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We see care, defiance, creativity and community, core values of the solarpunk movement, being enacted in pockets all around us. We want to amplify these pockets into a vibrant ecosystem in Adelaide and beyond. As such, Solarpunk News will seek to be a gathering bag for local events, action, art, initiatives, and ever evolving collective conversation.

HOW THIS NEWSLETTER WORKS?

That's really up to you!

- For the community, by the community
- Send us your upcoming events, share your art, writing, and local success stories or more (Email details to: adlsolarpunk@proton.me)
- If you would like to be a part of the team, we need: people with skills in graphic design, writing, community engagement, or journalism
- It's completely open to change based on community feedback and needs

This newsletter exists to support and share events run by the local community - we want to hear from you!

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

This section is where you can share any miscellaneous announcements. Send in your:

- Things to swap or give
- Looking for a team or someone with skills
- Mutual aid callouts

Send a letter to your local MP to save the Murray-Darling:
mdca.org.au/dry-rivers-kill/

Expand the city connector bus petition:
mailchi.mp/9369fda28ec3/cityconnector

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Follow for local COVID updates and community health resources

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SAVE OUR SPACES: BIKES FOR REFUGEES

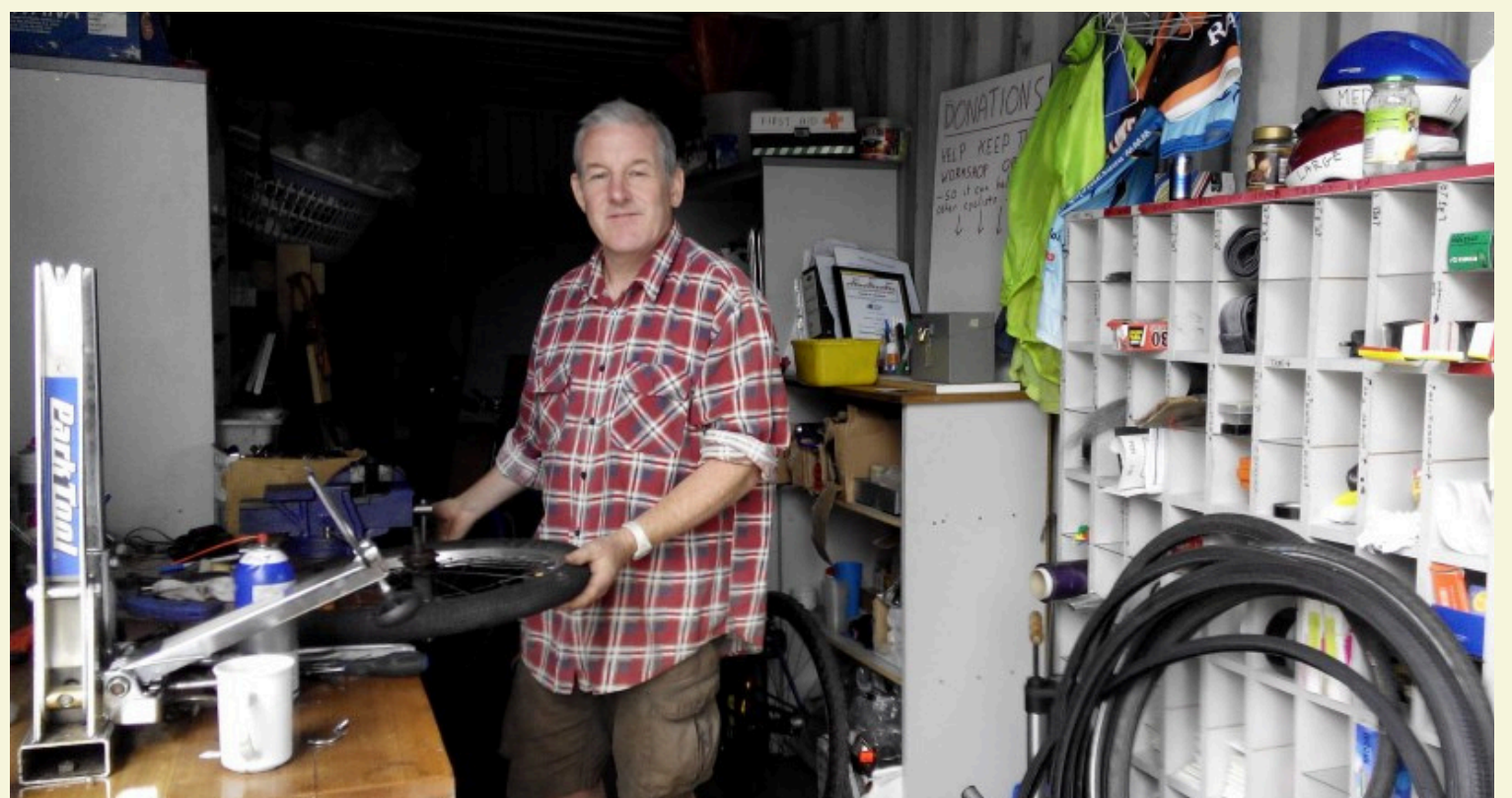
The Save Our Spaces group recently met with Mike Brisco from Bikes for Refugees, at The Joinery, to understand their needs at the space which is scheduled for demolition later this year, and to hear about the amazing work they are doing.

