



South Arm Peninsula News

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Photographic display captures South Arm Market's spirit

Ian Sale has been taking photos at the South Arm Community Market as a volunteer for five years. That's hundreds of images showcasing the vast array of factors that combine to make this event so special and ever-popular with locals, visitors and stallholders alike.

To preserve the market's stories, Ian has created six themed montages which now grace the Community Centre walls, the first in a series of new displays that document our history and celebrate our community spirit. People are fascinated by them, every time you look at one you discover something new!

Ian retired from this role after the January market saying it's time for him to experience it as a visitor. The SAPRA Committee, market team and our community heartily thank Ian for his work capturing and preserving so many wonderful memories for our community.

Ian says of the job:

"This is one of the best volunteer gigs there is...I have really enjoyed the role. For a keen photographer it's an opportunity to extend your skills but more than that, you're part of one of our great local institutions and a great team."

"It's a privilege to have been asked to take photos of this wonderful event. It also allows me to meet people who do a wide range of interesting things.... I've not just improved my photography but learnt so much more from the people I've met."

If you can't make it to the South Arm Community Centre to see the display that shares the joy of our market, go to southarm.tas.au/market-gallery. And if being the roving volunteer photographer appeals to you, please get in touch!

- Kerry Scambler | SAPRA President
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What are your Peninsula memories?

We hope you've been enjoying the wonderful memories shared in this series (latest on P7).

Whatever our age, we all make memories in this place, whether it's the 1950s or the 2000s, and we're hoping to find even more insights into life from all age groups.

If you're young, you might wonder why we want your Peninsula stories too - it's because history isn't just what happened, decades, hundreds or thousands of years ago, history started yesterday.

So whether you're 10, 20, 40, 60 or any age in between or older we'd love to hear about your Peninsula experiences. Get in touch!

- Kerry Scambler | SAPRA President
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Marketeers and Volunteers at the South Arm Community Market 2021-25
 SAPRA

Volunteers Thank You Day

11-2, Sunday 22 Feb
Iron Plot Community Garden

If you're a volunteer and live on the Peninsula, join us to connect and mingle with other individuals and groups.

RSVP to saprapres@southarm.tas.au | 0407 875 460

Hosted by SAPRA for all Peninsula volunteers

ML Egeria South Arm Peninsula History Cruises

Sunday 15 March 2026!

*Selling out fast!
Don't miss out.*

See p3 for how to secure a place.

We acknowledge the Palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal Community) as the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of lutruwita/Tasmania - its land and waters. We acknowledge their long history and deep connection to this place and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

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

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Friday 13 March 2026

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To address a committee meeting, please contact the President.

Do you like gardening?

If you do and can spare an hour to help your community, here's some gardening gatherings, if you'd like to join in!

St Barnabas Church - 1st Sat/month 10am-12pm

Iron Plot Community Garden @ the Centre

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SAPRA - all for our community



Welcome to 2026! We hope you're enjoying the summer with all its interesting variations!

The SAPRA team is back with two very welcome new committee members. Many of you would know Jacqui Stevens, previous owner of the South Arm shop for many years. She brings a deep knowledge and connection to our community. Our new Secretary, Lynn Ayers, has a background in governance and admin - a huge help to our executive. We all share a love for our Peninsula home on many levels, one of which is the people of this place...

It's what our community does... When locals Therese and Steve Soul had no plans for Christmas Day, they thought of those who, not by choice, spend Christmas alone and the seed was sown...

Supported by SAPRA and Calverton Hall, volunteers organised a quiet festive lunch. With donations of goods and funds, they cooked up Christmas fare and decorated the Hall. Attendee feedback was very positive about the food, the company and the generous spirit of the volunteers.

Thank you to the organisers, supporters and volunteers and the attendees who made the day special for all.

Welcome Carla Brown to SA Primary. We look forward to continuing a strong relationship with our local school. (P8)

Emergency Response Centre (ERC). Hall President, Anita Carlin, and I met with the Council's Emergency Management team in Jan. We were happy with the progress made and that our feedback is being incorporated. More updates to come.

