



Merry Christmas

# South Arm Peninsula News

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## Bee Queens swarm the Men's Shed

It was a busy day for the South Arm Peninsula Men's Shed at the end of September when they partnered with the Bee Queens for a day of making.

The Bee Queens is a group of women beekeepers based in the south of Tasmania who wanted to make bee frame wire jigs - and the Men's Shed was more than happy to assist.

The project started weeks in advance with members of the shed making templates in many parts, for the women to assemble.

Every frame in a beehive is wired for stability and strength, especially for when honey is extracted from the frame. The jig makes life a lot easier and quicker for the beekeeper to put frames together.

The event sold out in hours which is encouraging for future collaborations, with plans in the pipeline for at least 2 more workshops on different topics in the coming months.

Thank you to everyone involved, with a special shout out to shed members Wayne (also a Southern Tasmanian Beekeepers Association member) and Fred who were key to making the day so successful, and to all the members who assisted on the day. Also a big thank you to President Ian Glover and the committee for their support of this collaboration.

- The Bee Collective | [0448 515 867](tel:0448515867) | [beecollectivetas@gmail.com](mailto:beecollectivetas@gmail.com)



## Where has that year gone? It has flown by once again!

We have continued to support the community this year in a broad variety of ways:

- 779 vaccinations of the end of October!
- Countless absence certificates, Webster packs, blood pressure monitoring, counselling, health advice, first aid and emergency medications.
- Sponsorship of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden scheme at South Arm Primary School and the Iron Pot Golf Course 10th hole.
- Ongoing support for the South Arm Men's Shed.
- As a donation point for 'Hope in a Suitcase' Tasmania and thank you to everyone who has contributed to this.

Thanks to everyone for their support of our small local business once again and we look forward to helping you with your health needs in 2026 and beyond.

***Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy festive season, with best wishes from Kim, Lisa, Shane, Matt, Will, Ben, Jan, Karen, Brayden and Milli.***

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**Otherwise Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30, Sat 9:00-12:00**

## December Festive Season Events and Dates for Your Calendar...



**Sat 6 Rosny Park Drama Group's 'Three in the Bed' at Calverton Hall South Arm - p4.**

**Sun 7 South Arm Community Market - p4.**

**Sun 21 Cremorne Bowls and Community Club Christmas Party - p5.**

**Sun 21 St Barnabas Carol Service - p4.**

**Sun 21 South Arm Fire Brigade Lolly Run - p9**

**Wed 24 South Arm Christmas Eve Water Battle - p10**

**Thu 25 St Barnabas Christmas Day Service - p4.**



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The paper and printing of this newsletter is kindly supplied by Heather Chong.

## About this newsletter

This newsletter has been published since 1989 by the South Arm Peninsula Residents' Association Inc. (SAPRA). It is distributed bi-monthly across the South Arm Peninsula community - Sandford, Cremorne, Clifton Beach, South Arm and Opossum Bay.

*Opinions expressed in articles are not necessarily the views of the Committee.*

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### General Committee

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\* Michael is the contact for History/Membership

To address a committee meeting, please contact the President.

**Do you like gardening?**

If you do, just an hour of gardening would be a great help in maintaining our lovely community. Here are a couple of gardening gatherings, if you'd like to join in.

**St Barnabas Church** - 1st Sat/month 10am-12pm  
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## SAPRA - in and for your community



**Welcome to summer!** How lucky are we living on this extraordinary bush to beach peninsula with its strong community connections? VERY!

Those connections were clear at our AGM & General Meeting in October. Mayor Brendan Blomely, Councillor Daniel Hulme and Sarah Lovell MLC joined a full room of community members hearing updates from SAPRA and 11 local organisations. From SA Primary to Iron Pot Golf Club, Clifton Surf Lifesaving Club, Men's Shed, Cremorne, Furies, CERT, Sub-Branch, Community Club, Calverton Hall and St Barnabas, it certainly was informative and inspiring!

*(Our 2024-2025 Annual Report can be found on the South Arm website along with others going back over a decade.)*

**Farewell Stu Warren.** During his time at South Arm Primary, Stu has worked with us to build a strong partnership. It's been a pleasure collaborating on projects and events and supporting the school in many ways including a stronger, combined input into the Harmony Lane upgrade. We wish Stu all the best on his next position but we'll still miss him!

**Other WIP issues.** We are pleased that progress is being made on Harmony Lane and the Centre/oval carpark. Behind the scenes we've worked on things like signs, bus stops, bins, road safety and much more!

**Motorhome groups** are regular visitors to South Arm - they love the facilities, sense of community and welcome from locals. They also contribute to the local economy!

**Emergency Response Centre (ERC).** SAPRA and Hall reps met with Council's Emergency team members as they inspected the Centre and Hall. We look forward to working with them to develop a new, community-friendly plan.  
*(Only South Arm and Richmond are community-led ERCs).*

**Just in!** SA raft inspection A-OK, mooring work to do, Council working to reinstate over summer. Yay!

As the year closes, it's time to again thank my SAPRA Committee colleagues, the Centre, Bus and Market volunteers and to everyone across the Peninsula who help make this such a vibrant, engaged community.