They operate as a charity with bikes donated to them for refugees and other people in hardship. Working alongside *Ames* who help refugees they have about 10 volunteers who fix roughly 30 bikes a week. In 2024 they got 1200 back into service. Around 800 people got a free bike via referral, and surplus goes to other places such as the Saturday bike markets.

Also 100 bikes went to bike SA's active bike program, for educational sessions in schools in disadvantaged areas. Around 50 went up to Aboriginal communities both in SA and the Northern Territory who have programs that teach kids how to fix bikes.

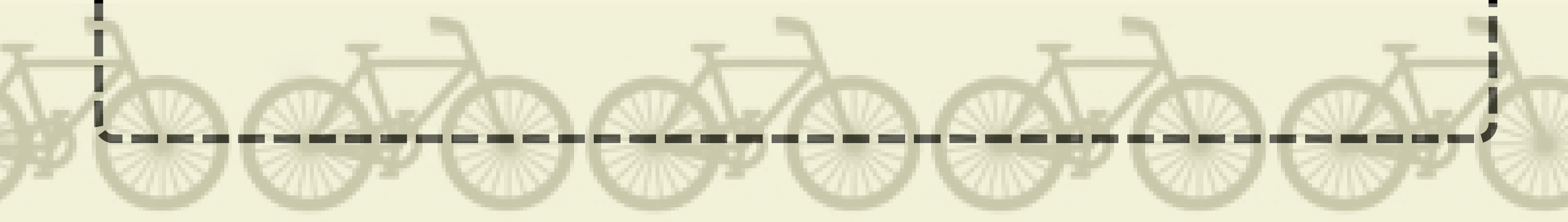
Unfortunately the government's uprooting of The Joinery will impact this great initiative. They've spent 10 years investing in their space at the Joinery. Their central location makes it accessible to the widest proportion of Adelaide residents, and the enclosed car park offers people a place to test their bikes regardless of bad weather. "If the place closes it's going to be hard to find some place that matches that." Mike stated.

At present the state government has offered no solutions to the numerous communities who will be evicted when The Joinery is demolished, and clearly have missed the value provided to the community. The volunteers who put 4,000 hours of work into this place in 2024 obviously feel the value. They provided \$75,000 worth of bikes, \$8000 of tool kits given, \$5000 of direct help and \$55,000 raised for other charities all within 155 sq meters of a car park. Enough space for about 10 cars. **The total benefit to the community, counting these direct costs, as well as savings from reduced car trips, health benefits, reductions in pollution, etc. is around \$900k.** Without Bikes for Refugees, this cost would then be passed back to the community, primarily onto some of the most vulnerable people.



The tiny space of the Adelaide Community Bicycle Workshop where Bikes for Refugees is conducted

Save Our Spaces will continue to advocate for these community spaces, and has launched a public campaign to 'Save Our Joinery'. Find out more on Mastodon: @saveourspace_sa@adlsolarpunk.net or Instagram: [@saveourspace_sa](https://www.instagram.com/saveourspace_sa)



QLD TRANS YOUTH HEALTHCARE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

On 28 January 2025 the QLD Health Minister directed Children's Health Queensland to pause the provision of gender affirming care, puberty blockers and gender affirming hormone therapy, to any new patients under the age of 18 Queensland. This ban goes against an independent report into gender affirming care in Qld issued in 2024. This review of the QLD transgender healthcare system concluded support and access for gender affirming care should be INCREASED. This decision not only put the lives of hundreds of transgender youths at risk, but also marks a clear attempt by conservatives to import cruel anti-trans rhetoric to scapegoat trans people and foment division in the population.

In response to this threat, national trans and allied communities, led by Trans Justice Project, organised a day of action, which consisted of 21 rallies in nearly every major population centre. In just one week the Trans Justice Adelaide group (established by TJP but independent) planned a rally, its first major event, which was attended by about 800 locals including many trans people, allies and many supporting organisations and communities.



National Day of Action rally at Parliament House, Adelaide

The support from the local community was amazing, and shows the energy and care that people are willing to give to protect each other. The day of action with more than 16000 people marching nationwide may be the largest mobilisation in support of trans rights in the country's history.

