

# Tailem's Dragway Street Party - A Resounding Success!



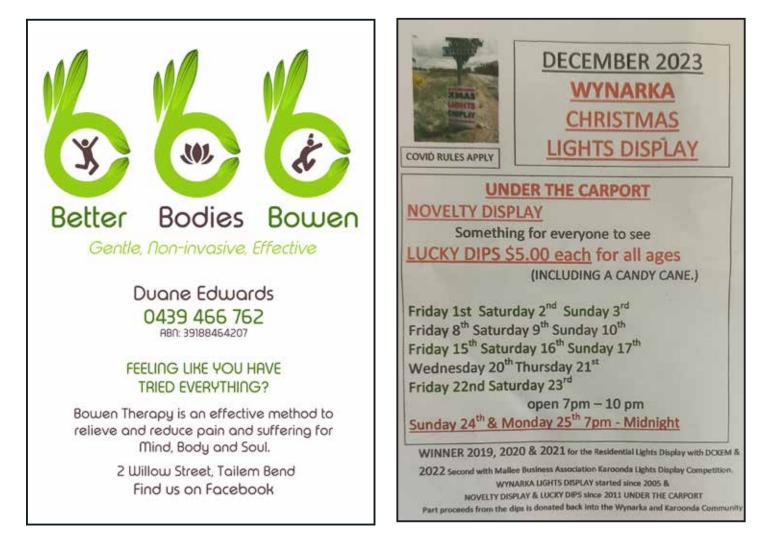
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Story and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News, Tailem Bend Corespondent.

Tailem Bend welcomed the official opening of the newest attraction at the Shell V-Power Motorsport Park with a twilight Dragway Street Party held on Friday, October 20 2023 – and there's no doubt that this party will not be forgotten for some time.

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The town's main street was buzzing and rocking as crowds swelled with visitors from all over Australia - all revelling in the anticipation of an exciting weekend of Drag Racing at the Dragway at the Bend.

Local residents could feel the rumble and hear the extreme sounds of the National Drag Racing Championship demonstrations as they lit up the town's Main Street.



ABOVE: Phoebe Sewell of Tailem Bend with Bailey Ward checking out one of many Tailem Bend Auto Club members' cars.



ABOVE: The crowds were buzzing and rocking at Tailem Bend's Dragway Street Party.

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ABOVE: Sam Shahin, with Alistair McDonald and Cameron Jew enjoying the entertainment and crowds at Tailem Bend's Dragway Street Party.



ABOVE: Nicole Bell with Brooklyn Bell, both of Tailem Bend having a special moment dancing together at Tailem Bend's family-friendly Dragway Street Party.

Staying true to the town's historic racing roots, the town's street party had plenty of static displays of vintage, classic, muscle and drag cars, along with motorbikes of all calibres - the entertainment and live music was exceptional and there were plenty of food trucks to please everyone's taste.

A huge congratulations to the Tailem Bend community and the Coorong District Council – this town really knows how to put on a great show. (*More photos on page 4*)

Stay tuned for the town's iconic Christmas Parade, not to be missed on Saturday, December 9, 2023

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ABOVE: Destiny Houston, Scott Tennant with Lola-jay of Murray Bridge taking in the buzz of the crowd at Tailem Bend's Dragway Street Party.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Auto Club member, Terry Ewens of Wellington East, enjoying the party with his family, Eddy, Joey, his wife Amiy, and Milly at Tailem Bend's Dragway Street Party.





ABOVE: Heath, Sophia, Ashlee Jane, and Hailee all of Tailem Bend, with the crowd at Tailem Bend's Dragway Street Party.









# VENA Vena Energy Australia - TBCP Sponsor

Article and photo submitted by Mathis Slettum.

Vena Energy is a leading renewable energy company in the Asia-Pacific that owns, develops, constructs, operates and manages a renewable energy portfolio totalling 18 giga-watts throughout South East Asia, and has been operating in Australia since 2016.

Vena commissioned the first solar project right here in Tailem Bend! The 95 MW Tailem Bend Solar Project Stage 1 has been exporting electricity to the national grid since 2019. Construction is underway on the Tailem Bend Hybrid Project, which consists of the 87 MW Tailem Bend Solar Project Stage 2 and 41.5 MW Tailem Bend Battery Energy Storage System.

Once operational, Stage 2 will be capable of supplying enough power to satisfy the average annual needs of 45,000 Australian homes. Several innovative and advanced technologies will be utilised for Stage 2 including bifacial panels which allows for the absorption of solar irradiance from both sides of a solar module and mounting solar panels on single-axis trackers to follow the movement of the sun, increasing energy production.

The Tailem Bend Battery Energy Storage System (*BESS*) will commence construction in late 2023 and is to be located within the Stage 1 site area.



The BESS can provide direct benefits to the State by stabilising frequency fluctuations in the electricity grid and assisting with the uptake of more renewable energy generators into the grid.

Vena Energy is proud to have supported several local initiatives over the years such as installation of Christmas parade lighting at Railway Terrace, re-development of the clubroom at the Tailem Bend Cricket Club and conducted an educational site tour of Tailem Bend Solar Project Stage 1 for thirty young adults from the Tenison Woods College in Mount Gambier. We are delighted to support the 2023 Tailem Bend Christmas Parade and firmly believe our longterm success goes hand-in-hand with working together with the communities and regions in which we operate.

# Wynarka Christmas Lights Display



Article and photo submitted by Carol Menadue, Wynarka.

### Christmas is a wonderful time of the year when families get together to have fun and show generosity.

At Wynarka in the Murray Mallee region each year the town puts on a large display for Christmas lights, lucky dips and novelty display. Wynarka is about 15-20 minutes from Tailem Bend along the Loxton Highway and can be seen from off the main highway.

This year the Christmas lights display will be going for since 2005 and the lucky dips and novelty display under the carport since 2011. The display changes every year there are competitions for the children allowing them to have a free gift.

Other residents in town join in with the Christmas Lights display. The prices for the dips are kept low so everyone can enjoy in the fun and do not leave empty handed.

People over the years have been coming from far and wide!

Lights display has won three consecutive years in a row for residential display with Karoonda East Murray Council and runner-up with Karoonda Mallee Business Association.

Proceeds from the lucky dips go back towards presents for the children of the farming community in the Murray Mallee and towards the Wynarka Christmas Tree and Community Gathering.

### This is not for profit and is done for the enjoyment that is seen on the children's faces along with their families.

Items are collected throughout the year to be ready for the display. Some items for the dips are contributed by *AJ's Homestore Cypress Terrace Murray Bridge, Karoonda Pharmacy Railway Terrace Karoonda, Karoonda Post Office Railway Terrace Karoonda, Southside Newsagency & Post Office Swanport Rd Murray Bridge.* 

Come for a drive and see the lights during December on Friday to Sunday when the carport is open for the dips and novelty display. See the flyer on page 2 in this Tailem Topics for more times etc.

# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #135

A long-running series submitted by Peter Connolly.

Three great interesting stories this month. From snakes to crocodiles.

### **TODD'S IN CONTROL**

#### Todd Downs can literally say he works with "animals" at Dundee's Wildlife Park, they know who's boss, as Amanda Whitehead found out.

