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The youth of our Tailem Bend Community have made October 2020 a month to remember.

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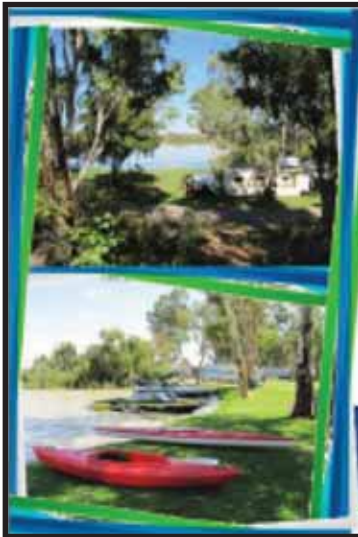
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Celebrations for the Younger Generations

Despite the uncertainty, restrictions and changes made due to the impact of Covid-19 the youth of our Tailem Bend Community have made October 2020 a month to remember.

Our youth is our future and it's wonderful to know that the future is in such good hands. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts in showing us what is possible with hard work.

Congratulations to Sallee Shepherd who won the state 'Seven News Young Achievers Leadership Award'. 'Winning was something I didn't even consider possible, however I am extremely grateful and proud to represent my community,' Sallee said. *Story Page 7*



ABOVE: Under 13's Tailem Bend footballers.

Congratulations to the Under 17.5's and the Under 13's Tailem Bend Eagles footballers who showed great grit and commitment to win their grand finals this year. This striving and success instils so much passion and pride in our town. Through experiencing the fundamentals of football, these boys also learn life skills which will take them beyond what happens on the football field. They are learning about discipline, team work, leadership and respect whilst having fun and making memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you to the Coaches, Committee and all the Volunteers who give countless hours each week, month and year. Your contributions make our club the success that it is. Well done Eagles! *Story Page 30*



ABOVE: Kiwani Award Winners!

Congratulations to the 'Kiwani Award' winners at Tailem Bend Primary School. These awards were presented towards the end of Term 3.

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**Congratulations to you all!
You should be very proud!**

Submitted by Jeanette Kozikowski

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The Changing Face of Taillem Bend #102

Mallee Gateway Craft - It was on August 16th 2004 that Gateway Craft after some hard work and lots of laughs opened for business.

Founding members were Ruth Julian, Ted Julian, Jeff and Kath Beacham, Jane Baxter and Rene Lynch. We all put money in to get fittings for the shop and if all went well over time we would be paid back. The owner of the building, Rhonda Phillips, unlocked the front door, cut the ribbon and we were ready to go.

Founding members, our first Crafters and those who encouraged us to give it a go stayed for champagne and nibbles. We all felt great as a few people visited and agreed with what we were doing and wished us the best of luck.

We started signing Crafters on that first day, explaining it was a not for profit business and we would keep fees low with a small handling fee so that everyone could try their hand at craft making, and any profit going to local organisations. We soon had a good many crafters plus volunteers from the craft people themselves.

This fantastic little shop sold quilts, jumpers, furniture, baby items, teddy bears, jewellery, jams, pickles. You name it we could usually get someone to make it, at one stage we had almost 50 volunteers.

Because of this we were able to donate to St. John Ambulance, Vinnie's and towards lights to guide the air ambulance to the football oval whenever necessary. Our shop gave the residents of the town an opportunity to get busy doing something for themselves, keep occupied while making a little money for themselves.

Quite a few locals would just drop in for a chat and tourists would talk of their travels around Australia and overseas. We always said if we lasted 10 years that would be great but we were delighted when it got to 13. However at that point due to unforeseen circumstances we had to make a decision to close. This decision was not made lightly as many crafters received a lot of pleasure making and selling their handiwork. Especially as a lot of their items went overseas.

So, shut shop we did. After rounding everything up the three remaining original committee members Ruth Julian, Rene Lynch and Jane Baxter, met with Michael McEntee, Chief of the Fire Brigade, and presented him with a cheque of the remaining funds. These funds went to the purchasing of a resuscitation unit for Taillem's Fire Trucks.



ABOVE: Back row - Kath Beacham, dec. Jeff Beacham, dec. Ruth Julian, Jane Baxter, Rene Lynch, Rhonda Phillips. Front row - Ted Julian, Dwayne Thomas.

It was a magnificent enjoyable 13 years, and a credit to all the crafters and people of the community that believed in us and supported Mallee Gateway Craft.

Thanks to Ruth Julian for keeping the records of Gateway Craft, another Taillem Icon.

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The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #102

Tailem's crafty volunteers chalk up 10 years

TEN years after half a dozen crafty Tailem Benders first joined forces to open its doors, Mallee Gateway Craft is still going strong.

The quiet, volunteer-run shop nestled on Tailem Bend's main street will celebrate its 10th anniversary this Saturday.

Rather than being just another retail store, however, it continues to serve as a focal point for the community, taking the accomplishments of knitters and other handy folk and using them to raise money for a range of important causes.

Beginning with the Boxing Day Tsunami Appeal in January of 2005, in dribs and drabs, the crafters' association has raised almost \$4000 for causes including St John Ambulance, St Vincent de Paul, needy families and lights to guide the air ambulance in to the football oval whenever necessary.

Contributors to the shop have also grown in number to almost 50, supplying everything from knitted wear, jewellery, dolls and knick knacks to jams and biscuits.

Association secretary Ruth Julian said the craft shop filled a niche when Tailem Bend's Country Women's Association branch closed.

"We wanted to get people a chance to



Knick-knack smorgasboard: Committee member Bev Burgess and secretary Ruth Julian while away a day in the pleasant environs of the incorporated Mallee Gateway Craft store at Tailem Bend.

sell their craft, show what they're doing and keep craft going," she said.

"It also gives people like us something to do.

"You're a bit isolated (in Tailem Bend) in some ways ... it helps you get together, an important thing as you get older."

Business might not be booming, but

the people who pop their heads in the door are usually locals who don't mind a chat or tourists who bring tales of their travels around Australia and the world.

"We might sit here for a day and only get one sale, but we get quite a few people dropping in for a chat," she said.

"We enjoy ourselves."

Mallee Gateway Craft Shop Donation

CLOSED NOVEMBER 2015



ABOVE - Pictured are Ruth Julian, Jane Baxter and Rene Lynch presenting a cheque to local firey, Michael McEntee. The donation will go towards the purchase of a Resuscitation Unit.

On the 3rd March, the three remaining original committee members from the Mallee Gateway Craft Shop, met with Michael McEntee and presented him with a cheque for the remaining funds from their years of trading.

Ruth Julian (Secretary), Jane Baxter (Treasurer) and Rene Lynch Committee Member, were delighted to hear that the donation will be put towards the purchase of a Resuscitation Unit, which will be carried in one of the fire trucks.

They would like to thank all who supported the craft shop over the last 13 years, enabling them to make this worthwhile donation.

More to come next month, I'm not sure what it will be I have a few to pick from. See you then!

"A reminder of our past Gives us hope for the future"

Submitted by Peter Connolly



Christmas Parade Committee



Our meeting on Monday 19th October was both difficult and exhilarating at the same time. We discussed the parade and all that would entail being dictated by new regulations re COVID-19 and regrettably a unanimous vote was made to abandon our parade 2020. This disappointment of all committee members was evident. However, we are not going to let this horrible virus rule totally over the festive season here in Tailem Bend and surrounding districts.

