Kimba Representing SA in National Awards

Kimba is set to represent South Australia in the upcoming 2018 Australian Tidy Towns Awards hosted by the Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) organisation. After taking out the SA KESAB 2017 Sustainable Community Awards Overall Winner, and the Medium Town Award, Kimba won the opportunity to enter the national competition.

Two components make up the judging of the National Award. The first is a substantial written nomination which presents various projects that are innovative and above and beyond a business-as-usual approach.

The second part is a 24 hour visit from the national judge. Gail Langley, the national KAB judge, was accompanied by her husband and the SA KESAB judge, Alex Hammett, when she visited Kimba in early March. Gail was very impressed with the many great community and council projects she was able to inspect and enjoyed meeting various people involved in those projects.

Council and the Kimba Community Development Group (KCDG) hosted Gail’s visit and Heather Baldock took the visitors on a tour of many points of interest around the township and surrounds. “I felt very proud of our community as I showed off various community and council projects and introduced Gail to representatives of several pro-active community groups which are doing awesome things” Heather said.

The nomination must cover off on 6 categories within a strict word limit. These were;

- **Community Action & Wellbeing** – this category included the Silo Art, the Grey Nomads Volunteer Program, The Thing About Kimba shop local campaign, and the work of the Mental Health & Wellbeing Group.
- **Litter Prevention, Waste Management & Resource Recovery** – this category predominantly covered Council’s waste management and various modes of recycling to reduce landfill. It also touched on the school student’s litter management, the Bottle Yard and Op Shop.
- **Environmental Sustainability** – the Buckleboo Farm Improvement Group featured heavily in this section, along with the Council’s water recycling schemes.
- **Heritage & Culture** – the Silo Art, Art Prize & Exhibition, Fashions of the Era Parade, restoration of the Town Mural, the Grey Nomads Volunteers and Job Seekers working alongside local volunteers at the Museum, the Museum and the Year 9 history projects, the Council’s (Tourism Committee) Sculptures and Town Walking Trail, and the 90th Kimba Show all featured in this section.
- **Young Legends** – the school’s Powerful Learners Program was the biggest component of this section, supported by the Year 9 history projects with the Museum, and youth involvement in the Igniting Kimba Arts Program.
- **Environmental Education** – Again the Buckleboo Farm Improvement Group featured strongly. Council also got a mention for their educational sessions with students at their Waste Management & Recycling Depot and the Reclamation ponds, along with the School’s use of recycling and their garden as environmental educational tools.

The National Awards will be held in Barmera on April 5th & 6th with Barmera having the right to host after winning the National Award last year. A contingent of Council, KCDG and Kimba School reps is attending the Awards.
MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

They say time flies when you’re having fun, and I think the same could be said when you’re part of a vibrant, passionate community committed to continually improving what it offers residents and visitors – how is it April already?

Looking back on the four months of 2018 we’ve already crossed off, I’m incredibly proud of how much Council has achieved for Kimba, and thrilled to be a part of what’s planned for our great town.

With Australia Day celebrations done and dusted for another year, the next event that will unite Kimba is when we pause later this month to pay our respects to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Commemorations will take on additional meaning on April 25, as the date represents the conclusion of the four-year 100 Years of Anzac that has been embraced by Australians of all ages since it began in 2014. I urge every member of our community to make the time to be in the gardens of the Institute this year to acknowledge how different this place we call home may have been were it not for the brave soldiers who have fought, and fallen, before us. Lest we forget.

The South Australian state election has been run and won, with the Liberal Party returning to Government after 17 years. As part of my executive duties with the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association and SA Regional Organisation of Councils, I will be meeting with many new ministers in the coming months. There appears to be a recognition that regional areas of the state have been severely neglected, and I will be reinforcing the message that there is no more important region than the Eyre Peninsula. Change can be challenging, but we are well positioned and have advanced planning in place to support new initiatives if we get new opportunities.