While the future of QLD's trans healthcare remains uncertain, TJP is continuing a campaign of pressure on the Qld health minister Tim Nicholls to reverse the intrusive and dangerous decision. (You can learn more and take action here: transjustice.org.au/ban)



Interviews were conducted for a news segment on ABC news



Pictured above, Trans Justice Adelaide also facilitated postcard making for a national campaign to send vast quantities of postcards to Tim Nicholls to show how much public support there is for trans healthcare. This is in progress currently.



The rally also included a social picnic in the parklands

“Organising a rally with a small activist base in just over a week was daunting. What we found was the ability in the organising group although undiscovered was broad and deep. The local LGBTIQ+ community stepped up and helped us heaps. The major lessons learnt were trust ourselves and our allies. Don’t get too bogged down on getting everything perfect, it will be okay. Lean on those with previous experience.

Remember to video the speakers”
~Chrissie, TJA

I think I speak for many of us trans people that I am anxious about the upcoming election where more destructive rhetoric is certain to be spread and more attempts will be made to bring US style restrictions and discriminations against us. I hope that we can build our communities and support networks faster than they can tear them down.

You can find future updates or get involved with Trans Justice Adelaide by going to Mastodon:
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BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY



The new garden bed constructed at Rewind Studios

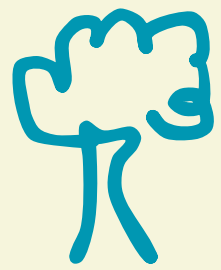
The Backyard Biodiversity community group has held its first working bee, constructing a garden bed at rewind studios designed as a mini community garden. Backyard Biodiversity plans to construct more community oriented mini gardening projects, as well as rebuilding native biodiversity along rail lines with the assistance of the Railcare initiative. If you are interested in volunteering on these sorts of projects please reach out to shannon.evenden@gmail.com

BRINGING CAPACITY BACK TO PEOPLE

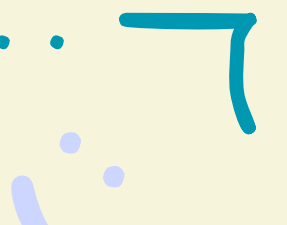
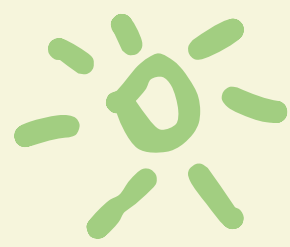
One of the big things that's lacking at the moment is capacity. Having several jobs to make rent leads to a lowered capacity. While it would be amazing if each person had a fully self sustaining garden at the moment look for the first thing that needs fixing in the life that your friends and community live in right now. Why isn't it fixable immediately and how much does this affect your capacity. There are small ways to come across fixes. Do you have a leaky tap? How long has it taken to be fixed and how is it impacting you financially? Offer the access to mutual aid and community you have. Skill build with your community. Check out the skill building events.

To have mutual aid among community you should skip the middle man and donate directly. Depending on your income send \$2-\$10 for each you see or have a set weekly limit from \$5-\$100 to share. Mutual aid is solidarity not charity. make sure in your own life while building communities around shared skills to benefit each of your lives that you're taking time to regenerate. attend your local libraries and community centres for aircons and more events. We've successfully sustained many events towards further community building.

