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Image by Glenn Power

**Congratulations Sandy Prizibilla for winning this year's
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**MURRAY
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NEWS**

Vena Energy Launches Community Sponsorship Program for Tailem Bend!

In our ongoing commitment to uplift the communities we're a part of, Vena Energy is excited to introduce our Community Sponsorship Program. This initiative is designed to empower individuals, community groups, and organisations in Tailem Bend, with an additional platform to kickstart projects that will benefit the local community.

"We're delighted to facilitate positive change with the community who live and work in Tailem Bend as you are best positioned to identify the needs," said Duncan Mortimer, our Executive General Manager, Development & Stakeholders.

The Community Sponsorship Program focuses on three key areas:

Environmental Conservation: Promoting initiatives to mitigate climate change, protect ecosystems, and foster a sustainable future for the planet.

Community Wellbeing: Supporting healthcare, education, social welfare, cultural enrichment, and sustainable development within the Tailem Bend community.

Infrastructure Development: Contributing to the creation of essential community infrastructure in our operating areas.

To date Vena Energy is proud to have supported several local initiatives of importance, including annual sponsorship of the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade, sponsoring eight local indigenous participants to obtain qualifications and opportunities to work in construction, part sponsoring redevelopment of the clubroom at the Tailem Bend Cricket Club, and providing educational site tours to students completing a Certificate of Electro Technology.

We are looking forward to your applications and eager to see how you propose to strengthen the Tailem Bend community. Learn more about the Community Sponsorship Program by visiting our website at www.venaenergy.com.au/our-communities, emailing us at AU-CSR@venaenergy.com, or giving us a call at **1800 841 229**. Established in Australia in 2016, Vena Energy is a leading renewable energy company that owns and operates a renewable portfolio of 407 MW and has a pipeline of 5.9 GW which it intends to develop, construct and commercialise.

In Tailem Bend, Vena Energy owns the Tailem Bend Solar Farm, the Tailem Bend 2 Solar Farm and is building the Tailem Bend 2 Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). We are developing Tailem Bend 3 which is a 204 MW BESS. Our renewable portfolio in Tailem Bend has now grown to more than 400 MW. **Join us in making a positive impact in Tailem Bend!**

Australia Day at Tailem Bend 2024

Article submitted by Glynis Taylor, photos taken by Glenn Power.

Tailem Bends Australia Day celebrations for 2024 were much more extensive than usual. Following general housekeeping and the acknowledgements, Eboni Parst led the National Anthem accompanied by everyone who packed out the Town Hall.

Mayor Paul Simmons conducted a citizenship ceremony for our newest Australian, and introduced Tony Pasin Member of Parliament for Barker, about the wider meaning and significance of Australia Day. Dr. Felicity-ann Lewis, the Australia Day Ambassador, reminded everyone about the importance of community and social interaction, where all too often loneliness and isolation inadvertently exclude people from such gatherings. **Mayor Simmons then welcomed Citizen of the Year Sandy Przibilla to accept the award.** Sandy gave a short acceptance speech about what community and artwork means to her. Chris Taylor President of the Tailem Bend RSL was then invited to talk about why Sandy was nominated, and why she is such a deserving recipient.

"Sandy Przibilla is the Secretary of our subbranch, but as with so many volunteers, being the Secretary is only a very small part of her story. Sandy wears many hats at our RSL sub-branch. She is one of our accomplished cooks, she does the shopping, helps at the bar, and takes charge of preparing and finding prizes for the weekly raffles. She also organises and runs the monthly karaoke evening. She not only dresses the tables on a weekly basis, but often makes the decorations herself for specific annual events."

"Sandy has been part of the volunteer team for many years, and her dedication and dependability enables the RSL to continue to open on a weekly basis. Over the last few years however, Sandy's extraordinary artistic talent has taken the RSL from dark, unfriendly, and generally unnoticed old hall, to somewhere very special indeed. While the entire yet small committee were involved in reworking and reshaping the main hall, it was Sandy's creative flair and design which brought it to life. Two hand painted soldiers guard the sides of the exit door but it's the giant poppies she has painted which frame the WWI memorial boards, which steal the show."