On the topic of elections, voters in the Kimba Local Government Area will decide in November who will represent their interests on Council for the next four-year term of Government. There is plenty of information on the LGA website, and our staff will be hosting a number of interactive sessions between now and nominations opening for those who are considering throwing their hat in the ring. I’d love to see more nominations for the seven Elected Member positions that make up Council, including more gender diversity. If you want more information about the nomination process, make sure you flag your interest with the Chief Executive Officer or Manager Corporate Services.

The process of recruiting a new doctor is progressing well. Through concerted campaigning, we have recognition that this a problem shared by many rural communities and our efforts are well appreciated. Council is exploring all options, including new and innovative models to find a sustainable long-term solution. We have secured locum coverage for at least two days per week in the short term, and emergency and after-hours medical care will still be available at the hospital.

Council’s planning and preparation for our Community Benefit Program and Fund My Neighbourhood projects is well progressed, and we are looking forward to an extremely busy year delivering infrastructure and opportunities that add to the social and economic amenity of Kimba. This commitment will put additional pressure on what is shaping up as a tight 2018-19 Budget, but I have no doubt careful planning will stop these exciting projects creating a financial impost on ratepayers.

KESAB national judging has taken place. Thanks to the entire Council team for an amazing job. Our town has never looked more presentable. The judge was in awe of our community, our volunteers and the many programs and innovative projects we have. Well done everyone - no matter the result, it’s been an incredible journey and we should all be proud for making the national final.

After highlighting all of the fantastic things Council is doing, I must conclude this message by thanking CEO Deb Larwood who, in just 18 months, has achieved well above what could be expected of an incoming leader of our organisation. Local Government is never easy,
and I think the CEO is doing an amazing job during what is a particularly challenging time for Councils across the state.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**
The next two Council meetings will be held on **Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 9am (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)** and Wednesday **9th May 2018 at 2pm** in the Council Chambers. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

**NEW STAFF MEMBER**
Council would like to welcome its newest staff member Hayley Jericho to the team. Hayley will commence on **Tuesday April 3rd** fulfilling the position of Administration Trainee. This position has been made possible by obtaining funding through the Regional Youth Traineeship program. We welcome Hayley to Kimba and wish her the best in this role.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL ELECTIONS**
Are you ready to make a positive difference to your community by nominating or voting in November’s Council elections? We will be hosting a series of public information sessions about the electoral process and putting your hand up as a candidate over the coming months, but until then, find the answer to your election questions by checking out the Local Government Association of South Australia’s comprehensive website or asking our friendly Corporate Services team. It’s your community. It’s your future. Make sure you have your say.

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**ANZAC DAY**
April 25th was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916, the first anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey during World War I. The Gallipoli battle established the ANZAC tradition of courage, determination and mateship.

On Wednesday 25th April Kimba will honour Anzac Day with the traditional march along High Street from Landmark to the Memorial Cross Garden at 10 am. Anyone with relatives who have served or are currently serving in the military forces is welcome to join the march, assemble at the Landmark corner at 9.45am. If anyone wishes to lay a wreath please contact the office prior to ANZAC day to let us know. A service will follow in the Remembrance gardens with morning tea and ANZAC biscuits after the service. A pooled lunch will be held in the RSL Clubrooms. Everyone is welcome to bring along food and join members in an afternoon of comradeship.

The Ode;
They shall grow not old as we that are left
grow old,
Age shall not weary them
nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.
LEST WE FORGET

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**DOGS**
Council has received many noise complaints of dogs barking within the town limits. We ask that dog owners please be courteous of neighbours and restrict your dog from excessively barking.

**CATS**
An increasing number of stray cats have been reported to Council over the past two weeks, especially within the town centre. Council would like to remind all cat owners of their obligation to ensure their pets are secured and any litters managed in a responsible and humane manner.

Cat traps can be hired from the Council Office in exchange for a $20 deposit.

Please note that New Dog & Cat laws come into effect on 1st July 2018 in regards to compulsory micro-chipping & desexing of cats and dogs, as well as compulsory breeder registration. Please visit: www.dogandcatboard.com.au or contact Council for further information.