As the manager of Dundee's Wildlife Park, Todd Downs does lots of things most of us would consider dangerous – but to him *"it's just a job"*. Although his daily routine includes sitting amongst saltwater crocodiles and handling snakes, Todd doesn't consider himself a particularly brave person. *"I don't think I'm brave at all but I guess it depends on whose definition of bravery"* he said. *"There are elements of danger in my job but when you're there every day, it just becomes part of the job." "You learn to understand and look for the warning signs."* 

After studying year 12 at the Murray Bridge High School, Todd completed a three year university degree in Natural Resource Management. *"I was once told that the main purpose of university is to learn to how to think and I always look at things differently now"* he said *"I guess university also helped me to become more resourceful and gave me more confidence in solving problems."* 

Somewhat of a success story, Todd began working at Dundee's when it was known as Cockatoo Haven. Originally employed as an animal attendant, Todd soon moved his way up through the ranks to the position of senior animal attendant, then to park manager and was named manager of the whole establishment, including the wildlife park, gift shop and restaurant. At only 23 years old, Todd admits he has a huge responsibility, but the challenge is an aspect he enjoys. *"It's a lot of hard work and a huge challenge, but I love it"* Todd said *"It's very varied and I'm doing something different every minute."* 

Dundee's owner John Meek said Todd was the perfect choice for the job. "He's young, enthusiastic and has the ability which is why I made him manager," John said. Although the park originally had a number of snakes, now days there are only six and the emphasis has moved to crocodiles, 16 currently residing there. Todd spent much of his earlier days handling snakes, and remembers a "few misses" "I once stuck my hand into a box to remove the water bottle for cleaning, and there were two tiger snakes still in there coiled underneath the bottle" Todd said. "I got my hand out of there pretty quickly"

He said although most of Australia had a general fear of snakes, he would rather be bitten by a snake than a crocodile

"Ninety – five percent of the time, I can tell when a snake is about to bite me," he said.



ABOVE: Dundee's Wildlife Park manager Todd Downs said he has learned to understand the animals he works with, which are of the most dangerous kind, including crocodiles and snakes.

"It may seem scary to someone who has contact every now and again, but you soon get used to it when you have your hands in their cages every day." In the little time he has spare, Todd plays football for Tailem Bend where he was originally born.

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### Kay honoured as one of the fellows

# The Rotary Club of Tailem Bend has awarded Kay Hughes for her service to the community.

Kay was awarded the prestigious Paul Harris award at the Christmas dinner on aboard the Princess Andrea. President Jenny Hood said it was the first time in the history of the Tailem Bend Rotary Club that the award had been given to the partner of a Rotarian. *"When we consider the Rotary theme for 2005 -2006 is Service above Self, I can think of no better example of this than the work Kay Hughes has done for the community"* she said. *"Congratulations Kay, a worthy recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow."* 



ABOVE: Rotary Club of Tailem Bend President Jenny Hood presents the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award to Kay Hughes.

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Kay began her involvement and support of the club when her husband joined the Rotary Club on March1, 1980. And has been an active participant at many district conferences. She has been involved with the Rotary Club of Tailem Bend for many years and in particular in the areas of international services and community service.

She has been involved with the Long Term Youth Exchange Program as a host parent and mentor. And hosted many relaxed get togethers down by the river, to entertain the exchange students from throughout the world, that have been hosted in the Rotary District 9520. Kay has also supported the group study exchange and been a host family on numerous occasions. Mrs Hood said Mrs Hughes had supported community projects with which the Rotary Club had been involved.

"She has assisted with helping out managing the gates at the Karoonda Farm Fair, Murray lands Music Festival and has assisted with clerical work at the Rotary Auction, and in earlier times the Gumi Races," she said. "Kay has also been a supporter of Music Hall for many years." "When she has not been involved on the stage in comedy and singing in the earlier productions, she has been involved with costume making and quietly seeing where help is needed."

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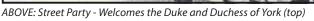
# Wally has a great memory for dates and names

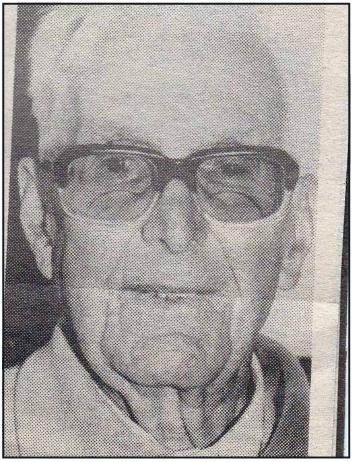
Mr Wally Allengame (86) one of Tailem Bend's oldest residents has a remarkable memory for dates. He can even remember the day he came to the town as a schoolboy --October 16, 1911.

Then was the day he joined the railways, as a junior porter (June 16, 1919) and the day he retired (February 11, 1966) of all the dates that stand out most in his memory, May 27, 1927, the most prominent - the day the Duke and Duchess of York (later to become King George VI and Queen Elisabeth, now the Queen Mother) visited Tailem Bend.

When Wally came to Tailem Bend, there were only five railway cottages in the place - two of them occupied by the station master and the porter. Dates are not only things Wally can remember.







ABOVE: Wally Allengame.

Names also slip off his tongue easily - such as those of the station master (Mr James Beer) and porter (Mr H Morcombe) of the time. Before the railways expanded in Tailem Bend, and built the marshalling yards between 1923 and 1926 (more dates), river traffic was at its height. Paddle streamers such as the 'Milang',' Murrundi' and 'Queen' were common sights plying their way through. On Sundays, some of the boats would run passenger cruises, leaving Murray Bridge early. Picking up more passengers at Tailem about 10am. From there the boats would cruise out on to Lake Alexandrina as far as Pomond Island and return to Tailem about 4pm. During Wally's second year in Tailem Bend, a start was made on the railway line to Paringa (and ultimately on to Renmark.) It was also time that a start was made on building the existing station. Before that Tailem bend was only a siding.

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Many thanks to editor Jo. Also Doris Connolly for helping with photos and typing.

#### Looking forward to more next month.

In the meantime

Life - Accept yourself, love yourself, and keep moving forward. If you want to fly give up what weighs you down. **<sup>ESP</sup>** Tailem Bend Brigade, SA Country Fire Service

Article and photos submitted by Dwayne Martin, Brigade Captain. cfs.sa.qov.au/about/about/about-us/

### WE NEED YOU! Fire season is almost here, Help us protect your community! Your local community Fire service is in need of more volunteers.

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Our brigade is made up of both men and women from varied backgrounds and age groups who all come together when called to help people in their time of need. We currently have about 12 active members but need more to continue providing a reliable service. As a volunteer firefighter you will help 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 incidents that may pose a risk to our community.

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Contact Dwayne via phone 0487 280 265 or email: dwayne.martin@sacfsvolunteer.org.au



ABOVE: Driver Training.

It's been a busy month for our local Brigade with training, events and call outs.

#### Northen Territory deployment

On 16th September, one Tailem Bend member was deployed to Northern Territory for 7 days to assist with a large bushfire in the Barkley region. Crews were based at Tennant Creek to help with back burning to protect isolated communities. CFS have committed numerous firefighting vehicles and firefighters over a monthlong deployment with over 100 CFS members sent to assist.

#### **Kindy Visit**

On 28th September we attended a visit with the local kindergarten. Our members gave a talk about the fire trucks and equipment we use. Children were given the opportunity to climb in the trucks and squirt water using fire hoses, which they obviously loved.



ABOVE: Kindy Visit.

#### **Riverland fire deployment**

On 3rd October one Tailem Bend Truck and crew was deployed to Paringa in the Riverland to assist with a fire that had been burning though piles of almond husks a processing facility. 3 of our local brigade stayed the night and supported them in the morning and after some truck trouble we returned home.



ABOVE: Paringa Almond fire.

# **Tailem Bend Brigade, SA Country Fire Service**

### Offroad driver training

On 7th and 8th October we were fortunate to have the opportunity to do some driver training on a local property just outside of Tailem where we were able to test the trucks abilities on different terrains and learn a range of new skills in different situations. The terrain was predominantly sandy and crews practiced how to navigate through such areas and how to recover if they get stuck. A challenging but beneficial experience lead by experienced members who keen to pass on their knowledge to those less experienced.

The driver training day was followed by a pizza night where all the volunteers and their families gathered to socialise and have some fun.