Community Bus back on the road. Our bus was missed over January but it's back on the road in early Feb following repairs and accreditation inspection. Bookings are open so make sure you plan ahead - book early! (Contact details P9)

Centre upgrade. Thanks to Clarence Council sharing the costs, SAPRA can now invest in upgrading the servery in the Buchanan Hall. It's a busy hub whenever the centre and garden is used and also plays a part in our role as an ERC.

WIP. We continue to liaise with Council over issues including Harmony Lane and the centre carpark plus road safety, the SA raft, local toilets etc. Add in the History Refurb project, centre and bus management and yes, it's a busy time!

Please get in touch if you have any projects or issues you'd like to discuss.

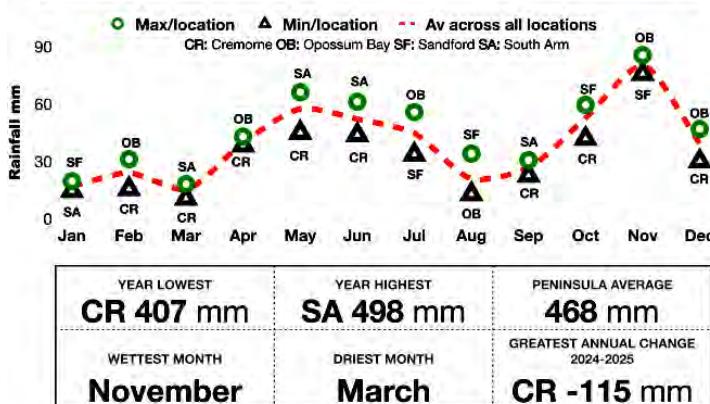
- **Kerry Scambler | President | 0407 875 460**
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Rainfall on the Peninsula

	Nov/Dec '25	'25 YTD	'24 YTD	
Cremorne	82.5/30	407	523	G. Rodven
Op. Bay	85.4/46.8	493.5	545.7	T. Quine
Sandford	75.7/37.3	474.2	549.3	B. Mollison
South Arm	76/43	497	422.5	G. Hay
IPGC	75.8/36.4	435.3	n/a	

See p3 for some Peninsula rainfall stats

2025 South Arm Peninsula Rainfall Review



2025 Peninsula Rainfall

The big stand-out for 2025 is Cremorne. As reported by our Cremorne volunteer, Geir Rodven...

- Last year's 407mm is 90mm below the 2009-25 average of 497mm
- Nov 2025's 82.5mm was the 2nd wettest Nov since 2009, only beaten by 106.5mm in 2013
- 2025 was the third driest year since 2009

That sad story is also reflected in the chart.

- Cremorne did not have the maximum monthly in any month of 2025
- Cremorne had the minimum monthly in eight of the twelve months of 2025

For all of us living on the Peninsula the bottom line is - value whatever we receive and use it wisely!

Clifton Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

Patrols: December was a busy month for the surf club, with patrols commencing on the first Sunday of the month at Clifton Beach. Our volunteer patrol hours run from 9.00am to 2.00pm on weekends and public holidays, with Surf Life Saving Tasmania providing paid lifeguards on weekdays at Clifton Beach.

New members: This season we are proud to be running eight patrol teams, welcoming 14 new members who achieved their Surf Rescue Certificate and many members who completed their Bronze Medallion — a fantastic effort from our growing club.

Bridport Carnival: In early December, our Nippers and senior surf sports competitors travelled to Bridport for the first carnival of the season. True to form, Tassie delivered sunshine, rain and some very strong winds! Despite the conditions, our Nippers had an outstanding performance, taking out the overall carnival win.

Training: January saw us host a Southern Clubs combined training session, with over 30 clubbies coming together for a morning of racing and connection, a hugely successful and enjoyable event.

It's not all hard work: We rounded out January with the Live and Local Music Festival, co-hosted with Powderkeg and The Clarence City Council. It was an epic night filled with great music, a fantastic atmosphere and strong community support.

- Matt Clingeffer, President | www.cliftonbeachslsc.com.au



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Share your thoughts on what you would like to see at Clifton Beach public spaces and beach reserves.