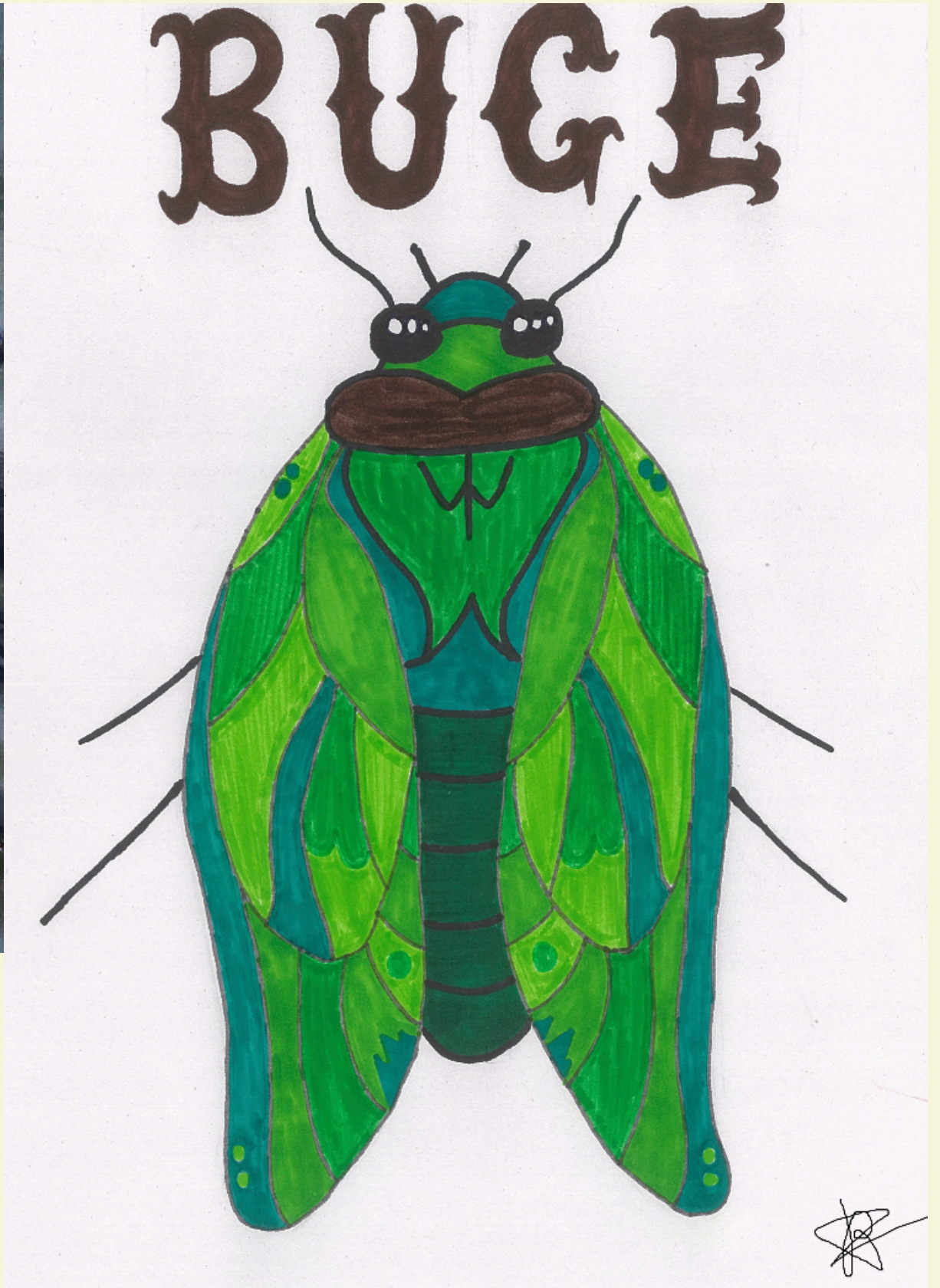
don't forget part of being a person is the types of art we can create together too. connections mean a lot in any movement. ~Aaron



COMMUNITY ART WALL



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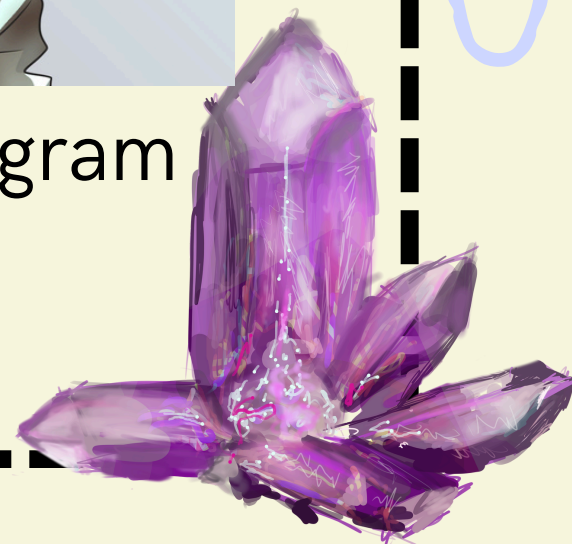
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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Found and submitted local events

(Events are clickable for more info on the digital version)




= RSVP or booking req.

Advocacy

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Sea Week</u>	March 1-9	Nation wide	Promote ocean literacy during Sea Week and inspire students to learn about ocean risks and their solutions.
<u>SA Unions - International Women's Day March</u>	Mar 8, 10:30am - 12:30pm	Tarndanyangga / Victoria Square	
<u>March for Forests</u>	Mar 23, 12pm	Tarndanyangga / Victoria Square	Organised by the Bob Brown Foundation It's time to end native forest logging!

