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It's why we're employing a Tailem Bend correspondent, someone who can write about local events and take photos of local faces.

In fact, it's why journalist Peri Strathearn established Murray Bridge News three years ago: to connect, uplift and empower local people by telling the Murraylands' stories.

Until next month's edition, find out what's happening locally at www.murraybridge.news.

**MURRAY
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NEWS**

Tailem Bend Christmas Cabaret

Story and images by Chief Editor of Tailem Topics.

For the eighth consecutive year, the Tailem Bend Progress Association Christmas Parade Committee have once again been able to entertain the community and surrounds by holding a very popular fundraising Cabaret.

On Saturday 4th November the decorations and lighting in the Town Hall were amazing with the walls lined with headshots from Hollywood's most famous films and the tables laid out beautifully with creative center pieces.

The Murray Bridge Community Band and local band Arkive entertained the crowd, with all ages putting on their dancing shoes and taking to the dance floor to swing the night away. Some attending made the effort to dress for the occasion and they looked amazing in their outfit. There were many great prizes won and we would like to thank everyone who purchased a raffle ticket and congratulate all the winners!



ABOVE: The Murray Bridge Community Band.



ABOVE: The dance floor is alive and jumping!



ABOVE: Merryn and Ebony Bristow singing from local band Arkive.



ABOVE: Carolyn Wilson owner of the Motel Riverbend dressed as Marilyn Monroe.



ABOVE: A great night had by all.

We would also like to send out a huge thank you to all who attended and those who supported our cabaret with vouchers, donations, and prizes for our raffle, we could not continue without your valued support. **Also, many thanks to the dedicated few who helped to put this show on the road and make this night a huge success.**

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Tailem Bend Christmas Cabaret



ABOVE: (L to R) Sitting Brenda ORIelly, Kerry Attrill, Rita Nayda.
Standing, 1st row Tiffany Nauyen, Raylene Thomas,
Jillian Rossiter, Betty Clarke. 2nd row, Dee Lock, Helen Watkins,
Sheena Feathers, Agnes Dor'e, Dawn Trelore. Back row,
Frier Tuck Glen Dor'e, Father Brown Dwayne Thomas.



ABOVE: (L to R) Father Brown Dwayne Thomas,
Sister Raylene Thomas, Bad Girl Kerry Attrill!

Adelaide Jamboree at the Dragway at The Bend



ABOVE: Veronica ward of Mypolonga's Images from Adelaide Jamboree at the Dragway at The Bend.

Article written by Naome Burdon.

At Argyle Travel and Cruise, we're living our best life and relishing our passion for our industry. Our business has a great relationship with local sponsorship; the community of Tailem Bend supports us well, including the Christmas Parade committee members. We have a firm belief in giving back.

Argyle Travel is a collaboration further empowering South Australian based professionals; experts in the field of travel and business, with proven long term success. My business was founded by myself and is the longest running travel business in southern SA, that has been owned and managed by the same person. The Argyle Travel team is delighted that travel is back and pleased that we can re-engage with our valued existing and new clientele. We truly cherish the friendships we make with the people we do business with. We sincerely love getting to know the people we do business with. It is all about them. We handle all aspects of domestic and international travel. By nature in the longevity of the business and our business model, we have organically moved into specialties including immersive travel, wellness and sustainable travel, family experiences, luxury travel.

Argyle Travel have excellent relationships with our suppliers; the majority of which are Australian based. Anyone can book travel services via an OTA (*online travel agent*) that might be working with other parties, all internationally based and without support when you need it. Our process allows us to provide services at Australian standards for business, quality assurance and to have recourse if any issue arises. This provides invaluable peace of mind for our client. Without a travel agent you are on your own. Another aspect of success for our business model is being mobile. We are based conveniently throughout South Australia. We go face to face with our clients inland, coastal and city areas of the Limestone coast, along with the city of Adelaide, the peninsulas, through to the Riverland and further north. We also have clients based in other Australian states and residing internationally. Our clientele are, year in year out, between 90 and 95% repeat and referral; we see this as a great strength; dealing with people who come to us knowing what we offer and what they can expect.

We are buoyed by the exceptional demand that has continued through 2023. The past year has seen our biggest sales since our inception. We see 2024 offering more potential with enhanced availability and improved pricing. Increased capacity back to larger aircraft and continuing demand will improve competition. But please, get onto your 2024 travel plans now to get the best of the options. We're renown for our girls' trips; anything from a week in *Darwin*, to a week-end in *Dunkeld*, or unique experiences with women in *Iran*, *Morocco* and other destinations where this opportunity is less available than the norm. One of our close relationships is with Intrepid Travel and they offer an incredible program of ladies only tours; **your local Argyle Travel member, Lisa Cheso is a guest and a big fan of Intrepid Travel.**

Hot destinations we predict for 2024 are going to remain within Australia and overseas. For Australia, lesser known or more remote places such as *Arnhem Land*, *Lord Howe Island*, *Christmas and Cocos Islands* will attract new visitors. Argyle Travel Principal, Naome recently visited *Exmouth* to swim with the whale sharks on the worlds largest fringing reef; Ningaloo. This was certainly a bucketlist experience including the Manta Rays, Eagle Rays, Green and massive loggerhead Turtles they swam alongside. Internationally, we see similarities with new trends such as the *outer islands of Western Samoa*, lesser tourist areas of *Africa*, new areas along the *Slovenian coast*, longer and slower paced travel, holidays focused on wellness, travel that allows you to fully immerse yourself in the lifestyle and culture of the destination; maybe more so than a beach flop and drop.

One aspect of the travel industry that I love is that there will always be something new to learn. This is a great attraction for anyone who yearns to explore and discover. **Let us inspire you.** We know because we go, we want you to experience, from our experience. Let us be your memory making expert. *You know who to call. After all, we are your travel experts and we absolutely, did not come this far, just to come this far.*

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ABOVE: Paul Connolly is very excited to announce a new brand, Farmer's Tribute. A range of premium cheese and cream cheese products, made in South Australia, for South Australia, from our farmers world-class local milk. From Nov 2023, these exquisite cheeses are available at leading independent supermarkets across the state. Be sure to like and follow our page @farmerstribute on Instagram to keep up to date with your new favourite brand! Exciting times are ahead!



The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #136

A long-running series submitted by Peter Connolly.

This month we look at the 'Twisted Tales' with only 3 left to tell the story. Also Tailem Motor sport revs up!

Popular television show visits Tailem

The Tailem Bend Railway Station was the set for a segment to be aired on Chanel Nine's Postcards.

Postcards producer Ron Kandelaars and his crew were at Tailem Bend filming around the town and focussed on community members performing "Twisted Tales" a comedy skit on the history of the railway town. Mr Kandelaars said he had never seen anything quite like this performance, where the people jump the bus and act out their parts in front of travelling tourists.

"It's great to see a community group have such a passion and interpret the history for the town like this"

Mr Kandelaars said.

The filming was part of a Postcard special to be aired on the Limestone Coast region, and the crew heading to areas such as Bordertown and Mount Gambier next. The Twisted Tales performance originated when the Tailem Bend Development Committee employed Bill Clifford to review tourism for Tailem Bend, and this is what he came up with, a fun and innovative way to educate tourists about the town's history. Development Committee chairperson the late Dennis Langton and the late Peter Dickson pushed for it to go ahead and applied for a grant from Country Art SA, which they received. The group then acquired the services of playwright Nick Hughes and with the help of the late Mr Dickson, interviewed local people and from that information wrote the play Twisted Tales. The play is set in the area of 1891 to 1950 and is about the mode of transport used in those days.

Eight people perform the shows, and originally had no acting experience, but now, after their 46th show are veterans. All of the costumes were made by the late Nancy Daykin who was a member of the acting group.