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ML Egeria South Arm Peninsula History Cruises Returning

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New Nurses Memorial to be unveiled on a significant date

The Sub-Branch has created a new memorial commemorating the service of Defence Nurses to be unveiled by President Terry Roe JP, Wing Commander (Rtd.) Sharon Bown AM and those with family links to the four nurses being honoured.



Whilst the Memorial specifically acknowledges four Tasmanian-born nurses from WW1 through to recent conflicts, it was created to honour and acknowledge the service of all nurses across the Navy, Army and Airforce from WW1 onwards.

The date of the unveiling coincides with the 84th anniversary of the sinking of the SS Vyner Brooke and the subsequent Banka Island Massacre during WW2.

All are welcome but please RSVP by 10 Feb to southarmrslsb@gmail.com to help seating arrangements. Please note all to be seated by 11:15am and wreaths are not required. The Club will be open for lunch following the unveiling – please book [6239 9171](tel:62399171).

We hope you can join us for this special commemoration.

- Anne V. James, Secretary, South Arm RSL Sub Branch Inc. | southarmrslsb@gmail.com

Sunday 15 Feb
11:30am

South Arm RSL
Memorial Park
2972 South Arm Rd

*Their sacrifice
won't be forgotten*

South Arm Calverton Hall

"Three in the Bed" - performed on 6 Dec by Rosny Park Drama Group. The hilarious evening was a huge success, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We hope that the group will return in the near future.



Christmas Lunch, for those in our community alone on Xmas Day, was organised by volunteers, supported by the Hall and SAPRA. It was greatly enjoyed by around 20 people who celebrated with delicious food, great conversation and lots of fun. A huge thank you to Therese and Steve Soul for organising this fantastic community event and to all those who kindly donated to make this such a success.

South Arm
Calverton Hall

Looking for a great event venue? The Hall is available for private events. Want to know more? Call Anita on [0415 512 661](tel:0415512661).

2026 Meetings: Committee - 20 Jan; 21 Apr; 21 Jul (all 10am) **AGM** - 22 Aug 7pm

Calverton Hall Regular Weekly Activities

Carpet Bowls Mon 1-3pm, **Craft** 2nd, 3rd, 5th Tuesday of the month,
Boxing Tuesday 5:30-6:30pm, **Bridge** Wednesday 2-5pm

Become a Calverton Hall member: Please visit southarm.tas.au/calverton-hall to become a member of Calverton Hall. Membership costs just \$2 and your support is greatly appreciated in helping to maintain this fantastic community asset.

- Anita Carlin, President, South Arm Calverton Hall | [0415 512 661](tel:0415512661)

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South Arm Markets

What a marvellous duo of markets we've had, both under blue skies and NO WIND!

The unlikely combination of Xmas traditions

- Santa and the local fire brigade spreading festive cheer and lollies, Justin with his reptiles and a wonderful face-painter - are always a hit.

January's market had a more relaxed vibe with plenty of new stallholders and, as always, the live music providing a great backdrop. A popular new attraction was cuddling baby goats!

Our thanks to all who work hard to bring this cherished community event to life each month.

See you at the next market!

The Market Musketeers



0432 281 022
market@southarm.tas.au





Clean Up Cremorne Weekend

Sat 28 Feb - Sun 1 Mar

Collection Bags:

Available start of week, at 3 Cremorne Ave.

Too busy on the weekend? No worries, grab a bag beforehand and collect during the week.

Leave collections at the Beach Reserve.

Hot spots to check:

Lagoon edge – check the tide (all the way out to hwy on the avenue), **jetty area** and amongst **bushes at Beach Reserve**. An easy clean up on your walk is around the lagoon edge where there is always lots of small glass.

Fun and prizes:

Prizes for finds of the weirdest, biggest, ugliest, most useful and prettiest!

Thanks to the Cremorne Bowls & Community Club we have ice cream/drinks vouchers for the top entries.

We look forward to a massive turnout.

Kind Request - February and March are typically hot and dry with lots of evaporation. If you have plantings out on a reserve area near your place it would be great if you could give them a bucket of water or two.