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JP APPOINTMENTS
Council’s CEO Deb Larwood is a Justice of the Peace. If you are requiring the services of a JP please ensure you ring the Council Administration Office and they will make an appointment time for you to see Deb.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENT
Congratulations to Senior Administration Officer Keely Westhoff, who has completed a Certificate III in Business and Certificate III in Business Administration as part of her 12-month traineeship with Council. Chief Executive Officer Deb Larwood and Career Employment Group’s Paul Templer were on hand to celebrate Keely’s success on the morning of March 19th – we think it’s a fantastic result for an integral member of the Council family.

GP SERVICES
Council continues to actively advocate on behalf of the community to secure local, permanent access to general practitioner services in Kimba for residents and visitors alike. Mayor Johnson and the Chief Executive Officer are liaising with a number of key stakeholders, including the South Australian Government and private medical providers, to formulate a long-term solution to the problem, with a number of potential options having been identified.

While the recruitment process is ongoing and being driven by Council, Elected Members and Executive staff are aware that the delivery of medical services is not a core responsibility of Local Government. As such, all decisions relating to providing the resources needed to attract a doctor need to be balanced between what represents best-value for Kimba’s ratepayers and the immediate healthcare needs of the community.

Council has been advised that locum GP services will soon start on Tuesday and Thursday, but a commencement date is yet to be confirmed. As soon as details are finalised, Council will inform the community via a mail out and social media updates.

The number to dial in a medical emergency remains 000. In the interim, please contact Mid Eyre Medical in Cleve on 8628 2003 for routine inquiries and concerns.

LIBRARY NEWS

Adult Fiction
‘The truth’ by Peter James
‘Hell to Pay’ by Rachel Amphlett
‘The Ruin’ by Dervla McTiernan
‘The Year that Changed Everything’ by Cathy Kelly
‘The Perfect Girlfriend’ by Karen Hamilton
‘The Red Dirt Road’ by Alissa Callen
‘The Country Girl’ Cathryn Hein

Adult Non Fiction
‘Sexts, Texts & Selfies – How to keep your children safe in the digital world’ by Susan McLean
‘Dairy’ by Woody Brambles
‘I Let Him Go’ by Denise Fergus
‘10 Things Every Parent Needs to Know’ Dr Justin Coulson
‘AFL Record Season 2018’

DVDs
‘American Made’ with Tom Cruise
‘6 days’ with Jamie Bell & Abbie Cornish
‘Daddy’s Home 2’ – Mel Gibson, Will Ferrell
KIMBA KLICKERS HOSTING EP EVENT

The Kimba Photographic Society (Kimba Klickers) will be hosting the annual Eyre Peninsula Camera Club picnic on April 13th – 15th.

Visitors will be attending from camera clubs around the EP for a weekend of photography fellowship.

The annual enlargement exhibition will be on display and open to the public in the Kimba Soldiers Memorial Hall from 10-4 pm on Thursday April 12th and 1pm – 6pm on Friday April 13th and 2pm – 4pm on Saturday April 14th.

Any queries please contact Fran Francis on 8627 2328.

Pony Club Attracts Riders Galore

Kimba Pony Club has a very busy year coming up, firstly hosting the annual Eyre Peninsula Pony Club Zone School from Sunday April 15th to Friday April 20th. This will see about 30 riders and their families visiting Kimba for the week of instruction.

This event will be followed on Saturday April 21st & Sunday April 22nd with the 44th annual Yeltana Showjumping Championships with a dressage competition on Saturday.

We are expecting some top interstate riders this year so please feel free to drop down to the oval to see some of these talented people and horses competing, particularly in the three Championship events on Sunday.

The club will have its annual Yeltana Calcutta on Saturday night after tea at the pony club shed. Make sure you get some tickets for this and come along to support the event as there will be some great cash prizes to be won.

Then over the October long weekend (September 30, 31 and October 1) the club is hosting the Pony Club State Championships. This event will see our local Eyre Peninsula riders up against some of the top Pony Club riders competing from all over the state, so the club is on track for a successful year.