ABOVE: After filming: Channel Nine News/postcards cameraman Caleb Sutherland, Postcards producer Ron Kandelaars, audio operator Brenda Richards, Nancy Daykin as Mary Cross, Peter Connolly as The Guard, Frank Fletcher as George Fettle, Lois Fletcher as Mr Strange, Dennis Langton as Junior Porter, Margaret Jones as Rita, Ann Howel as Annie and Doris Connolly as Julie. Abset are stand-ins Serena Grace and Margaret Jaensch.



ABOVE: Centre Stage: Doris Connolly performs on the bus. (Twisted Tales)

Tales have 'em rolling in aisles

By Arts Writer - TONY LOVE

A group of Tailem Bend volunteers has hit on a novel way to get passing travellers to stop and learn more about, the gateway to the Coorong. Now a regular stopover for interstate commuters and day-trippers, the town's heritage and arts committee has devised a short play to perform up and down a bus aisle.

The amateur players have already presented *Twisted Tales History of Tailem Bend* to a full bus of Corston Coaches Mystery Tour passengers and plenty of interest from other tour companies. The performance was an immediate success, the arts group's chairman the late Peter Dickson said. The passengers went on to Tailem bend's Riverside Hotel for lunch, the first time the bus has stopped in the town, "The idea was to get the buses to stop and bring visitors into the community." The late Peter Dickson said.



ABOVE: Just the Ticket: Members of the amateur theatre group. - (Picture: Russell Millard)

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #136

Eight actors get on and off the bus, once it has stopped at Tailem Bend's old railway station. They present a funny tale written by Nick Hughes, which takes the passenger audience back and forth in time through the history of the town. Once a thriving railway and market town, with hundreds working the station and transport hub for the Mallee districts, the potted history is told by characters all based on the real Tailem Bend identities. All the costumes and props were collected from townsfolk and former railway workers. Bus Company and driver Bain Corston said the play was exactly what day-trippers were looking for, "It's something very different."

The Advertiser Saturday, April 13th, 2002

When we get to 1950's you'll see that Tailem Bend was thriving railway town. The tracks there run right through the middle. Down at the other end of town were the sale yards. Market day, was the day when everyone came to town. Right up to the 70's there were hundreds of animals here. **There was the great pig escape of 1952 – dozens of porkers, chased by blokes all over town.** But first and foremost, this was a railway town. The Railways had a major depot here and they built most of the houses in the town.

Bend an ear, Tailem's back

Erin Jones Regional Reporter.

Tailem Bend's new \$110 million Motorsport Park would become a stop on the Adelaide to Melbourne rail line as part of an ambitious plan by the sites owner. The plan along with millions of dollars' worth of development already on the cards, could make Tailem Bend a regional boom town. Dr Sam Sharin, owner and managing director of the world – class Motorsport Park, revealed his new vision for the Bend ahead of the parks first major race.

"One of the most significant attributes of the site at Tailem Bend is its location - you could not design a location that is better than where this land is" Dr Shahin said.

"The railway goes daily to Melbourne straight pass our door step and one of my ambitions is to establish a railway platform on the Dukes Highway to further develop the motor-sport park into a major transportation hub." He said he was "ambitious and impatient" about the plan and "we should not assume the opportunity will be still be there in two to three years' time."

"The opportunity to establish a significant logistics and transport hub, on such a significant route to both Melbourne and Sydney, and only an hour from Adelaide, does not come along every day" Dr Shahin said.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Bakery co-owner Deb Gower at Tailem's railway museum. Picture: Tait Schmaa.

The Melbourne to Adelaide has twice-weekly passenger services, operated by Great Southern Rail, and regular freight services, Dr Sahin's decade – old dream to establish a premier motor sport park in SA will become a reality when 180 drivers will compete in the Shannon's National, attracting more than 5000 people to Tailem Bend.

The Bend, considered in its infancy by some critics as a pipe dream, now features the 100 bedroom Rydges Pit Lane Hotel, an On the Run service centre, 4WD adventure track, other racing circuits and soon to be built Villas.

An independent economic study has shown once fully developed The Bend would inject \$236 million a year into the state's economy, create 1630 full – time jobs and attract an extra 339,000 visitors to the region. Business owners have welcomed the development and what it could mean for the town, which has relied heavily on summer tourism and agriculture. Tailem Bend Bakery co-owner Deb Gower said they were adapting their business to cater for an influx of visitors.

The Advertiser 2018.

It all looks good at the moment as we wait for Christmas. Many thanks to our Editor Jo and Doris Connolly for typing and photos.

More next month. In the meantime

Life is such — Be happy not because everything is good, but because you can see the good in everything.



Tailem Bend Brigade, SA Country Fire Service

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

Your local community Fire service is in need of more volunteers!!

Now is the time for you to step up and become a Country Fire Service (CFS) Volunteer firefighter and join our local team.

Our station, vehicles, equipment and protective clothing are all provided by the government which is funded by the emergency service levy but it is up to us as a community to provide people to do the job.

Without Volunteers there would not be a Fire and Rescue Service in Tailem Bend.

No experience is needed as all the training will be provided at no cost to you. All you need is a good attitude and a willingness to learn. We are predominantly looking for people to become firefighters 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, age groups from 18 to 68 who all come together when called to help people in their time of need. We currently have 18 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.

As a Volunteer it can be a valuable and rewarding experience, you get the opportunity to:

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

As a new member you undertake 2 and half days of training, normally held over a weekend, then attend regular training at the brigade Monday nights from 7pm which only goes for a couple of hours then attend callouts when you are available.

We understand that people have busy lives but any time you can give will make a difference.

If you or someone you know would like to join or just get some more information feel free to drop by the station Monday nights from 7pm.

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

For more CFS information visit:
www.cfs.sa.gov.au/about/about/about-us/

Thanks to all that helped members and families that helped with the working bee on the 29/10/23. The station and trucks look great, all ready for the upcoming warmer weather.



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Tailem Bend Brigade, SA Country Fire Service

Air Ops Training

On 28/10/23 four of our members undertook Air operations training at Palamanna airfield. Crews from around the district learnt how to assist refilling the water bombing planes. After landing they can be refilled with 3,000 litres of water and firefighting foam in about 3 minutes allowing them to return to the fire. These planes are normally based in the Adelaide hills and will attend major fires in our area as well.

Kanmantoo Mine Tour

On 7/11/23 Our crew attended a site familiarization of the Kanmantoo mine site. This gave our members the opportunity to discuss potential incidents on site and how they can be dealt with.



ABOVE: Three Appliances.

**We hope everyone has a safe
and merry Christmas.**

**We look forward to seeing you
at the Tailem Bend Pageant where we
will put some games on for the kids
and have the trucks on display.**

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

Date	Time	Incident Type	Location	Additional Information
22/10/23	14:52	Grass Fire	Martin Rd, Murray Bridge	Grass fire, Asset protection and extinguishment.
3/11/23	17:02	Grass Fire	Granites Rd, Tailem Bend	Small fire deliberately lit during fire danger season.
4/11/23	20:19	Structure Fire	Maston St, Wellington	Deep fryer fire, out prior to arrival, Minimal damage.
5/11/23	14:51	Grass Fire	George Mason Dr, Wellington East	Grass fire on vacant block. Caused by discarded coals.
10/11/23	19:26	Fire Alarm	Jervois Rd, Jervois	Alarm activated, investigated, no fire.
11/11/23	10:53	Fire Alarm	Jervois Rd, Jervois	Alarm activated, investigated, no fire.
11/11/23	13:36	Grass fire	Collins Rd, Tungkillo	Strike Team mobilised, Not required, stopped enroute.
17/11/23	07:14	Investigation	Princes Hwy, Tailem Bend	Reported building fire, smoke caused by equipment fault.

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

Article submitted by Sharon Williams.

December

1st – 3rd 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 MOTORSPORE RECEPTION. RYDGES WILL BE OPEN. MOTORSPORE RECEPTION WILL REOPEN FOR ENQUIRIES. All dates and events are subject to change.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

The Shell V-Power Motorsport Park to Host 2025 Supercars Endurance Round at The Bend

NEWS RELEASE

The Shell V-Power Motorsport Park can confirm that it will host its first Supercars Endurance round in 2025. Awarded International Motorsport Facility of the Year in 2019, hosting an endurance round has long been a burning ambition for its owners.