*We hope the festive/holiday season brings you happiness, contentment and relaxation amongst family and friends.*

*Please stay safe on land and water, look out for others and be kind. We'll see you in 2026!*

- Kerry Scambler | President | 0407 875 460  
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## Rainfall on the Peninsula



	Sep/Oct '25	'25 YTD	'24 YTD	
Cremorne	22.5/41.8	294.5	380	G. Rodven
Op. Bay	26.8/51	361.5	386.3	T. Quine
Sandford	26.7/59.4	361.2	395.8	B. Mollison
South Arm	30.5/58	379	375.5	G. Hay
IPGC	34.1/42.6	323.1	n/a	

The good news is that rainfall in the first half of November is already similar to that for the whole of October!

## Summer at Clifton Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

Summer is upon us, and the surf club is buzzing with activity!

Nippers kicked off at the beginning of November with sessions at the Clarence Pool and Cremorne Beach before heading to Clifton Beach for the rest of the season. It's been fantastic seeing so many eager faces getting involved and learning vital surf skills. Our senior members have also moved their training back to Clifton, ready to dive into their short course season.

Our patrolling members are finalising their proficiencies and are "rescue ready" and all set to begin patrolling from Saturday 6th December. Stop by the patrol trailer and say hi!

A huge thank you to the SAPRA Community Bus for helping transport our cadet members to their Life Saver Camp in Ulverstone back in September. The group had a wonderful time building friendships and developing new skills.

Over summer our bar will be open and food trucks will be serving up dinner on selected nights! Keep an eye on our social media pages for dates and times. If you're interested in joining our vibrant club community, we'd love to hear from you!

**We look forward to seeing you all on the beach and remember to swim between the flags!**

- Kate and Clare | Nippers Co-ordinators Clifton Beach SLSC

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## South Arm RSL and Community Club Update



SOUTH ARM RSL AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC

You may have noticed the Community Club has recently installed a large bank of solar panels – 78 in total which are estimated to produce over 48,000 kWh per year. These will significantly reduce our power bill and our carbon footprint over the next 25 years, allowing the Club to make an ongoing contribution to carbon reduction.

**Community Club Scholarship:** Each year the Club offers a \$3,000 Scholarship to a student under 21 starting a University, TasTAFE, Skills Institute or similar course to help with costs in their first year of study.

If this is you or someone in your family, you/they may be eligible. For information and an application form contact Steve or go to [southarm.tas.au/south-arm-rsl-comm-club](http://southarm.tas.au/south-arm-rsl-comm-club)

**Committee vacancies:** November's AGM resulted in some vacancies on the committee so we're looking for interested community members to join the Club committee. A recent restructure means the committee will be focused more on social events and activities for members, facility improvements and fundraising assistance for the community more generally. If you have some spare time and would like to join us, please get in touch. Email [president@southarmrsl.com.au](mailto:president@southarmrsl.com.au) or phone Steve.

- Steve Hinton | Secretary/Treasurer | 0419 339 415

### Need basic help with the digital world? You're not alone!

SAPRA is looking at providing some free services at the Community Centre on topics like:

- Internet – safe searching, understanding google, links etc
- Devices – setting up, taking and storing photos, messaging etc
- Email – setting up, sending/replying, filing etc
- Backing up – phone, notebook, laptop, PC files
- What exactly is "the cloud" and how it works
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### ML Egeria South Arm Peninsula History Cruises Returning

**Sunday 15 March 2026!**

SAPRA, in conjunction with the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania, will again host History Cruises on board the historic ML Egeria.

Michael Topfer will provide his expert commentary on board.



*A great Christmas gift idea!*

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## Spring - a busy time for all at St Barnabas

Our Open Morning was well attended, with interested members of the community coming along to see the progress being made to upgrade the Gellibrand Hall and to beautify the cemetery/gardens. The next project is to "grass" over the concreted area outside the hall to make it both safer and aesthetically more attractive.



The outdoor area was put to good use when the Animal Service was held on 12th October. Pets and owners all appreciated the sunshine and the delicious morning tea, and behaved in an exemplary way throughout the service. Rev Andrew Lake gave each pet a special blessing. His talk was entitled "Do pets go to heaven?" and all pet lovers were relieved to hear a resounding "Yes"! We were particularly pleased to welcome visitors from Cricklewood Animal Sanctuary, who left with donated blankets and towels as well as pet food for their resident animals.

The church congregation, with much support from community members, filled 80 shoeboxes for the annual "Christmas Child" charity programme. These boxes are sent to children in 3rd world countries such as Uganda and help to brighten their lives at this most special time of the year. A huge thank you must go to Carol and Justin at the South Arm shop for their generous help with the costs of postage and to Paul and Jan of Fair Dinkum Sheds for their kind and generous donation of clothes and toys.

Our annual St Barnabas calendars, showcasing our beautiful peninsula through the camera lenses of talented local photographers, are now on sale for \$15 and make great gifts. These can be purchased from the South Arm post office, or from a St Barnabas Board or congregation member.