Although we cancelled the cabaret we still have a **raffle available at \$2 per ticket**. The prizes are simply amazing and well worth your gold coin. Look for committee members set up around town who will sell you as many tickets as you like. All funds raised will go towards a bigger better parade 2021.



ABOVE: Some examples of posing santas. Remember though, you can pose any Christmas character its entirely up to you. But you have to be in it to win it!

There will be other smaller events happening around town. Keep an eye out for the naughty elves. I think they will be popping up everywhere (**you might even be able to catch one if youre quick enough**) Carolling lollies and a whole heap of fun to be had by everyone.

**If you have a special person
in your life who you think would love a visit
(out the front of their house)
please feel free to contact us and let us know.**

I'm really looking forward to seeing how festive our town can become with out the parade. I'm also a bit worried about what those naughty elves are going to get up to without Santa to keep them inline! Oh my goodness the cheeky little mites!

Remember you can pose any Christmas character its entirely up to you. But you have to be in it to win it! Chat to you soon!

Santas little helper

**We will be going ahead with the
haybale sculptures, posed christmas characters and
the light up the town competition.**

Prepaid Visa cards will be presented to the top three in both categories. Judging will commence on November 28th - Friday 11th with the winners being announced on the 12th December.

On the 20th November, we are delighted to announce that that Jolly Ole Man himself will be making a special appearance as only he can during these trying times. On this day, Santa will be joining us via live feed. Details and links to follow next month once we finalise the finer details with him (*Santa*)

In the mean time we have something for the kids to do to get involved to generate some magic. They can colour a pre printed picture or draw their favourite Christmas character with a letter to Santa and post it to the north pole via special post boxes. We will have boxes at TBPS, Jervois primary Coomandook and Tintinara schools. Each letter will receive a note in return from Santa.

Coorong to Celebrate NAIDOC Week 2020

Local communities across the Coorong District Council are invited to get involved in the 2020 NAIDOC week celebrations being held from 8th -15th of November.

Each year NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and this year Coorong District Council will be celebrating at three events held across the district:

NAIDOC WEEK EVENTS

Monday 9th November – 2:00pm at Tintinara
Flag Raising Ceremony followed by Afternoon tea

Thursday 12th November – 12:00pm at Meningie
Flag Raising Ceremony followed by a Community BBQ

Friday 13th November – 10:00am at Tailem Bend
Flag Raising Ceremony followed by Morning Tea



ABOVE: Dance troupe Rritjarukar (Willy Wagtails) performing during the 2019 NAIDOC week activities at the Coorong Civic Centre.

For more information on NAIDOC week events, members of the community can contact the Community Development Team on 1300 785 277.

Our Sallee Wins Young Achiever Award

Tailem's Sallee Shepherd has won the Scouts South Australian 'Leadership Award' as part of the Channel 7 News Young Achiever Awards.

Sallee attended Tailem Bend Primary School and was the SRC President in year seven. Now a Year 12 student at Unity College, she has a passion for supporting her community. She may have served you at Foodland, helped you in her volunteer role at the Community Centre, or maybe you have enjoyed the culinary delights provided from 'Sallee's Cupcakes' enterprise. You may have watched her play netball with an Eagle's team she captained, saw her on stage in Music Hall performances, or perhaps as part of our annual Christmas Pageant. She also initiated the Mem Fox Green Sheep Project in our Playground. Her passion extends to the Murray Bridge community as well where she is the Mayor of Murray Bridge Youth Council. Her commitment to community is obvious and as a winner she will receive a trophy and \$2000.00.

An interview with Sallee follows.

You must feel very proud winning this award.

This year's awards was a lengthy process due to Covid-19. I found out at the beginning of 2020 that I had been nominated, I was both shocked and humbled just to be considered for something like this. As I progressed through the judging process I felt extremely proud, as my name was alongside some incredible young people from across the state. I am extremely grateful and proud to represent our community.

You are the Mayor of the Murray Bridge Youth Council. What does this role entail and how long have you been involved with it.

I have been on the Youth Council 'Impact Youth' for about three years now, however; only the mayor for two of them. As the mayor, I am responsible for both running and organising our monthly meetings, along with the social media and correspondence side of things. As our group only consists of 3 members, our workload is often hefty, but without my other councillors we would achieve nothing, they are a great asset to the community. We achieved a lot of things in this last year, @kickstartloans being one of the most exciting, where we provide small interest-free loans to 12-25 year-olds looking to start a small business. Our mentor Michelle has been an incredible leader and friend on this council and I am very grateful for all her support!

Who do you look up to and why?

I think an obvious and big one is my mum (Tammy Shepherd.) I spent a big part of my childhood at the Community Centre, watching it grow and expand under her leadership was exciting and inspiring. She with the help of my dad and siblings are a constant reminder to follow my passions and use the leadership skills I am fortunate enough to have. Along with my teachers from both Tailem Bend Primary and Unity College, who have continued to lead by example and support me. The Tailem Bend Primary School is very lucky to have an asset like Travis, who cares about the kids and community so much. I am very grateful to everyone who has supported me in some way over the years.



ABOVE: Sallee Shepherd has won the Scouts South Australian 'Leadership Award'.

You obviously enjoy and have a flair for cake making, having created 'Sallee's Cupcakes'.

I began baking at a young age and fell in love with it. However, I am mostly self-taught, I did this by watching lots of YouTube, Cake Boss and following along to tutorials. Sallee's Cupcakes 5 years old this year! I even began selling my goods at markets late last year.

Do you have any thoughts on how our Tailem Bend Community can improve in the future.

I would love to see our community have a youth (12-25-year-old) focus in the future. The combined sports club is an exciting concept! I hope that this facility can go ahead and provide new opportunities for our local sporting clubs and their youth.

What are your plans after year 12 and beyond?

I have applied to study secondary education at university, majoring in Japanese. I have studied Japanese for 4 years and have really enjoyed the challenge. After going on an exchange in January last year, I developed my dream of working in Japan after I complete my study. I'm not sure what will happen after that, but I'm hoping to take life as it comes and experience as much as I can. I went to Indonesia on a service trip in 2019 and was supposed to go again this year, I definitely will try and go back once borders are open! Meanwhile, I will continue working at Foodland and running Sallee's Cupcakes. I also hope to continue volunteering at both the Community Centre and on the Youth Council in some capacity.

**Congratulations Sallee
and thank you for sharing your story.**

Best wishes for the future.

Submitted by Jeanette Kozikowski

Just who is Allen Burt?

I have been the Postman in Tailem Bend for 45 years, 23 years as the second and last appointed by Australia Post and for 22 years as the first and only contractor for Australia Post since 1998.

When I joined in 1974 it was called the PMG. I was an Assistant Postal Officer whose job was to sort the parcels and deliver telegrams but was trained in the operation of the Tailem Bend Telephone Exchange as the Night Boy to fill a vacancy. *(I had never made a phone call prior to that !)*

When the vacancy for that job was filled, I returned to doing telegrams and Parcels for about 6 months when the then current Postman Harold Robinson (*Robbie to all those who remember him*) decided to take early retirement in early 1975. When his position became vacant I applied for it and was officially appointed in November 1975. Back then the delivery consisted of two parts, the big round of 350 plus points and the small round of 100 which was all done on a bicycle. When the telephone exchange went automatic the small round was combined with mine bringing the number to about 450 points.