"Needless to say, we are proud and humbled by the skills and talent of our very own creative designer, who has respectfully created something very special in recognition of those locals who have served, and their families past and present. Sandy is the central pivot not only for our small RSL, but for so many other community based groups and organisations."



ABOVE: Coorong District Council, Mayor, Paul Simmons presenting Sandy Przibilla of Tailem Bend with her Tailem Bend Citizen of the Year Award.

"From line dancing to music hall to Rotary and the Christmas parade to name only a few. While this particular award focuses principally on her recent and artistically incredible work at the RSL, it also recognises the immeasurable amount of time spent designing, preparing, building, decorating, painting, musically directing, cooking and generally dedicating herself to her community. I am incredibly proud to call Sandy a friend and offer thanks and congratulations from a grateful community to our very own Sandy Priz, thank you for everything you do for all of us."

As the roaring applause slowly dissipated the Mayor then announced the Rotary club of Tailem Bend as the Mayor's special award, specifically for 40th and final run of Music Hall. Everyone then enjoyed some networking and a fabulous lunch prepared by the Friends of Tailem Bend hospital.



ABOVE: Coorong District Council, Mayor, Paul Simmons presenting the prestigious Mayor's Award to the Tailem Bend Rotary Club for all their efforts with Tailem's iconic Music Hall, that had its final show in 2023.

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Tailem Bend Christmas Parade 2023

Article submitted by Maxine Kiddie, photos submitted by Jodie Jaensch.

The Tailem Bend Christmas Parade, held on the 23rd of December went fantastically! Despite changing the date at the last minute due to bad weather. It was not an easy decision to make, but paid off with the weather on the day being perfect.

People came from near and far, it's estimated that several thousand people attended. Some were in Tailem Bend for family Christmas celebrations and were delighted to be a part of it. We had tourists passing through, totally amazed at what they had stumbled upon.

We had music, food, entertainment for the kids, cars, market stalls and our Parade there was something for everyone. Father Christmas in the Town Hall was of course popular, over 280 children got to tell him about their wants for Christmas and receive a small gift.

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ABOVE: Tylar Fix and Elyse Fisher-Hennessy, the Prince and Princess of the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade.



Thank you to all that supported our committee on the day, and a very big thank you to the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade Committee for all that you did on the day and the lead up to the event. What a great team!

A new Parade Committee will be formed in March, please consider being a part of this great town event.

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

As the crowds began to gather for the booked-out Tailem Bend Community Centre's Outdoor Movie Night in Rogers Park, on Friday, December 15, 2023, it became obvious that many families had gone to a lot of effort to impress the Judges for the 'Best Costume'.

A popular choice with families, the special community showing of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* was well received by the audience – young and old. Fresh from pilfering presents and adornments from local homes, a sour, cranky Grinch appeared in person before being chased from Rogers Park by the energised children in the crowd. Determined to eat all the popcorn and green Grinch cookies, pester and unsettle families before the movie screening, the Grinch was saved from the marauding children by Lilly Shepherd of Tailem Bend, who took a moment for a quiet chat with him about how she's read that his heart is *"two sizes too small"* and that's why he still thinks Christmas is all about money and presents.

"Don't worry Grinch, Mum told me that your heart will grow three sizes and you'll be happy again, soon," Lilly said.

The Outdoor Movie Night was another wonderful Christmas community success, and the Duke family of Tailem Bend wanted to extend a huge shout out to the event organisers.



ABOVE: Lilly (The Grinch) and Alaina (Brown Dog) Shepherd of Tailem Bend.



ABOVE: Emily, Katrina, Ruby, Felicity, and Ryan Duke of Tailem Bend, settling in for the night at the Tailem Bend Community Centre's Outdoor Movie Night.