Christmas, that most wonderful time of the year, is fast approaching. Please come along to St Barnabas to share in the joy of Christmas. Our Carol Service on Sunday 21st December at 7pm will be followed by supper. The Christmas Day service will start at 9am. Everyone is welcome. Congregation members, supporters and volunteers at St Barnabas would like to wish everyone in our community a peace-filled and a joyous Christmas.

- Linda Roe | [www.stbarnabas.au](http://www.stbarnabas.au)

## South Arm Calverton Hall

Part of our community for over 130 years!



Calverton Hall continues to serve our community as a venue for all sorts of events and functions. The committee is also responsible for managing the oval and tennis courts.

### Dates for your calendar:

**Dec 6:** Rosny Park drama group will be performing the play 'Three in the Bed'. Get your tickets through Humanitix - they are going fast.

**General meeting dates for 2026:** 20 Jan; 21 Apr; 21 Jul (10am)

**AGM:** 22 Aug, 7pm.

### Weekly activities:

**Carpet Bowls** Monday 1-3pm

**Craft** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 12:30-3pm

**Boxing** Tuesday 5:30-6:30pm

**Bridge** Wednesday 2-5pm

Everyone is very welcome to attend for a bit of fun and community connection.

Please consider becoming a member of Calverton Hall, cost \$2 annually – visit [southarm.tas.au/calverton-hall](http://southarm.tas.au/calverton-hall) to become a member which entitles you to discounted entry to all events organised by the Calverton Hall Committee.

- Anita Carlin, President, South Arm Calverton Hall | 0415 512 661

## South Arm Community Market SHINES!

The spring weather was fickle to start with but our volunteers, stallholders and visitors continued to come out in force and were rewarded with a glorious day in November!

A beautiful morning was filled with friendly faces, amazing products and creativity and, of course, plenty of community spirit.

Thank you to Andrew and all our amazing volunteers who set-up/pack-down, run the raffle and work behind the scenes, and to photographer Ian Sale, who captures the people and atmosphere that create our special market. Thanks also to the South Arm Men's Shed team for their expert parking directions!

To our stallholders and visitors, we love welcoming you from near and far and hope to see you in December to join Justin and his reptiles along with a certain man in red and our local fires!

Here's cheers to all for 2026 from Deb & Henri, Market Co-ordinators.



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# Cremorne Corner



## Community Support

A heartfelt thanks to the community for all their support during the year. We look forward to working with you in 2026. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and safe New Year (including your new plants from the Big Plant Give Away – remember to water).

## Quiz Night Success

We ended the year with our sell-out BIG Cremorne Quiz Night. Our gratitude to our quizzies and crew.

Many thanks to Clarence Council for a Quick Grant. Even though such an event is relatively low cost, coloured printing, snacks and such all add up.

For donations, thank you to

The Cremorne Bowls & Community Club  
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## Cremorne Bowls and Community Club



## Halloween in Cremorne

Halloween was another great success with many congregating at the Bowls Club afterwards for the Pop Up Food Vans.

Thanks to the wider community for all your support over the year for the food van evenings. We've another great line up for 2026.



## Cremorne Christmas Market

At the time of print, the Cremorne Christmas Market will be happening. We appreciate in advance the enthusiastic response from both stall holders and shoppers supporting local.

## Christmas Party Sun 21 December

We look forward to our end of year community Christmas party on Sunday 21st. Details to be confirmed and placed on the [Cremorne Tas Noticeboard Facebook page](#).

***We wish everyone a very  
happy and safe  
Christmas and New Year.***

## Cremorne Calendar

Fri 19 Dec - Get Greek<sup>ft</sup>

Jan 2026 dates TBC

(<sup>ft</sup> - food trucks may alter to other dates or providers, bar open from 4:30pm, food service from 5:00pm, takeaway available.)

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## South Arm Primary School



We're racing towards the end of another school year and already well underway with planning for the 2026.

As I mentioned during the recent SAPRA General Meeting, we're projecting a slight reduction in overall student numbers for next year but remain committed to offering a broad range of subjects and opportunities for all our young people. For families further up the South Arm peninsula who might still be considering options for 2026 and beyond, I'd encourage you to get in touch to find out how our close-knit, connected school community might be the right fit for you.

We currently have capacity to accept enrolments in any grade. It's always a pleasure showing new families around or answering questions about our education program and the range of academic and wellbeing supports we offer.

**Wellbeing Expo:** A highlight of Term 4 has been our annual Wellbeing Expo, co-ordinated by our school health nurse, Bec Lamberton, and supported by a host of other nurses and community organisations. The focus for our expo is always on educating students around various aspects of wellbeing – ranging from nutrition and hygiene through to online safety and featuring positive messages supporting environment, inclusion and participation for all.

Thanks to nurse Bec and her colleagues for providing the education, and to Uniting OSHC, Clarence City Council, Tas Police, Cricklewood Farm, Hill Street Lauderdale, Clarence Plains Child & Family Health Centre and 26TEN for providing a range of activities and information to help make up a fantastic program of learning and fun for students to engage with.

Recent Student Wellbeing & Engagement Survey data indicates that students at South Arm Primary School feel increasingly connected with their school and community and also reports high wellbeing related to their sense of safety at school.

