation for celebrations for the school’s 50th birthday and closure at the end of this year.

The primary school is merging with Evanston Preschool and Gawler High to create the new Gawler and Districts College on the high school site.

An enthusiastic group comprising current and past teachers, parents and old scholars has been formed to organise a range of activities to celebrate the success of the many students who have passed through the school gates over its fifty years.

The school opened on 6 February 1963 and counts many Australian sporting heroes amongst its alumni, including Olympic and Commonwealth medallist Lisa Ondieki and cricketer Darren “Boof” Lehmann.

Other graduates from the school include the former Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Michael Harbison, and former Gawler Mayor and now local State Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo is a member of the celebrations committee and is keen to hear from people who attended the school to ensure every old scholar has opportunity to attend the celebratory events and farewell their school.

An open day scheduled for Sunday 30 September 2012 - the Labour Day long weekend - will be the first of many events



HISTORY: Tony Piccolo with teachers Pauline Knight and Leonie Emes

to be held at the school to mark the 50th birthday.

“It will be a case of walking down memory lane for many students who may not have visited the school since their graduation,” said Mr Piccolo.

“The open day is not just for old scholars,

by any means: family members, friends - anyone with a connection to the school - they are all most welcome to attend.

“We are hoping that many of the former teachers and other staff will also attend, as they have all played an important part in the lives of the students who attended the school.”

The school has collected a wide array of memorabilia dating back to the 1962 which is stored in the archive section of the library.

Mr Piccolo said the celebrations committee is planning to have a display at the Gawler Show as a way of informing the community of forthcoming events.

“While we have a good collection, we would welcome copies of old photos, newsletters, report cards - any kind of old Evanston Primary School memorabilia - to place on display at the show stall and the open day,” Mr Piccolo said.

A Facebook page titled Celebrating Evanston Primary School has been established to enable the community to keep up to date with announcements about the planned events and activities.

Mr Piccolo said any old scholar or former teachers are most welcome to join the celebration committee to assist with organising the various events.

“It would be great if we could have an old scholar from each year group take up the responsibility to contact and network with the year group as a way of spreading the message.”

If you’re interested in helping or would like more info, contact the school at info@evanstonpsa.sa.ed.au, Tony Piccolo’s office at light@parliament.sa.gov.au or follow the Facebook page.



CAN YOU HELP?

Evanston Primary School is celebrating its 50th birthday and its closure at the end of the year. The school is looking for old memorabilia - uniforms, report cards, old photos, anything.

If you have anything you can lend or donate, contact the Light Electorate Office on 8522 2878 or the school on 8522 2622.

COME AND REMINISCE WITH US AT OUR STAND AT THE GAWLER SHOW, SEPTEMBER 1 AND 2



TRUE INSPIRATION: Tony Piccolo with Lisa Ondieki and Evanston Primary School students

OLYMPIC ONDIEKI INSPIRES RUNNERS

OLYMPIC marathon medallist Lisa Ondieki has returned to the place her running career began – Evanston Primary School – to help celebrate its 50th anniversary and farewell.

Ms Ondieki was invited back to the school for a run down memory lane by fellow alumnus and Light MP Tony Piccolo, who is spearheading the school’s farewell celebrations.

Evanston Primary School will become part of the new B-12 Gawler and Districts College next year.

Now a special education teacher in the United States, Ms Ondieki took time out during a trip back home to Australia to speak with the newest generation of SAPSASA runners at the school.

“It’s really great to speak with the next generation of potential Olympians and Commonwealth Games athletes,” she said.

“Australia is a fantastic country – if you look at the things we do compared to our population size, we do incredible things. We’re a nation of tough, determined people.”

Ms Ondieki was inspired growing up by Australia’s medal-winning distance runners, and decided at age 11 that she too would run in the Olympics. She told the EPS runners to follow their goal and not to lose heart.

“It took me 13 years from having a dream to having a medal around my neck,” she said. “It’s a long road, but if you stay strong, you can do it.”

“Take inspiration from people like Cathy Freeman – she’s an incredible runner, but really, she’s just like you.”

Mr Piccolo said it was great to have a role model like Ms Ondieki associated with the school.

“It’s one thing to see Olympians on the television,” he said. “But to meet one who actually went to the same school as you in Gawler – it’s a fantastic touchstone for these kids, and a real inspiration.”