Letter volumes have dropped significantly in the last few years going from up to 1000 a day to several hundred. However, parcels have increased from about 20 - 30 a day to 260, and it is at its highest now, averaging about 100 daily.

There used to be vast quantities of Christmas, Easter, Valentines and birthday cards but with emails, social media and online buying they are almost non-existent, except for a few senior residents that send and get cards now.

The early days, until 1998 the delivery was done on a bicycle and the distance covered was 24 kilometres for 5½ days then reduced to 5 days a week. When Australia Post decided to make the Office into a Licences Post Office, they had slowly cut back the staff from the original 12 employees to just 2. They decided to make those left redundant but did offer Nigel Kiddie to be the licensee of the Post office and offered me the contract to still deliver mail and parcels to the town. The biggest change then was to deliver the mail by motorcycle which made life so much easier. Tailem Bend has grown slowly over that period and there are over 720 delivery points covering 27 kilometres on sealed roads which were few and far between in the 70s.

I have assisted many people over the years whilst doing the round and still do, giving directions to people, even the local police back then as the numbering system and street names were very confusing. I have helped some of the older residents by taking their shopping home if they were walking, turning a tar drum for several years as the side was rusting out, picking up items from the supermarket and rolling down outdoor blinds in summer and even changed light globes.



ABOVE: Our 'Burdy' is flat out delivering at least one parcel for every three Tailem Bend houses. "Things have definitely changed in Tailem," Burdy said.

Outside of work I did 23 years as a member of the Army Reserve leaving as an Instructor with 3 Field Squadron Royal Australian Engineers to qualify Recruits to become a Combat Engineer. In 1995 I joined the Australian Army Cadets as an Instructor to supervise training at the Cadet Unit in Murray Bridge for a short posting but after 25 years I am still there and I am now the Officer Commanding that Unit.

In my spare time I am the assistant Curator of the Murray Bridge RSL Museum and usually spend one day a week helping the Curator setting up displays and cataloguing exhibits. I also did two terms on the Meningie Council representing Tailem Bend in the early 90s but did not continue when the councils amalgamated.

I have been married to Annette for 41 years and I also have a son, Michael, and a daughter, Nicole, plus Jack our only grandson. They live in Adelaide with their partners.

Even after 45 years of rain, heat, lightning and the dogs I still enjoy getting out and about especially now with the Covid restrictions. People are glad to see someone at their door!

Submitted by Allen Burt

We want you!

Your local Community Fire Service does not have enough members. Now is the time for you to step up and become a Country Fire Service Volunteer fire fighter.

The Station, Vehicles, Equipment and protective clothing are all provided by the government which is funded by the Emergency Services levy but it is up to the community to provide people willing to do the job.

Without Volunteers there would not be a Fire and Rescue service in Tailem Bend!

No experience is required as all training will be provided. All you need is a good attitude and a willingness to learn. We are predominantly looking for people to become fire fighters but we also have roles available in operational support including radio operating, catering and logistics.

Our brigade is made up of both Men and Women from varied backgrounds, all different age groups from 16 to 65 who come together when called upon to help someone in need. Currently we have around 12 active members who volunteer their time. But we need many more to continue providing a reliable service.

As a volunteer fire fighter you will help to provide a vital service to your community. We respond to a range of calls including bush and grass fire, building and vehicle fires, road crash rescue, storm damage and any other incident that may pose a risk to the community.

Volunteering can be a valuable and rewarding experience; you can,

- Give back to your community
- Help people in their time of need
- Gain personal satisfaction
- Learn some new skills
- Gain valuable life experience
- Keep active
- Socialise and meet new people
- Do something exciting

New members undertake basic training which takes 3 days and is usually held over a weekend. Then they are expected to attend regular brigade training which is only a couple of hours a week and attend callouts when they are available. We recognise that people have busy lives with family and work commitments which will take priority and we are accepting of that. But any time you can give will make a difference.

If you or someone you know would like to join please drop into the fire station at 6 Golf Course Road Tailem Bend at 7pm on any Monday evening for a tour and introduction. Or for more information contact the brigade Captain on 0457560123.



Something new is happening in Tailem Bend!

Two local ladies, Tanya McInally and Judy Lokan enjoyed presenting their wares on a stall at the Tailem Bend St Luke's Anglican Church Market in September.

This started out as a hobby and now they are ready to test the concept further by running a 'pop up shed shop' in December. The theme for the products available is mostly centred around 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. Of particular interest are the holders for potted plants, which the ladies have made using recycled go cart tyres from our Tailem Bend Motor Sport Park. They are colourful, look fabulous and of course they tell a story of our town. The best outcome however is that these used tyres are not going to land fill.

Most products are for the garden, with potted plants, natural wooden garden hangers, kokodermas and lots more. Fresh flowers will also be available.

This is the perfect opportunity for our community to pick up some unique, some quirky, some rustic, some just great, but all original Christmas presents that are created here in our home town.



ABOVE: Tanya McInally and Judy Lokan of 'Just Potty' in Tailem Bend. Image by Glenn Power.



ABOVE: Reused Go Kart tyres at 'Just Potty' in Tailem Bend. Image by Judy Lokan's.

'Just Potty' will open on Saturdays and Sundays for the first three weekends of December 2020.

Opening day will be Saturday 5th December at 34 Pretoria Street, Tailem Bend.

Opening hours will be from 8.30am to 1.30pm.

**Pop in and say hello
to Tanya and Judy, and help
spread the news about this exciting new
venture.**

Submitted by Jeanette Kozikowski



Tailem Bend Bowling Club

Just like most other sporting clubs and businesses in the community and worldwide we are starting to recover from the pandemic. Our season open day was 24th of September and we commenced the first game of the year on 10th of October, we are hopeful of another successful year and potential dual premiership again.

We are the host club for women's bowls this year which will see numerous events held in town and we encourage anyone to watch these games and support our Ladies. We are desperately in need of a volunteer catering coordinator to assist with events and monthly roast lunches which is a major fundraiser for the club. If you know someone that may be interested please contact Sam Shepherd to discuss.

We are still researching all grant opportunities to complete our green upgrade, total cost \$120k. We have \$50k in the bank kindly received from the Tailem Bend Advancement Group but if we can't find another \$70k soon unfortunately the project won't progress. All clubs should plan for a replacement synthetic surfaces once every 10 years, one of our greens is six years overdue and the other is due now, so this is a matter of urgency for the future of the club. If you have any suggestions for fundraising, sponsorship or know of grants please let us know.

We are grateful to Frank & Alison Dean from the Tailem Bend Hotel for being a major sponsor again this year. We acknowledge how tough businesses have had it this year and appreciate their commitment to our club.