- The Coastcare Team
0408 121 304 | [Facebook](#) | pipeclaycoastcare@outlook.com



Stop Press: Save the date for an International Women's Day morning tea, Sunday 1 March 10am – 12 noon, (yes, we know a week early). Details to come.

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Festive Cremorne

Thanks to the Cremorne and wider community for a great festive season. The Christmas Market was once again a hit with over 30 stalls. The afternoon of Christmas vibes the week leading up to Christmas had fabulous festive spirit and thank you to all for who came along. A great day with Anita & Gary on acoustics, Wattlebanks for food, fun with the raffle and, of course, the man himself - Santa.



Cremorne Super 7's

The February long weekend (8-9) has the Club hosting the exciting Cremorne Super 7's bowls event. The Cremorne Super 7's will be contested by teams of four (4) players. To ensure competitive balance, each team may include no more than two (2) registered pennant players. Check out details at the Club's website for more information.



Cremorne Calendar

February (water your plants)

Monday 9* - Munchies/Anju Korean Street Food^{ft}
Friday 20 - Get Greek^{ft}

Saturday 28 - Clean Up Cremorne day 1

March (water your plants)

Sunday 1 - Clean Up Cremorne day 2
Friday 6 - The Ember Box pizza^{ft}
Friday 27 - Fried & Loaded^{ft}

April

Friday 10 - WFR American BBQ^{ft}

* Bowls event

^{ft} 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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Santa's Christmas Eve in South Arm

It wouldn't be Christmas without Santa dropping by the South Arm Oval for the traditional Christmas Eve Water Battle. Finding his sleigh not quite suitable for our local conditions, he arrived by motorbike - not his preferred mode of transport for personal comfort.

A big Community Thank You to Santa and all involved - the children (oblivious to the less than desirable weather), the parents watching or joining in and those on the truck hoses. Another successful event! But there was more ahead for SANTA....

Back at the Mo for a sausage sizzle, Santa had little time to rest before there were further demands for his attention, including that of an over-exuberant, senior citizen who could not contain her excitement, jumping at the chance to fill a vacancy on Santa's knee. Always a professional, Santa accommodated her with a smile.

After refreshing himself with a cold drink and sausage sandwich it was time for Santa to be on his way. Thank you Santa. See you next year!



Mentoring @ the Mo

Kristy has ensured that warm welcomes and friendly service with a big smile are always on the menu at South Arm's popular cafe, Touch of the Mo. Such a friendly atmosphere and great service does not come by chance. Kristy's young team has benefited from her experience and guidance in creating such a pleasant atmosphere. Her efforts were recognised by Business Eastern Shore with the awarding, in November 2025, of the **Vanessa Goodwin Mentoring Award**.

Kristy wears two hats - "boss lady" and "mentor" - providing the opportunity for many of our young locals to gain self-confidence, valuable social skills and customer service experience.

Congratulations to all @ the Mo!



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Quiz Night - Saturday, 2 May: Further details to come, but rest assured this is an exceptional event with an experienced Quiz Master, challenging questions compiled by a retired pedagogue and a trophy to die for. Previous winners have described this as a life-changing event.

To move you towards a quizzing state of mind here are some practice questions - *What was the name of the Lone Ranger's horse? Who were the Vogons? What is a donnybrook?**

Garden: Meanwhile, down at the shed the garden is going gangbusters despite the late arrival of summer. Kale was an early success but had limited appeal, but now the zucchini are going strong, the rhubarb delicious and the Scarlet Runner is in flower.

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

(*Answers: Silver; an alien race from the Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy; a wild brawl or mêlée.)

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Peninsula Memories - a Special Shack

I am Sally, second eldest in our family. What an adventure us kids were in for, Mum and Dad were going to build us all a 'Shack' in Opossum Bay!

In 1948 my Mum and Dad, Roy and Mollie O'May, purchased two blocks of land, paying 50 pounds for each block. There was no road into the land with the existing road ending at the Cannock's property in Gellibrand Lane. From that point it was quite a long walk to reach the land purchased, so every piece of building material, tools, cement etc, had to be physically carried.

