

COMMUNITY

INSIGHT

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MAYORS' BRIEF

Dear Community Members,

Spring has arrived, marking the conclusion of another successful winter sports season. Congratulations to our district champions: Ports A Grade and Ranges B Grade footy teams, as well as the Rangers C Grade netball team.

Deputy Mayor Grant Fennell and I recently met with Renascor Resources in Cleve to discuss the progress of the Siviour Graphite Mine in Arno Bay. The project is still bubbling away and you can head to <https://renascor.com.au/> for project updates.

During the September Council meeting, we discussed the upcoming Cleve dog park, a part of the 2023-2024 Council Budget's infrastructure plans. This project will soon be open for public consultation, welcoming your valuable feedback. Additionally, we've decided to hold a community competition to name the dog park, so stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

In other exciting news, the new RSL Hall toilet facilities are now in place, benefiting the Cleve Country Quilters group who now utilise the hall five days a week. Progress is also being made on the Cleve Showgrounds RV Park toilet upgrade. Speaking of the showgrounds, what a fantastic turnout at this year's Cleve Show. It was excellent to see an array of new attractions and events for all ages, and the weather couldn't have been better. Well done to the Cleve AH&F Show Society Inc. and all who were involved.

Looking for things to do in our district? Don't forget to visit easterneyre.com.au for a comprehensive list of activities, from our scenic walking tracks to one-of-a-kind places like Minerals on Eyre. If you find the list of activities incomplete, please contact Council at council@cleve.sa.gov.au so we can add it to our directory.

Lastly, I'd like to wish our hard-working farmers all the best with the upcoming harvest season.

Thank you.

- Mayor Phil Cameron

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Cleve Motor Trade Association (MTA) receives \$400,000 state funding to expand
- Community Spotlight - Kevin and Carmel Baxter 32 Years at the Cleve Post Office
- Club Profile - The Cleve Country Quilters
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CLEVE MOTOR TRADE ASSOCIATION (MTA) RECEIVES STATE FUNDING TO EXPAND



The MTA Automotive Skills Centre Building in Cleve

In the heart of Cleve, at 33 Fourth Street, lies an essential hub for the future of our district—the Motor Trade Association of South Australia's (MTA) Cleve Skills Centre. Since opening in Cleve in 2019, MTA Cleve has played a pivotal role in nurturing talent and expertise in the automotive retail, service, and repair industry. Now, exciting news is on the horizon as MTA Cleve is set to receive a \$400,000 grant from the State Government as part of the Skills Centre Pilot Program, which was created to address the pressing need to bridge the skills gap in our state.

The Department for Education South Australia has said “South Australia will need to deliver almost 100,000 vocational education and training (VET) qualifications over the next five years to meet the skills demand of the State’s industries.”

To address this challenge, the government is supporting the trial of five regional skills centres as part of the Skills Centre Pilot Program, and MTA Cleve is proud to be one of them.

With the \$400,000 grant, MTA Cleve will expand its facilities and enhance its capacity to offer apprenticeships, aiming to accommodate up to 150 aspiring professionals. The funding will provide state-of-the-art equipment, a new heavy and agriculture vehicle workshop, and upgrades to classrooms and offices. This development will transform the Cleve Skills Centre into a cutting-edge hub for learning, focusing on agricultural machinery, heavy mechanical, and automotive electrical

industries. The Centre will also have a drop-in program set up so people can come in to find out about training and careers in automotive trades. The benefits are substantial, especially for our district. Firstly, it means more opportunities for our local youth. The center will operate as a full-time career hub, encouraging both school-based trainees and school leavers to pursue a fulfilling career in the automotive trade right here in Cleve. By increasing its number of local apprentices from 90 to over 120, MTA Cleve aims to bridge skill shortages and equip our businesses with a talented workforce.

This expansion means more than just an improved skills landscape. It means a flourishing local economy; keeping more people in our town while also attracting new young people into our town, as they will have access to quality education and employment opportunities without needing to head to Adelaide. Thriving local businesses will also directly benefit the local residents.

The MTA Cleve expansion is not just an investment in education; it's an investment in our district's future. It's a testament to the dedication of MTA SA/NT in fostering growth and prosperity in our region. As MTA Cleve takes bold steps towards a brighter automotive industry, it simultaneously paves the way for a stronger, more vibrant Cleve and a promising future for our residents and industry.

