

## TO ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES OF EUDUNDA & DISTRICTS

Please come onboard and become a member of ECBaT.

Attached is an invoice from our committee, for your annual subscription as a business member of ECBaT for 2021/22. For those who are already members, we appreciate your support, and ask that you continue to do so.

Our committee receives no other funding. We apply for grants for each major individual project. Your small contribution is very much needed to enable our work to continue for smaller projects & contribute to bigger projects. Without our committee it's unlikely many town improvements would ever happen.

To update you on what has been happening (and there's been quite a lot) I follow with my Chairperson Report:

### *CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2020/2021*

*Our AGM was delayed until August last year due to the restrictions placed on us by this Covid Pandemic.*

*Despite our AGM being on time this year – who would have thought we are still in the grips of Covid!*

*Big Thank you to you all for your support in my very first year as the ECBaT Chairperson. and ...Oh, what a year!!*

*Disappointingly, Covid was responsible for the cancellation of our much loved Eudunda Christmas Street Party and continues to this day to raise its ugly head from time to time to create obstacles, lockdowns and generally a new and very different way of life for us all.*

*One in which we must look out for each other and be mindful of the stresses and strains this has placed on our local businesses and those more vulnerable members of our community who are struggling to adapt – both physically and mentally during these tough times.*

- Despite this we managed to host a scrumptious “Covid Safe” Australia Day Breakfast which was well attended with our very own Annie Wilson accepting her much deserved Eudunda Citizen of the year award along with the KESAB Tidy Towns award presentations.*
- The grant from Regional Council of Goyder for the extension of 2 powered sites for the Eudunda Caravan Park was implemented and with a small contribution from ECBaT, saw us able to extend this out to an extra 4 powered sites; thanks to the generous support of local contractors who donated a significant amount towards this project to make it happen. The Caravan Park continues to have strong bookings and continues to exceed budget expectations. Several Grant applications have been submitted for the purchase of Cabins for the Park and a presentation was made to the Regional Council of Goyder on its future direction.*

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- *This year also saw the rise of the “Community owned OP-Shop” owned and operated by ECBaT through the hard work of its Co-Ordinator Annie Wilson and her band of volunteers. This shop continues to amaze us with its record-breaking takings through the sale of second-hand goods. The revamped shop is attracting much praise and positive remarks. It is great to see how well the community has fully embraced this shop with the many, many donations of quality goods.*
- *The long-awaited Silo Art project and viewing area is well and truly underway. Voting was carried out on the 4 short listed artists concepts. Over 200 local and visitors alike voted on the concept they liked with Sam’s work coming out the overall winner.*
- *Stage 1: The landscaping with carpark and pathway has been completed.*
- *Stage 2: The irrigation and lawn area planting is yet to be completed, however an irrigation design has been received and is awaiting approval from the EPA to use the recycled water. Costings and final quotes are still coming in. Changes to the original budget have occurred due to the restrictions enforced on use with the use of recycled water.*
- *Stage 3: The painting has begun and looking great already, Sam’s work has already generated a great deal of interest and visits.*
- *The Eudunda Railway Station transfer from Viterra to private ownership this year was great news indeed with the new owners aim to preserve and rejuvenate this piece of heritage and to grow tourism. It won’t happen overnight but ECBaT fully support the new owners in this endeavour.*
- *ECBaT is now a registered volunteer work organisation. This opportunity has already been utilized by some volunteers in the Op-Shop*
- *The Eudunda Business Breakfast was held in the RSL and was very well attended. Despite the late change to guest speakers – all enjoyed themselves and Mike from Wombat Flat won the boozy hamper incentive.*
- *This year also saw the removal of old and the erection of new toilets in the Colin Thiele gardens, with ECBaT using the old toilet block as storage in the council depot/Hub area.*
- *The Levi Creek restoration is well underway with signage to re-educate off road users of this area, followed by fencing to protect and tree planting with a working bee scheduled for this weekend.*

*In closing I wish to thank you all again for your support in getting some of our projects over the line this year.*

*We still have a considerable amount of work to do and I hope you will stay on to continue this momentum as we work towards:*

- Continue to support our sub committees and volunteer groups in their efforts*
- Silo Art area, sculptures, landscaping and viewing area completion*
- Increased Fire Truck utilization/exposure*
- Dog park completion*
- Top Car Park upgrade*
- Caravan Park ongoing upgrade*
- Visitor Centre upgrade*
- Housing subdivision*
- Promoting tourists and visitors to our town*
- Keeping the Regional Council of Goyder accountable*

*I sincerely hope that we will see Covid under control as we move forward, that our community stays safe as we continue to be the absolute best place to work, live and raise our children.*

Feel free to contact me personally on 0408 081 127 should you require any further information

Looking forward to you coming onboard as a member.....

Kindest Regards

*Judy Partington*