### Monarto prescribed burn

On 9th October our crew assisted National parks and wildlife service with a prescribed burn at the Monarto woodland conservation park. The 33 hectare burn was completed over several hours and was required to reduce the fuel load in the area which will reduce future bushfire risk to the town ship. This was a great opportunity for our crew to gain some valuable live fire experience before the upcoming fire season.

### **Combined training opportunity**

Recently we are attended a combined training day held by Strathalbyn group at Milang. We competed in 3 different scenarios in joint teams alongside 12 other crews from the surrounding districts.

**Scenario 1** was an agricultural/industrial rescue exercise. Where crews were required to together to safely remove a casualty following a simulated accident.

**Scenario 2** was putting out a car fire, transferring water from a source 100m away. Crews has to problem solve to overcome some unplanned difficulties.

**Scenario 3** was a running grass fire drill working with the other trucks, monitoring water levels, communicating and at the end having to extinguish Haybales.



ABOVE: Driver Training.



ABOVE: Monarto prescribed burn.

# A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped with call outs this month!

Date	Time	Incident Type	Location	Additional Information
16/09/23	12:00	Grass/ scrub fire	Tennant Creek, NT	Strike team deployment.
24/09/23	03:14	Fire Alarm	Jervois Rd, Jervois	Alarm activated, no fire.
01/10/23	15:51	Fire alarm	Jervois Rd, Jervois	Alarm activated, no fire.
03/10/23	10:43	Grass fire	Pike River, Paringa	Strike team deployment.
03/10/23	11:15	Heavy rescue	Dukes Hwy, Ki Ki	Truck crashed into scrub.
09/10/23	09:05	Fire alarm	Jervois Rd, Jervois	Alarm activated, no fire.
14/10/23	09:29	Fire alarm	Jervois Rd, Jervois	Alarm activated, no fire.



# Whats Happening at The Shell V Power Motorsport Park at The Bend

Article submitted by Sharon Williams.

# November

1st - Driver Experience and hot laps. 2nd to 4th - Open Pitlane GT circuit 2nd - 3rd DRAGWAY Jamboree test days 4th and 5th -DRAGWAY GARRETTT Adelaide Jamboree Sports Compact Drag Racing TBC 5th to 7th - Champions Ride Days - Motorbikes 5th - Come and try 4WD. 9th – Premium Members Day 10th -DRAGWAY Level 1 - Theme night - Diesel Challenger Racing 5pm 9pm 11th -DRAGWAY Level 1 - Street race series Racing 5pm-9pm 11th and 12th -Drifting SA - Kart drome. 11th and 12th -South Australian Motorsport Series Round 3 12th - DRAGWAY Level 1 All Motorcycle Day Racing 10am – 4pm 16th – Open track day 17th – Performance Test Day 18th - Ford Fest - Ford Drag way. Rally Car hot laps 18thPM -Roll Racing Ticketed event 19th - Track sports - Dragway Level 1 cars 21st - Premium Members Day 24th to 26th - Kart drome - Drifting

25th – Dragway level 1 street Race series. 26th – Dragway Level 1 Ultimate Street Race

# December

1st - ard ASBK - MOTORBIKES 1st - Dragway - Level 1 Theme night 2nd - Dragway - Level 1 Street Race **3rd - Dragway Racer Test and Tune** 4th – Champion s ride day 7th - Hot laps and drives 8th - Premium Member Day 9th - 10th Champions ride day 9th - Rally Hot laps 9th - Dragway Level 3 - Feature Race TBC 10th - Dragway Level 1 - Street Race Series 16thAM – Drivers experience Program – hot laps PM Roll Racing 17th - Driver experience and hot laps 17th – Dragway Level 1 street Race TBC 19th – Hot laps – Afternoon sessions 20th - Hot laps - Afternoon sessions

DECEMBER 22ND CHRISTMAS CLOSURE – PLEASE NOTE THE WELCOME CENTRE IS OPEN FOR THE CAR MUSEUM - THERE WILL BE NO STAFF AT MO-TORSPORT RECEPTION. RYDGES WILL BE OPEN. MOTORSPORT RECEPTION WILL REOPEN FOR ENQUIRIES. All dates and events are subject to change.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

# The Dragway at The Bend One of the Fastest in the World

#### NEWS RELEASE

Wayne Newby of Rapisarda Autosport International has set a time of 3.761 seconds over 1000ft. this time 0.12 of a second off the world record Top Fuel time. The run confirms the Dragway at The Bend as one of the fastest drag racing surfaces in the world.

The Run was recorded following the official unveiling of the venue by Premier Peter Malinauskas and Shell V-Power Motorsport Park MD Sam Shahin. After a Saturday sell-out the total weekend attendance of 35,694 has marked an incredibly successful Grand Opening for Australia's news Drag Racing track.



ABOVE: Steve Bettes (right) with Dragway at The Bend marketing manager Vladimir Ostashkevich. Image Supplied

The National Drag Racing Championship will return to The Bend on January 13-14, 2024 headlined by Nitro Funny Cars. Tickets are available via thebend.com.au

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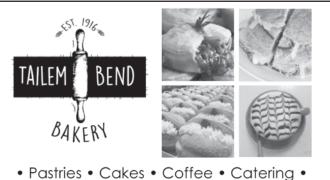
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# Margaret & Colin Batson Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary

Written by Wendy (Batson) Bradshaw.

The celebration commenced with a luncheon for Marg and Colin's anniversary with their own personal rent a crowd. Their family of close to 40! Marg said, "God told her to go forth and multiply" and they, Colin and Marg have more than achieved that in their 70 years of marriage.

Their Eldest daughter, my sister, Sue Bolger welcomed all and made a short sharp and shiny speech *(her words)* about our parents and their life together since 1953.

#### Her words went something like this:

A young man of 19 met a young girl of 16 years of age. After a few ups and a couple of downs, they married at St. Bedes church of England, Semaphore on the 10th October, 1953. This church would later become to be known as our family Church for weddings and baptisms. The Batson's first home was in Malwa St Osborne just two streets back from the Esplanade, built entirely by dad for his new bride. The couple soon become a family of five, followed by Susan 1955, David 1956 and Peter 1958. After a five-year break, mum got a little bit clucky which resulted in Wendy showing up in 1963. The surprise package arrived in 1966, our little fighter 12 weeks early, Robyn Dawn.



ABOVE: Robyn Bristow, Peter Batson, Sue Bolger, Wendy Bradshaw, David Batson and Margaret & Colin Batson.



ABOVE: Colin & Margaret Batson.

In 1973 after years of being Peninsular people *(Lefevre)* and spending many years on the ocean racing yachts as the preferred hobby (Dad built 6 boats in all) Mum & Dad purchased a 21 acre block five klms out of the township of Tailem Bend.

They built a shed, and in 1974 moved to the area with their two youngest children Wendy and Robyn. He built us a house, for all of us which included the older three and their friends. Weekends were a blast! After raising many animals, cows, sheep, ducks, chooks etc. literally old McDonalds farm. They decided to create Colmar Piggery. A successful endeavor until dad had an alteration with a train in the late 80's.

Mum & Dad together have five children with their partners, 11 grandchildren, their partners, followed by 12 great grandchildren! And shall we say, ongoing!

This couple, our parents, grandparents, great grandparents are such an inspiration to all of us. Their tenacity is second to none. Their devotion to each other exceeds anything imaginable. They are the light of our lives and the measure of family values. We hope they have quite a few more year together!

With love, Susan, David, Peter, Wendy & Robyn. Along with our families and your many friends xox

# Tailem Bend Christmas Parade - Dec 9th at 4.30pm to 9pm

Article submitted by Maxine Kiddie.

Come along and celebrate Christmas at Tailem Bend! Get your friends, workmates, relatives or be an individual and be a part of our Parade. Dress up on the night in the crowd. The kids canwear their book week costume. It all adds to the night!