With a lot of enthusiasm and hard work, Mum and Dad built a large sunroom with a fireplace and two bedrooms, one with 2 beds and 2 bunks. The view was magnificent from the sunroom, looking out towards the Derwent River and Mt Wellington. Later on, my Dad and his friend, Geoff Harper, a builder by trade, added a kitchen on the dwelling, originally an old shed cut in half. The foundations were from cement mixed with shell grit that was collected from the rocks below - a very common procedure in those days. A further sunroom and shower were later additions. Of course we also had an 'Outside Loo'.

Dad also built the boat shed, a huge job, as he had to dig out a lot of the bank then build the ramp. There was one time when our clinker dingy was washed away from the boat ramp, fortunately retrieved by the 'Cartela'.

Family and friends had so many wonderful holidays at our special shack at Opossum Bay, then later on with our own partners and children, we all shared some very happy times together. We enjoyed all the simple things in life - the beach, walks, taking the clinker dingy out (sinking it and turning it upside down so we could dive off it), playing cricket, fishing, swimming and playing with all the kids on the beach. Later Dad built us a paddle board then my brother ended up buying a speedboat, so we all learnt to ski, which was great fun.

Dad put the nets and cray pots out every day, providing us with an abundance of fish and crayfish. Mum was an excellent cook, so we had lovely seafood meals. I recall I went with Dad to collect the cray pots one time and, as I was pulling the pot up over the side of the boat, a huge octopus appeared - I screamed then dropped the pot back into the water.

I recall all the regular families over the years at Glenvar Beach - Vaughtin, Cannock, Macintosh, Hewitt, Salter, Turner, Harper, Ashdown, Buckpitt (Lighthouse Keepers), Miller, Calvert, Watson, Griffith, Chatterton, Gellibrand (Farmers) and of course the O'May family.

We had some wonderful events during the Christmas New Year period, a huge Bon Fire Night on the beach, a Beach Girl Competition and the Gellibrand family provided a cart with 2 beautiful Clydesdale horses for kids to ride in.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this little story of many happy memories.

- Sally O'May, Howrah



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Big brother with his son and family dogs

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South Arm Primary School

I am pleased to introduce myself as the Principal of South Arm Primary School for at least Terms One and Two.



My name is **Carla Brown**, and I bring over 26 years of experience in education across a range of roles. Most recently, I have worked in local schools including Howrah, Rokeby and Lauderdale.

My family has a long-standing connection to the Sandford/South Arm area, and I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with our students, families and wider community throughout 2026.

Alongside a strong focus on student learning and teacher growth, I am keen to strengthen relationships with our community and to further embed the Department of Education values. A key focus this year will be developing a shared sense of belonging and connection across our school community.

We would also love to see increased family participation in our *Launching into Learning* program for children from birth to four years of age. New and returning families are warmly encouraged to contact the school office for further information.

We will be hosting a welcome-back-to-school barbecue early in the year, and I look forward to meeting families then, if not before.

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



SOUTH ARM COMMUNITY PHARMACY

Back to School Vaccinations

The National Immunisation Program (NIP) provides free vaccinations at certain stages of life. Year 7 and 10 students may receive these at school but if you miss out or prefer a more private vaccination environment WE CAN HELP.

Ask Kim or Matt about what vaccinations are due and make an appointment.

Note that annual Flu vaccinations will be available from late April and COVID boosters are available by appointment.

South Arm Pharmacy, 3120 South Arm Rd., South Arm | [6239 9529](tel:62399529)

St Barnabas – a community space for all



Christmas Celebrations: 80 people gathered for our Christmas Carol Service followed by supper, thanks to all who enjoyed this lovely evening of song and friendship. On Christmas Day a smaller congregation attended the service taken by the Rev Andrew Lake.

A place for life's celebrations: Our beautiful old church is available for christenings, marriages and commemorations for everyone, locals and those from farther afield. Indeed, we'll be welcoming an out of area couple to be married by our own Beverley Elliott this year.

A great event venue: With its historic setting, beautiful grounds and kitchen facilities. Visit the Venue Hire page of our website to learn more. Enq. Linda Roe (03) 6239 9067 / 0438 679 320 | Rachel Todd (03) 6239 9706 / 0438 399 706 or Lyn Aylett 0455 227 271.