SHANE HOWARD, CEO – SUPERCARS:

“Following discussions with management at The Bend, both parties have agreed that the best outcome is to focus on 2025, where the South Australian venue will host an endurance event for the first time.

“The circuit has produced incredible moments on track since 2018 and is well-suited for Supercars endurance racing. We’re all excited to see what happens on track when endurance racing debuts at The Bend in 2025.”

The Bend Supercars events are proudly supported by the Government of South Australia through the South Australian Tourism Commission.

THE HON PETER MALINAUSKAS,
PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

“We’re disappointed that The Bend is not featuring on the 2024 Supercars calendar but the enduro round for 2025 is a great outcome for The Bend and for Regional SA.”

“The Shell V-Power Motorsport Park is becoming a major tourism destination for South Australia evidenced by the Spring Nationals hosting over 35,000 people across two days in October.

We will work with the venue on further major events for 2024 and are looking forward to making some announcements in the coming weeks.”

SAM SHAHIN, MANAGING DIRECTOR –
SHELL V-POWER MOTORSPORT PARK:

“Hosting a Supercars Endurance round has long been considered the holy grail for our venue and we are thrilled we have finally been able to secure this prestigious event for 2025.” The Bend will host the 2025 Enduro round after a year of absence from Supercars in 2024. “I am naturally disappointed that a Supercars event will not be held at the best motorsport facility in Australia in 2024, however we are thrilled to have secured the coveted endurance round for The Bend in 2025.”

The 2024 major events calendar at The Bend continues to grow with the jam-packed schedule featuring three rounds of the National Drag Racing Championship, headlined by Top Fuel, the Australian Superbike Grand Finale spectacle, the internationally renowned Lamborghini Super Trofeo Asia event, and Nitro Funny Cars to name a few. The full calendar will be released on December 1 with more large scale announcements to come regarding major events at The Bend in 2024.

ALISTAIR MACDONALD, CEO –
SHELL V-POWER MOTORSPORT PARK:

“We are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to share further plans for major events at The Bend in 2024. We have some exciting developments to announce over the coming weeks.” The Bend has reached an understanding with Supercars to confirm the grand 2025 plans.

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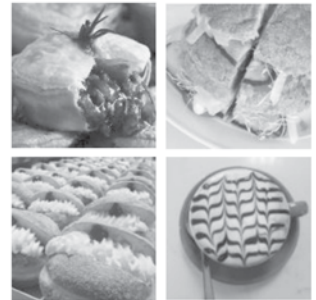
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30m Tower to be Installed, but Community Benefits Remain Out of Sight.

NEWS RELEASE

More than 1.5 million dollars of government funding has been channelled towards the installation of a 30 metre phone tower on the pristine banks of Lake Alexandrina.

The tower is set to be erected in the heart of Narrung, a rural Coorong town of 13 homes. Despite a local black spot impacting 5 homes, existing satellite infrastructure ensures no one is prevented from accessing mobile coverage at home. Conversely, the proposed tower placement sits at the bottom of the Narrung valley, rendering the 1.5 million dollar investment useless to neighbouring Indigenous community Raukkan, less than 10 km away, and residents of the Coorong.

The tower is set to be funded through the \$2.2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund, leaving local residents perplexed by the decision to re-direct disaster relief funds into the pockets of corporate monopolies, and withhold substantial benefits from neighbouring Indigenous communities.

1.5 million dollars of tax-payer money, irreparable and unsightly impacts on our pristine lake front, intentional private sector over-quoting. All to ensure 5 homes can access mobile coverage in their front yard. Local community member and advocate Brian Tonkin spoke openly about the upcoming development's impact, saying "The pristine beauty of Narrung has always been our community's life force. As long-time locals, we are appalled that our heritage, environment and soul are up for sale at the council's callous whim".

The community benefit of this development holds no candle to the egregious misappropriation of resources required to service this sliver of our local population. **The Narrung community is calling for this inexcusable tower placement to be moved, and for their Council and MPs to stand accountable to the needs of their constituents.**

For more information about the impacts of this development on the broader Coorong population, please contact Brian (0429 857 026) and Richard (0492 138 366) Tonkin.

'Cosi' Interviewing Peter Squires



ABOVE: The founder of the charities Cows for Cambodia and Cows for Botswana, Andrew 'Cosi' Costello interviewing Peter Squires of Old Tailern Town with his cameraman Rusty for a segment in Channel 7's highly respected South Aussie with Cosi.



Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Doug Holmes, President.

We had the pleasure of the company of the headmaster of the Tailem Bend Primary School at our recent Dinner meeting we donated monies to the school for scholarships for students transitioning from year six to secondary school.

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



ABOVE: (Right) President Doug Holmes presenting the cheque for sponsorship to the Headmaster of Tailem Bend Primary School.

Honey is available from Lions Members:

Reuben Gurney: 8572 4730 - Marion Martin: 8572 4785

Margaret Eckermann: 8572 3850 - Raylene Thomas: 0417 840 473

Father Christmas is Going to be in Tailem Bend!!

Article submitted by Maxine Kiddie.

Keep the date free December 9th! The fun begins at 4.30pm and the Parade starts at 6pm.

There will be food & market stalls in the Town Hall, free entertainment for the children, (*mechanical bull, gyro 360, climbing wall, Darcy's Travelling Farm, the Man on Stilts, sticky wall and bouncing castle*) free face painters, cars from the Tailem Bend Auto Club, Carols by the Murray Bridge Community Band followed by Lee Brocky and Out-back Overdrive to keep the party going. **Definitely, a fantastic night to spend with your family or catch up with friends.**

Bring the little ones to have a chat with Father Christmas and take a selfie! If they have written him a letter there will be a posting box, remember to put name and address on the letters. **The Parade begins at 6pm and will leave from Railway Tce** up near the new CFS shed down to Mallee St. We will have Marshals to arrange the floats. Fun and entertainment in Willow St. You'd like to be part of the festivities but no costume, we can help you! We have Mascots, Luigi, Mario, Pooh Bear. Just to mention a few....

Parents are caregivers please remember during the Parade to keep children behind the blue line as a precaution.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Christmas Parade



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS ON THE DAY!! If you'd like to help us out email tbchristmasparade@gmail.com - or phone Maxine on 0439 387 750.

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023



MERRY CHRISTMAS



TBCC CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

TBCC will be closed from Friday 15th December and will be reopening on Monday 15th January 2024.

TBCC MINI BUS CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

The TBCC Mini bus will not be available for bookings from Friday 22nd December 2023, through to Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

MMCPN MEDICAL BUS CLOSURE DATES

The Medical Bus will conclude its services for 2023 on Friday 15th December 2023, and will recommence on Monday 15th January 2024. Please note that the Community Passenger Network will remain in operation during this period, pending driver and car availability.

FINALIST FOR THE RYDE INTERNATIONAL CONNECTING COMMUNITIES AWARD

We were thrilled to be named finalists for the Ryde International Connecting Communities Award, part of the South Australian Community Achievement Awards. These prestigious awards recognise and celebrate the valuable contributions of individuals, communities, and businesses across South Australia.

Ryde, a company dedicated to storytelling and capturing memorable moments, began in the heart of the Riverland, South Australia, driven by a strong passion. Starting as a small backyard endeavor, Ryde has grown into a global company with a mission to inspire others with the belief that growing up does not have to entail growing old, and they are perpetually committed to inspiring others with this shared conviction.. "Ryde is my way of making sense of the world." Nathan Woodrow, Founder and CEO - Ryde International.

We deeply appreciate the alignment of Ryde's philosophies with ours and the honor of being named finalists. Our dedicated team's hard work and commitment propel us forward every day, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the South Australian Community Achievement Awards for their support. Congratulations to the category winner, Kangaroo Island/Victor Harbor Dolphin Watch – what a wonderful evening it was!



COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The Taillem Bend Community Centre Calendar for 2024 is now ready. If you would like a copy, they are available at the front reception, available from our website, <https://www.tbcc.org.au/whats-on/tbcccalendar/> or give us a call and we can send you a copy.

OUR GOLDIES LUNCHEONS FOR 2024

23rd February 2024
22nd March 2024

Join us for a social lunch and a chat, 12 noon to 1.30 pm for a two-course meal.

\$10.00 for CHSP consumers | Non-CHSP \$15.00.

A bus trip to attend Goldies is also available for those who live in Taillem Bend. The cost is a gold coin donation.

Booking is essential, please call 8572 3513 or email chsp@tbcc.org.au

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024

Denise is in full swing organising bus trips and social outings for 2024. If you wish to attend any of the following please register your interest by calling 8572 3513.

Miss Saigon

Wednesday 24th January, 1 pm Matinee Show.

Elvis A Musical Revolution

Coming April 2024

Tina The Tina Turner Musical

Wednesday 8th May 2024, 1 pm Matinee Show

Social Surprise Bus

Sshhh.. it's a surprise! Previous Social Surprise trips have been to; Mannum Handorf, Virginia Nursery, Gawler, Strathalbyn, Marion, Goolwa, Oakbank, Loxton and Port Elliot... Where to next?

Cost: CHSP \$10 | Non CHSP \$20

Due to high demand, we are expanding our trips to now include Meningie and Murray Bridge as additional starting locations. Check out the trips below;

8th February 2024 | Taillem Bend

15th February 2024 | Meningie

4th March 2024 | Taillem Bend

14th March 2024 | Murray Bridge

MURRAY BRIDGE POOL AND SHOPPING BUS

Travelling Wednesdays. Two options for our passengers: either the Murray Bridge Heated pool or Murray Bridge Marketplace, but not both. The bus will drop off at the pool and then go on to the Marketplace.

Cost: \$5 per person

7th February 2024

14th February 2024

21st February 2024

28th February 2024

6th March 2024

13th March 2024

20th March 2024

27th March 2024

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

If you have ideas that you would like to become classes, projects, or activities, or if you are interested in learning new skills, please reach out, and let's explore the possibilities. You can contact Lauren on 08 8572 3513 or via email cssp@tbcc.org.au

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MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY PASSENGER NETWORK

The MMCPN office and its volunteer drivers have been exceptionally busy as the year-end rush approaches. The demand for transportation in the Coorong, Southern Mallee and Karoonda East Murray regions has been consistently high, and our dedicated drivers have once again risen to the occasion whenever the need arises. It is worth noting that many of our drivers received Certificates of Appreciation this year in recognition of their outstanding service.

Among these exceptional volunteers, one driver who deserves special mention resides in Lameroo and has been volunteering as a driver for our CPN cars for a remarkable 15 years. Richard Pearce embarked on his volunteer driving journey in 2008 with the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme, and his unwavering dedication has continued through the transition of the scheme to the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network, which took effect on January 1st, 2019, and his volunteering efforts continue to shine brightly to this day.



In addition to Richard's extraordinary 15-years of dedication, we want to acknowledge and honor several other outstanding volunteer drivers who received badges in recognition of their valuable service for 1 year. These dedicated individuals have contributed their time and efforts supporting our organisation, making our transportation services a success. These exceptional drivers include John.A., Ed, Sharon, Trevor, Chris, John.P., Peter, Mick, Sam, Mim and Mark. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of them for their commitment and contribution. Their combined efforts, along with those not specifically mentioned here but actively involved in driving and supporting the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network, have played a pivotal role in ensuring the operation of our services. Your unwavering support is truly appreciated, and it is thanks to your dedication that we can continue to provide vital transportation assistance to these communities. Our drivers as a collective, have travelled a total distance of 94,986 kms this year so far, an amazing effort.

As the demand for transportation services continues to grow in the Karoonda and Murray Bridge regions, we want to emphasise our need for additional volunteer drivers in these areas. If you are aware of anyone interested in joining our organisation and becoming a volunteer driver, kindly refer them to Mel at the Tailam Bend Community Centre or have them reach out via phone on 8572 3513. Your assistance in spreading the word would be greatly appreciated.

From the Volunteer Drivers and myself, we wish you a lovely Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!



COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Our Communities for Children team has been as busy as bees! During the October school holidays, we teamed up with Nature Play SA to provide three amazing sessions of Nature Play Mini Festivals. These sessions saw families engage in various outdoor activities, including cubby building, mask making, and clay creations. Our C4C team also delivered three sessions of nature-inspired creativity events. Families were thrilled to create fabric prints with flowers, nature wands, and clay ornaments.



Our team has been planning some amazing Christmas events coming up in December, including a Christmas tree decoration session, a family Christmas party, and Christmas crafts fun!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the upcoming events during the January school holidays!



During our Parent Child Mother Goose sessions, we celebrated World Nursery Rhyme Week, which emphasized the importance of early language and literacy development while having fun learning new rhymes and songs. We are excited to continue our intergenerational sessions with visits to Aminya and Jallah later this term.

We wish all our Families and the wider Community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Stay safe and have fun over the holiday period!



FAREWELL KATRINA



We are saddened to announce that Katrina will be leaving our C4C team. Katrina joined the TBCC C4C team on 20 June 2022 and has been a vital part of the team for the past 17 months.

We are incredibly thankful for her hard work and dedication, especially when she stepped in to help onboard Zoey earlier this year, after Gayle's departure. Katrina wanted to pass on that she loved meeting you all and feels lucky to have spent time with you and your children, she wishes you all happiness and best wishes and looks forward to seeing you all sometime in the future.

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Lower Murray District Hospital Nurses' Reunion

Article submitted by Jeanette Kozikowski.

On Sunday 5th November, forty nurses who have worked at the Lower Murray District Hospital, now known as the Taillem Bend District Hospital, met for Lunch at the Riverside Hotel.

It was a lovely afternoon, with many memories shared, lots of laughs and catching up with people from the past. The Nurses' Reunion will become an annual event, hopefully to be held on a Sunday in November each year. We will advertise the date for the next one in Taillem Topics as soon as it is confirmed.



ABOVE: Leonie Hutson and Linda Warren (nee Porter).



ABOVE: Back L to R, Hazel Dickson, Sue Nagel, Maria Matjanow, Marlene Grantham, Carol Williams. Front: Kay Matulick, Deb Gower, Jeanette Kozikowski.



ABOVE: (Left to Right) Pam Green, Di Gowling, Jan Mastersson, Sandra Weyland, Betty Parkyn, Diedre Kitto.



ABOVE: Virginia Medlow, Leanne Kuchel.



ABOVE: (Left to right) Anthea Pelgrave (nee Bennett), Cathy (nee Pelgrave), Anne (nee Pelgrave).



ABOVE: (Left to right) Hazel Dickson, Marlene Grantham, Jeanette Kozikowski, Kay Matulick, Denise Spry, Willie Barnett (nee Verhees) Pam Green.



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

After sharing an optimistic story with a class of students about a small Sunflower seed growing in a student's garden pot, Pauline Linke of Meningie has taken her passion of helping people with mental illness to an immeasurably sunnier space.

With over 30 years working in Mental Health, Pauline continues to help people keep their faces in the sunshine and less in the shadows, *"After all, that's what sunflowers do – they follow the sun!"* Pauline says. Pauline became involved with the Suicide Prevention Network (SPN) part of Coorong Conversations Matter Inc. in 2017. The district's Suicide Prevention Network is a voluntary community group working to improve mental health and wellbeing, it helps to reduce the stigma associated with suicide and increases community understanding about where to access help when needed. The service includes support services for people bereaved by suicide, with the group's focus being on reducing the impact of suicide by educating the community and empowering others to seek help and give hope. **(They are not an online service)**

As Sunflowers follow the sun, even on cloudy days, the concept has proven to be a winner for mental health conversations within the region. After four successful years, the small Coorong Conversations Matter committee continues to bag, prepare flyers, and distribute thousands of free Sunflower seed packets throughout the region.