The Christmas Parade will start at 6pm and travel from Parklands Tce down Railway Tce. Float forms are available at the Tailem Bend Progress Association website or on page 22 of this Tailem Topics.

Father Christmas will be in the Town Hall, for the children to come and let him know, what they would like for Christmas. We will have a letterbox for the children to pop their letters for Father Christmas, so they can write their wish list in advance. Remember to put name and address on the letters.

This year we will have the Mechanical Bull, Gyro 360, Climbing Wall, Darcy's Travelling Farm, the Man on Stilts, Sticky Wall and Bouncing Castle. Tailem Bend Auto Club car display. The Murray Bridge Community Band playing Christmas songs. Lee Brocky and Outback Overdrive keeping the party going after the Parade.

We will have Market Stalls in the Town Hall and Willow St, Facepainters and a Balloon Sculptor and a variety of Food Vans..



Can you help with supervising the Bouncing Castle and Sticky Wall. We will create a roster, please contact Maxine 0439 387 750 or tbchristmasparade@gmail.com Don't forget to light up your houses. Make Tailem Bend as bright as it can be.

Help us make this a brilliant fun Family night. A night for family and friends to get together.



# **Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter**

Report submitted by Doug Holmes, President.

The Tailem Bend Lions Club are organising an online auction sale for residents of Tailem bend who are relocating. The items for sale will be listed on farmclearingsales.com the auction will be held on the 15th of November at 6pm.

We have donated to the Tailem Bend Cricket Club to help with the funding for their 4-pitch training net facility.

We thank everyone for their support at our last den Sale which again was a great success, but we request that goods not be left at the Den when unattended.

Noarlunga Morphet Vale Lions Club will be assisting us with our annual Christmas Cake walk around Tailem Bend we will be selling large and small Christmas cakes plus Christmas Puddings this will take place on the 2nd of December. If you are an organisation or Group and you have a specific project and would like assistance, please contact the Tailem Bend Lions Club with details via email tailembendlions@mail.com

If you are interested in becoming a lion or a volunteer, please ring Doug Holmes on 0401 239 630

### Honey is available from Lions Members:

Reuben Gurney: 8572 4730

Marion Martin: 8572 4785

Margaret Eckermann: 8572 3850



Raylene Thomas: 0417 840 473



# Line Dancers Visits the Old Time Dancers

Article and photos submitted by Sandy Przibilla.

#### Combining two styles of dancing, the Tailem Bend Line Dancers visited the local Jervois hall for a country themed night which was held on Saturday 29th September 2023.

Sandy Przibilla and her group of line dancers, showcased a demonstration with a couple of their line dances. Everyone joins in the fun as Sandy teaches a dance which was made popular years ago, they were all stepping it out with the tune of Achy Breaky Heart.

Sandy first started teaching linedancing at Lobethal since the year 1999 then extented more classes in and around the Adelaide hills then onto Murray Bridge. Settling down in Tailelm Bend, Sandy started up a class at the Luthern Church Hall.

While the old time dancers circulate around local halls everyone is welcome to come along and join in. Jervois was a fun night of raffles prizes and lucky spots with a pooled supper. One of the raffles was a dressed chicken, I mean it was a fully dressed live chicken, out it came. What a laugh that was, but in the end they just won a normal stuffed dead chook. That made us all laugh. Lets keep the group alive and don't let the past fade away. We all must have learnt the military 2/3 at school for our end of school dance.

Next Jervois dance is going to be held on the 30th of December 2023 at 7.30pm with a \$12 entry fee.



ABOVE: Sandy teaches the dance "Achy Breaky Heart".

Line dancing classes are run by the Tailem Bend Community Centre every Tuesday mornings from 10am till 11.30am through school terms only. No classes during the school holidays.

Anyone is welcome and it's a great form of low impact excercise. **(Easy Basic dances)** To find out more about linedancing, contact the Tailem Bend Community Centre on 8572 3513.



ABOVE: Back row Left to Right: Karen Krollig, Irene Veitch, Dianne Millard, Carlin Hohls, Pamela Mills, Gail Jenkinson, Bea Stevenson, Elizabeth Cameron, Betty Redman. Front row: Sandy Przibilla

# **Prepare for Fire Danger Season**

#### MEDIA RELEASE

WARM weather signals the start of more time spent outdoors enjoying the sunshine, but also serves as a reminder to clean up properties in readiness for the coming Fire Danger Season.

Compliance Officers for The Rural City of Murray Bridge are ready to begin property inspections throughout the district, and issue reminder notices to landowners who need to cut long grass and minimise fuel loads before summer hits Fire Prevention Officer Tony Austin said early preparation was key for reducing the risk of bushfire, along with potential damage to properties and homes.

"We live in a land of extremes and while this time last year we were heading towards a flooding emergency, this year the indicators are that we need to prepare for a scorching hot summer and work hard to keep people safe by reducing the risk of bushfire," he said. "At this time of year, as grasses begin to dry out, its important landowners are aware of their responsibilities in regard to fire prevention and how they can help keep their families and their communities safe. Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility and we all have a role to play."

Mr Austin said the Council conducted an audit of properties every year in the lead up to Fire Danger Season and property owners found to have excessive and non-complying undergrowth on their land would be issued with notices to reduce the fuel load. "We encourage property owners to comply with Council notices to reduce fuel loads, as we really don't want to be in a position where we need to issue fines for non-compliance," he said. "Council takes fire prevention very seriously and a little bit of extra effort now can make all the difference at the peak of summer when conditions are ripe for bushfire to take hold. Fire can be absolutely devastating and if keeping the grass short is one thing we can all do to reduce the risk, then that's worth doing."

"Council currently has two slashers out taking care of long grass on our roadsides."

Fire Danger Season is expected to begin in November and finish in April – exact dates will be announced by the Country Fire Service **(CFS)** before then.

For more information on compliance phone Council on 8539 1100 or visit **www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/services/your-safety/fireandburning** For more information about fire safety and prevention visit **www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home** 



# New Cricket Training Facility

Story and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News, Tailem Bend Corespondent.

President Brad Kleinig is looking forward to the clubs' new training nets to be up and running towards the end of September - just in time for the commencement of training.

Tailem Bend Cricket Club will be entering the 2023/24 season with two senior sides (A Grade and C Grade) and two junior sides (Under 15s and Under 13s) with the season beginning on Saturday, October 14,2023.

"A huge shout out to PM Sports, Rivercity Excavations, Sprycrete and Drendals Concreting for all their help so far," Brad said. "We would have been lost without their support." "We're really looking forward to the upcoming season. Our AGM was held recently and I've put my hand to be President, the Vice Presidency was taken by Josh Gerlach, with the Treasurer's roll being filled by Fiona Hincks and Fluer Kleing has taken on the position of Club Secretary," Brad said.

Being the largest civil plant and machinery firm in the Murraylands, Spry Civil Constructions undertakes all manner of major projects in the region.

"Yeah, we provide all sorts of in-house services like concrete supply, civil works, concrete pumps, truck logistics, you name it," says Sam Rasheed, of Spry Civil Constructions. "We love playing a part in our community and the whole team takes great pride in helping local sporting clubs."

"Large or small, we treat every project the same, from smaller projects like these nets, to things like the reconstruction of Wattle Street in Tailem Bend, earlier this year." "We provided new kerbing, road pavement, asphalt, footpaths, signage and even line marking on that project," Sam said. "We're also about to undertake works on the local Ampol Service Road and Truck Park – that's scheduled to begin mid-September."



ABOVE: The local team from Sprycrete and Drendals Concreting, both of Murray Bridge, putting the finishing touches on the surface of the Tailem Bend Cricket Club's new training facility.