**Community Art Exhibition:** Thanks to Miss E for her inspiration and direction in the art room this year and for her efforts in taking student work into the public space again this month.

Following on from our Wellbeing Expo, we launched a student art exhibit in the South Arm Community Centre with a great turnout from students, families and community members. This exhibition continues the recent trend of collaboration on matters of art that we've shared with SAPRA and the Community Centre and is a wonderful way to let students enjoy an authentic celebration of their artistic expression and prowess.

**Launching Into Learning:** LiL is a free program for young children (birth – 4 years old) and their families which can help parents/carers and their children get to know their local school and meet other families. If you'd like to know more about LiL, or find out what's coming up, please contact the school office on [6239 9126](tel:62399126) and ask for Jenny Gardner.



- Stu Warren, Principal, South Arm Primary School | [6239 9126](tel:62399126)

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# Peninsula Memories - Michael's Story

## Weekends and holidays at Clifton Beach

When I think back on my childhood, some of my fondest memories are of the time we spent at the family farm 'Neethoba' on the hill above Clifton Beach, belonging to my grandparents Ted and Ethel Watson.

Life on the farm had its own rhythm and we quickly fell into it. We helped in the vegetable paddocks, gathering beans, cabbages and onions, digging potatoes and pulling carrots from the soil. The animals were always part of our days.

While Grandfather kept busy with the farm and animals, Grandmother's world centred on the farmhouse kitchen, the garden and her community. She always seemed to have something cooking, baking, or preserving. She was also deeply involved in the wider district, an active member of the CWA and the Cremorne Bowls Club. Her energy seemed endless, and somehow, she managed to balance it all while still making time for us.



Summers brought extra work and extra fun. We picked apricots, carefully filling baskets with the ripest fruit to be sold at the Apricot Fair, held each year at the Sandford Hall.

And then there was the fishing. Some days, when the tide and weather were right, we'd join in with the seining. Wading out past the breaking surf, the net stretched wide between us, then slowly, carefully, we would bring it back in toward the shore. Soon, the beach would be dotted with fish flapping in the sand, enough to feed many families.

Other days we would set crayfish pots from a dinghy, not far from the beach. The pots would be lowered carefully, marked by floats, and checked later with great anticipation. Hauling them up to find the glistening shapes of crayfish inside was a thrill and a real treat for the table.

At night, when the conditions were right, we'd go flounder fishing in Pipe Clay Lagoon.

A small craft carried a car battery powering a bright light, casting its beam down through the shallow water. Moving quietly, we'd spot the flounder lying flat against the sandy bottom, its shape suddenly revealed in the glow. Spearing them in the stillness of the night was both exciting and eerie.

Of course, the beach itself was always the great reward. After chores, we'd take the track through the front paddocks down to Clifton. The surf was bracingly cold, but we never minded.

It wasn't just weekends either. During the long school holidays, while our parents worked in their city jobs, we stayed at the farm. Those weeks felt endless and wonderful - whole summers where the farm and beach were our world and a mix of hard work and play, of the steady rhythm of the farm and the wild freedom of the sea.

Looking back, those times shaped my life and gave us a childhood richer than we could ever have realised at the time. I realise how lucky I was to grow up with activities on the farm, the surf below, the lagoon at night, the cray pots bobbing offshore and the love and dedication of two very special grandparents.

## South Arm RSL Sub-Branch



It's been busy! Remembrance Day and our Annual Lunch were well-attended, fundraising continues, membership is growing and our biggest project, the Nurses Memorial is underway. We also continue to look after our veterans and widows, a high priority.

Our Annual Lunch welcomed over 80 guests from other Sub-Branches, elected representatives and the community, all enjoying a superb meal at the Club. The briefing from Sally Dennington (DVA commissioner) on advocacy was well received.

Membership is increasing with a range of Service, Affiliate and community members welcomed. Please contact us if you'd like to know more about joining.

Thanks to a generous donation from the RSL & Community Club, construction of the Nurses Memorial is underway for a hoped for unveiling in mid-February. Thanks to Harmony Garden Centre, 90 plants are now adding some colour to the park.

Please visit our new website which is still WIP and send us your feedback.

- Terry Roe, President | [0400 140 870](tel:0400140870) | [southarmrslsb@gmail.com](mailto:southarmrslsb@gmail.com) | [southarmrslsubbranch.org.au](http://southarmrslsubbranch.org.au)



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At the recent SAPRA Annual General Meeting, our President, Ian Glover spoke of the achievements our shed had made over the past year. They have been considerable, and the shed is now on a much stronger footing.

The most obvious change has been the development of our garden with paths, fences, and raised beds in place. Unfortunately the evil empire of couch grass that lives in that neighbourhood has struck back, but our response has been strong and pitiless, and despite this setback some good vegetable yields have been obtained. Some of our fresh produce has found its way onto the menu of the Touch of the Mo.

Less obvious, and incomplete, a storage unit behind the shed has been developed from two containers. Within the shed there is something close to nirvana for the chippies. And wifi, a computer and a smart TV have brought us into the information age.