Solidarity

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Art Exhibition - Adelaide Fringe "Palestine: A Land of Three Faiths"</u>	Mar 1-16 Mon/Wed/ Fri: 10am-4.30pm Sat/Sun: 4pm-8pm	Palestine Centre for Peace	artworks by artists with backgrounds in the three religions
<u>Koteka Wenda: West Papuan Storyteller</u>	 Mar 4 7pm	Bradley Forum in the Hawke Building, Unisa City West	West Papua - Breaking the Silence: The Slow Genocide on Australia's Doorstep Told Through Music and Personal Stories. Please either email dave-arkins@bigpond.com or text 0408345593 to RSVP
<u>Trans day of visibility</u>	Mar 31		Annual international celebration of trans pride and awareness, recognising transgender, gender diverse and non-binary experiences and achievements!

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Skill-Building



Event	Date	Location	Info
Free Marshal Training	Mar 7 1:30-4pm	Email batswing@protonmail.com for info	Free training for non violent community protection and support of protests and other community events
<u>An-Com reading group 5 - Principles of Anarchism and Historical Examples</u>	Mar 8, 3-5	State Library SA	Welcome to the fifth session where we are going to discuss two historical examples and examine them with the principles of Anarchism. 1. Paris Commune 2. Spanish Civil War (see facebook for reading list)
<u>Your Winter Asian Veggie Patch</u>	March 13 8-9pm	Online	Online gardening workshop
<u>Splish, Splash, Splosh!</u>	Mar 14 10-11am	Marion Outdoor Pool	Suitable for ages 3-6 year olds. Water safety information, storytelling, craft and swimming, if you choose! Please note: One supervising caregiver to two children under the age of four.
<u>Green banking (aka sustainable finance)</u>	Mar 15 10:30-11:30am	Payneham Community Centre	Workshop at One Planet Market, Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical lending • Divestment from fossil fuels • Financial greenwashing • Resources to help you choose a bank or loan

Regeneration

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>IWD: Women & Wellness Morning</u>	Mar 8 9-11am	Aldinga Payinthe College	Start your morning with a 45 minute mat pilates class, followed by a relaxing meditation and sound healing. Finish your morning with a free coffee while you enjoy some live music from young local musicians. Please BYO yoga/pilates mat or towel , water bottle and sun safe/active clothing. Ages 12+ welcome - this event is designed to be a great intergenerational activity.

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Social

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Adelaide Writers' Week</u>	March 1-6	Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden	Free literary festival, for writers and readers, to spend time sharing ideas and literary explorations in a garden setting in Adelaide's city centre. Six days of free panel sessions that are presented live in the gardens, and made available online via podcast.
<u>Creative Connections</u>	Mar 3 10am-12pm	Cove Civic Centre	A welcoming and creative gathering where crafters of all skill levels come together with their own projects and supplies.
 <u>Twilight Picnic at Glandore</u>	Mar 14 5-7pm	Glandore Community Centre	FREE event! Live Music, Food for Purchase or BYO Picnic, Playground and Lawn Games, Meet Your Neighbour Picnic Table. Remember to bring your picnic blanket (some blankets and tables provided) ✨
<u>Uraidla Sustainability Fair</u>	Mar 16 10-4pm	Uraidla Show Grounds	Ask questions and chat with passionate local people about making small changes for a brighter future. Panel led by Professor Andrew Lowe. Enjoy food and wine, ethical fashion, sustainable stalls, local makers, live music and kids activities.
 <u>Sage garden party (New date)</u>	Apr 13, 3pm	The Joinery	New date rescheduled from Dec. Celebrating connections, nourishing our activism, learning from passionate folks, and dancing to live music! All welcome, including kids. It will also be our last celebration at our home of the past two years - the Joinery!

Sustainability

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>XR Action: Santos We are Watching You</u>	Mar 3 10:45am	Meet opposite Santos Finders St	chanting, banner holding, chalking, drumming, and more: 10.45 Meet / set up across the road. 11am Action, 12noon Coffee & chats
<u>Autumn Garden Sale Glandore Community Garden</u>	Mar 8 9:30am - 1pm	Glandore Community Centre	Shop a wide selection of affordable plants, vegetables, and unique edibles, all grown locally in Adelaide. All proceeds help support the garden's growth and sustainability.

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<u>Opposing AUKUS, hosted by the Hindmarsh Greens</u>	Mar 13 6:30pm	Masonic Hall Port Adelaide	
<u>National Ride2School day</u>	Mar 21	Nation-wide	Join more than 350,000 students across the nation who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school on Friday 21 March. Register online
<u>Earth Hour</u>	Mar 22, 8 pm - 9pm	At home	Switch off all lights as a symbolic step towards sustainability, and join various other initiatives
<u>XR Action: Santos AGM</u>	April 9th, time and place TBC		If you want to find out more or get involved, come along to the next all-in meeting, see <u>on facebook</u> or in Ongoing Services/Events

Ongoing services/events

Previously listed ongoing services - Find full details at <https://news.adlsolarpunk.net/ongoing-events-and-services/>