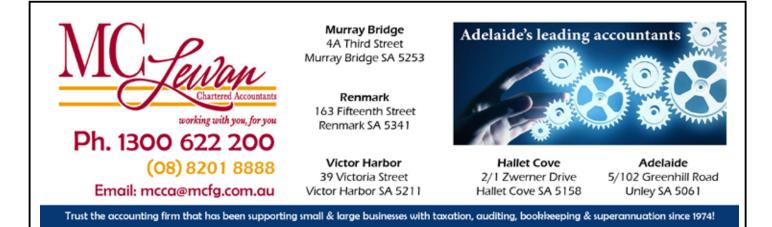
ABOVE: Sam Rasheed of Spry Holdings and Damien Drendels of Drendals Concreting, both of Murray Bridge, keeping a close eye on the progress at the Tailem Bend Cricket Club Training Net Development, Monday, September 4, 2023.



"We love the fact that we are engaged by locals to carry out local projects," Sam explained. "Our teams are made up of locals so it's great that we can all help our own communities."

The Murraylands has experienced significant transformations over the past five to ten years with substantial investment going into infrastructure by private investors and all the region's councils. With new roads and housing developments such as Newbridge in Murray Bridge, Thomas Foods, the new Murray Bridge Racecourse (Gifford Hill) and The Bend Motorsport Park, both Sam and Damian hope new investors coming to the region, continue to support small businesses in order to keep the money and employment, local.

So, if you want to try your luck in these newly constructed cricket batting and bowling nets, be sure to follow the Tailem Bend Cricket Club on Facebook (www.facebook.com/tailembendcricketclub) to get all the latest training dates.



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# Happy 5th Birthday Kayce!



Article submitted by Josephine McGrath, photos taken by Glenn Power.

On Saturday 30th of September Kayce McGrath celebrated her 5th birthday with family and friends.

This was a magical day, hosted by Sarah from *"A Sprinkle of Magic"* (www.asprinkleofmagic.com.au) and was located at Tailem Bends Function Centre.



ABOVE: Kayce McGrath about to blow out her candles.

I would personally like to send out a big thank you<sup>1</sup>to everyone who attended and contributed to making this day perfect for Kayce.

A special mention to Lily Wood for helping me setup, Glenn Power for taking photos and our Coorong Council who were more than accommodating with the room hire and preparations.



ABOVE: Sarah, owner and creator of "A Sprinkle of Magic"

# Tailem Bend Food and Wine Club Social Day

Article and photo submitted by Tina Squires.

# Sunday October 20 saw 17 members start the day at The Dorsey home. On offer was tea/coffee, muffins or the more adventurous a Bloody Mary.

On to the next adventure. Longview Winery Macclesfield for tastings of their beautiful wines. Set in the gorgeous rolling hills the views are stunning, well worth a visit. Onto the bus for a quick snack of crackers, cheese and nuts. Next stop Karrawatta Winery again at Macclesfield, where we treated to a tasting and a passionate explanation of their wines and the growing conditions.

Another winery with stunning views. Next stop Meadows Pub for lunch. The food was delicious and great fully received by all. Some finding room for desert were not disappointed in their choice, particularly the sticky date pudding. **Finally homeward bound where all agreed another splendid social day was had.** 



# Sherlock Hall – Delivers a FUNdraiser with Style!

Article and photos submitted by Tammy O'Malley.

#### The Committee of the Sherlock Hall have been working tirelessly over the last few months to plan a fundraising event with a difference.

To celebrate International Day of Rural Women, the Sherlock Hall Committee hosted their inaugural *'Pre-Loved Auction'*. The event was held on Saturday evening, 14th October at the lovely old Hall. Guests were welcomed at the door by Committee and volunteers where you were presented with a complimentary glass of bubbles or punch and of course your bidding paddle!

The Hall was decked with racks and tables of pre-loved clothing and accessories ranging from only \$1.00 - \$5.00 all items had been carefully sorted and selected for the evening. A Red Carpet '*Catwalk*' was laid where over 40 outfits were modeled and auctioned off throughout the evening, lucky door prizes were announced and guests enjoyed a high tea style supper during the break.

Not only did the committee deliver a great event to celebrate Rural Women, but they also got creative and motivated to think outside the square and deliver something different in order to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of their hall.

These efforts were not in vain with \$1,300 raised for the evening. A great example of rural communities working together to keep what they've got left.



# Pangarinda Botanic Garden 30yr History

Article submitted by Kaye Bartlett. Photos by Paul Bartlett.

The deep red splashes of colour appearing at Pangarinda Botanic Garden during October are the flowers of Callistemon phoeniceus.

This species varies from shrubs of 2 m up to 4 m depending on the area it grows in the wild. It is found growing over a wide range of Western Australia from the Gascoyne River, east to Leonora and Norseman and nearly to the South Coast, hence the variation of size and hardiness, depending on seed source.

With grey green foliage and rich red flower spikes, varying from an erect to a more open plant, it is proving very easy to grow with very little attention.





ABOVE: The flowers of Callistemon phoeniceus.



**Painting Nature** 

Story and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News, Tailem Bend Corespondent.

Valerie Sparrow lives a tranquil life encircled by native scrubland near Tailem Bend not that far from the River Murray in South Australia. Beginning her artistry in China painting in the late 70s and advancing to oil's, acrylics, water colours, pastels, and charcoal Valerie finds her distinctive inspiration in nature.

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Not only has painting been proven to improve brain health, but it can also support one's emotional intelligence and emotional growth. Valerie often finds herself captivated in the moment by the world of nature, *"If I see something beautiful, I have to stop, taking a moment to plan how I can capture the beauty and all the feelings it brings on canvas or on paper,"* Valerie says.

Valerie loves to dwell in a spellbound moment, enjoying the challenges that come with painting or illustrating the magic of nature. *"I'm regularly reinventing myself, trying all sorts of different techniques so as to grasp those exceptional moments."* 

Art can often communicate and express things that our words cannot - you can see Valerie's work throughout the Coorong region, in galleries and on walls that would otherwise be blank and lifeless. *"It's a win-win situation, and I always love seeing my impressions of nature being enjoyed by others."* 



ABOVE: Valerie finishing a recent commission from her country retreat in Tailem Bend.



ABOVE: Valerie surveying one of the seasonal blooms in her Tailem Bend Australian Native Flower Garden.

As well as improving brain health, painting and drawing can improve personal communication skills, helping people who find it difficult to express themselves in front of people. It can enhance an individual's creativity, increase emotional wellbeing, improve memory, even help with problem-solving and self-esteem. Painting and drawing are also known to reduce stress. *"Art is a wonderful naturopath and can comfort anyone,"* Valerie said.

It's an old cliché, but it still rings true, life is like a painting, and you are the artist - Valerie's Tailem Bend Studio-Gallery can be found, opposite the RAA, on the northwestern corner of South Terrace and Murray Street in Tailem Bend.

**Open Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 pm or by appointment** - you will always find a choice of freshly picked seasonal native flowers at Valerie's Tailem Bend Township Studio-Gallery - and a fine selection of carefully crafted greeting cards of her paintings for purchase.

Many artists use their work as a form of self-exploration and reflection – and if you also are enthusiastic about art, Val welcomes you to book a personal Studio-Gallery viewing or even a commissioning appointment, by phoning her on 0419 108 451.



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# **Tailem Bend Bowling Club**



Articles and photos submitted by Kylie Slattery.

#### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Between late October to mid-November the Tailem Bend Bowling Club is removing the old artificial grass and replacing it with new artificial grass. It has been a long time waiting and everyone in the club and district are looking forward to the new turf.

The club will be selling sections of the old turf to any interested parties, and expressions of interest are to be forwarded to the Club President Stuart Rooke 0428 242 905. Please note to leave a message if Stuart is unable to answer your call.