"With the demand for the packets growing, we are forever thankful to all who have, and continue to donate Sunflower seeds," Pauline said. Representing a long life and lasting happiness, most Sunflower varieties stand in full bloom throughout the whole of summer, so with summer just around the corner, it is a wonderful time to start planting your free Sunflower seeds.

"Our Sunflowers continue to surprise everyone involved with unusual sizes, some tall, some short, some with large heads of flowers and some smaller, we don't know what is going to pop up – this is wonderful for starting 'The Conversation,'" Pauline says. Sunflowers are fabled for bringing good fortune and positive opportunities. They are said to be a lucky charm for new beginnings – but as people are naturally competitive, our supporters enjoy seeing the bigger flowers bloom. Pauline is deeply heartened with the generosity of local communities and their continued enthusiasm for the project, resulting in Sunflowers on display at differing stages throughout Spring and Summer.

The group hopes that their Sunflower Project creates conversations within the community – helping people to connect, prevent and respond to suicide. The Sunflower project is just one of many opportunities for the community, to help prevent suicide, care for each other, and promote wellbeing.



ABOVE: Pauline resting with a hot cup of tea after delivering Sunflower Seeds to Genuine Support Services Australia.

We have come a long way in recent years destigmatising Mental Illness and Suicide, but we still have a long way to go. Pauline continues to hope that one day, people will feel more comfortable to speak up about their Mental Health struggles, without judgement and with the empathy they deserve. We believe that Sunflowers provide a nonthreatening tool to support our mission.

"I've had a vision from the very start, I've dreamt of mass plantings of smiling Sunflowers alongside every main arterial road in the state – with large banners at the entrance to each town from mid-November until the beginning of April, explaining the meaning of our Sunflowers," Pauline said.

It is interesting to read the personality traits of the humble Sunflower – Google reveals that they are warm, approachable, happy, comforting, and energetic. They can light up any room, they have a bubbly personality, and they comfort people in need.

Genuine Support Services Australia will be launching their support for the program on the International Day of People with Disability. **This is a free event for all**, commencing at 10 am to 1 pm in the Sound Shell, Edwards Square, 60-66 Bridge Street, Murray Bridge on Friday December 1, 2023. This year you will be able to experience a Sunflower themed Fresh Perspective Photography photobooth, a variety of accessible activities along with a light lunch – it's all free and inclusive with plenty of free Sunflower seeds for everyone. *(Attendees will also be in the running for a chance to win a \$250 gift card on the day of the event – to be eligible to win, attendees must be present at the time of the draw at 12.30pm)*

If you would like more details about joining the program, please phone Pauline Linke on 0409 617 501 – "Sunflowers turn their faces toward the Sun and avoid darkness."

(Read the full story at www.murraybridge.news)

Marg Batson Celebrates her 90th Birthday!



Article and photos submitted by Wendy Batson.

Margaret Rose Batson (nee Mellors) was born on the 30th of October 1933 at Semaphore Park SA to Fred & Connie Mellors. An English couple who had migrated her to Australia in the late 20's.

Mum attended Ethelton Primary School completing her intermediate certificate in 1945. She desperately wanted to be a nurse (*personally I believe she would have made the perfect no nonsense matron of the day, running a ship shape hospital*) but her mother thought otherwise. The day she finished school is the day mum found out she had a job on Semaphore Road working for the greengrocer. She did eventually change jobs, but was loyal to every company she was employed by. She made many lifelong friends along the way, mostly gone now, but never forgotten.

Mum was an avid netballer, known as “basketball,” in her day playing for local church teams playing the position of goalie. She was also an accomplished dancer, old style, tap and ballet. She was part of a troupe who entertained returned soldiers at Daw Park Hospital at the time of WWII.

Mum met Colin Batson of Osborne SA in 1949 at her brother-in-law's work picnic. Colin, with a cheeky smile and a motor bike was there by chance, with a friend. The two were introduced and the rest is history as they say. The couple married on October 10, 1953, at Saint Bede's Anglican Church Semaphore and moved into the “half house” Colin had built for his bride in Malwa Street, Osborne.

They had five children between the years of 1955 and 1966. Mum and dad shared a fulfilling life in Adelaide. However, after a short getaway in 1973, they stopped near the cliffs on Meningie Rd, Tailem Bend and ended up purchasing a 21-acre allotment there.



ABOVE: Margaret Rose Batson (nee Mellors).

In the Easter of 1974, Mum, dad, Robyn and I moved into a shed dad had built. A shed without a concrete floor, running water or electricity. It was an adventure, that's for sure, but it would be the start of a 50-year love affair with the area and community. Dad built mum a house that year, where they still live today.

Mum worked on the farm and in Tailem Bend and Murray Bridge glasshouses and later the Hardy's factory, all the while raising her two youngest children. She played hostess most weekends to her older kids and their friends always with welcoming arms and loads of food. She was and still is a dedicated mother and grandmother, always being available to assist her children where possible.

Even though she is 90, her resilience and get up and go attitude has never wavered. Her energy far outweighs that of us! Her sense of humour is delightful. Mum amongst her family is and always will be the life of the party. Her funny antics, her willingness to join in and the love she has for her family is second to none.

Mum and dad, along with their five children, and families celebrated this milestone birthday on the day we celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. With just a family gathering the pair were surrounded by 30 family members. Proudly Marg says, “God said to me go forth and multiply, so I did, I didn't want to disappoint him.” We are our own rent-a-crowd!

God bless you Marg. Your 90 years here on earth have been fruitful and fulfilling. You are loved by all that know you, and we wish you nothing but good health and longevity. There are more adventures yet to be had.

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Tailem Bends Furry Friends!

Article and photos submitted by Tracey Brown, Mista's Mum.

This Mista the cat and he loves it when the Tailem Topics arrives! He watches the lady deliver it to our letterbox and I have to promptly bring it in for him.



Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Article submitted by Kaye Bartlett. Photos by Paul Bartlett.

Verticordia humilis is a tiny hidden beauty to most visiting the garden as only grows to ~0.5m, hiding amongst other plants.

Noticeable when covered with small purple-grey blooms. Commonly called feather flowers due to deeply divided Calyx-lobes into feather-like divisions. It appears Pangarindas poor sandy soils with moderate rainfall provides conditions that Verticordias like.

Pileanthus are one of Western Australia's most striking species, hard to believe it is rarely seen in cultivation.

Pileanthus rubronitidus grows to a slender shrub of 1m, covered in copper-orange blossom from November until January. Commonly called Copper-cups. *Pileanthus peduncularis*, a smaller spreading shrub, is also in bloom at present. After the 40+ degree day we had last week it was surprising to see such delicate petals survive. Found growing in the Mid west region of Western Australia.



ABOVE: *Pileanthus rubronitidus*.



ABOVE: *Verticordia humilis*.



ABOVE: *Pileanthus rubronitidus*.

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Tailem Bend Bowling Club

Articles and photos submitted by Kylie Slattery.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST STILL OPEN!!

The old artificial grass has now been removed and is ready for those who have expressed interest in obtaining turf to now please contact our president. If you have not already done so and are still interested, please contact our president Stuart Rooke 0428 242 905.

LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONS

The Ladies have completed the club champions for the ladies' doubles with only the Ladies singles to be completed.



ABOVE: (Pictured L to R) Skipper - Glenda SHEPHERD, Lead - Margaret WOIDT. (Not pictured) Runners Up: Skipper - Kathy LIEBICH, Lead - Lyn WECKERT



ABOVE: Old turf removed.

REMOVAL OF OLD ARTIFICIAL TURF



ABOVE: Removal of old turf begins with club members watching on.



ABOVE: Leveling of the base commences.