"We're so grateful for all the work and effort the Community Centre does and tonight has been another amazing fun night for our family – thanks again." Felicity said.

The Tailem Bend Community Centre is situated at 141 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend and could not provide their numerous services without the support of their hard working staff and dedicated volunteers – if you would like to join the team, phone 08 8572 3513 or email the office on info@tbcc.org.au.



ABOVE: Crowds begin to gather for the BOOKED-OUT Tailem Bend Community Centre's Outdoor Movie Night.

The Tailem Bend Community Centre opens in the new year from 9am - 4.30pm Mondays to Fridays.

They pride themselves on providing affordable services that are easily accessible, they encourage social interaction and lifelong opportunity of learning. Assisted by a dedicated group of volunteers, they welcome everyone and offer support to people visiting the centre or wanting to become a member - including the aged, disabled and the disadvantaged.

Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network (MMCPN)

Managed by the Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc, MMCPN assists people living in regional communities who are transport disadvantaged, by assessing their eligibility, providing advice on transport options, advising them of their passenger rights and responsibilities, and assisting with all general transport enquiries.

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #137

A long-running series submitted by Peter Connolly.

This month we go a long way back in time. We touch on CWA ladies and our local hairdresser family, Kay

We move into a New Year, Josephine McGrath our Chief Editor and Doris Connolly with typing and photos are still going strong! Peter Connolly was asked to do one issue by Margaret Jaensch and Leone Hutson, and so far, I have done 137.

Horseback was the only way to get to school 1989

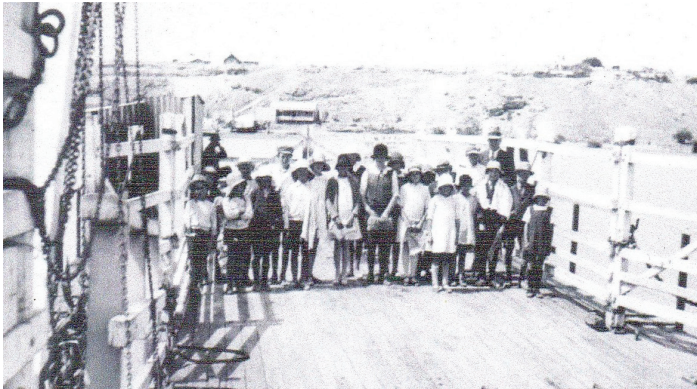
Going to school on horseback was not uncommon when Mr William Crouch, of Tailem Bend was a lad.

Mr Crouch, who turned 80 on August 21st was taken the first three kilometres of the 11 kilometre trip to school by his father on a horse. For the remainder of the trip he travelled in a horsedrawn cart with a neighbours children. That was to the Cooke Plains School, but Bill as he is better known, later transferred to the Moorlands when it opened because it was only eight kilometres away.

Bill was the oldest of seven children, born to Martin and Effie Couch, and when it was time for the second oldest in the family to start school, the pair of them rode the one horse. Later, as the other children reached school age, Bill's father had to supply them with a horsedrawn cart. Bill was born at Gawler. But his parents moved to Cooke Plains when they went there to help there uncle harvest his crop in 1915 at a time when labour was scarce, due to the number of men in the armed forces, during World War 11.

His father later brought the farm and apart from four years, in the Army during World War 11, Bill spent his entire working life on the land. Before going onto the farm, Bill's father was firstly a railway worker, but he gave that up to take on fishing and casual farm work. He said his father, mother, brothers and sisters were comparatively well off during the Great Depression – in the late 1930's *"We had meat, milk, butter and eggs and all we needed was a bag of sugar and a bag of flour each month"* he recalled last week.

We'd get the sugar and flour from the Cooke Plains store and the owner would give us two - pence, a dozen for eggs



ABOVE: Jervois Children crossing the Tailem Bend Ferry to Learn to Swim in February 1930, this photo was by Verna Viney who lived in the house in the background of the picture.