Submitted by Sam Shepherd



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Rotary Foundation

Our Club recently presented Sue Piggott with a Paul Harris Sapphire Pin in recognition of her contributions to the Rotary Foundation. This important organisation supports Rotary Mental Health, Maternal Health & Wellbeing and End Polio etc around the world. **Well earned Sue!**

Foodbank Murray Bridge

Customer numbers at Foodbank continue to increase as it becomes known how this organisation can help members of the community. Customers are able to purchase goods at a much reduced cost . They must first obtain a voucher from an agency supporting the under privileged eg Salvation Army, St. Vincents, AC Care etc. They then take the voucher to the store for redemption. The store is located at 209 Adelaide Road (*old Horizon camping*).

Members of the public are also able to be involved as volunteers – at check out, stocking shelves, administration etc. If you would like to be involved, please visit their website www.foodbanksa.org.au.

Guest Speaker

At our most recent meeting, Bishop Dalby kept us entertained with his exploits as a submariner before joining the seminary. Keith described conditions on the sub, some of their weapon testing and life in general aboard a submarine. An interesting topic few of us get to learn about.

Submitted by Leeann Jones



ABOVE: President Sally and Sapphire Pin recipient Sue Piggott.



ABOVE: Bishop Dalby, ex submariner.

St. Luke's Anglican Church



ABOVE: On Sunday 18th October, the St. Luke's Anglican Church celebrated The Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist. Bishop Keith Dalby officiated with parishioners coming from Murray Bridge to hear his sermon. He was presented with some glasses and a bottle of wine. Afterwards he cut his cake. A lovely meal was prepared followed by dessert. It was a lovely day and was enjoyed by all who attended. Photo is of Bishop Keith Selby and Father Des Ackland.



ABOVE: Recently the St. Luke's Anglican Church, Tailem Bend celebrated with 4 generations attending the church. Photo is of Evonne Whibley, her daughter Dianne Lloyd, Dianne's daughter Fiona Whibley and her two boys, Jordan and Phoenix Henderson with Father Des Ackland.

Submitted by Dianne Lloyd



Probus Report

PROBUS CLUB REPORT NOVEMBER 2020

A VERY SPECIAL EVENT!

A warm welcome by President, Joyce Medlow.

It was wonderful for me to welcome 24 members and three guests to the Probus October meeting at the Taillem Bend RSL Clubrooms after a long break due to Covid-19. It's great to be back!

I managed to bake what people told me was a most impressive and mouth-watering sponge cake to celebrate both Probus Day, and our re-opening. Veteran members Ron Potts, Peter Connolly and Bob Ellis were privileged to cut the cake which I had decorated especially for the occasion. The cake was enjoyed by all, and portions kept aside for members who were unable to attend!

The versatile and ever-capable Neville Medlow stepped in as Secretary due to Bob Shurville's illness. Our impressive Guest speaker, Sam Hicks from the amazing, multi-award-winning Taillem Bend Community Centre gave a very informative outline of the wide variety of services and facilities our Community Centre has to offer. Probus Members were particularly interested in the Medical Bus and car services which are available, and Sam encouraged everyone over 65years to register with "My Aged Care". We cannot thank Sam enough for her wonderful contribution to this special day.

Many thanks also to Sandy Przibilla and the Taillem RSL Club for permitting us to use their clubrooms and for making us feel so welcome. Members were impressed with recent improvements made to the clubrooms and understand that there are many other wonderful things on the drawing board, offering a bright future.

The Probus November 16th meeting will also be at the RSL at 10am. Guest speaker then will be Charli Medlow who will give a presentation of her trip to Vietnam.

Christmas again is almost upon us and members are requested to confirm their attendance asap because we will need numbers for our Christmas lunch, to be held on 7th December, at the Taillem Bend Hotel.

Once again, thank you to all those who attended this wonderful "back to business" event which augurs well for a great year ahead and hopefully a time of increased membership.

Joyce Medlow - President – Probus Club of Taillem Bend Inc.

LIKE TO BECOME A STAR? THEN CONTACT OUR GUEST SPEAKER ORGANISER, PETER CONNOLLY ON 0423 312 916. EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOURS!



ABOVE: Veteran members Ron Potts, Bob Ellis and Peter Connolly cutting the cake.



ABOVE: Probus President Joyce Medlow present a Certificate of Appreciation to Guest Speaker Sam Hicks.

Plants Fire Sale

The general public were invited to visit the old nursery behind Wadmore House, the former, Orana/Melaleuca Nursery on Saturday, Sunday and Monday 26, 27 and 28 September to purchase the plants at greatly reduced prices.

Around 250 people attended the Wadmore House plant sale at Meningie with hundreds of plants sold. Organiser of the event, Marianne Cunneen said that they began the weekend with around twenty-four large benches of trees and succulents with hundreds of plants on each table. With the plants sold at ridiculously low prices and the perfect weather, the plants were "flying out the door".

Marianne said that around \$1800 was raised for the SA Bushfire Garden Revival group (SABGR) with around \$200 also raised for the Meningie Skate Park.

Marianne said that there are still around eight benches of plants left which will be sold over the next few weeks with all the proceeds to go to the Meningie skate park. If you would like to purchase any of the remaining plants, contact Marianne on 0437 320 779.



ABOVE: Volunteers, Sharon Bland, Ian Hillam, Marianne Cunneen and John Charlton with hundreds of plants for sale at Meningie.

Submitted by Marianne Cunneen

Community Library - New Book List



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Tailem Bend Community Library

New Books November 2020

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Les Murray- Subhuman Redneck Poems
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60 Classic Outdoor Games
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Adult Fiction

DOBBIE Kaye: The Road to Ironbark – Historical, Mystery
SERONG Jock: The Burning Island – Australian, Mystery
ELLIS T.W.: A Knock at the Door – Psychological Thriller
CHALLINOR Deborah: The Jacaranda House – Australian Families
DHAND Roxane: The Orphan of Good Hope- Historical
HURLEY-MOORE Nicole: The McCallister Legacy- Family Saga
HANNAY Barbara: The Sisters Gift – Family Saga
CARTER Chris: Written in Blood- Thriller
YOUNG Suzanne: Girls with Sharp Sticks-Drama
JEFFERIES Dinah: The Tuscan Contessa- Wars times
JOHNS Rachel: Just One Wish – Family Saga
KAVANAGH Emma: The Devil You Know – Thriller
KLOOS Marco: Terms of Enlistment- Science Fiction
KLOOS Marco: Lines of Departure- Sci Fi, Sequel
MORIARTY Liane: Truly Madly Guilty- Suspense
MORREY Beth: Saving Missy- Friendship
SCANLAN Patricia: The Liberation of Brigid Dunne- Families
PALMER Fiona: Tiny White Lies- Family saga, Teenagers
MACOMBER Debbie: Texas Nights- Romance
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JOLLEY Adelaide: Susie's Scare- Romance
HAMPSHIRE Vivien: Hearts and Flowers- Romance
JONES Suzanne Ross: What the Heart Wants- Romance
SHELTON Cole: Last Train to Gun Ridge- Western

Audio Books

FINDLAY Daniel: Year of the Orphan-Australian, Orphans
HYDE Catherine Ryan: Brave Girl, Quiet Girl- Mystery

BOOK REVIEW

The Burning Island

SERONG Jock: Australian, Mystery

Eliza Grayling, born in Sydney when the colony itself was still an infant, has lived there all her thirty-two years. Too tall, too stern-too old, now-for marriage, she lives by herself, looking in on her reclusive father in case he has injured himself while drunk. There is a shadow in his past, she knows. Something obsessive. Something to do with a man who bested him thirty-three years ago. Then Srinivas, another figure from that dark past, offers Joshua Grayling the chance for a reckoning with his nemesis.