For more information about any of the events please contact Lisa Schmidt, Gabi Ashmeade or Katie Eatts.
KCDG’s ANZ Mortgage Introducer Program

As a potential fundraiser for our community, the Kimba Community Development Group is part of the ANZ’s Home Loan Introducer Program. The KCDG will be paid a ‘one off’ upfront commission for customers we ‘introduce’ who take out an ANZ Home Loan.

So how will this work for KCDG? If you, or any of your family or friends anywhere in Australia take out an ANZ Home Loan at any branch, and complete the KCDG’s referral paperwork then the Group is eligible for the commission.

The people who take out the home loan do not need to be locals or even members; they just need to complete the referral form. No personal details will be known by the KCDG.

If you know of someone who is considering an ANZ Home Loan please let one of the KCDG executive committee know (Heather Baldock, Daryl Koch, Sharon Rodda) so we can arrange the referral paperwork and our community can be the beneficiary of the commission.

BLOSSOMS FLORIST
MOTHERS DAY - SUNDAY MAY 13TH
Beautiful fresh flowers available
Blossoms will be at 37 High St, Kimba the week prior to Mother’s Day
Tues 8th / Wed 9th / Thurs 10th / Fri 11th

BLOSSOMS MARKET DAYS - MOTHERS DAY
Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th
The following stalls will be at Blossoms on Tuesday 8th AND / OR Thursday 10th

- MINT FUSION - LADIES / MENS / CHILDRENS CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES
- LOVE & FOOD BY ELLEN - RAW FOODS WITH COOKING DEMOS
- JODIES HOME CATERING - PASTRIES / CAKES & FREEZER FILLERS
- LORAINELee LINEN - BY KIRBY - NEW CATALOGUE
- BOONGALA BAKES - BY AMY, MOTHERS DAY CAKES & MORE
- NUTRIMETICS NEW CATALOGUE DISPLAY
- LABELLED LIFE VINYL DESIGNS BY AMY
- BLOSSOMS - FRESH FLOWERS
Rural Business Support has welcomed Libby Baldock to our Rural Financial Counselling Service team to help us respond to a recent influx of new inquiries from the Eastern Eyre Peninsula and Upper North regions.

Libby is involved in a successful farming family on Eastern Eyre Peninsula. Her qualifications are in psychology, but her involvement on the family farm is in managing the finances, so Libby brings a really interesting mix of skills, qualifications and experiences to the role.

Rural Business Support is a leading not-for-profit provider of agribusiness services and independent support for the benefit of the rural sector. Our range of programs and services enable the primary industry sector to take action to manage change, adjust to business challenges, and improve profitability and plan for the future.

Libby is pictured below during her induction training with RBS’s Farm Household Allowance Coordinator Julianne Fiebig.

To make an appointment with any of our rural financial counsellors please call 1800 836 211.

Calendar of Events

April 10th  Kimba Community Development Group AGM 7.30pm, at Gateway Hotel, All Welcome
April 15th  Buckleboo Club Members Night
April 12-14  EP Camera Club Exhibitions in Kimba Town Hall, check newsletter article for times
April 15-20  EP Pony Club Zone @ Kimba
April 21-22  44th Annual Yeltana
April 25th  ANZAC Day March
April 28th  KDF & NC vrs Ports @ Kimba
May 5th  KDF & NC vrs Cowell @ Cowell
June 15-28  Rotary Men’s Wellness Campaign

Buckleboo Club Members Night
Sunday April 15th
Casual Tea
Great chance to enjoy some great company and catch the Treasurer with membership

Regional Access provides free professional counselling for regional South Australia.

How does it work?
Regional Access is a free telephone and online counselling service for people who are feeling the pressures and stresses of everyday life. The service is open to anyone who lives or works in rural, remote or remote South Australia.

You can call 1300 032 186 or visit saregionalaccess.org.au to speak to a counsellor. The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

What to expect
Professionally trained counsellors will listen, support, and help you to develop strategies to manage what is causing you to feel worried or stressed. Each session is tailored to your own needs and will focus on what’s going on with you.

