



SA Law Reform Institute visited Port Pirie in September 2020 for a community forum on Powers of Attorney. Report to be presented to the Attorney General in 2021.

Above: Dr David Plater and Mark Giancaspro with Geoff.

Review into the Courts Administration Authority

I brought to the attention of Parliament numerous concerns of harassment and bullying of Sheriff's who attend Courts across South Australia, after many hearings, submissions and interviews with interested parties the Parliamentary Legislative Review Committee inquiry into the Courts Administration Authority have finalised their report and recommendations. The committee gave harsh recommendations that they believe are needed to address the concerns raised. The report is available on the Statutory Authorities Review Committee's home page on SA Parliament's website. To access the Committee's home page please go to <https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Committees/Committees-Detail> (a page which lists all current parliamentary committees) and then go down the list and click on 'Statutory Authorities Review Committee'.

LIFELINE Challenge- Raising funds for a Mental Health Facility in Port Pirie



Geoff participated in fund raising to support Lifeline raise funds towards a Connect Centre. A place locals can visit and talk to a counsellor about their mental health concerns. Geoff raised over \$20,000 through donations from the community and businesses. Geoff agreed to first dye then shave of his moustache which had been there for over 50 years. Thank you to the Federal Hotel Managers Kylie & Mark Phillips for proving their venue for the challenge. Lifeline are now working toward a similar facility at Clare.

2020 Launch of the SA Grain Industry Blueprint

Geoff attended the Launch and is pictured with Hon David Basham MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Caroline Rhodes, CEO of SA Grain Industry.



Helen Dietman, Geoff Brock, Clare Ambrose (Lifeline) and Bev Argent were among supporters for Geoff's challenge.



Concessions

There are various concessions available to assist many households with their bills. Household concessions – includes, Energy, Water and Sewerage, Cost of Living Concession, Emergency Services (fixed property) Levy. See website for other concessions available.

To find out if your eligible go to: sa.gov.au and search concessions or you can select Concession Finder to find out what is applicable to your benefit card. Concessions SA Hotline (9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday - Friday) - 1800 307 758

NBN Information Session

Geoff attended the session held by Port Pirie Business and NBN Regional Development Team. Geoff, Mayor Leon Stevens, NBN team and Jill Bottral.



Getting into the Christmas Spirit

Geoff showed off his cooking skills by providing a local newspaper a recipe for everyone to share over the festive season.



Farewell to a valued staff member

Martine Wright, Geoff's Electorate Assistant and Research Officer for over 10 years was farewelled late last year. She will be missed by the Frome Electorate office staff and Geoff. We all wish Martine all the best in her new position.



Best wine of show 2020

Jim Barry Trophy won by Naked Run Wines 2020 The First Riesling. Presented by Tony Ganzis of Langtons, accepted by Laura, Evie and Steve Baraglia.

Watervale Primary School

Geoff hosted the year 5/6/7 to a tour of Parliament House in 2020, if your school would like to take part in a tour contact this office, or go to www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Visit/Tours for more information.



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COVID-19

The community has done a really great job in helping stop the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to restrictions and strict contact tracing systems is in place eg: QR codes at retail businesses. THANK YOU to everyone, your support of these measures is helping.

To keep up to date on the latest restrictions and resource information you can phone the SA COVID-19 info line 1800 253 787 or visit sahealth.sa.gov.au

Mental Health Support Line - 1800 632 753 (8.00am – 8.00pm) or chat on-line at SA COVID-19 Mental Health support line, or SAHMRI's The Be Well Plan - www.bewellplan.com

For National information www.health.gov.au - General Enquiries 1800 020 080

Advanced Mobile Location (AML) Emergency Response times

This new technology speeds up emergency response times for people in need of urgent help. AML allows smartphones to send an automatic location estimate when a caller dials Triple Zero.

"AML is capable of providing a caller's location within a 5-metre radius outdoors and a 25-metre radius indoors. SAPOL is one of the first 13 agencies in Australia to adopt automated AML."

If not already activated, AML initiates the smartphone's location service function for the duration of the emergency call, and de-activated when the call is terminated.

Working Hard for our Region



BROCK's BULLETIN

Hon Geoff Brock Independent Member of Parliament for FROME ELECTORATE

Frome's Regional News March 2021

Visit: SA.GOV.AU for all your Government Agency information

Santo Nino Festival and Port Pirie's new Bishop Karol Kulczycki



The photo was taken at the 10th Anniversary of the Santo Nino Festival an annual festival. Santo Niño or the Holy Child is a devotion dear to Filipinos around the world.

2021 Festival was the first celebrated by the new Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie, Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS. Bishop Karol was Ordained in his homeland of Poland in September and Installed as the Bishop of Port Pirie on 28 October 2020 at St Mark's Cathedral. Bishop Karol's Diocese covers 980,000 square kilometers, most of the state of South Australia, going up to and including Uluru. Much of his area is in the electorate of Frome.

Single Use Plastic Ban

The new legislation commences 1st March 2021, at first will ban single-use plastic items like straws, cutlery and beverage stirrers, and will expand to

include other items such as polystyrene cups, bowls and plates in early 2022. There is also a framework for adding more items in the future.