Eliza is horrified. The plan entails a sea voyage far to the south and an uncertain, possibly violent, outcome. Out of the question for an elderly man-insanity for a helpless drunkard who also happens to be blind. Unable to dissuade her father from his mad quest, Eliza begins to understand she may be forced to go with him. Then she sees the ship they will be sailing on. And in that instant, the voyage of the Moonbird becomes Eliza's mission too.

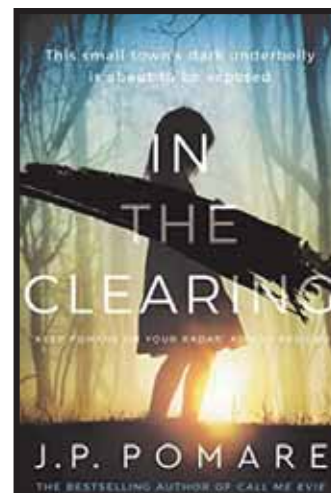
About the Author

Jock Serong's novels have received the Ned Kelly Award for First Fiction, the Colin Roderick Award and the inaugural Staunch Prize (UK). He lives with his family on Victoria's far west coast.

In the Clearing

J.P. Pomare - Psychological thriller

Amy has only ever known what life is like in the Clearing. She knows what's expected of her. She knows what to do to please her elders, and how to make sure her life in the community remains happy and calm. That is, until a new young girl joins the group. She isn't fitting in; she doesn't want to stay. What happens next will turn life as Amy knows it on its head.



Freya has gone to great lengths to feel like a 'normal person'. In fact, if you saw her go about her day with her young son, you'd think she was an everyday mum.

That is, until a young girl goes missing and someone from her past, someone she hasn't seen for a very long time, arrives in town.

As Amy and Freya's story intertwines the secrets of the past bubble up to the surface. This rural Aussie town's dark underbelly is about to be exposed and lives will be destroyed.

Submitted by Angie Tomkinson

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Smiles all Round at Tailem Bend Primary

September 18 was a happy and important day at Tailem Bend Primary School when many students received much coveted 2020 Kiwani's awards.

Presented by Kiwani's Clubs of Australia these awards are somewhat unusual in that they are not presented to students for academic achievements, but more for those who display commendable humanitarian qualities.

These awards are sometimes referred to as the "Terrific Kids Awards", awarded to "terrific kids" who earn the respect of both school teachers, SSO's and fellow students.

Their qualities include being thoughtful, enthusiastic, respectful, responsible, inclusive, friendly, inquisitive and capable.

They are children who are already young leaders who set a shining example to their peers and are likely to develop into responsible and caring adults, and outstanding future citizens of whom Tailem Bend, and Australia, can be justifiably proud.

The Kiwani's Awards - Wonderful recognition for wonderful kids! Congratulations to them all!



Submitted by Bob Shurville, Images by Bob Shurville

Spring at Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Spring has arrived and how the plants are liking the rain that has come with it. Also the weeds, keeping volunteers very busy on Wednesdays.

An ABC reporter gave Pangarinda Botanic Garden a really good report on early morning radio after he visited the garden. Have spoken to many visitors who visited the garden after hearing the wrap up he gave the garden.

It is rewarding seeing so many people walking around the garden enjoying the flowers and bird life that flowers attract. Hear a bird watching group that visited recently saw 46 different species of birds.

Outside the gate and around the garden boundary some of the first trees planted were Eucalyptus leucoxydon. Being a SA Eucalypt, quick growing, reliable and we needed protection for new plantings. Nothing was growing on this parkland other than a small patch of very old local pines.

At present you don't have to look up to see the great range of colour, the ground is covered in flowers under these trees, from cream to pink to red with the odd yellow and also a beautiful orange. Growing from seed does not always bring the parent colour.



ABOVE: Eucalyptus Leucoxydon Orange colour.

Having a coffee between weeding at Pangarinda when amongst the other birds calls we heard the familiar call of the Rainbow Bird then onto a nearby bush flew the first arrival seen for the nesting and breeding period. 6th of October earliest we have recorded, last year was the 10th of October.

Submitted by Kaye Bartlett

WE HAD VISITORS FOR THE DAY

Tailem Bend had some returning residents when Christine and Brian Kennedy, as well as Lelene and John Schwerdt decided to come back and take a look at our delightful town.

Christine and Brian Kennedy were the owners of the Motel back in the 80's. They have lived in Brisbane for the last 40 years. Brian was a member of Rotary and involved in lots of groups in our town. Christine was mainly anchored at the Motel looking after it, and their two beautiful little daughters Susan and Kirsty.

Lelene and John Schwerdt lived in Tailem Bend with their five children Karen, David, Veronica, Jonathon and Tanya. John was an A.M.P agent. Both Lelene and John were highly active in all aspects of community life as a lot of you would remember, Rotary, music halls, school, church, hospital, and too many others to list. They have been living in Adelaide for the last 25 years but still class Tailem Bend as pretty special.

We had the pleasure of driving them around to show them all the improvements.

Caroline Wilson owner of the Motel was incredibly happy to showcase the great accommodation she has to offer travellers and learning some history of her business.



ABOVE: Left to Right, Brian Kennedy, Christine Kennedy, Pauline Merritt, Neville Merritt and Lelene Schwerdt.

Our four visitors were amazed at River Moorings, Motorsport Park, Ambulance, Cemetery, Main Street, Wellington Marina, the influx of new housing and lots of other comments.

So, to all our locals be proud that people can come back and see what a great town we have here and let us not take it for granted. Let us be aware with what is around us and help to keep improving our special town.

Submitted by Pauline Merritt, Image by John Schwerdt



*Club meeting - Tue Nov 17 & Dec 15, Tailem Bend Football Clubrooms 7pm
*Coffee & Cars - Sun Nov 8 & Dec 6, Murray Bridge Coles Car Park 8-10 am

Michael Holliday (Mbr 17)

My vehicle is a 1965 Hillman Imp MK1 super sedan. The 875cc power plant is mounted in the rear of the car and has four cylinders and is fitted with twin SU carburettors and extractors. I first set eyes on my car at a Hillman national rally held in Mount Gambier in 1996, where the car won best original Imp - I had a canary yellow Imp at the time which won best modified Imp.

A couple of years later the car came up for sale, I had a buyer for mine so off to Strathmeron Victoria to do the deal and drive it home.

My love affair with the Hillman Imp began in Tailem Bend back in the 70s, at the time the South Australian Rotor Racing Club was running Rally-Cross at the old Tailem Bend Horse Racing facility on the outskirts of town. A Hillman Imp from Langhorne Creek, owned by Leon Wittwer of Wittwer Motors, was racing and I must say was doing really well given the type of circuit - so began my interest in this ugly duckling of motor vehicles.

I ended up buying my first Imp, the canary yellow one, for \$75, but I only got to race it once

before the Tailem Bend circuit closed - my eldest son Andrew learnt to drive in it.