You can also book up to three 30 minute sessions with the same counsellor.

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KDFNC are very excited to be hosting the SA Variety Bash in Kimba on Friday August 17th. Variety will be celebrating their 30th anniversary with a band and tea, and breakfast on Saturday. An organising committee has been set up to cater for the expected 300-400 visitors to our community. If you would like to be involved please catch up with Peter 0447001493.

Local Business Supports Kidz Klub

The Kimba Kidz Klub is the lucky recipient of the Kimba IGA's Community Chest Program which gives support to one community group or organisation each year. The Harvest Christian Centre extends their thanks to IGA and the Kimba Community for the generous donation of $479.49.

Below Chloe Hanan, representing the Kidz Klub, accepts the donation from Aaron and Courtney Johnson of IGA.

Kimba Kindy Numbers Grow

This year we have 24 Preschool Enrolments at our Kindergarten. Due to the high number of enrolments Esther Flavel from Adelaide has joined our staff as a teacher. Jenny Whittle continues as the Director, and Katrin Hinrichsen-Cant, Corinne Tucker and Jill Davey as Early Childhood Workers.

Occasional Care continues at the Kindergarten, with three Under 2 sessions, and three Over 2 Sessions. Occasional Care offers educational childcare for children 2 ¼ hours per week during the school term. For enquiries please contact the Kindergarten on 86272321.

In Week 11 the site is being assessed and rated for National Quality Standards. The Kindergarten community is busy preparing for this visit.

Our Governing Council are a committed group of parents who support the Kindergarten. Besides fundraising the Governing Council also assist with developing the site’s philosophy, policies and procedures.

Fundraising for this term includes the popular sausage roll bake-off which is scheduled for April 5th – over 120 dozen sausages rolls to be made, and the launch of our Mothers’ Day Raffle with quality Tupperware prizes to be won.

Monies raised from our fundraising will go to further developing our extensive outdoor area. An area of paving was completed in January, and we are now working on ideas for the area between the sand-pit and paving.

To quote part of our philosophy “we believe that all children have the right to the magic of childhood… to run, jump and climb in the sunshine, to have time to think and investigate, to laugh, to sing, to dance, to grow, to learn, to make friends, to feel special and loved, and to have fun!”

We have a wonderful group of children and families at the Kindergarten, and take this opportunity to thank all in the Community for their support.


The next Kimba Newsletter will be out in early June. All items, ads, dates etc would be appreciated by late May. Please forward to heather.baldock@bigpond.com or PO Box 460, Kimba.
Go Light Me Up

The work to light up Kimba’s Silo Art is set to start this week. The District Council of Kimba and Dylan Harradine are being contracted to dig trenches and lay cable in readiness for linking 4 floodlights to solar panels. The floodlights will be protected by cages made locally by Lienert Engineering.

Viterra are kindly allowing the solar panels to be placed on their office roof, and the battery under their back verandah. A Port Lincoln business has been contracted to provide and install solar panels, battery and other related components.

Kimba can look forward to seeing our magnificent silo art lit up for a few hours each night in the near future.

‘Go Light Me Up’ Donors

The Igniting Kimba Working Group and Kimba Community Development Group thank donors of Stage 2 Silo Art Project

$1000
Anonymous x 1

$500
Shenae & Shannan Mayfield
Richard & Ruth Hammett

$200
Kimba WAB
$150
Matt & Megan Dickenson

$100
Anonymous x 1

$100
David & Barb Schmidt
Kate & Martin Ryan
Greg & Sally Inglis
Cecilia Woolford

Uniting Church Fellowship

$60 and under
Nikesh Poudel
Wendy Shirley
Paul Shirley
Anonymous x 2

Community & Economic Development in Kimba

The Kimba Community Development Group (KCDG) invites community members to their AGM on April 10th at 7.30pm at the Kimba Gateway Hotel. While most of the current office bearers are willing to continue in their roles, there is always room for new faces and new ideas around the table.