Weekly

- Adelaide communist collective (CUDL Street Kitchen)
- Inside Out: Be who you are on the inside in a safe space
- Lived Experience Leadership and Advocacy Network - Alternatives to Suicide
- North Adelaide Community Centre Community Garden
- Palestine Rally
- Rewind Drop-In Days
- The Kurry Kitchen
- Yoga @ ABK
- Gay Bingo SA

Fortnightly

- Kukes Jam Session
- Sunday Morning Gardening Club
- Tea Tree Gully Sustainability Group

Monthly

- Adelaide Repair Cafes
- LGBTIQ Book Group
- Neurodivergent Adults Meet Up
- Recycled Reads - City Library Book Sale
- SAGE
- SAMESH Sustainable Style (every 2nd Sat)
- Surrey Downs Garden Group
- Transformations - Social Trans-Friendly Catchup

Other

- First Nations Dance Program: Community Office



New or updated ongoing services/events:

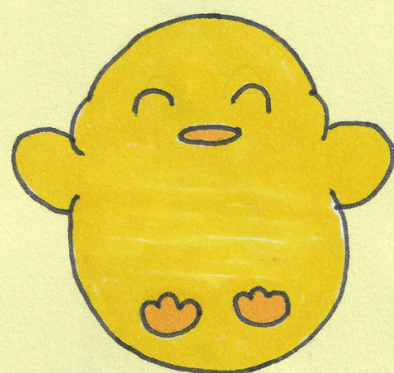
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<u>Ozharvest Free Market</u>	Tue 9am-12pm, Wed 4-7pm, Thu 9am - 12pm	27 Manton St, Hindmarsh	Our new free market in Hindmarsh provides rescued produce, pantry staples and cooked meals to people in need based on a 'take what you need, give if you can' philosophy.	
<u>Community Bike Workshop Market</u>	10 am-3 pm Sat (except public holiday weekends)	The Joinery	Bikes of all types that have been repaired, checked and for sale at very reasonable prices. All proceeds go towards keeping the workshop running with excess funds donated to refugee charities.	
(Fruitfly outbreak disruptions may apply, check FB for updates)	<u>Everard Park Produce Swap</u>	9.30 am - 10.30 am, last Sunday of every month	Near the playground in Everard Park Reserve	Please bring any homegrown produce, including fruits, vegetables, flowers, seeds, seedlings, cuttings and homemade items like jams, chutneys and baked goods.
	<u>Seacliff Community Produce Swap</u>	9.30 am to 10.30 am on the last Sunday of every month	Kauri Reserve	Bring along any excess homegrown fruit, vegetables, herbs, flowers, nuts, seeds and seedlings or homemade jams, preserves and baked goods. At 10 am sharp everyone is welcome to take whatever they would like.
	<u>Essential Edibles Produce Swap</u>	9.30 on the first Sunday of every month	one of the green tables near the tennis courts at Joslin Reserve	No cash changes hands - it is all about sharing, a way to reconnect with the community and mostly about generosity. Fruit & vegetables, herbs, flowers, plants, seeds, cuttings, seedlings, preserves, jams, homemade baked goods, or just come along for a chat and to swap some stories.
	<u>Campbelltown Community Produce Swap</u>	9.30am-10.30am, last Saturday of every month (excluding December)	Athelstone Community Garden	bring along any excess fruits, vegetables, herbs, nuts, flowers and seeds to share while embracing and getting to know their local community. We also have a FreeCycle table for items (eg kitchen items, books, ornaments etc)

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<u>One Planet Market</u>	9am - 12 noon on the 3rd Saturday of each month	Payneham Community Centre	Morning Tea and Coffee, Local Native Plants and Produce, Repair Cafe 9:30 am, Swap&Share, Local Exchange Trading System, FreeCycle, Live Music, Info table, Free workshops on practical topics at 10.30 am
<u>Talk Out Loud Hub</u>	Always open?		The Hub has been designed as a safe space for anyone in need of social connection and includes a large blue pool table, sofa beds, coffee/tea facilities, TV and vintage video games, free Wifi and a small kitchenette downstairs. It is open 24 hours with keyless entry and free for anyone over 18 to use after hours.
<u>Coffee Pots (pride of the south)</u>	every 3rd Sunday of every month	The Aussie	Social get-together for the LGBTIQ+ community and friends and families. All ages are welcome a great way to meet new people in the South. Listen to local bands and have social time in a safe environment. People under 18 welcome but must have a parent/guardian present or their consent.
<u>Duck Radio</u>	Every sunday		Radio station.
<u>Pink Ink Slingers Club</u>	Every third Sunday. Drop in between 11am and 5pm.	Three of Cups Teahouse	Be yourself and write in a quiet, comfortable place. Neurodivergent friendly. You don't have to worry about workshop activities or discussions. You can just take the time to write. And you can write whatever you want; stories, plays, fanfic, screenplays, poetry, comics, zines, essays etc.
<u>LGBTQIA+ arts therapy</u> 	Every wednesday		
<u>Inky Fingers</u> 	First Mon of month	Summit Cafe Glandore	monthly comic workshop led by the brilliant Adelaide comics artist George Rex! Each session stands alone and is open to all drawing levels. All materials supplied. Suitable for ages 8-14.