Sunday Services: 10am every Sunday and special days observed through the year such as Mothering Sunday and animal service followed by morning tea (Cuppa and a Cake).



Coming up: Bible study Fridays at 10:30 / Market stall 1st Sunday in the month. We are always looking for people to be involved in fun events such as shrove Tuesday pancakes galore (Feb) Services for Easter: Good Friday 3 April, Easter Sunday 5th April.

A brochure with the Church's history, ongoing programs, price guidelines for our cemetery, church services and contact details for our ministry and board members is available locally. .

- Jean Williams, St Barnabas | www.stbarnabas.au

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Friends of the Bays update

Paddle-out: In late 2024 Friends of the Bays convened a paddle-out and rally at Cremorne. Several hundred attended to show opposition to Petuna putting salmon pens in Storm Bay. Now, in 2026, the campaign goes on, and went back to Cremorne, on Sunday February 1st. We'll report on this event in the next issue.



Breaking news: Friends of the Bays has won a grant from the Global Salmon Farming Resistance. We hope to use this money to raise public knowledge and awareness of the east side of Storm Bay formed by Tasman Peninsula. This is a wild area - no dwellings or roads, and the coast is rugged. This stunning area, shown above, remains unknown to most people. We aim to change that. We think it should be a destination, not a for place for depressing rows of salmon pens - 22 of them!!

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

South Arm Volunteer Fire Brigade

Lolly Run: It was great to see so many of our community out and having fun and enjoying Santa handing out lollies on the lolly run! It was also terrific to have lots of people enjoying themselves at the water battle and thanks very much to all those who contributed to making this happen and for making it such a fun time.



Tasmania Fire Service

Planning a burn? While high temperatures are a major factor in the many fires that have been burning on the mainland, Tasmania's major fire threats are strong winds along with low humidity. So if planning a burn, please plan around a period of low wind and keep in mind that Tassie's main fire season usually doesn't begin until February so we're only just heading into it.

Thank you to all those who have been registering their planned burns (less than 1 cubic metre) online at [fire.tas.gov.au](#) or phone [1800 000 699](#). This helps reduce unnecessary callouts and as these burns are shown on the [TasAlert](#) app, it lets us and the wider community know when and where these will be happening.

As we are currently in a designated permit period, any burn larger than 1 cubic metre legally requires a formal permit - please phone [1800 000 699](#).

- Cliff Munday, 2nd Officer, South Arm Fire Brigade | [0476 015 911](#)

South Arm RSL and Community Club Inc



SOUTH ARM RSL AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC

Live music Velvet Divan 2-5pm, Sunday 8 Feb (no cover). Full bar service, book for lunch or dinner to bookend your afternoon!

Membership renewals have been sent and are now due with a special offer for those renewing by 28 February. New members are always welcome. Details on both are available on the link below, by contacting Steve or enquiring at the Club.

Bar and dining. Tony, Judy and their team provide great quality meals 7 days, friendly bar service with some of the cheapest bar prices around.

Happy New Year from the Committee - we hope to see you at the Club soon!

- Steve Hinton | Secretary/Treasurer | [0419 339 415](#) | [southarm.tas.au/south-arm-rsl-comm-club](#)

\$3,000 Scholarship

Now open for students under 21 starting University, TasTAFE, Skills Institute or similar course to help with costs in their first year of study. For an application form contact Steve or download from the link to the left.

• Residential
• Commercial
• Maintenance

Dylan Grubb
0400 132 725
sales@sandforelectrical.com.au
sandforelectrical.com.au

SOUTH ARM PENINSULA Community Bus

SOCIAL SUPPORT
Fortnightly shopping trips (\$8 person), and other assistance available. Particularly for those unable/uncomfortable to drive.

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS
Families | Friends | Common interest groups
Keep your group together on the journey. Enjoy their company and forget the hassle of driving/parking!