Under the banner of the KCDG there have been many activities rolled out over the past 12 months. These include:
- The KCDG’s nomination of Kimba in the SA KESAB Sustainable Towns Award which saw Kimba win the best Medium Town (population 1000 to 10,000) and the 2017 KESAB Overall State Award thus allowing Kimba to represent SA in the National Awards
- Kimba’s nomination to the National Keep Australia Beautiful Awards was submitted and the National Judge hosted in Kimba in early March.
- Igniting Kimba’s Silo Art was completed and looks awesome
- A very successful Kimba Art Prize & 12 day Art Exhibition was held transforming the Kimba Institute into an amazing art gallery
- Other events rolled out under the Igniting Kimba Arts Program banner included the fabulous Fashions of the Era Parade and the refurbishment of the mural “Memorial to our Pioneers”
- “The Thing About Kimba” to encourage shopping local was a great success in the first half of 2017 and linked to the Christmas Shop Local campaign
- As host organisation of the Work for the Dole the KCDG successfully lobbied to have the program reinstated for 3 days a week. It’s a very successful program with major work being undertaken at the Museum and bringing funds with it to pay for works being done by the Job Seekers.
- Our Grey Nomads Volunteers Program continues to attract retirees to volunteer for a few days in return for free power etc at the Rec Reserve free camping site. The museum is the main beneficiary of this program with Grey Nomads working alongside the Job Seekers sharing their skills, knowledge and work ethic. The Show Society also put some Grey Nomads to work in giving the pavilion a facelift prior to the Kimba Show. These visitors not only donate incredible amounts of time, they also spend significant funds in our community and are great publicists for the program and the community

Other activities that happen on a regular basis include:
- Support with volunteer insurance & incorporation protection for committees and subcommittees including Kimba Christmas Tree, Grey Nomads Volunteers Program, Kimba Art Prize Committee, and Igniting Kimba Working Group.
- Bimonthly Kimba Newsletter
- Repotting of street planter boxes
- Welcoming Packs delivered to new people in our community
- Bimonthly KESAB award recognising efforts of locals to make our town more beautiful
- Representatives on Council’s Tourism Advisory & Australia Day Awards Committees

Of course there are quite a few other things that take place behind the scenes, and the Group welcomes anyone who would like to be part of improving our community’s economic growth and development.
The Kimba Skate Park Committee is dedicated to getting a Skate Park in Kimba and need your help!!

We are organising a scrap steel drive. Please donate any scrap steel you have lying around your farm. Please call Meagan Lienert on 0427272254 to book in or for more information.

Also if you are cleaning out your bottle and cans bins we would be more than grateful if you would donate them to the skate Park – Just let Brian & Michelle know at the Kimba Bottle yard.

TAFE Courses Locally

First Aid at Kimba – note change of date
Friday 13th April 2018 at Kimba Gateway Hotel
Provide First Aid (HLTAID003) 9am - 5pm $155
and CPR Refresher (HLTAID001) 9am – 12noon $55 Register online at www.tafesa.edu.au short courses or phone 1800 882 661 for assistance.

Come to Wudinna during the School Holidays and learn to make great coffee!
Espresso Coffee Making Course funded through the *SRC program
$20 per person (normally $335) if you are over 16 years of age. Great skills for students or adults.
*SRC conditions apply eg live in our rural communities, Australian Citizen/Resident.
Accredited Units: Prepare & Serve Coffee (SITHFAB005) and Use hygienic practices for food safety (SITXFA001) Tuesday 17 – Thursday 18th April 9am – 5pm daily. For more information contact Eleanor at Wudinna Campus on 8680 2212 or email eleanor.scholz@tafesa.edu.au by Monday 9th April.

Makers & Shakers Mother’s Day Market
10.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 8th May

Millbroe Makes Norwex
Funky Kidz Wear Alive & Well
KBN Candles Happy|Fit|Healthy
Country Scents by Chloe
While Charlotte Sleeps Bev’s Creations

More Stalls to be announced soon!!
Interested in joining us?
Please contact:
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