### **CLUB PENNANTS START THIS OCTOBER**

The 2023/2024 Season is starting this October. Tailem Bend Bowling Club has started the Men's Mid-Week Bowls starting Wednesday 4th October. The Eagles first game will be played against Jervois Pelicans here at Tailem Bend. Division 1, 2 & 3 will start on Saturday 7th October. Division 1 will be against Murray Bridge RSL at Murray Bridge RSL. Division 2 will be played against Jervois Black at Tailem Bend and Division 3 will be played against Murray Bridge White at Murray Bridge.

Ladies will commence their season on Thursday 12th October at Meningie against Meningie.

### **80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – LYN WECKERT**

Lyn celebrated her 80th Birthday with the Bowling Club Ladies at the Riverside with lunch, cake and flowers.

### Happy Birthday Lyn

from everyone from the Tailem Bend Bowls Club!





LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONS

The Ladies Club Championships has commenced for the season with the Ladies Club 4's Champions being held on Tuesday 26th Oct. **The Ladies 4's winners from left to right:** Lead - Vicki STE-PHENS, Skipper – Glenda SHEPHERD, Third – Margaret WOIDT, Lead – Sandy GORDGE

**Runners Up:** Lead - Lyn WECKERT, Second - Kylie SLATTERY, Third - Kathy LIEBICH, Skipper - Julia TEUSNER



### LADIES TRIPLE CLUB CHAMPIONS

Ladies Club Championship Triples was held on the 17th of October. Three teams entered the competition with the winners. **From Left to Right:** Kathy LIEBICH, Lyn WECKERT and Julia TEUSNER.

Runners Up: Josie MULLENS, Leanne PATCHING and Sandy GORDGE

# TAILEM BEND STREET PARTY

The bowling club set up a food stall selling steak sandwiches with onions and coleslaw and sausage in bread. The event went extremely well and the club thanks all its patrons for their support.

# NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

Everyone is welcome to attend the club on Thursday Nights from 4:00pm Members will be practicing and are happy to help anyone who is interested in trying to play/learn lawn bowls.

### **PENNANT RESULTS**

#### Men's Mid-Week:

October 4th - Jervois - Loss / October 11th - Murray Bridge - Win

Saturday Pennants – Division 1:

Saturday Pennants - Division 2 : October 7th - Jervois - Black -Loss / October 14th - Mannum - Green - Loss

October 7th - RSL - Win / October 14 - Mannum - Win

Women's Pennants - Thursday - October 12th - Meningie - Win / October 19th - Mannum - Gold - Win

# **Tailem Bend Parade Entre Form**

# PARADE ENTRY FORM 2023 Saturday 9th December

NAME OF GROUP /CLUB OR INDI	/IDUAL PERSON:			
Contact Person:		Phone/ Mobile:		
Postal address:				
Email:				
NAME OF FLOAT/GROUP:				
YOUR THEME:				
PLEASE STIPULATE BROADCAST D (e.g.: if you are a business or have				
ENTRY CATEGORIES				
PLEASE INDICATE ONE OF THE	FOLLOWING CATEGORIES TO	O DESCRIBE YOUR ENTRY		
WALKERS (PLEASE INDICATE HOW M. FLOATS:	ANY WALKERS) "			
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BUSINESS NAME:				

COMMUNITY GROUP: \_\_\_\_

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR HOW & WHERE WE PUT YOU IN THE PARADE, ALSO FOR THE JUDGING OF FLOATS.

### Entry policies relating to public safety.

A) No alcohol to be consumed on floats while in the Parade. B) Participants must comply with all instructions given to during the event by Parade Marshals; the course is one way only please follow directions. C) In the interest of safety, objects are not to be thrown by participants; however, you may issue such items outside your float by hand. Wrapped Iollies only.

**NOTE:** Please be at the starting position by 5.30 pm latest

Please report to a marshal upon arrival to obtain your confirmation ticket, Float number and starting position for a 6.00 pm start. **Please co-operate and respect all volunteer Parade Marshal's.** 

I/We agree to comply with all policies relating to public safety as directed, and to comply with all instructions given to me/us during the event by Pageant Marshals.

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE EMAIL OR FORWARD BACK TO :

Email: tbchristmasparade@gmail.com - PO Box 278, Tailem Bend SA 5260, TB Christmas Parade Committee Maxine: 0439 387 750 (Chairperson) or Tammy Zander: 0407 727 734

# Tailem Bend Market Application Form

Christmas Market Application Form - Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>4:30pm to 8:30pm</b> (Set up from 3:30pm)
Market Stall (Inside Town Hall) Stall size 3 metres by 3 metres
Food Stall (outside)
Truck Van Marquee
Please advise size of site required: Width: x Depth:
Do you require Power: YES / NO (please note very limited power supply is available)
Address:
Contact Number:
Email Address:
Please advise what you will be selling:
Name of Stall:

When returning application please include a copy of your Public Liability Insurance

Food Vendors please also provide Council Food Permit.

Email application to <u>tbchristmasparade@gmail.com</u> Contact: Tammy Zander 0407 727 734





# Tailem Bend Celebrates the Opening of the Dragway at the Bend Motorsport Park



Pictured Above: Vehicle display and crowd at the 2023 Tailem Bend Street Party.

Over 2500 people attended a street party to celebrate the grand opening of the Dragway at the Bend Motorsport Park on Friday, 20 October.

Working in collaboration with the Bend Motorsport Park and the Tailem Bend Auto Club, Railway Terrace in Tailem Bend came alive as vehicles of all calibre including classics, muscle cars and drag cars were put on display.

The event showcased Tailem Bend, its community spirit and provided an opportunity to highlight what Tailem Bend has to offer.

The Dragway at the Bend Motorsport Park is one of the most significant developments in Australian Motorsport history and is set to continue to boost the local economy, with tourism and local businesses benefiting.



Pictured Above: Dr Sam Shahin, Mayor Paul Simmons and SAQ Premier Peter Malinauskas at the Grand Opening of the Dragway at the Bend



# From the Council Chamber

At the October 17, Ordinary Council meeting several key reports were considered by Council Members, including:

- Adoption of the Animal Management Plan 2024-2029
- Updates to the Kerbside Waste, Recycling & Green Organics Collection Service
- Updates to the Development Assessment Fee Waiver and Refund Policies.
- A 21-year lease granted to the Border Downs Football Club

Reports were also presented on the Meningie Pelican Sculpture and Tailem Bend Rail Carriages, with the pelican finding a new home with Coorong Cottage Industries at Meningie and the disposal of the rail carriages at Tailem Bend proceeding now through the issuing of a tender process.

Council Members approved a the State submission to Government for the advocating of the inclusion of Tailem Bend and Wellington East as strong growth areas within the updated plan. This is due to Council's Growth Strategy identifies the growth dynamics of Mt Barker and Murray Bridge and the high likelihood that Tailem Bend will also experience very strong growth, largely due to its proximity and connection to these two centres.

W: www.coorong.sa.gov.au E: council@coorong.sa.gov.au **P:** 1300 785 277 **A:** PO Box 399, Tailem Bend SA 5260



# Project Update

Parks and Gardens across the district are set to be looking their best with Councils Community Facilities team being busy with testing and carrying our maintenance on irrigation systems.

Improvements to the Tailem Bend Function Centre's garden bed were completed with the planting of native grasses.



Pictured Above: The Community Facilities team giving the Tailem Bend Function Centre Garden bed a makeover

Roadside safety has been improved with recent trimming of trees across the district including Heym and Kulkawarra Roads in Sherlock, Old Dukes Highway in Coomandook and Elwomple Road, Elwomple.

Road re-sheeting continue with the Road Construction Crew working on Heym Road and hole repairs have recently been completed at Salt Creek.

The Narrung Campground toilets have seen some minor maintenance and repairs completed ahead of the busy summer period.

### **Summer Safety**

### FITE the BITE

Mosquitoes can be a nuisance, but some can also spread serious diseases when they bite.