PENNANT RESULTS - Continued on page 24

Men's Mid-Week		
October 18th	Murray Bridge - Kookaburra's	Win
October 25th	Murray Bridge - Magpies	Win
November 1st	Murray Bridge - Rosella's	Win
November 8th	Bye	

Saturday Pennants - Division 2		
October 21st	Murray Bridge	Loss
October 28th	Murray Bridge - RSL	Loss
November 4th	Jervois - Red	Loss
November 11th	Karoonda	Loss

Saturday Pennants - Division 1		
October 21st	Murray Bridge	Loss
October 28th	Jervois	Loss
November 4th	Karoonda	Win
November 11th	Murray Bridge - RSL	Loss

Saturday Pennants - Division 3		
October 21st	Bye	
October 28th	Meningie - 2	Loss
November 4th	Murray Bridge - Blue	Forfeit
November 11th	Meningie - Gold	Forfeit



Tailem Bend Bowling Club

PENNANT RESULTS - Continued from page 23

Women's Pennants - Thursday		
October 26th	Murray Bridge – Maroon	Loss
November 2nd	Karoonda	Loss
November 9th	Mannum – Green	Loss

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

Due to the replacement of the old green there will be no training on Thursdays. If you wish to express an interest to play, please contact our club president Stuart ROOKE 0428 242 905.



Article submitted by Dr Tiffany Nay.

Have your say in the priorities for the new Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre.

Are you a local business owner, a boater, or a pastoralist? Do you have a passion for the environment? Or do you value the cultural significance of our region? We want to hear from you!

Goolwa is home to the new Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre. To establish the impacts on climate change to the region, the CLLMM Research Centre will develop an evidence-base that will identify future management actions to support the CLLMM's biodiversity and ecosystem services. Most importantly, the research and engagement activities will be based on the collaboration between First Nations, the community, management agencies and researchers.

This is where we need you! The CLLMM Research Centre would like to hear from everyone in the community to better understand the values that are most important to the community of the CLLMM region. We will use these to guide our research and future engagement activities.

For information visit, www.clmmresearchcentre.org or use the QR code to view our survey.



ABOVE: Goolwa Channel. (NW)



IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS - Poem by Alysha Waghorn

Poem submitted by Jeanette Kozikowski.

The first cup of coffee in the morning.
The warmth of the sun as it soaks into your skin.
The kindness of a stranger.
The laughter of a friend.
The leaves falling.
The birds chirping.
The ocean crashing.
The lone wild flower blooming in a sea of concrete.
The billions of stars that pepper the night sky.
The bunny shaped cloud swiftly floating by.
The moon shining no matter what phase she's in.
The music that seeps into your soul.
The books you can't put down.
The days that feel too good to be true.
And the nights you pray will last forever.
It's the little things.

The sun peaking through the blinds mid-Sunday morning.
The fragrances that teleport you to distant memories.
The wind in your hair.
The sand beneath your feet.
Laughing so hard it hurts.
The art that makes you feel something which you can't put into words.
The poetry that tugs at your heart strings.
Singing off-key in the shower.
Freshly made bread.
Butterflies in your stomach when you see them smile.
The realisation that everything is possible.
That your dreams were planted in your heart for a reason.
That the little things have always been the big things and
Materialism will never outweigh the magic we find in moments.



Let's talk about ... The sale of surplus land

Council is seeking your feedback on the proposed sale of surplus land located at Tenth Street, Tailem Bend

Consisting of 10,000 square metres, the land at 115 Princess Hwy, Tailem Bend was previously home to the Tailem Bend Tennis Club who have recently relocated to Jaensch Park.

The land is now considered vacant and surplus to Council's needs. An Options Paper has been developed to understand the various opportunities for the site.

Feedback is now invited from the community about the proposed sale of surplus land to guide Council in making a final decision.



Community engagement concludes

5pm Friday, 5 January 2024

Copies of the Options Paper are available at each of Council's customer service centres and on Council's website:

www.coorong.sa.gov.au



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1300 785 277

Coorong Civic Centre
95-101 Railway Tce
Tailem Bend

Meningie Office
49 Princes Hwy,
Meningie

Tintinara Office
37 Becker Tce,
Tintinara

E: council@coorong.sa.gov.au
P: 1300 785 277

Christmas Community Tree Event 2023

Article and photos submitted by Annette Burt.

A very big thank you to all the wonderful people who have created an amazing array of granny squares for our Giant crochet Christmas Tree.

We have been amazed at the effort of both local and interstate people who have crocheted granny squares for us! It's now time to gather all the lovely granny squares together in readiness to create the Giant crochet Christmas Tree in November. If you have any squares that you have not yet delivered, could you please drop them off at the Taillem Bend Post Office in a bag with your name attached as soon as possible so we know who to thank!

We would also like to send a big thank you to Taillem Bend Hardware for allowing us to display the Giant crochet Christmas tree in their store.



After Christmas all the donated squares will be joined together into rugs/blankets and donated to charity.



Karoonda Farm Fair & Show!

Article submitted by Jenny Hood.

The farm fair and show committee are looking forward to presenting the 2024 event on 5th and 6th of April next year.

The last 12 months have presented many opportunities and learnings as we challenged the status quo and explored new ways of doing things. It was fantastic to welcome new faces to the Executive Committee including a number of young people who have stepped up into leadership positions. Our committee is 100% volunteers and we are grateful to all of these people for the generous contributions of their time. Engaging our younger community members is essential for future sustainability of the event and I am grateful for this support as President.

Our 2023 event has generated over \$8000 for community groups within the district through either cash or in-kind support. The addition of the show was again well received increasing both visitation and participation for locals and the broader community. An additional group of volunteers is required to make this component of the event happen and we are pleased to report that the majority of show convenors are continuing.

As a group of passionate volunteers in 2023 we have achieved some great things!

- A new constitution reflecting the values of the farm fair and show has been drawn up and accepted.

- An application to register as a not-for-profit has also been approved.

- We have built an exciting new website, which included online exhibitors' applications and payments online.

- A post event survey was sent out to exhibitors and of those that replied, the majority were happy with the event and would come again. A range of constructive feedback was provided which will assist in future planning of the event.

- We have been successful with two smaller grants for specific office equipment, forklift training and a small sounds system.

- We have submitted an application for show display units which is currently pending an outcome.

Much work is to be done in the coming months and we would welcome any new volunteers who would like to be part of the 2024 event. We would appreciate support in any form pre, during and post the event, there is no obligation to attend ongoing meetings or be part of the formal committee.

Over the last 18 months a lot of changes have been made to simplify and streamline our processes to ensure good governance for our committees of the future.



The Christmas Story

Submitted by Doren Lutz on behalf of the Mallee Lutheran Parish.

The Christmas story according to St Luke, Chapter 1, verses 30-32; Chapter 2 verses 1-7, tell us:

“Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of The Most High.” “In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world, and everyone went to his own town to register. “So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judah, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.” “While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, for there was no room for them in the inn.”

Luke then goes on to record the visit of the shepherds. St Matthew tells us of the visit of the magi from the East. (Matthew 2). (Think of the ways in which the pioneers of this district travelled to settle here and think of the people of the gold rush walking to work the gold fields. What a journey they would have had!)

Can you imagine having to walk, or ride a donkey, from Tailem Bend to Murray Bridge every time there was a census in Australia? That was the way people travelled in the time of Jesus. There were no cars, buses or trains. Only the privileged, or rich, would have had a horse or a chariot.

Now imagine having to do that walk just days before the birth of your first child!! On top of that, there is no room to stay in the hotels or motels except a garage full of cars. That is what happened to Mary and Joseph. Jesus Christ was born in a stable; and all because; “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3 verse 16) May God give you a Blessed Christmas surrounded by your friends and family.



Tailem Bend Community Library School Holiday Times and Christmas Closure

School Holidays will commence on 15th December 2023
School will resume on 29th January 2024
Holiday times will apply

OPEN – Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30am- 12:30pm, 1:30pm – 4:30pm

CLOSED - Tuesdays & Thursdays and all Public Holidays

The Community Library will be CLOSED over the Christmas period from 21st Dec to January 4th 2024

Reminder!!