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<u>CONNECT/ CREATE</u>	First Sat. every month 12-3pm	Junction Hackham Communit y Centre	Teach the group your favourite craft or bring your own projects to complete. Art and crafts materials available supplied and attendees are welcome to bring your own crafts. Try out our creative projects or simply come along to connect with the POTS community. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate supplied. BYO nibbles.
<u>Salisbury Hub After Dark</u>	Mon-Wed evenings until 8.30pm (excluding public holidays)	Salisbury Communit y Hub	Ideal for: Quiet activities, Reading, Study, Work, WIFI, Public computers
<u>Bower Cottages Fruit n Veg Swap</u> <u>(Fruitfly outbreak disruptions may apply, check FB for updates)</u>	FOURTH Saturday of every month from 10:00am - 11:00am	Bower Cottages Communit y Centre	Swap starts when the bell rings at 10:30am. Bring along your homegrown excess fruit, vegetables, herbs, seedlings, plants, seeds, honey, eggs, preserves and baked goods. Stay for a cuppa and great company and leave with a basket for all produce exchanged with your neighbours.
<u>Double Diversity</u> 	Mar 25 5:30-6:30pm	U City	Gender diverse youth group & parents of gender diverse children. Two groups. One project. A place to connect.
<u>Queer Quest 2025</u> 	Mar 4 4pm - 5:45pm	Headspace Port Adelaide	free social drop in for young people 12-17 who identify as LGBTIQA+ or as an ally of the queer community. Each fortnight you can drop in from 4:00-5:45pm at headspace Port Adelaide to hang out with new friends, play board games or Switch games, do arts and crafts, or bring your own activities to do.
<u>Extinction rebellion all-in meeting</u>	Monthly		Come along and find out about various community led campaigns to put an end to fossil fuel usage in SA




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Don't touch someone's mobility
device or assistive technology.