Mosquito-borne diseases spread in South Australia

include Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus and Japanese Encephalitis virus, among others.

An important step to protecting yourself and your family is to avoid being bitten.

Coming into the warmer weather, it is important to remain vigilant when heading outside to avoid those pesky mosquitoes.

Using mosquito repellent is a simple thing you can do to protect yourself. Use a product that contains DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

When applying repellent make sure you apply it evenly to all areas of exposed skin, apply it after sunscreen and regularly re-apply as directed.

Find out more at:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/ FightTheBite

### **Council in the Community**

Council attended the 78th Annual Coonalpyn Show with staff and Elected Members engaging with the community members and participating in the annual cooking challenge.



# Coonalpyn Swimming Pool Opens 28 October

Swimming season at the Coonalpyn & District Soldiers Memorial Swimming Pool opened on Saturday, 28 October and season tickets can now be purchased for the 2023/24 season from any of Council's offices, over the phone or at the pool.



Locals & swimming enthusiasts can now access the pool 7 days a week with Morning Sessions 5 days a week between 8.30 – 10.30am, Afternoon Sessions from 4pm – 6pm and Weekends, School Holidays and Public Holidays open from 2pm to 6pm.

A range of programs and activities will be held over the season and parents are encouraged to book in for the popular Royal Lifesaving SA's Holiday Swim program.

Pictured Left: MP Nick McBride, Mayor Paul Simmons. Elected Members CR Lisa Rowntree, Deputy Mayor Jeff Arthur, Cr Brenton Qualman and Cr Johnathon Pietzsch with their show entries



# **Tailem Bend Community** Library New Books November 2023

### **ADULT FICTION**

ALLAN Claire – 'In the Dark' Psychological Thriller APPLEYARD Meredith – 'Daisy and Kate' Aust, Friendship ATHERTON Nancy - 'Aunt Dimity & the Enchanted Cottage' Mystery AUSTIN Stephanie - 'Death comes to Dartmoor' Murder Mystery BALDACCI David - 'The 6:20 Man' Psychological Thriller BURR Shelley - 'Ripper' Australian, Murder CHALLINOR Deborah – 'Band of Gold' Australian Historical EVANOVICH Janet – 'Going Rogue' Crime Mystery HANNAN Victoria – 'Kokomo' Australian Friendship HANNAY Barbara - 'The Life Swap' Australian Family saga HANNAY Barbara - 'Chosen' Outback Romance HARRINGTON Carmel – 'A Mother's Heart' New Zealand, Family LACKEY Kris – 'Ten-Acre Rock' Murder, Mystery LA PLANTE Lynda – 'Cold Heart' Crime Thriller LEE Maureen – 'Mother of Pearl' Mothers and Daughters, Historical MILLMAN Jodé – 'The Empty Kayak' Crime, Detective MUIR Chris - 'Season of the River' Australian saga NEWBURY Sheila - 'Far from Home' Family, Historical PATTERSON James - 'The Games' Crime Thriller PATTERSON James - 'The Shadow' Science Fiction Thriller PATTERSON James - 'Run Rose Run' Crime Thriller PATTERSON James - 'The President Is Missing' Thriller ROBERTS Nora - 'Weather the Storm' 2 in 1, Romance SALMAN Naomi – 'Nothing but the Rain' Apocalyptic, Survival SCOTT Eva - 'Home to Echidna Lane' Australian Romance SERONG Jock - 'The Settlement' Australian Fiction SHADE Anne – 'Three Wishes' Fantasy, Romance SILVA Jo – 'The Wrecker's Curse' Murder, Mystery SMITH Wilbur - 'Storm Tide' Historical, War STEEL Danielle – 'Dangerous Games' Romance Thriller WHITE S.R. - 'Red Dirt' Outback, Thriller WOLF Patricia - 'Outback' Australian Thriller WOLHUTER Louise - 'An Afterlife for Rosemary Lamb' Australian thriller

### **NON-FICTION**

**'THE 20-KILO CHALLENGE'** –Small daily habits for big weightloss goals, Includes 100 delicious recipes

'ARTIST'S DRAWING TECNIQUES' –Discover how to draw landscapes, people, still lives and more in pencil, charcoal, ink and pastel **'ARTIST'S PAINTING TECHNIQUES'** –Explore watercolours, acrylics and oils, discover your own style, grow as an artist

**'LIVING LANDSCAPES VOL II'** – a journey through Australia' rich and diverse First Nations cultures

'NATURE'S TRICKS' – How animals and plants use disguise and deception

'AMAZING ECOSYSTEMS' –a journey through our planet's spectacular ecology

**'RIVERS AND WETLANDS OF THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN'** – Journeys along the Basin's three longest rivers

### LARGE PRINT

**DUNDEE Wayne D.** – 'Rainrock Reckoning' Western **JACOBS Anna** – 'Golden Dreams' British Romance **SAGER Riley** – 'The House Across the Lake' Thriller

# **BOOK REVIEW**

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A TURN IN SHREES

# **RIPPER** by Shelley Burr

Gemma Guillory knows her once-charming town is now remembered for one reason, and one reason only.

That three innocent people died. That the last stop on the Rainier Ripper's trail of death seventeen years ago was her innocuous little teashop.

She knows that the consequences of catching the Ripper still haunt her police officer husband and their marriage to this day and

that some of her neighbours are desperate - desperate enough to welcome a dark tourism company keen to cash in on Rainier's reputation as the murder town.

When the tour operator is killed by a Ripper copycat on Gemma's doorstep, the unease that has lurked quietly in the original killer's wake turns to foreboding, and she's drawn into the investigation. Unbeknownst to her, so is a prisoner named Lane Holland.

Gemma knows her town.

She knows her people.

Doesn't she?

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Incident Date	Incident Type	Location	Details
23/09/2023	Property Damage	First Avenue, TAILEM BEND	Window broken by unknown suspect
27/09/2023	Fuel Drive Off	Princes Highway, TAILEM BEND	Theft of petrol
6/10/2023	Property Damage	Railway Terrace, TAILEM BEND	Graffiti at front of property
14/10/2023	Theft /Receiving	Parklands Terrace, TAILEM BEND	Theft of items from front yard
15/10/2023	Fuel Drive Off	Princes Highway, TAILEM BEND	Theft of petrol
17/10/2023	Cyber Crime	First Avenue, TAILEM BEND	Scam caller gained funds

# Prepare for the Bushfire Season

The fire danger season begins on1st November in some parts of South Australia, so now's the time to start preparing yourself and your property for the summer months.

Australia has a new simplified fire danger rating system with four categories:

Moderate (Green)

High (Yellow)

Extreme (Orange)

### and Catastrophic (Red).

Getting to know their meanings and how they affect your property, and your plans, is key to keeping you and your loved ones safe during bushfire season.

If you live in a bushfire-prone area, make sure you have a plan.

A good first step is to use the CFS website's online tool to create a five minute bush fire plan, which will help prevent arguments or delays in stressful monents.



# **ROAD SAFETY**

Holidays are all about having fun and relaxing. Your safety is important to us, so please read and follow these simple safety and crime prevention tips and share them with your family and friends.

Look after yourself and your property and have a safe and happy holiday. Drive on major roads and don't take short cute. Make sure your vehicle is road worthy and you have sufficient fuel.

Interstate and over seas visitors must carry a current drivers licence when driving in South Australia.

Always drive with your doors locked.

For more information visit - www.police.sa.gov.au

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# What's Happening in our Community?