Please order your Christmas reading by 1st December



DECEMBER 2023							JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 th	11 th OPEN	12 th OPEN	13 th OPEN	14 th OPEN	15 th OPEN	16 th	7 th	8 th OPEN	9 th CLOSED	10 th OPEN	11 th CLOSED	12 th OPEN	13 th
17 th	18 th OPEN	19 th CLOSED	20 th OPEN	21 st CLOSED	22 nd CLOSED	23 rd	14 th	15 th OPEN	16 th CLOSED	17 th OPEN	18 th CLOSED	19 th OPEN	20 th
24 th	CHRISTMAS 25 th DAY	26 th PROCLAMATION DAY	27 th CLOSED	28 th CLOSED	29 th CLOSED	30 th	21 st	22 nd OPEN	23 rd CLOSED	24 th OPEN	25 th CLOSED	26 th AUSTRALIA DAY	27 th
31 st	1 st January NEW YEARS DAY	2 nd CLOSED	3 rd CLOSED	4 th CLOSED	5 th OPEN	6 th	28 th	29 th OPEN	30 th OPEN	1 st February OPEN	2 nd OPEN	3 rd OPEN	4 th

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy & safe New Year



Phone: 85723275 or 85723266
Email: library@tailembdps.sa.edu.au
Online catalogue: www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong



Tailem Bend Primary School Celebrate Tailem Bend Train Park's New Fence



Above: Mayor Paul Simmons with Tailem Bend Primary School Students celebrating the new fence at Tailem Bend's Train Park

Families and visitors can now enjoy improved access and safety while enjoying the Tailem Bend Train Park thanks to the completion of the park's new fence.

Mayor Simmons and students from the Tailem Bend Primary School celebrated the finished project on Tuesday, 14 November 2023, which was initially an idea from the students while on a previous visit to the Coorong Civic Centre.

Tailem Bend Primary School students were invited to attend a quick assembly in the park with the Mayor, followed by a sausage sizzle cooked by the Lions Club of Tailem Bend.

Students enjoyed some playtime on the playground and much beloved train before heading back to school.

The new fence not only improves access and safety but also gives the park a new and more modern look.



Above: Mayor Paul Simmons reflects on the Tailem Bend Primary School Students idea for the project four years ago.

From the Chamber

Several key reports were considered by Council Members at the November Council meeting, including adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Report and Financial Statements, and completion of an affordable housing study undertaken in partnership with Tatiara District Council, Naracoorte Lucindale Council, and Southern Mallee District Council.

A draft Flag Flying Policy was endorsed for community engagement; feedback will be invited in early 2024.

A new Driveway & Property Access Policy was also adopted - this policy provides clarity on constructing and maintaining driveways, and access across road verges and footpaths.

Members were also advised of a number of maintenance actions that have been completed at the Coonalpyn Swimming Pool to ensure it is ready to welcome pool visitors this season.



Citizen of the Year Awards

Each year, South Australia celebrates the achievements and contributions of outstanding members of our communities through the Citizen of the Year Awards.

Nominations for the 2024 Coorong awards were considered at the November Council meeting, and award announcements will be made in early December.

Successful nominations will be recognised at events to be held across the district in January 2024. Ceremony and event details will be shared in late December.

Projects update

Tailem Bend and Tintinara's median strips have received another tidy up with mowing and built up dirt and debris removed from the road edge.



Above: Princes Highway, Tintinara median strip works

The unsealed roads program has seen re-sheeting works completed on a 2km section of Homestead Road, Tintinara and works continue on a section of Heym Road, Sherlock.

The reconstruction of 11.8km of the fourth and final section of

Poltalloch Road is now complete. Extensive works involved the restabilising of the existing deteriorated pavement, reinforcing two heavy vehicle entrances, sealing and line marking.



Above: Line Marking Complete, Poltalloch Road.

The stormwater upgrade on Railway Tce, Tailem Bend is now complete with new pits and culverts installed, kerb and footpaths replaced and line marking complete.

Rehabilitation of the service road next to the Ampol service station in Tailem Bend is now complete, significantly improving vehicle access.



Splashdown this summer at the Coonalpyn Pool

Open 7 days a week, the pool offers fun for the whole family.

- Weekdays 4pm - 6pm
- Weekends & Public Holidays 2pm - 6pm
- Personal fitness & lap swimming 8:30am – 10:30am, Monday – Friday.



Christmas and New Year Office Closures

With the festive season fast approaching, please be aware the Coorong District Council offices will be closed from midday on Friday, 22 December 2023 and re-open on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

Please refer to your kerbside collection calendar or Council's website for waste collection over the Christmas & New Year period.

For urgent assistance during this period please phone 1300 785 277.



Tailem Bend Community

Library New Books December 2023

ADULT FICTION

COLGAN Jenny – 'The Summer Skies' Family, Romance
BARCLAY Linwood – 'Take Your Breath Away' Crime, Thriller
CORNWELL Patricia – 'Autopsy' Mystery, Thriller
DUNCAN Susan – 'Sleepless in Stringybark Bay' Murder, Mystery
FRENCH Nicci – 'The Favour' Crime Thriller
FOX Candice – 'Gathering Dark' Crime Mystery
GREEN Sophie – 'Weekends with the Sunshine Gardening Society' Friendship & Relationships
GREENWOOD Kerry – 'Murder in Williamstown' Australian Historical Crime
JAI Sophie – 'Wild Fires' Family Historical
JEWELL Lisa – 'The Making of Us' Romance Suspense
JEWELL Lisa – 'None of this is true' Crime Thriller
La PLANTE Lynda – 'Dark Rooms' Crime Thriller
MANNING Kirsty – 'The Paris Mystery' Crime, Historical
MAGRO Mandy – 'Gum Tree Gully' Australian Romance
McARTHUR Fiona – 'As the River Rises' Australian Romance
McINTOSH Fiona – 'Dead Tide' Australian Crime
MOTTRAM Nikki – 'Crow's Nest' Crime, Mystery
PATCHETT Ann – 'Tom Lake' Historical, Family
PATTERSON James – '3 Days To Live' Crime Thriller
PATTERSON James – 'The Girl in the Castle' Crime, Thriller
PRAK Michelle – 'The Rush' Outback Thriller
REICHS Kathy – 'The Bone Hacker' Crime Thriller
REICHS Kathy – 'The Bone Code' Crime Thriller
ROBERTS Nora – 'The Collector' Romance Suspense
ROBERTS Nora – 'The Choice' Fantasy, Thriller
RODRIGUEZ Deborah – 'Farewell to the Little Coffee Shop of Kabul' Book 3 – Friendship General
STRINGER Tricia – 'Back on Track' Australian, Relationships

NON-FICTION

MARGOLYES Miriam – "This Much Is True", The life and career of BAFTA winning actor and Harry Potter film star, with very funny moments.
'BRIGHT KIDS, WHO COULDN'T CARE LESS' – Learn how to rekindle your child's motivation in easy steps that you can follow

LARGE PRINT

OAKLEY Colleen – 'The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise' Humour, Mystery.
TRINGER Tricia – 'Back on Track' Australian, Relationships

GRAPHIC NOVEL

BARNES Daniel – 'Sonic The Hedgehog – Scrapnik Island' SEGA

BOOK REVIEW

This Much is True

by Miriam Margolyes

'There is no one on earth quite so wonderful'
STEPHEN FRY

'As outrageously entertaining as you'd expect'
Daily Express



BAFTA-winning actor, voice of everything from Monkey to the Cadbury's Caramel Rabbit, creator of a myriad of unforgettable characters from Lady Whiteadder to Professor Sprout, MIRIAM MARGOLYES, OBE, is the nation's favourite (*and naughtiest*) treasure.

Now, at the age of 80, she has finally decided to tell her extraordinary life story - and it's well worth the wait.

'*This Much is True*' is the autobiography of renowned, now octogenarian and near 'national treasure' film, TV, radio, stage actress and voiceover/audio book artist Miriam Margolyes.

Find out how being conceived in an air-raid gave her curly hair; what pranks led to her being known as the naughtiest girl Oxford High School ever had; how she ended up posing nude for Augustus John as a teenager; why Bob Monkhouse was the best (**male**) kiss she's ever had.