Enquiries: Steve - 0419 339 415
communitybus@southarm.tas.au
www.southarm.tas.au/community-bus

FITNESS IN THE PARK

South Arm Oval Thursdays 9.30am - 10.30am

Free fitness for all ages until 2 April 2026

Find out more ccc.tas.gov.au/fitness

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Peninsula Calendar

February

- 1: South Arm Community Market p4
- 8: Cremorne Super 7's Bowls Event p5
- 8: Live Music SA RSL Club p9
- 9: Cremorne Super 7's Bowls continued
- 15: Nurses Memorial Unveiling p4
- 22: SAPRA Volunteers Thank You Day
- 28: Clean Up Cremorne Weekend day 1 p5

March

- 1: Clean Up Cremorne Weekend day 2 p5
- 1: International Women's Day morning tea p5
- 1: South Arm Community Market p4
- 13: SAPN contributions due
- 15: ML Elgeria History Cruises p3



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 activites, 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

Accommodation

Cremorne Self Contained Cabin

Great rural location, close to beach. 0434 499 730 | www.airbnb.com/h/cremorne-trinity

Administrative Services

Justice of the Peace

Opossum Bay

David Skegg 0418 374 305 | 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

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

Naming days, weddings & more. Make your day unique. Tara Bellette 0408 367 932 | tarabellette76@gmail.com

Lyn Gallagher, Marriage Celebrant

Weddings, Naming Days, Renewing of Vows, Special Birthdays, Funerals. 0459 769 419 | hopefulandtrue@gmail.com

Marriage & other Life Event Celebrant

Saying I do? Let me be your guide - Beverley Elliot. 0460 519 037 | beverleyfe@gmail.com

Money matters

Synergy Finance

Your local partners for home and business lending. 0488 934 270 | jarrad.clark@synergy-finance.com.au 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 | Facebook cremornecommunitygroup@gmail.com. Marquee hire for CCG members 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

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

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 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

Jayne Martin Yoga

Slow gentle flow suitable for beginners. For more info, contact 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

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

Last Straw Garden Supplies SA

Pea & barley straw, horse/sheep/chicken manure, potting mix & organic compost. Free local delivery. Adrian 0427 976 618

Landscaping, General Gardening

Develop new gardens rejuvenate old, lawn mowing rubbish removal etc.
Steve [0408 000 645 sbishtas@gmail.com](mailto:0408000645sbishtas@gmail.com)

Worm poo and worms

Natural magic food for veg & plants. \$5 bag poo \$10 bag worms. Free local del.
Jill [0419 732 390](mailto:0419732390)

Horticulture

Consultant Horticulturist

Plant, weed + disease identification; plant specification; plant propagation + sourcing.
Dr Catriona McLeod, [0400 274 363](mailto:0400274363)
contact@catrionamcleod.com

Home & property

Activ8 Electrical & Data Contractor

Commercial & residential. Michael Calabrese [0407 281 383](mailto:0407281383) | www.activ8electrical.com.au | activ8electrical@gmail.com

Blakey's plumbing and maintenance [after hours]

Domestic plumbing, blockages & repairs.
Robert [0410 118 254](mailto:0410118254)

Construction & Carpentry

For all your building requirements.
Simon [0405 936 652](mailto:0405936652)

South Arm Home Maintenance

Retired carpenter for doors, plaster, painting, decks etc.
Rohan [0424 644 451](mailto:0424644451)

Flatrock Concrete

Formwork, concrete & excavations
Justin [0439 915 386](mailto:0439915386)

Greg Steinbauer

Gardening, odd jobs + home maintenance.
0419 136 693 | gstein101@gmail.com

House-sitter Clare

Experienced, reliable, mature & local.
Excellent references. [0450 417 061](mailto:0450417061)

Interior Design

DIY consultations, new build & renos. Free discovery call.
Kellie, Hello White Interiors [0421 972 370](mailto:0421972370)

Reptile Ranger

Rescue & relocate snakes correctly.
Permit 2001766. Craig [0424 441 488](mailto:0424441488)

Rockstar Tiling & Bathroom Renovations.