ABOVE: Mr Bill Crouch, of Tailem Bend, who turned 80 last month, still rides his trusty old treadly around the town, although he still has a car and an unrestricted driver's licence. (Image 1989)

to pay for what we have bought. In his younger days, Bill played cricket and football for Cooke Plains. In 1933 a cricket team which included Bill's father and three of his sons, won the local association grand final – one of the three years Bill was in a premiership side. But Cooke Plains wasn't as lucky in football Bill said that will he was playing the team often remained undefeated through the year but was consistently beaten in the grand final by a few points.

Bill and a younger brother were also keen cyclists and were members of Tailem bend Bike Racing Club. There was a cycle track at the local oval, but most of the competition compromised 19km (12 mile) and 32km (20 mile) *"I won a lot of trophies for bike racing, among them a certificate of merit from Super Elloit's because I won a 20 mile race on one of their bikes"* he said.

On his discharge from the army, Bill married Mary Scott and the couple took over the farm, where Bill remained until he retired in 1970. The couple had six children and now Bill has 13 grandchildren. He was councillor with the Peake District Council's Roby Ward from 1960 – 1966, being elected by the narrow margin of seven votes in a two way poll. *"I enjoyed my time on council"* he said.

"It gives you a greater outlook on life, and you get to know what's going on in your area." Bill says *"younger people should take an interest in local government, and try to get elected onto their local council. Too many people ignore their local council and take it for granted"* he said. *"Talking among yourselves too much without finding out what is really going on can give you the wrong slant on things"*

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #137

As well as his involvement in council Bill spent 10 years as a member of Moorlands Agriculture Bureau. He also operated Moorlands Agricultural Lime, crushing limestone rock for sale to farmers to apply to what was then acidic soil, selling to landholders in much of the Upper South East. *"Lucerne wouldn't grow in the area without lime"* he said.

Busiest months were from April to June, When more than 400 tons a month were supplied, with about 200 tons a month between September and November. After Bill retired he and his wife did a lot of travelling in his campervan. Since she died in 1978, his main activity has been bowls two or three times a week and doing his own house work. Though he drives his own car – he still has an unrestricted licence – he prefers to ride his old bicycle, when going down to do his shopping. *"I've tried to remain physically strong all my life and I believe this is what's helped me reach the age of 80 and remain healthy"* he says.

By MV Standard 1989

CWA missing early history 1988

Only one thing will be missing when the local Country Women's Association branch celebrates its 50th anniversary on March 8th – its first 15 years history.

Secretary Mrs R Smart said no records could be found of the branch's activities between 1938 and 1953. *"We have found a roll – book for 1953/1954, but none of the officers are mentioned in existing records until 1958"* she said. What is known however, is that the branch was formed at a meeting on March 8th, 1938 presided by Mrs H A Gardner, who was elected foundation president.

That meeting was probably held in the Institute supper room, which was used by the branch for a number of years. Mrs Smart said the branch later used the Girl Guides Hall, which was demolished in the mid – fifties. The Senior Citizens Clubrooms now occupy that site. Between the mid – fifties and 1959, the branch held handicraft meetings in an annexe of the showgrounds pavilion, and monthly business meetings were held in RSL Hall. The branch moved into its own clubrooms in 1959, on the river side of Princes Highway.

Most of the money for the building was raised from catering – selling home – made pies and pasties for sale days *(which were a big event in those years)* and catering at weddings. *"Almost everyone who got married in Tailem Bend in those years got the CWA to cater for the reception"* Mrs Smart said. Former president and secretary Mrs S Hands said *"real good meals were supplied for one pound (\$2) a person and for one pound and 10 shillings (\$3) it was something extra special"* she said Mrs Gardener officially opened the new clubrooms on the branch's 21st anniversary.