From declaring her love to Vanessa Redgrave to being told to be quiet by the Queen, this book is packed with brilliant, hilarious stories. With a cast list stretching from Scorsese to Streisand, a cross-dressing Leonardo di Caprio to Isaiah Berlin, *This Much Is True* is as warm and honest, as full of life and surprises, as its inimitable author.



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KEEPING SA SAFE

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Police station is short staffed at present, so there is no police report this month.



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 cuts.

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

Prepare for the Bushfire Season

The fire danger season begins on 1st 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 moments.

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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 Ian 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.

- **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! **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**
- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS;** Thursday night 7pm at the Tailem Bend Town Hall Function Centre, Murray Street, Tailem Bend. **Contact Harry 0437 471 131**
- **ULYSSES LOWER MURRAY MOTORBIKE CLUB;** A club for motorbike riders over 40 years. If you enjoy riding motorbikes and social gatherings with other motorbike enthusiasts, this is the club for you. It's a great social group - lots of fun. We have rides on Sundays and Thursdays. Come and join in the fun. **For more information call Terry on 0401 320 665**

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

- **ST LUKE'S MARKET DAY;** Held on a 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**

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



Thought for the Month - God's Christmas Gift

Submitted by Pastor Gary Paynter, Rehoboth Church on the Verandah.

"For unto you is born this day in the city David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

Christmas is a wonderful holiday & time of year. It is a time of giving gifts. It is a time when we show love for one another. Children give to their parents, husbands to their wives, and wives to their husbands. And God gave to us! It all started with God. The first Christmas gift came from heaven. It came from God. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16).*

1. JESUS WAS A PREPARED GIFT

Our God our Heavenly Father, prepared His Son, Jesus, before the foundation of the world. When Adam and Eve fell, God was ready. The sacrifice for sin was prepared. **(Gen 3:15)** As Abraham told Isaac, *"God will provide Himself a lamb" (Gen. 22:8).* It was God, the Son, given by God, the Father, conceived by God, the Holy Ghost, the Lamb delivered to the world as a free gift for all who are willing to receive Him.

2. JESUS is A PERSONAL GIFT

God's Christmas gift is perfect for everyone. He is perfectly designed to meet every need of everyone in the whole world. Even though God's Christmas gift is to all the world, He is also a personal gift to every individual.

3. JESUS is A PERFECT GIFT

The perfection of Jesus is absolute. He was perfect in His pre-incarnate state; before He ever took on a body. He was perfect in His virgin birth. He was perfect in His sinless life. He was perfect in His atoning death at Calvary. He was perfect in His resurrection. He is sitting with the Father in intercession for us in heaven, perfect. And He will remain to be perfect in righteousness forevermore. Christmas is the time to thank God for this perfect, unspeakable gift.

1. God sent forth His Son

• *"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 'To redeem them that were under the law (Galatians 4:4-5)* These words, written to the church of Galatia by the Apostle Paul, tell us that a promise of God had been fulfilled. In the beginning of creation & the fall of man, God said that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head (see Gen. 3:15). This was the promise that Jesus Christ would one day come into the world and would defeat the old serpent, the devil, and have victory over sin and Satan for you & me.

• *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).* The words *"only begotten"* mean the only one of His kind. Jesus Christ had no earthly father. He was always the Son of God and God the Son, and His coming into the world was only His incarnation, or His taking on a body.

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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

..... REHOBOTH

Christian Church On the Verandah
Every first Sunday of the month @ 2pm
All welcome
Pastor Gary Paynter: 0428 815 560
Joanna Paynter: 0428 855 696

..... CATHOLIC

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

..... MURRAY BRIDGE UNITING CHURCH

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

..... MURRAY BRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

32 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge, 5253
Sunday Service Time - 10am
Church Pastor Tom Bosman
Church Office: 8532 2883
Mobile: 0417 815 607

..... REVIVAL CITY CHURCH

6 Jacob St Tailem Bend
Every Sunday 10am.
Pastors Timothy and Alisha Minahan
Phone: 8395 0888
Mobile: 0406 413 680

..... TRINITY LUTHERAN

10 Seymour Street, Tailem Bend
Service times as per the Notice Board
by the front fence.
Contact Tony Traeger 0421 421 102

..... PEAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

1st and 3rd Sunday at Peake - 10am
2nd and 4th Sunday at Sherlock - 10am
5th Sunday TBA
Pastor Geoff Lohmeyer
Mobile: 0429 811 515

Community Notice Board

WANTED

Casual kitchen and cleaning staff. Also fulltime or even permanent part time cook/kitchen manager.

Good hours and conditions

Hospitality award rates. Working with children check required. Located in Wellington

El Shaddai Campsite 196 El Shaddai Wellington 5259

Phone: (08) 8572 7262 for enquiries or to arrange an interview. *Resumé can be posted to the above address.*



Soul Body Pain Therapy

Contact: Val
Registered Hypnotherapist

Mob: 0487 041 046

www.soulbodypaintherapy.com

Hypnotherapy can help to resolve:

chronic pain chronic depression chronic smoking weight problems
stress, anxiety and phobias alcohol and substance abuse
trauma and PTSD negative emotions undesirable habits

Sessions across 7 days at:
Room 2, 126 Swanport Road, Murray Bridge,
or arrange a home service if disabled or elderly.

SAVE THE DATE

Dupang Pangari (Coorong Spirit) Festival 2024 from 3 pm on the 15/3/24 to 4 pm on the 17/3/24.



TAILEM BEND POST OFFICE

The Tailem Bend Post Office was officially opened Friday November 28 1913, celebrating 110years.

REMINDER, NO JAN TT

This is just a reminder that we do not have a Jan TT, submission for the Feb TT starts on the 1st of Jan 2024.

I would also like to thank all our readers as well as everyone who submitted this year, we couldn't do it without you!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

from everyone at the Tailem Bend Progress Association.

Chief Editor of Tailem Topics.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

There is a new Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in Tailem Bend. It is on Thursday nights 7pm at the Tailem Bend Town Hall Function Centre, Murray Street, Tailem Bend.

Contact person is Harry 0437 471 131

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

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2. BORN OF A WOMAN

It was the seed of the woman that was to bruise the serpent's head (**see Gen. 3:15**). When the angel, Gabriel, came to the virgin Mary and announced to her that she would be with child, he told her that the power of God would overshadow her, that she would conceive and bear a son, and that He would be called the "Son of the Highest" (**see Luke 1:32**). With the birth of Christ, God became man in order that man might be brought back to God.

3. TO REDEEM

The purpose of God sending forth His Son, begotten by the Holy Ghost and born of a Virgin, Mary, was to redeem the world. Jesus became our redeemer by becoming son of man and Son of God. Praise God, in the fullness of time, He came and accomplished our redemption upon the cross. "In whom we have redemption through His blood" (**Col. 1:14**).

In the fullness of time, He will come again to lift His redeemed to heaven. All we need do, is be ready when He calls us home!

Religion is man striving & reaching up to claim God. Christianity is God in Christ Jesus reaching down to redeem mankind. Promised in Genesis. Delivered in the celebration & gift of Christmas.

RIDDLES!

1. David's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle, and ____?
2. I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?
3. What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 2/4 goat?

Community Notice Board

Jokes of the Month

If two snakes marry, what will their towels say?

Hiss and hers

Why did the student eat his homework?

Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

What does an evil hen lay?

Deviled eggs

What is brown, hairy, and wears sunglasses?

A cool coconut.

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?

You rocket!

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

Quotes of the Month

"Think positive, be positive and positive things will happen."

Positive mind – Positive vibes – Positive life

Submitted by Margaret Jaensch.

*"Your strength does not lie in what you have,
it lies mostly in what you can give."*

Submitted by Lyn Goddard

"Dreams don't work unless you do."

John C. Maxwell

"H.O.P.E. = Hold On. Pain Ends."

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Community Notice Board Page	UP TO 25 WORDS \$10

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