Waterproofing, tiling & bathroom renovations. Servicing Peninsula & Eastern Shore. Rick [0499 279 561](mailto:0499279561)

Snoopy's Gas Fitting

Install, service and maintain. Brett Newell [0499 560 929](mailto:0499560929) | sssnoopy11@gmail.com

Snake Catcher & Re-Locator

Registered. \$70 call out fee. Lauderdale, Sandford, South Arm [0411 511 769](mailto:0411511769)

Tassie handyman

Maintenance, carpentry, painting, fencing, small l/scaping, windows & doors.
[0448 667 732](mailto:0448667732) | Facebook

Tim's Building and Maintenance

Decks, bathrooms, renovations, etc.
[0408 996 176](mailto:0408996176)

Wicks Carpentry Services

Qual. carpenter - repair works, renovations, extensions, new builds, heritage works.
[0431 839 866](mailto:0431839866)

Cleaning Services

Regular residential cleaning, air bnb cleans, one off deep cleans.
Contact Ella [0427 340 203](mailto:0427340203)
ellagrwest@gmail.com

Heat Pump - service/installation*

Mates rates. ARC Licence No. L186161.
Contact Mark [0439 828 943](mailto:0439828943)
mtr33434@bigpond.net.au

* conditions apply

Health Services

Converse Online Speech and Art Therapy

Building confident communicators.
0487 718 750 | www.conversetherapy.com.au
admin@conversetherapy.com.au

South Arm Community Pharmacy

4/3120 South Arm Rd [03 6239 9529](mailto:0362399529), Fax 03 6239 9600
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](mailto:0409169659) | harriets.garden@bigpond.com

Maurice Potter History Room

SA Community Centre. Join the History Facebook group. history@southarm.tas.au
Michael Topfer [0400 416 099](mailto:0400416099)

Transport & equipment

SA Peninsula Community Bus

Social support & connections. Group hire available - 11 seats + vol driver, tow bar.
Steve [0419 339 415](mailto:0419339415) | 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](mailto:0418298202).

Community Transport Services Tasmania

Community based, not-for-profit providing affordable shared door-to-door transport.
Call My Aged Care [1800 200 422](mailto:1800200422).

Venue Hire

Calverton Hall & Oval Hall Hire

Anita [0415 512 661](mailto:0415512661) | Sarah [0459 240 084](mailto:0459240084). Tennis court after A/H Dave [0408 735 802](mailto:0408735802). 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](mailto:0407875460) | SAPRAPres@southarm.tas.au

Volunteering

Coastcare Opossum Bay & South Arm

1st Sunday of month. 10am -12noon.
Different venues. Robyn [0400 119 519](mailto:0400119519)

Coastcare Pipeclay

Autumn, Spring & Clean Up Aust Day working bees. [0408 121 304](mailto:0408121304) | Facebook or pipelinecoastcare@outlook.com

Wildcare—Deslacs(Clifton)

info@wildcaredeslacs.org

Coastcare Mortimer Bay

Leanne [0408 498 468](mailto:0408498468) | mortimerbay@landcarteras.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](mailto:0476015911)

Sandford Fire Station

Training each Monday 7.30pm
Ben Cox, Brigade Chief [0418 129 954](mailto:0418129954)

Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club

President Matt Clingeleffer, Secretary Katie Groom, info@cliftonbeachslsc.com.au
www.cliftonbeachslsc.com.au

Water carters

IMKH Water Supply & Cartage

Domestic & civil. Marcus [0438 643 176](mailto:0438643176)

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Tim [0419 614 457](mailto:0419614457)

South Air Water

Damien [0417 928 377](mailto:0417928377)

Streamline Water

Wayne [0418 125 096](mailto:0418125096)

Sandford Water Cartage

Marcus [0400 598 678](mailto:0400598678)

Wellbeing & health

Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine

Dr Bec Emmerton (TCM). Treating pain, fertility, women's health, health & wellness. bekemmerton@gmail.com | [0432 079 849](mailto:0432079849)

Tara Edwards Reflexology

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Tara [0457 327 482](mailto:0457327482)

Naturopath / Nutritionist & Psychic Medium/Healing

Amanda Erskine in Sandford.
Ph [0417 727 065](mailto:0417727065)

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