For more information on the MTA or the apprenticeships they offer, head to <https://mtasant.com.au/>.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

KEVIN AND CARMEL BAXTER- 32 YEARS AT THE CLEVE POST OFFICE

It is the end of an era for Cleve Post Office owner-operators Kevin and Carmel Baxter, who, after 32 years, handed over the keys to new owners Kirsty and Pat Jenner. It was 1976 when Kevin arrived in Cleve, just 19 years old with his green Holden panel van and suitcase. After finding a job at the Cleve Post Office, Kevin never thought he would one day own it, let alone meet the love of his life there, Carmel, while cashing her cheque at the front desk. In 1992, Kevin and Carmel officially took over the Cleve Post Office on the 16th of June on Carmel's birthday. They were the 3rd Australia Post to go private in South Australia. "Over the years there are a lot of things you see out this Main Street Post Office Window. One to



remember was watching and hearing the loud, long scrape of a car hitting another parked car as it pulled out and just drove off. Oh, and the car that was hit happened to be the town Policewomen's patrol car, who was actually sitting in the car at the time. There really wasn't ever a dull day. We loved helping people and talking to everyone that came in." - Kevin and Carmel Baxter.

CLUB PROFILE - CLEVE COUNTRY QUILTERS

The Cleve Country Quilters Club (CCQ) meet at the RSL Hall on Main Street, Cleve every day from 9:30am to 3:00pm. The club offers quilting tools, ergonomic workspaces, and sewing options. Workshops are held on the first Wednesday each month, covering various projects and skills. Membership recently expanded to around 20 members, including former Arno Bay group members. They hold monthly meetings every second Wednesday, show-and-tell sessions, and shared lunches. Annual membership costs \$25 plus a \$5 visit fee. The club is involved in charity events, retreats, and social outings. Last year the club's event, Rural Round-up, won Event of The Year. The District Council of Cleve has recently upgraded the RSL Hall facilities, including new toilets. Contact Heather Payne (President) on 0427 817 042 for more information.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Cleve Show - Saturday 14th October. Rock-climbing wall, bouncy castle, Gladiator Dual, Mechanical Bull, Magician, Face-painting & Show Bags. Plus new events - RFDS Yabby Race & Silent Auction, Camp Oven Cook Off & Cow Pat Lotto.
- Cleve District Senior Citizen Luncheon - Wednesday 18th October @ Cleve Hotel Motel from 12:30pm. RSVP to Eyre & Far North Local Health Network on 8628 2665.
- Arno Bay Halloween - Saturday 28th October 5pm-8pm

For more info, scan the QR code to access our events calendar or visit

cleve.sa.gov/tourism/event-calendar. To list your event, email details to council@cleve.sa.gov.au



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Do you know a person who has done some amazing things this past year? Or do you know of an event that's worthy of receiving Event Of The Year? Nominations are now open for Young Citizen of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Event of the Year & Award for Active Citizenship. To nominate, simply head to <https://citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate/> Nominations close Friday 17th November. A ceremony will be held on Friday 26th January to celebrate the recipients.



WORKS UPDATE

ROADS

General patrol grading

- Old Darke Peak Road
- Possum Flat Road
- Evens-Gum Flat Road
- Mangalo-Kielpa Road
- Kielpa-Gum Flat Road
- Jamieson Tank Road
- Cowley Road
- Alsbra Park Road
- Harradine Road
- Kilroo-Kielpa Road
- Five Cross Road
- Deakin Road
- Edwards Road
- Girdham Road
- Traeger Road
- Haywood Road
- Masters Road
- Phelps Road
- Boundary Road
- Rangeview Road
- Swaffer Road
- O'Conner Road
- Fitzgerald Street
- Kraehe Road
- Plane Road
- David Road
- Hean Road
- Scenic Road

Flood damage road repairs

- Pallinga Road - completed
- Poolgarra-Caralue Road - completed
- Balumbah-Kinnard Road - repairs are progressing. Speed limits will apply until white posts are installed
- Further flood damaged road repairs will commence ASAP after harvest road repairs are complete

Resheeting program

- Ross Ramsey Road has had 3km worth of resheeting completed
- Wudinna-Darke Peak Road prep works have started for 6km of resheeting

MINOR WORKS

- Plumbing and electrical works have commenced on the 6 boarding houses that have arrived at the Elson Subdivision in Cleve. The boundary fences are also progressing.
- Road-side spraying has been completed on Balumbah-Kinnard Rd, Mangalo Rd, and Five Cross Rd.
- Footpath repairs have commenced in Cleve.
- The Cleve RSL toilets have been installed and are operational. These toilets are for RSL patrons only.
- Stage 1 of the Cleve Showgrounds RV Park toilet block renovations are progressing and will be completed by the Cleve Show day.



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