Over the past year we have run a number of workshops open to the community, and we plan to continue. Expect further opportunities for jewellery-making, joinery, laser-cutting, bee hives and bird boxes. If you have ideas for workshops let us know, perhaps at the market where we are now one of the regulars.

- Ian Sale, Communications Officer M: [0418 136 769](tel:0418136769) | [mensshed.southarm.tas.au](http://mensshed.southarm.tas.au) | [Facebook](#)

SOUTH ARM PENINSULA  
**MEN'S SHED**



## Iron Pot Golf Club News - The water is on its way!

You may have seen the installation of piping for South Arm Irrigation Scheme is underway between Algonia St and Arm End and the Iron Pot Golf Course. Here's an update on progress:



1. Western shore work is well underway in the construction of the Reticulated Water Treatment Plant (RWTP), installation of the machinery and connection to the Taswater sewerage plant. Commissioning to commence in December.
2. The 7km underwater pipeline has been laid from the Western Shore to Algonia Street in Half Moon Bay with the water flow successfully tested.
3. All directional drilling has been completed.
4. All council planning permits approved.
5. All private easements with eastern shore landowners are in place for the 7km between the RSL and Arm End.
6. The eastern shore pipeline construction has commenced with 3km of pipe having been laid.
7. The water supply is expected to be at the Iron Pot Golf Club in February 2026.

The golf club has applied for funding to Tasmanian Active Infrastructure Grants Program 2024-25 to expand the existing dam to allow storage of 12 Megalitres of water. We have also received a permit from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania for the works. The decision on the above grant has been delayed due to the caretaker period of government but a decision is expected in December.

We will be submitting further funding proposals during 2026 for the irrigation of the whole course.

- Steven Soul, President | Iron Pot Golf Club | [0488 139 607](tel:0488139607) | [stevensoul456@gmail.com](mailto:stevensoul456@gmail.com)  
[southarm.tas.au/iron-pot-golf-course](http://southarm.tas.au/iron-pot-golf-course) | [Facebook](#)

## History Room Rejuvenation Project

At the recent SAPRA General Meeting we announced a plan, with sample displays, to better present and add value to Maurice Potter's rich legacy of our Peninsula history. We aim to future-proof the history collection to allow easy addition, updating and digital preservation of content. Visit the History Room on the next South Arm Community Market day to learn more.

Over the next few months you will see themed, large format wall displays, supplemented by related images, photos and documents. This work is well and truly underway as is the development of feature, pull-up banners for broader topics of interest.

If you would like to join Kerry Scambler, Michael Topfer and Paul Johansen in this endeavour, email [history@southarm.tas.au](mailto:history@southarm.tas.au).



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## Neighbourhood Watch update

As we move toward the Christmas season, a reminder to plan ahead if you are heading off on a break. Secure your homes, talk to neighbours, get someone to collect your mail or put a hold on mail at the local post office. Don't forget to plan ahead for your furry friends, get someone in to house sit or book that boarding kennel.

Please hop onto the Lauderdale to Opossum Bay Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page and share your tips for a relaxed and safe break. We love to hear from everyone.

Our aim next year is to apply for grants for letterbox stickers, gate NHW signs, Cuppa with a Cop (next Lauderdale) and other ways of bringing our community closer and promoting our area as a community focused safe place to live and raise our families. And not forgetting, to make sure that the older community members feel safe and included.

That's all for now from your Neighbourhood Watch Team ....Stay safe.

- Jen Beverley NHW Admin team: Louise, Brianna and Jen | Enquiries: [communitynhw@gmail.com](mailto:communitynhw@gmail.com) | [Facebook](#)



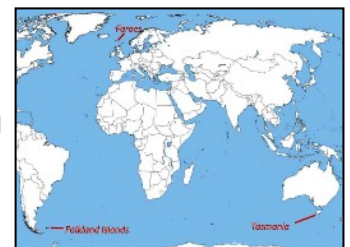
## Friends of the Bays update

In an illustration of how connected the world is today, Friends of the Bays received information about salmon farming from people in the Falkland Islands (9217 km away) and in the Faroe Islands (14,834 km away). The Falklands and Faroes are 13500 km apart. The British government seems keen to develop aquaculture in the Falklands, but the locals are opposed. It was suggested to them that salmon farming was well run in the Faroes, a good example of what can be achieved. So, some of them went there (at their own expense), and found that there were problems, with some fjords so polluted that farms were removed.

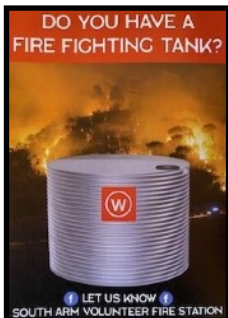
We have been in touch with the Faroes too, trying to arrange a translation of a Faroese documentary, *Undir Laksin*. If there are any Faroese speakers out there, please be in touch.

Along with a number of other Tasmanian groups, Friends of the Bays joined the GSFR, Global Salmon Farming Resistance, which is based in Argentina where open net aquaculture is banned. Through them and social media we have also had contact with people in Scotland, Iceland, Ireland, and Nova Scotia. It is fair to say that salmon companies are controversial the world over.