The thing I most like about the car is its handling on the winding roads of the Adelaide Hills and its uniqueness. One of the first production family cars of its era to have a fully alloy engine and gearbox with overhead cam.

I have not named the car officially, but a word like IMPotent is probably apt when comparing it with the muscle cars of other club members.

Below - Michael Holiday with his winduptoy and granddaughter Laura of Newton in the 2016 Tailem Bend Christmas Parade.



Submitted & image by Glenn Power



Tailem Bend RSL Sub-Branch

Who's WHO at the RSL

Tailem Bend?

Ian "Johnno" Johnson is into his second year as Vice-President. Born in Wellington, New Zealand Johnno moved to Adelaide in 1963.

He joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1968 as a junior recruit at HMAS Leeuwin. His first ship was a frigate, HMAS Diamantina. It was one of 12 ships originally commissioned as part of Australia's ship building program during the Second World War, and built to British River Class design and later converted for survey work. Johnno trained as an engineering mechanic at HMAS Cerberus, serving on HMA ships supply on Brisbane and Hobart.

In 1974 he was paid off. Johnno went on to work in plastic injection moulding until retirement. He now volunteers at Mannum Dock Museum and on the PS Marion, and of course as VP of the Tailem Bend RSL where you can find him behind the bar. Johnno is a war service Vietnam Veteran.



ABOVE: Ian Johnson.



ABOVE: Ian Johnson in the Royal Australian Navy.

DIARY DATE : Saturday 5th December

CHRISTMAS GARAGE SALE - will be held at the RSL Tailem Bend (corner of Trevena and Seymour) from 10am (till around 2pm). We'll have masses of pre-loved items as well as Christmas Crafts and gifts. The bar will also be open and if SA Health COVID-safe laws allow on the day we might even have some foodie treats. Keep an eye on the @ TailemBendRSL Facebook page for updates.

NOTE: Please adhere to any COVID restrictions / notices in place on the day inside and outside. We reserve the right to restrict or refuse access to patrons depending on attendance numbers. We all need to be mindful of health and safety.

Submitted by Glynis Taylor

MURRUNDI RESERVE

Enjoy a beautiful bushwalk walk through the newly updated Murrundi Reserve at Wellington.

Discovering the new bird watching area at the southern end of the reserve together with a newly maintained walking track on the rivers' edge.

An abundance of native wild life with many new species being attracted to the area are a must see.

Over 200 trees have recently been planted in this area and at this time of the year, it is well worth a visit. The Reserve is fully maintained by the Wellington Progress Association assisted by volunteers and generous grants.



ABOVE: New Bird watching area.

Submitted by Shay Medlen, the Editor of the Wellington Words

Winners are Grinners

The bowling club season has started again after Tailem Bend Ladies and Division One Men won the premierships of last season. What a thrill for us all.

Coral Bristow and Peter Connolly put down the kitty and delivered the first bowl for 2020-2021 season. Everybody enjoyed a lovely meal, fellowship and of course feeling special about how good everyone played to be winners.

The bowling club are making improvements and working hard to move forward.

Michael Thorne is caretaker of the greens and surrounds with the help of eager men volunteers, also Glenda Shepherd always giving 200% to her club in every area. We must not forget **OUR BARMAN** Steve and Sandy who has just joined the ranks to look after the ladies on Thursdays.

The club must pay respect to two members that we have sadly lost. Isobel Koop who passed away in August. Isobel was the caterer of our club for all tournaments and hosted Sunday lunches once a month. She loved life, cooking, feeding people and enjoying a drink after all the hard work with our patroness of the club Fay Brook and girls. A drink or two and a laugh was all Isobel needed to be happy.

Another sad day in September was Graeme Millard's passing. Graeme was a division one bowler for the men. This gentleman was one of a kind and a stable influence on the green and within the club. Graeme's big heart, gentleness and a personality that would leave a smile on the face of anyone that came in contact with him. Neigh Graeme loved the horses.

Humour for Isobel and Graeme came naturally and they would share their jokes within the club. Both these people would accept life for what it dished out and got on with the job. Beautiful people.

It has been an absolute honour to have Isobel Koop and Graeme Millard in our lives at the Tailem Bend Bowling Club. Sadly missed but always remembered.



ABOVE: Colin Baxter and President Sam Shepherd holding the premiership shield.



ABOVE: Left to right - Lyn Weckert, Chris Bueganhall and Margaret Woitd enjoying a premiership.



ABOVE: Left to right - Coral Bristow and Peter Connolly



ABOVE: Left to right - Margaret Wodt, Ruth Cross, Lyn Wecket, Chris Bueganhall, Tess Bereton, Coral Bristow, Pauline Merritt, Kathy Liebeich, Julia Teusner and Fay Brook.

Submitted by Pauline Merritt

What's ON? - *Please email the Editor if the events below are incorrect. Thank you.*

SATURDAYS

- JERVOIS DANCE; Every 5th Saturday at the Jervois Hall, 8pm till late. Phone: Russell Nuske on 8572 3568, or Wayne Cheeseman on 0431 119 416.
- MURRAYLANDS BALLROOM DANCE GROUP: The Murraylands Dance will be held in the town hall every third Saturday from 8pm to midnight. Entrance, \$10 - There will be several door prizes. Please bring your own supper. Tea and coffee provided. Contact Nick on 0456 208 355

SUNDAYS

- TAILEM BEND BOWLING CLUB; Sunday Lunches: 12.30pm. Last Sunday of the month. 2 Course meal, Tea/Coffee - \$12 per person, with Door Prize. All Welcome. Please Book by phoning Thelma: 8572 4469
- ROWING CLUB: Due to the Corona Virus, the Rowing Club has been cancelled until further notice. Phone: Anna: 0400 880 578.

MONDAYS

- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SA; Due to the Corona Virus, neighborhood watch meetings at Tailem Bend have been cancelled until further notice.
- PROBUS CLUB; NEXT MEETING 19TH OCTOBER AT THE RSL CLUBROOMS Contact: Secretary, Robert Shurville 8572 3868 / Email: robertess@bigpond.com
- ROTARY CLUB OF TAILEM BEND; Due to the Corona Virus, meetings at the Riverside Hotel have been cancelled until further notice. Contact Sue Piggott: 0439 723 998.
- TAILEM BEND CHRISTMAS PARADE MEETING; Is every 3rd Monday of the month at the Tailem Bend Community Centreat 6pm. Contact Maxine Kiddie: 0439 387 750

TUESDAYS

- SOCIAL TENNIS; Every Tuesday 9.30am- 12.30pm. \$2.00. All welcome. Phone Anne Howell: 8572 4023.
- JERVOIS BRANCH CWA; Meet 1st Tuesday of each month at the Jervois Hall @ 10.30am. Contact Gloria Afford: 8572 6070.
- TAILEM BEND LIONS CLUB; LIONS meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Contact Doug Holmes 8532 4372 or Ian Eckermann 8572 3850.
- TAILEM BEND AUTO CLUB; Please contact the Tailem Bend Auto Club Facebook page for more details.