# **MONDAYS**

- **Rotary Club of Tailem Bend**; Meet every fortnight on Mondays at 6pm at the Riverside Hotel, Princes Hwy Tailem Bend, **contact Phil Roberts: 0428 305 432.** Please contact Phil to check location.
- **Monday Memories!**; Last Monday of the month at the Tailem Bend library at 10am. **All Welcome!**

# **TUESDAYS**

- Social Tennis all welcome; Every Tuesday 9am 11.30am. Hosted at the lovely new courts at Tailem Bend Oval. Morning Tea provided. \$5.00 per person.
   Contact Graeme Melbourne 0429 140 735.
- TAILEM BEND LIONS CLUB; Meetings 2nd Tuesday at the Riverside Hotel and 4th Tuesdays at Lions Den, corner Trevena Rd & Seymour St each month at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Contact Doug Holmes 8532 4372 or lan Eckermann 8572 3850.
- **TAILEM BEND AUTO CLUB**; Tailem Bend Auto Club (TBAC) meeting every Third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Tailem Bend Football Club. Please contact the TBAC Facebook page for more information.

# **WEDNESDAYS**

- COOMANDOOK Branch CWA; Meet first Wednesday of the Month at the Coomandook Hall from 1pm, unless 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 CHRISTMAS PARADE MEETING**; We need you! If you would like to see the Christmas Parade in the future please join the Christmas Parade committee. **Contact Maxine Kiddie: 0439 387 750**

# **THURSDAYS**

 PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE; Cuddle.. Communicate.. Connect... Using songs, rhymes and stories to support connection between child and parent. 9.30am – 10.15am at the Tailem Bend Primary School.

Bookings appreciated but not essential, scan QR code or follow the link https://www.trybooking.com/CAVZV



- Riverbend Ladies Indoor Bowls; Thursdays until the end of October. Fun games 10.30am. Team games 2pm. Contact R. Ellis: 8572 3252 or L. Jaensch: 8672 4064
- **TAILEM BEND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**; JOIN THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION! Next meeting is the 18th of October at the RSL, 6pm. More details please contact Maxine Kiddie: 0439 387 750
- **FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL**; Friend's of the Hospital monthly meeting held on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm at the Tailem Bend Hospital, All welcome! Details: **Gwenda Zadow 8572 3057.**
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# **FRIDAYS**

- Tailem Bend Community Centre Our Goldies Luncheon; Joins us for a social lunch and chat, from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Two course meal from \$10.00 per person, subsidised by the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) for people over 65 years or 50 years Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, or \$15.00 for Non CHSP. Booking is essential, please call 8572 3513 or email chsp@tbcc.org.au for more information.
- Tailem Bend RSL SUB BRANCH; Open for meals every Friday from 6pm, to book phone 0466 313 315 or 0419 856 744 Or you can send a message through FB: @TailemBendRSL

# **SATURDAYS**

- <u>St Luke's Market Day</u>; Held on Saturdays. For more information please call Tony Aylen on 0400 870 878
- Jervois Dance; 7pm for sip n nibbles, 8pm dance time, 29th of July at the Jervois Town Hall. Raffles and door prizes. Phone: Malcolm Clayson on 0401 043 382 for details.
- **MURRAYLANDS BALLROOM DANCE GROUP**; The Murraylands Dance will be held in the Tailem Bend 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**

# Thought for the Month - Little Things

Submitted by Doreen Lutz on behalf of Trinity Lutheran congregation.

I recently came across a note given to me some years ago by one of our children. It had been organized by a teacher at school for Mothers Day.

The note read: "I will cook you your breakfast, lunch and tea, without complaint. On Mothers Day only".

Then followed a menu for a bacon and egg breakfast, egg and fried fritz for lunch; and sausages and chips, or chops, potatoes and beans for tea, with tea or coffee to drink.

I forget how old our child was at the time; probably seven or eight. This menu may just have been 'do-able' at that age. It was the thought of the teacher to do this with the children and also the love it contained which made this note so special. I cannot remember if I was treated to this special day but I do remember being brought a cup of tea and a piece of toast in bed. The tea was only just warm but so welcome. It is the little things in life which can have the most impact on us and those around us. We do not have to make 'grand gestures' or spend lots of money to impress others. We should not be in a competition to win the notice of people. Possessions should not be the means of making our mark on the world to get a reaction and 'fame'. Jesus told his follower to sell all they had and give to the poor, then follow him. We are asked to serve others and not to broadcast our actions to show, *'how great we are'*. We can show our love and care for others in the little things, a smile, a helping hand, a phone call etc.

In Matthew 6 verse 2, Jesus tells us, "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets,.....to be honoured by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.......Then your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

I did note the, 'On Mothers Day only', but who can expect a youngster to cook every day for mum?

May your service to others, however small, be seen by God and may you receive your reward of eternal life.

# **Church Services**

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

47-49 Station Drive, Tailem Bend Service: EVERY Sunday at 11am Enquiries: Church Warden Viktor Sonenko: 0417 812 170

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1st and 3rd Sunday 9am Priest in Attendance Station Drive Tailem Bend 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday 10am LWC Parish Priest, Fr. Philip Marshall 0419 854 540 PPC Chair, Peter Connolly 0423 312 916

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Narooma Boulevard, Murray Bridge Sunday's: 9.30 am Rev Darren Lovell: 0466 411 784 Church Office: 8532 5150

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# **Community Notice Board**

# TAILEM BEND CHRISTMAS PARADE

It's never too early to start planning an idea, trailer/truck, family and friends, a sense of homour or not, costumes, let's make our Parade bigger and better... **LET'S PARTY!** 

EVENT: Saturday 9th December 2023

TIME: 4.30pm to 9.00pm, Parade at 6pm

# Father Christmas is coming to Tailem bend!!!

We need, floats, people in our Parade, stallholders, food vans, decorate your houses and volunteer for us to create our town's fantastic Christmas parade.

**Now is the time to start planning.** What can you do to make it bigger and better?

Applications are now open for the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade and Street Party for Food Stall Holders and Christmas Market Stall Holders!

For applications please email tbchristmasparade@gmail.com or download from our website at tailembendprogress.com.au/ christmas-parade



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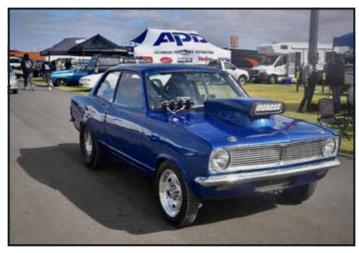
Thank you!

Submitted by Josephine McGrath.

# DRAGWAY AT THE BEND

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### **RIDDLE!**

1. What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

2. A man who was outside in the rain without an umbrella or hat didn't get a single hair on his head wet. Why?

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# **Community Notice Board**

### Jokes of the Month

What do dentists call their x-rays?

Tooth pics!

When does a joke become a 'dad' joke?

When it becomes apparent.

Why did the bullet end up losing his job?

He got fired.

Why are toilets always so good at poker?

They always get a flush.

I took the shell off of my racing snail, thinking it would make him faster. **But if anything, it made him more sluggish.** 

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

# Quotes of the Month

"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are harmony."

Submitted by Margaret Jaensch.

"The world isn't perfect. But it's there for us, doing the best it can.... That's what makes it so damn beautiful."

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Roy Mustang (Full Metal Alchemist)

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."

Submitted by Lyn Goddard

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<b>CFS:</b> Tailem Bend 000
<b>CFS:</b> Jervois 000
Tailem Bend Medical Centre8572 5897
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<b>Parent Helpline</b> 300 364 100
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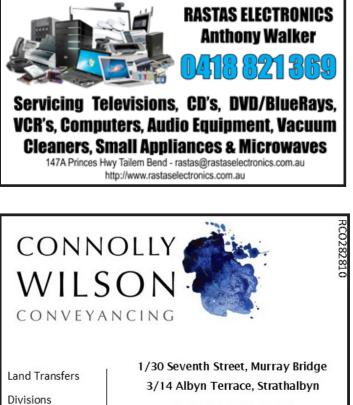


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