- Ian Sale, Secretary, FotB | [Facebook](#)



## South Arm Volunteer Fire Brigade



Do you have a fire fighting tank? If the answer is YES then the next question is "Is your tank full and accessible?". If this is a NO then please take action so we can help you!

The Brigade recently did an audit of the fire fighting tanks in our area. There were surprisingly quite a few that were not full of water and/or had the outlet covered or obscured. With summer only a few weeks away these are extremely valuable assets for you and our community.

If you have a fire fighting tank, please ensure that it is full and the outlet is easily accessible in case of a nearby fire. And please let us know if you have one.

### Christmas Lolly Run - 10am Sun 21 December

We hope to see all of our lovely community families out and excited to see our volunteers, and our very special guest SANTA who may provide the little ones, and any sweet tooth adults with lollies. **A special thanks to the MO cafe** for helping us be able to help Santa hand out lollies.

More details to come on our [Facebook](#) page.

- Cliff Munday, 2nd Officer, S.A.F.B. | [0476 015 911](tel:0476015911)



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**Dylan Grubb**  
0400 132 725  
[sales@sandfordelectrical.com.au](mailto:sales@sandfordelectrical.com.au)  
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Enquiries: Steve - 0419 339 415  
[communitybus@southarm.tas.au](mailto:communitybus@southarm.tas.au)  
[www.southarm.tas.au/community-bus](http://www.southarm.tas.au/community-bus)

**FITNESS IN THE PARK**

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**Christmas Eve Water Battle and BBQ at The Mo**

Xmas Eve bbq and beverages 5-8pm following **Water Battle**.  
**Santa at 6:30pm!**  
**Normal open hours:**  
**Van:** Mon & Tue 8am-2pm  
**Cafe:** Wed-Sun 8:30am-3pm (kitchen closing 2pm)  
**Friday Burger Night** from 5pm.



**Merry Xmas from all of us at the Mo and thank you all for your continued support.**

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**ABOUT SAPRA**

*Since 1989 we have continued to build on the immense legacy of past committees and volunteers - the many people who quietly made their own contribution to our community, our surrounds, well-being and safety.*

*Our role is a real mix of advocacy, support, connecting and facilitating.*

*Running the South Arm Community Centre, and its many associated activities, is a significant part of our work along with owning and operating the South Arm Peninsula Community Bus.*

*We also follow up with community issues and projects, auspice grants, provide advice and mentoring for other groups or just lend support when needed.*

*Every single thing we achieve or service/support we provide is made possible by people generously volunteering their time and skills for a shared love of our community and this special place.*

**Please support this work by becoming a SAPRA member or joining our Committee.**


saprapres@southarm.tas.au 0407 875 460



Find out more

**SAPRA MEMBERSHIP - 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026**

Payments can be made in cash or by EFT – see details below - \$2 per person

  
**SAPRA**

Name(s)

Address

Phone  Email

Date  \$2 pp (+ donations welcome!) Amount enclosed \$

**Cash payments:** please leave form + payment in an envelope at the South Arm PO, addressed to SAPRA.  
**EFT payments:** BSB: 633000 | Acc: 180823684 | Ref: Membership YOUR NAME  
 then email SAPRAMembers@southarm.tas.au advising payment and details as above (name, address etc.).

## Local services & notices

Free service for Peninsula businesses. If you know of any listing no longer active please let us know - [editor@southarm.tas.au](mailto:editor@southarm.tas.au)

### Accommodation

#### Cremorne Self Contained Cabin

Great rural location, close to beach.  
0434 499 730 | [www.airbnb.com/h/cremorne-trinity](http://www.airbnb.com/h/cremorne-trinity)

### Administrative Services

#### Justice of the Peace

##### Opossum Bay

David Skegg 0418 374 305 | [davidskegg@icloud.com](mailto:davidskegg@icloud.com)

##### Justice of the Peace

Doc. witnessing, court affidavits, stat. decs, certifying true copy of original document.  
Terry Roe 0400 140 870

### Animal services

#### Sandford Cat Hotel

5 star luxury for your cat.  
Hazel Jones 0403 568 999

### Automotive

#### Tilt tray towing, accident recovery, insurance work.

Anthony 0412 110 992

### Beauty

#### Jewellery

Handmade precious jewellery designed & made in South Arm. Gavin 0414 629 185  
[www.gavinmacsporran.com.au](http://www.gavinmacsporran.com.au)

#### Mj's Hair Design

Fully qual. hairdressers, facial waxing/tinting.  
3120 South Arm Rd, Wed to Sat, or by appt. 6239 9612 | 0421 859 408

#### Mobile Haircuts

Professional haircuts in your home.  
Tania 0458 528 258 | Facebook.

#### South Arm Skin Care

Qual. beauty therapist (19+ yrs). Mj's hair design, 3120 South Arm Rd. Wed-Sat. 0409 552 869 | Facebook.