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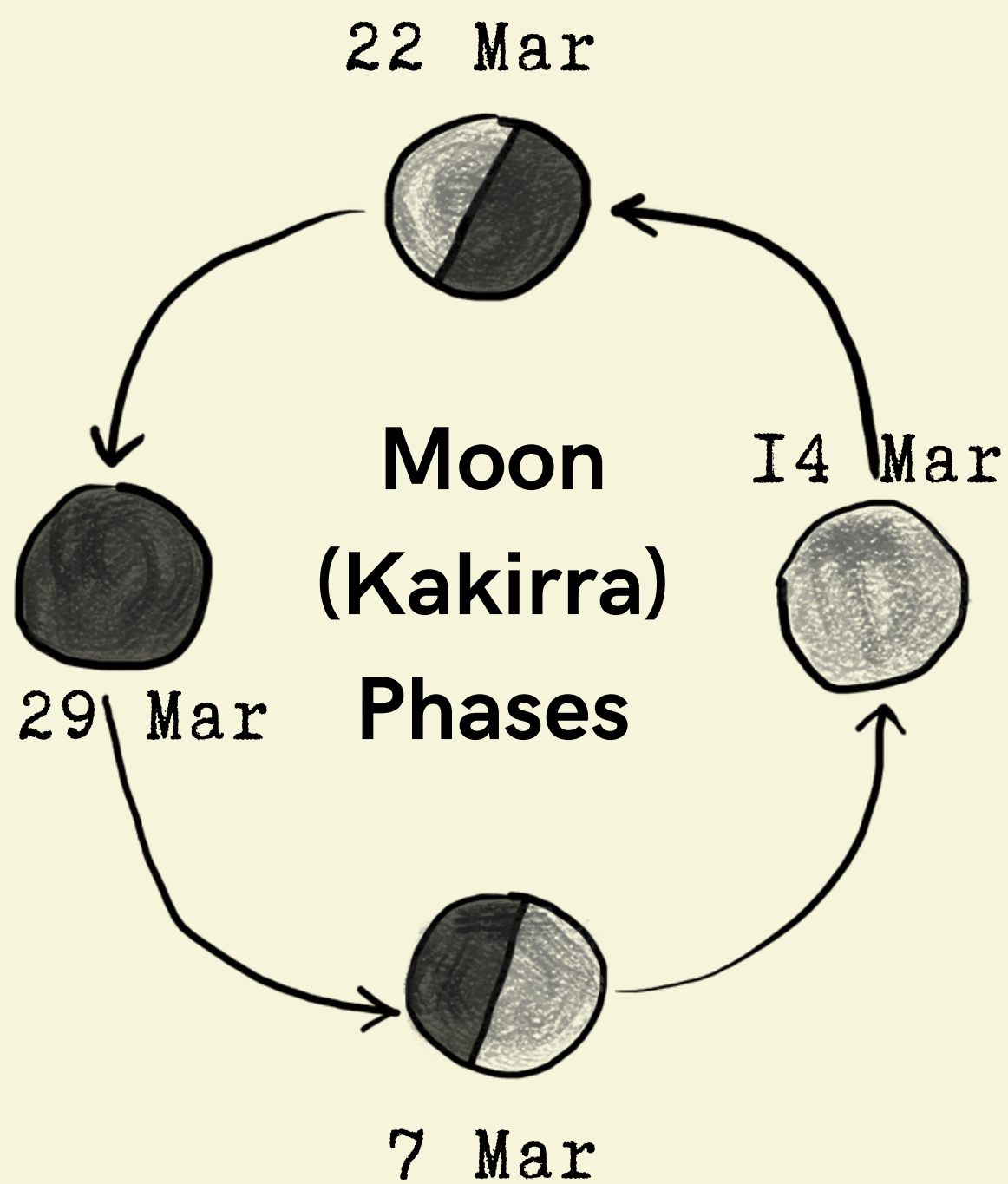
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<u>Critical Mass - Sci Fi and Fantasy discussion group</u>	The third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Minor Works Building	Critical Mass meets on the third Wednesday of every month to discuss Science Fiction and Fantasy works. Each month has a guest speaker focussing a specific topic.
<u>Safe Haven Mental Health Free Walk-in</u>	Tuesday - Friday 5-9 pm	9 John Street, Salisbury	Immediate support - no referral, appointment, or Medicare card required. Drop into Safe Haven for a chat about whatever is troubling you, a cup of tea or coffee, or to simply hang out!
<u>Talk Out Loud Thrive</u>	Tuesdays 3:30-6:30pm		Just drop in, no appointments needed
<u>North Brighton Community Garden - New Member Orientation</u>	First Sun every month, 10:30-11:30am	North Brighton Community Garden	Want to learn about what we do and how you can be involved in the garden, come along to a new member orientation session.
<u>North Brighton Community Garden - Morning tea gathering</u>	Wednesdays 10-11am	North Brighton Community Garden	Everyone is welcome to join us for morning tea at the North Brighton Community Garden. Enjoy a drink, good conversation, and tasty food. You can stay after tea to help with gardening activities. What to bring: gardening gloves, a drink, and food to share (optional).
<u>Chill n chat</u> 	Wednesdays during school term, 3.30-5.30pm	Aberfoyle Community Centre	Year 7 to Year 12 in high school will be able to use the centre space to connect with others, take some time out or try out a new activity.
<u>Linux Support Group</u>	Weekly on Fridays 2:30-4pm and second Wed monthly, 7:30-9:30 pm	Minor Works Building	Find out where open-source computing came from, see the system demonstrated, play with our desktop and apps, receive a sample version to try on your machine. We'll help install Linux on your PC (when you're ready). Support for your use and learning of Linux.
<u>Something @ City Library</u> 	3rd to last sat of month? 2pm - 4pm	Adelaide City Library	We have a fun range of activities for all ages, from board games and LEGO, badge-making and bracelets, to puzzles and crafts. The activities are constantly changing, but the fun never does.

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CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD AROUND US

With the artificial rhythms of our constructed environment, it is easy to lose track of the patterns and cycles of our ecosystem. The first step to valuing the world around us is to be aware of its changes.



Planting guide for sowing seeds in Adelaide (March)

- **Veggies:** beetroot, brassicas (e.g. broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower), broad beans*, bush beans, garlic, kale, leek, lettuce and other salad greens, peas*, silverbeet, spinach, spring onions, swede
- **Herbs:** basil, chervil, chives, coriander, parsley, thyme
- **Flowers** for pollinators: borage, calendula, cornflower, sweet alyssum

*better suited to cooler areas such as the Adelaide Hills at this time of year

Current Kurna Season: Warltati

(Approx Jan-Mar)

- Heat, thunder, lightning, dry breeze
- Astronomical indicator is the Sun (Tirntu)

Plant and Animal Indicators

- Kangaroo chief supply of food
- Yabbies come out of the mud
- Grey Teal fly north if the Murray Darling Basin floods

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