Port Pirie Parkinson's Support Group

This group was formed just over a year ago to provide support to those with Parkinson's, their support persons and family. They meet on the second Monday of each month at the Port Pirie RSL from 10.30 – 11.30 and invite you to come along and join their support group or talk to others that can help you with your quest for more information. Many persons diagnosed with Parkinson's are quite elderly or

frail, and currently they need to travel to Adelaide for appointments and medical support. Having a Neurologist Nurse or visiting Neurologist in Port Pirie would alleviate this. I fully support their aim to provide local professionals and am currently working to achieve a better health option for sufferers. If you would like more information on the group, contact Geoff Taylor Group Leader on 0402 119 072.



Riverton RSL

Geoff was honoured to join the Riverton RSL for the unveiling of the new WW2 Honour Board and the luncheon with members marking the 101st Anniversary.

Geoff with President Garry Wellington OAM.

GP Doctor shortage

Seeing a doctor locally when you need an appointment is not that easy, waiting times can long depending on your situation or whether you want to see your regular doctor.

There is and has been a shortage of doctors in Regional areas for some time and it is becoming increasingly worse. This is an issue that needs addressing to look at how we can encourage

more GP's to regional locations. I have consulted with local GP's, Port Pirie Regional Council representatives and the Federal Member Rowan Ramsey MP to discuss our options and what solutions there are to improve the availability of GP's in our local area. This is a priority for our communities which affects the health and wellbeing of people of all ages. I will be continuing

Australia Day Celebrations

Port Pirie



Betty Cousins received the Certificate of Merit



Kate Swaffer- Australia Day Ambassador, Geoff Brock & Lynn Akker. Kate is also a campaigner for Dementia and older people.

Redhill



Ray Kerr Redhill Citizen of the Year, Ray & Robyn Kerr with Geoff and Alan Zubrinich Deputy Mayor Port Pirie Regional Council Inset: Geoff receives the KEY to the town of Redhill as part of their Australia Day Celebrations.

to work with all stakeholders to improve the GP shortage.

Geoff is also working with The Rural Doctors Workforce Agency to assist in attracting more Doctors to Regional locations.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Geoff attended several schools in the Electorate to present the Premier Reading Challenge Certificates they included Mid North Christian School, Risdon Park Primary, Solomontown Primary, Blyth Primary School, and Pirie West Primary School.



Geoff presented certificates to Angelina Cojocsea, Shannayah McGregor and Korban Jon Angel of Airdale Primary School. All students had participated for a minimum of 8 years. The school also received a certificate from the Premier for outstanding achievement. Well done to all students who took part in 2020.

Blyth Primary School Presentations



Readers for life 2020 Coby Bigg, Brianna Ciardiello and Charlotte Welke Inset: Reception students 2020 Elsie Angus, Billy Edwards and Annie Honner

Brinkworth Garden Show



*Winners: Lorrain & Pete Landers
Norma Hardy (2nd) Jill & Fred Adams (3rd) Amanda Spencer (4th)*

Port Pirie Golf Club



Geoff was pleased to present the 'Geoff Brock Trophy' to this year's winner James Chivell.



Geoff attended the Port Pirie Golf Club to present trophies to Paula Sard, Erica Johnson, Tracy Swan and Carol Paterson. Congratulations to all the winners!

Sponsorship



Kelli from Hip Hop Bounce presents Geoff a thank you for Sponsorship. Hip Hop Bounce dance school fosters fun and friendly dance experiences in Hip Hop, Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Tap, Dance Fitness and Cheering. They celebrate teamwork, fitness and confidence.

New app gives support to South Australian businesses

On-the-spot financial support and services is available on a new app which compliments the SA Business Information Hub website, www.business.sa.gov.au.

It provides a simple and easy way for businesses to find out what's on offer from the State Government and

Australian Government. A tool that can point you to a website, a grant or a government agency that can assist, this new app is a valuable tool for small businesses across the state.

The SA Business Hub app is now available as a free download from the Apple Store and Google Play.

Premier's Certificate of Recognition for outstanding volunteer

It was a pleasure to present Val Tilbrook with this certificate. Val has been a champion of local history for 30 years. As member of the National Trust she has taken on roles such as President, Secretary and Treasurer. Always a friendly person who has taken numerous visitors through the museum. Congratulations to Val.



Rural Business Support (RBS)

Offer financial counselling services across South Australia and the Northern Territory.

They provide counselling to assist

- eligible small regional businesses affected by COVID-19.
- farmers and rural-related business

- agricultural support services
- farm business management programs and
- landowner information service

For more information visit: ruralbusinesssupport.org.au or phone, Free call 1800 836 211

NAIDOC 2020 celebrated at Clare



Quenten Agius, Chair of Ngadjuri Nation Aboriginal Corporation gave a traditional welcome to country. Workshops included clapstick making, cooking of Kangaroo Tail, a bead and painting were available. A Q&A session with Ngadjuri elders. Stalls included basket weaving, Animals Anonymous, Aboriginal artwork for sale, roving paleontologist Mr Flint.

Above: Geoff with Quenten Agius and Kim Mavromatis.

Regional Development Australia Yorke & Mid North (RDAYMN) Strategy Workshop



Geoff attended the strategic workshop which was an opportunity for government, industry and business leaders from the region to develop a strategic economic plan to facilitate growth and to develop a strategy to increase business investment and attract a workforce with the right skills.

Hon Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP, Member for Stuart, Hon Geoff Brock MP, Kelly-Anne Saffin, CEO RDAYMN, Rowan Ramsey MP, Member for Grey, Fraser Ellis MP, Member for Narungga and Bill Vandepeer, Chair RDAYMN