WEDNESDAYS

- TAILEM BEND ST JOHN CADETS; Due to the Corona Virus, the ST John Cadets have been cancelled until further notice. Phone: Lyn: 0448 551 007, during school terms.
- COOMANDOOK BRANCH CWA; Meet every first Wednesday of the Month at the Coomandook Hall from 1pm, if not otherwise advised. For more details contact Anika Loechel 0438 256 629 or call State Office on 08 8332 4166 or www.sacwa.org.au
- TAILEM BEND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION; Meets 2nd Wednesday every month @ 6pm at the Tailem Bend Community Centre. Contact Maxine Kiddie: 0439 387 750

THURSDAYS

- RIVERBEND LADIES INDOOR BOWLS; Due to the Corona Virus, the Riverbend Ladies Indoor Bowls have been cancelled until further notice. Contact R. Ellis: 8572 3252 or L. Jaensch: 8572 4064.
- PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE/OUR TIME; Thursday morning throughout Term 4, starting Thursday 22nd of October, 9.30am : 10.45am at the Tailem Bend Primary School Gym. Contact the TB Community Centre, Phone: 8572 3513.
- ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CARD GROUP; St. Luke's Anglican Church Card Group is still ongoing after the Covid-19 virus is over for social groups to attend. For more information, contact Evonne Whibley: 0405 970 804
- FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL; Due to the Corona Virus, Friends of the Hospital at the Tailem Bend Hospital has been cancelled until further notice. Details: Gwenda Zadow 8572 3057.
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- OUR GOLDIES LUNCHEON; Due to the Corona Virus, Our Goldies Luncheon has been cancelled until further notice. Phone: 8572 3531 for more details.
- TAILEM BEND RSL SUB BRANCH; Open for meals every Friday from 6pm, to book phone 0466 313 315 or 0422 774 019 Or you can send a message through FB: @TailemBendRSL -

Thought for the Month

Jigsaw

It has been years since I completed a jigsaw puzzle. It would take me ages just working at it a little at a time. The result was worth the effort as the picture emerged.

There were times when there was one piece of the puzzle missing. However many times I put the picture together it was never the same piece which went missing. The picture was never complete until the missing piece was found and put into its place. Most jigsaw puzzles have hundreds, or thousands, of pieces to make up the picture. Each piece may resemble others in size and shape, but the image on its top surface is unique. It is its own piece of the whole puzzle. It cannot fit into another place to complete the desired picture. Without each individual, unique piece in its allotted place, the picture is flawed.

We are like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. We can resemble others, but we are unique and have our own place in the 'big picture.' Every person has different skills, ideas and ways of doing things. Together, these talents make up, and work, our societies, local and global. You are a unique, and necessary part of life, just as each piece of the jigsaw is unique and necessary to give the whole picture.

You do not know how, or when, you affect others in the world around you, connecting in minute, or large, ways to produce the 'picture of life.' Do not 'go missing', but do your part in making that a complete and beautiful picture.

May God guide you and Bless you.

(read 1 Corinthians chapter 12)

Submitted by Doreen Lutz on behalf of the Lutheran congregation Taillem Bend.

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Grandma says I've Daddy's nose,
Before I came, he'd two, I s'pose,
She always adds: 'And what is more,
You've Mother's eyes.' Did she have four?
She says I got my mouth and chin
From her first husband Benjamin;
He died before I came you see,
So he must've willed them both to me.
I can understand about my hair,
'Cos Daddy's head is rather bare,
But what I'd really like to know,
What puzzles me and tires me so, is...
Am I only odds and ends,
Of all my relatives and friends,
Or do you think that there could be
A little bitthat's really me?

Author unknown

Hello, I love poetry, verse and the written word and really look forward to sharing some words with you through this column in the future. Spring is with us and hopefully it will bring us better days. Take care.

Submitted by Jeanette Kozikowski

TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Tailem Topics and Uncle Peter Connolly, for the wonderful story and journey portraying the life of my Grandfather Harold Patrick Connolly, featured as "The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #101".

I am so proud to be a direct descendant of such a well respected and motivated Forefather of our Community. The story brought tears of joy to my eye's as you took us on a trip down memory lane! Thank you so very much for your dedication in reminding us all, of the people who made Tailem Bend the great place it is today!

Fondest regards, Timothy Connolly



**A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TESS BERETON
CELEBRATING HER 80TH BIRTHDAY!**

CAN YOU NAME OUR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOWNS?

7. Jim's Village: - - - - -
8. Famous Rabbit - Rabbit's hole: - - - - -

Answers For Last Month!

5. Careless Paint Work - Harbour = Streaky Bay
6. Clear Glass - Small River = Crystal Brook

RE YOUR ARTICLE ON THE OLD FERRY LANDING, OCTOBER ISSUE OF TAILEM TOPICS

I wrote to Coorong Council roughly 3 months ago, advising them I had noticed a partial collapse of a pylon on the old landing, while I was out on the river. I included photos taken over a period of two weeks showing the partial collapse.
I received no comment from Coorong Council.

I agree the ferry landing needs a big tidy up, a cursory inspection recently showed rubbish and debris under the rotting ramp with a straggly willow struggling for survival alongside. The landing is deteriorating and fast becoming a hazard.

I suggest the removal of all of the rotting ramp structure with the exception of the first two ramp entrance pylons. Subject to integrity check, these could remain as a reminder of the site that was. The willow next to the old landing should be removed to allow a free water flow to sweep away unsightly rubbish and debris that is currently trapped and lying under the old ramp. The old landing site may not then need, safety fencing. The safety fencing in place now is unsightly. This would add to the overhaul of the riverfront that has seen an increase in patronage since the willows have been removed and the pontoon installed.

There is no seating between the old ferry site and the boathouse. Could some of the old pylons be dressed and mounted on concrete blocks and utilised as seating in this area. As a matter of interest, some of the original ferry pylons remain in the water on the edge of the opposite bank, amongst the willows.

The history of the site is well documented and suitably recorded. It is time to move on with the times and create an environment more suited to today's needs and that of the future. An opportunity to make history, this generation will be judged on.

Submitted by Geoff Nicholls



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Jokes of the Month

What's the difference between a teacher and a railway security guard?

One trains the mind, the other minds the trains.

Why did the Vampire read the Tailem Topics?

He heard it had great circulation!

What does it do before it rains candy?

It sprinkles!

Why is a cemetery a great place to write a story?

Because there are so many plots there!

Quotes of the Month

Do not watch the petals fall from the rose with sadness,

Know that,

Like life, things sometimes must fade before they can bloom again.

Submitted by Margaret Jaensch

Difficult roads in life often lead to beautiful destinations.

Submitted by Lyn Goddard

Life is accepting what is and working from that.

Gloria Naylor

If you have something you would like to share in the next Tailem Topics, please email it to the Editor at tailemtopics@gmail.com.

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The Tailem Bend Historians

Historians held their AGM on the 25th September 2020 at the Community Library and it was well attended. We welcome our new members and we thank our outgoing and continuing members for their enduring dedication to our history of Tailem Bend and surrounding districts. Elections were held and all positions were filled. For the 2020-2021 year our committed committee is:

Public Officer: Elizabeth Nicholls, **President:** Peter Connolly, **Vice President:** Marcus Reseigh, **Secretary/ Treasurer:** Angie Tomkinson, **Book Checker:** Trevor Gordon, **Committee members:** Pam Green, Merv & Vicki Stevens, Doris Connolly, Neville Medlow, Maxine Kiddie, Kathleen Kromwyk along with interested members Helen Bowering, Don Green, Joyce Medlow and Harry Kromwyk. **This wonderful committee is looking forward to an exciting year.**

We have been a group for 3 years and we have uncovered a lot of information already of Tailem Bend and surrounding areas. We love to preserve our past for our future.