### Ceremony

#### Oakdown Celebrant

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Saying I do? Let me be your guide - Beverley Elliot. 0460 519 037 | [beverleyfe@gmail.com](mailto:beverleyfe@gmail.com)

## Money matters

### Synergy Finance

Your local partners for home and business lending. 0488 934 270 | [jarrad.clark@synergy-finance.com.au](mailto:jarrad.clark@synergy-finance.com.au)  
[www.synergy-finance.com.au/](http://www.synergy-finance.com.au/)

## Community meetings & activities

### Pottery Classes

Laney the Clay Lady. Children, adult and group workshops - small, large and corporate team building events.  
Ph 0468 388 560

### Bible Discussion - Connect Group

New members welcome. Fridays 10.30am. in Gellibrand Fellowship Hall at St Barnabas Church.  
Jane Beavan 6239 9244

### Iron Plot Community Garden @ the Centre

Help garden, have a chat and/or help plan - Fridays 10-11am. Open for all the community to enjoy.

### Pizza Oven @ Community Garden

BYO wood, oven tools available by arrangement. Free to use but donations to the Community Garden welcome.  
Ph 0407 875 460 to book.

### Cremorne Community Group Inc

[www.cremorne.tas.au](http://www.cremorne.tas.au) | Facebook  
[cremornecommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:cremornecommunitygroup@gmail.com).  
Marquee hire for CCG members  
[ghr@pipshy.com](mailto:ghr@pipshy.com) | 0412 305 794

### Bridge

Calverton Hall, Wednesdays at 2pm. New members and beginners welcome.  
Noela 0418 600 707

### Bingo

7pm, first Tuesday monthly @ the Community Centre. Lots of fun!

### Craft Group

2nd, 4th & 5th Tues of the month  
12:30-3pm, Calverton Hall. \$4/session.  
Lesley Gore 6239 9321

### Rokeby Girls' & Boys' Brigades

Adventure for girls & boys 5-18yrs.  
Thu 5:30 - 7:30pm, at Emmanuel School.  
Libby 0416 277 101 | [eneduljee@gmail.com](mailto:eneduljee@gmail.com)

### Sandford Scout Group Friends

Fun, community service and adventure!  
Joey Scouts (5-7 yrs) Mon 5-6pm, Cubs (8-11 yrs) Mon 6.15-7.45pm Scouts (11-15 yrs) Wed 7-9pm Susanne | [sehovington@hovo.id.au](mailto:sehovington@hovo.id.au)

### SAPRA Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm at South Arm Community Centre. See p2.

### South Arm Community Centre Library, Op Shop & History Room

9 Calverton Place, South Arm  
Mon 10am-12pm, Fri & Sat 1pm- 3pm  
Market days 9:30am-1pm.

## St Barnabas Community Church

Morning service, Sun. 10am. W/bee 10am, 1st Sat./month. | Rachel Todd, 6239 9706 | Jane Beavan 6239 9244.

## Exercise & activities

### Cremorne Bowls Club

[www.cremorne.bowls.com.au](http://www.cremorne.bowls.com.au) 6248 9856

### Indoor bowls

Every Monday 1:30- 3pm Calverton Hall. Beginners always welcome!

### Evolve Fitness

Tue & Thu 5:30pm, Sat 8am. Sandford Community Hall .First Class Free.  
Susan 0488 707 056 | Facebook | [evolvefitnessaus@gmail.com](mailto:evolvefitnessaus@gmail.com)

### Jayne Martin Yoga

Slow gentle flow suitable for beginners. For more info, contact [jaynemartin04@gmail.com](mailto:jaynemartin04@gmail.com)

### Pilates - South Arm

Contact Helen on 0498 177 916

### South Arm Fitness & Wellness Hub

Gym open 24/7. \$14 /week, no lock in contract. Yoga 9am Mon.  
Laura 0421 859 408

### Tennis Court

\$10/hr. Book at South Arm Store or after hours. Kate 0409 845 245.

### Yoga at Lauderdale Hall

Strength & calm Asana, pranayama, Yoga Nidra & meditation. Wed 10.30-12pm.  
Margaret 0428 252 560

## Food & dining

### Fresh fish delivered door to door

Every second Wed 11am-1pm. 30+ years.  
Robyn 0438 721 448 | [robdaze@bigpond.com](http://robdaze@bigpond.com)

### Opossum Bay Store

Open 7 days. Great coffee, fishing, takeaways, groceries, tools, cards, petrol & friendly service. 6239 9134

### South Arm RSL & Community Club

Great meals, take-away, bottle shop.  
Dinner 7 days + lunch on Sun Pizza - Fri/ Sat; Asian - Sun/Mon/Tue/Thu. A la carte Wed/Fri/Sat. ph 6239 9171

### Touch of the MO Cafe

Mon & Tue Van 8am-2pm  
Wed - Sun Cafe 8:30am-3:00pm.  
Brunch, Chef's specials, snack menu, coffee cafe smoothies and more.  
Phone 6295 5532 | Facebook.