Some of the things we have achieved in the past year are:

- Finding lots of information on the Horse Racing around Tailem Bend - Held workshops to research more information
- Collecting over 3,200 names of Railway men who worked in Tailem, Bend - Foodland Windows painted
- Sharing photos with the Tailem Info Station and other group - Enhancement of photos from camera group
- Painting of Carslakes corner with the help of the Auto club - Collecting Eulogy cards for history purposes
- Have increased numbers to Monday Memories and lots more stories. - Being asked more questions of our history
- People sharing information and stories with us - Printing of history photos to display and sell
- Visit to Mypolonga - how they preserve their history - Went on a tour to Eudunda to see how their history group works
- More people interested in our history - Preparing for an exhibition next year - Printing Mr Haltam's Diary of Tailem Bend

The Tailem Bend Historians Offer you Monday Memories

Have you a good memory of the past? Can you help us name some older photos? Or would you like to come along and reminisce looking at **TAILEM BEND in the 'GOOD OLD DAYS'**

Held at the Community Library at 10am on the last Monday of the month, entry gold coin donation. Next Monday Memories meeting will be on Monday 30th November 2020. All welcome. Could you also help the Historians by becoming a friend of the Historians for \$10 per a year.

Enquiries Phone Library 85723275 or Mobile 0437329454

Submitted by Angie Tomkinson

I am too busy

I am very good at procrastination. I can always come up with an excuse, to myself, to put off doing things.

Mainly things which I feel are going to be hard. I can tell myself, “*I will do it later; I do not have the time now; I will have to do this when I have some help;*” or the most often used excuses “*I forgot; I was too busy and just not ready.*” By then I have found that I have to rush to do something, or it is just too late to be done at all.

How often do we forget the important things in life because we are too busy with the lesser things? Do we forget to tell those we love, that we do love them? Do we suddenly find that a loved one has died and we have words left unspoken; questions left unasked? Are we so busy gathering ‘possessions’ that we forget to hold onto the really important ‘things’ in our lives?

Are we so intent on living a life of ease that we forget to live a life of meaning with our families and our faith? We have been promised that Christ will come again, *to judge the living and the dead.*’

He tells us we should be ready for that ‘*coming*’ for we do not know when it will happen.

In Matthew chapter 25, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins who were waiting for the bridegroom to arrive for a wedding to begin. The groom was running late, so the girls went to look for him. Five took oil for their lamps and five forgot. When the groom arrived the five who were prepared with enough oil were able to join the wedding. Those who were unprepared had to go and buy oil. They returned too late and were locked out of the wedding.

We must look at the things we do and make sure they are necessary for our ‘*life in Christ*’. Do not put off going to church and learning about God’s salvation for us through Jesus by saying, “*I am too busy; It can wait.*”

Just as we like to have our houses clean and ready for visitors, so we must have our spiritual ‘homes’, (our hearts and minds) ready for the visit of Christ.

May God bless your lives each day.

*Submitted by Doreen Lutz on behalf of the Lutheran congregations, Tailem Bend, Buccleuch and Karoonda.
Pastor Tony Traeger, tony.traeger@lca.org.au*

St Luke Anglican Church at Tailem Bend

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Saturday 21st November 2020

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| Incident date | Incident type             | Location                 | Details                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30/09/2020    | Fuel drive off            | PRINCES HWY, TAILEM BEND | FUEL DRIVE OFF AT COLES EXPRESS TAILEM BEND, \$60.90 VALUE. NIL REGO -OBSCURED PLATE.                                                                                                             |
| 15/10/2020    | Fuel drive off            | PRINCES HWY, TAILEM BEND | Petrol drive off at Coles Express Taillem Bend for \$72.74- white Holden Frontier                                                                                                                 |
| 30/09/2020    | Illegal interference      | PRETORIA ST, TAILEM BEND | THEFT OF THE FRONT NUMBER PLATE                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 05/09/2020    | Property damage           | PRINCES HWY, TAILEM BEND | Between reported times u/k person/s have thrown rock through the laundry window at the side of the house causing it to smash. Approximately \$150.00 damage.                                      |
| 21/09/2020    | Property damage           | PRINCES HWY, TAILEM BEND | Unknown persons have thrown rocks at the Tennis Club building smashing a window and also a perspex club sign. Also unreadable graffiti in the men's toilet. Estimated damage value \$900.00.      |
| 21/08/2020    | Serious criminal trespass | PRINCES HWY, TAILEM BEND | Serious criminal trespass to unoccupied premises.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 01/04/2020    | Serious criminal trespass | PRINCES HWY, TAILEM BEND | Unknown persons have entered the insecure shed and storage room at the rear of the victims house and have stolen multiple items over a period of 5 months. Nil persons seen or possible suspects. |
| 24/09/2020    | Serious criminal trespass | PRINCES HWY, TAILEM BEND | Police became aware that unknown person(s) have attempted to break into the Taillem Bend Subway by gaining access through the floor. Nil access gained                                            |
| 02/10/2020    | Theft/receiving           | PRINCES HWY, TAILEM BEND | THEFT OF MOBILE PHONE FROM COLES EXPRESS TAILEM BEND LEFT AT ATM BRIEFLY WHEN VICTIM WENT BACK TO GET IT IT WAS GONE                                                                              |



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# Tailem Bend Football Club

The TBFC finished off the 2020 season winning both the under 13's and under 17.5s premierships. This is a great achievement for our club and shows that the future is bright at Tailem Bend.

The under 13's coached by Brendan White had a flawless season going undefeated during the regular season and then stepped it up a gear to win both finals by over 10 goals while only having 1 point scored against them in each final. Young gun Sam White was awarded best on ground in the grand final.

The under 17.5's coached by Josh Gerlach also had a fantastic season only losing 2 regular season games to finish in 2nd spot. After a convincing win in the first final they found the going tougher in the grand final but a great 2nd half comeback seen them hold on to win by under 1 goal. The very impressive Elliott Wegner was awarded the best on ground medal in the grand final.

*Thank you to everybody involved in both these teams and well done on this fantastic achievement.*



ABOVE: Under 17.5's Taillem Bend Football Team.



ABOVE: Under 13's Taillem Bend Football Team.

## Tailem Bend Lunch Reunion

A small Grade 6 Taillem Bend lunch reunion was held at the Taillem Bend Hotel on 4th September 2020. There are plans to create a class reunion in 2021.



ABOVE: Taillem Bend Primary School, 1965.



ABOVE: John Robinson (Taillem Bend) Ute Fiebig (Adelaide) John Abbott (Taillem Bend) Harold Poser (Adelaide) Heinz Varger (Taillem Bend) paid us a visit.

***We are taking names and details for re-union in 2021.  
If interested please contact Ute Fiebig on 0421 014 723.***

Submitted by Ute Fiebig

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12noon  
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