## Gardening

### AJs Lawnmowing & Maintenance

6 Calverton Place, South Arm. Call Andrew for a free quote 6239 9863 | 0422 992 479

### Emma Parker Garden Supplies

Pea straw \$15/bale. 0409 555 098

### Last Straw Garden Supplies SA

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## Landscaping, General Gardening

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Steve 0408 000 645 [sbishtas@gmail.com](mailto:sbishtas@gmail.com)

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[contact@catrionamcleod.com](mailto:contact@catrionamcleod.com)

## Home & property

### Activ8 Electrical & Data Contractor

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### Blakey's plumbing and maintenance [after hours]

Domestic plumbing, blockages & repairs.  
Robert 0410 118 254

### Construction & Carpentry

For all your building requirements.  
Simon 0405 936 652

### South Arm Home Maintenance

Retired carpenter for doors, plaster, painting, decks etc.  
Rohan 0424 644 451

### Flatrock Concrete

Formwork, concrete & excavations  
Justin 0439 915 386

### Greg Steinbauer

Gardening, odd jobs + home maintenance.  
0419 136 693 | [gstein101@gmail.com](mailto:gstein101@gmail.com)

### House-sitter Clare

Experienced, reliable, mature & local.  
Excellent references. 0450 417 061

### Interior Design

DIY consultations, new build & renos. Free discovery call.  
Kellie, Hello White Interiors 0421 972 370

### Reptile Ranger

Rescue & relocate snakes correctly.  
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0448 667 732 | Facebook

### Tim's Building and Maintenance

Decks, bathrooms, renovations, etc.  
0408 996 176

## Wicks Carpentry Services

Qual. carpenter - repair works, renovations, extensions, new builds, heritage works.  
0431 839 866

## Cleaning Services

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## Health Services

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[admin@conversetherapy.com.au](mailto:admin@conversetherapy.com.au)

### South Arm Community Pharmacy

4/3120 South Arm Rd 03 6239 9529, Fax 03 6239 9600  
[info@southarmpharmacy.com.au](mailto:info@southarmpharmacy.com.au)  
Mon -Fri 8.30am-5.30pm, Sat 9am- 12

## Special Interest

### Genealogy Research

Start your family tree or solve a mystery.  
\$50 initial review inc 2hrs research.  
Maree 0409 169 659 | [harriets.garden@bigpond.com](mailto:harriets.garden@bigpond.com)

### Maurice Potter History Room

SA Community Centre. Join the History Facebook group. [history@southarm.tas.au](mailto:history@southarm.tas.au)  
Michael Topfer 0400 416 099

## Transport & equipment

### SA Peninsula Community Bus

Social support & connections. Group hire available - 11 seats + vol driver, tow bar.  
Steve 0419 339 415 | [communitybus@southarm.tas.au](mailto:communitybus@southarm.tas.au)

### Wheelchairs and walker

Short-term loans to SA RSL Sub-Branch Members and Defence Services personnel (and dependents). Ken 0418 298 202.

### Community Transport Services Tasmania

Community based, not-for-profit providing affordable shared door-to-door transport.  
Call My Aged Care 1800 200 422.

## Venue Hire

### Calverton Hall & Oval Hall Hire

Anita 0415 512 661 | Kate 0409 845 245  
Tennis court after A/H as above. Key still available at the shop during the day.

### South Arm Community Centre

Special occasions, interest group or business meetings, workshops etc.  
0407 875 460 | [SAPRAPres@southarm.tas.au](mailto:SAPRAPres@southarm.tas.au)

## Volunteering

### Coastcare Opossum Bay & South Arm

1st Sunday of month. 10am -12noon.  
Different venues. Robyn 0400 119 519

### Coastcare Pipeclay

Autumn, Spring & Clean Up Aust Day working bees. 0408 121 304 | Facebook or [pipeclaycoastcare@outlook.com](mailto:pipeclaycoastcare@outlook.com)

### Wildcare—Deslacs(Clifton)

[info@wildcaredeslacs.org](mailto:info@wildcaredeslacs.org)

### Coastcare Mortimer Bay

Leanne 0408 498 468 | [mortimerbay@landcaretas.org.au](mailto:mortimerbay@landcaretas.org.au)

### South Arm Fire Station

South Arm Fire Station 2nd and last Tuesdays of the month, 7pm  
Cliff Munday, 2nd Officer, | 0476 015 911

### Sandford Fire Station

Training each Monday 7.30pm  
Ben Cox, Brigade Chief 0418 129 954

### Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club

President Matt Clingeffer, Secretary Katie Groom, [info@cliftonbeachslsc.com.au](mailto:info@cliftonbeachslsc.com.au)  
[www.cliftonbeachslsc.com.au](http://www.cliftonbeachslsc.com.au)

## Water carters

### IMKH Water Supply & Cartage

Domestic & civil. Marcus 0438 643 176

### Reliable Water

Tim 0419 614 457

### South Air Water

Damien 0417 928 377

### Streamline Water

Wayne 0418 125 096

## Wellbeing & health

### Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine

Dr Bec Emmerton (TCM). Treating pain, fertility, women's health, health & wellness.  
[bekemmerton@gmail.com](mailto:bekemmerton@gmail.com) | 0432 079 849

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Qualified. Home visits for relaxation or health concerns (chronic pain, sleep, circulation, & digestion). \$80/hr  
Tara 0457 327 482

### Naturopath / Nutritionist & Psychic Medium/Healing

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