Appropriately she was one of the foundation members at the celebrations. Elizabeth Searle, whom former secretary



ABOVE: Looking through Tailem Bend CWA's oldest available records, a roll-book from 1953/54, last Friday are (from left) former president and treasurer Mrs S Hanns, current secretary Mrs R Smart, and former secretary Mrs T Williams.

Mrs T Williams believes was aged about seven or eight at the time, presented Mrs Gardener with a posy of flowers.

The 'little girl' was chosen because she had been attending CWA meetings regularly since the age of three months – apparently her mother had no one to look after her daughter while she went to meetings, so took her along. Among the branch's longer serving officers have been Mrs W Skinner *(president for five years from 1968/59 to 1960/61 and again 1966/67 and 67/68)* and Mrs M Read six years *(1961/62 to 1963/64 and 1968/69 to 1970/71)* some may have served longer, but this cannot be confirmed because of the missing records. Mrs Smart said a rule was brought in *(although she's sure when,)* that no one could hold a position of president for more than three consecutive years. No such rule applied to secretary, it seems Mrs D Williams was the longest recorded secretary – for 10 years *(1972/73 to 1976/77, 1978/79 to 1980/81, and 1984/85 and 1984/85 and 1985/86)* Mrs G Searle held the position for six years *(1962/63 to 1967/68)* Highest recorded membership was 90, in 1953/54. Today it is down 29 *(last year 30)* with an average attendance of around 17 or 18.

"Younger women aren't joining today" Mrs Smart said *"it seems they have too many other things to-do."* All past members whose address are known have been invited to the March 8th anniversary, but Mrs Smart said any former members who had not received an invitation would also be welcome.

MV Standard 1988.

More interesting topics next month In the meantime;

It is difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts, while eating a home grown tomato. Do you agree Joyce!!!
Lewis Grizzard.

The Bunyip's Back!

MEDIA RELEASE - Murray Bridge.

THE MURRAY Bridge Bunyip is back! The beloved South Australian animatronic icon has a new lease on life after taking a short break to rejuvenate and recharge, and is once again ready to scare the daylight out of visitors to the Murray Bridge riverfront this summer.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Chief Executive Officer Heather Barclay said she was grateful The Bunyip had been well taken care of during the hiatus and was able to return to their watery lair at Sturt Reserve before Christmas. *"The Bunyip needed to escape briefly for some much needed maintenance and relaxation, but we are pleased to say hydraulics upgrades went well and our beloved Bunyip is now fighting fit and ready to resume riverfront duties,"* she said.

"Everyone involved with the project worked extremely hard to ensure The Bunyip would be back in their lair and ready to scare before Christmas and the influx of visitors that descend on Murray Bridge to enjoy the Murray River during the summer holidays. "After the flooding last summer the message of The Bunyip as a protector of the river is more relevant than ever – we must all remember to respect and care for the fish of the river and lakes and to never swim alone."

Local enterprise Australian Custom Engineering provided the expertise to address a mechanical issue and restore The Bunyip to their usual roarsome self. An Augmented Reality version of the animatronic tourist attraction will remain accessible at Sturt Reserve, to provide a digitally interactive experience.

To learn more about this beloved South Australian icon visit The Rural City of Murray Bridge website. A full list of Council services and facilities impacted by the Murray River flood is available on website and updates are posted to the Council's Facebook page.

For all other flood related enquiries call the River Murray Flood Info Line on 1800 362 361 or visit ses.gov.au



Tony Pasin MP

Article submitted by Charlotte Edmunds, on behalf of Tony Pasin MP

Australia Day is an important opportunity to celebrate our success as a nation.

Our history, like that of all nations, is complex. Whilst not losing sight of that complexity we can, and indeed should, celebrate the fact that in shaping a nation that is the envy of the world, we have together overcome, over generations, significant challenges and adversity.

Australia is a vibrant, thriving country that punches well above its weight globally because we have successfully blended our Indigenous heritage with our British inheritance and the cultures of those from the four corners of the earth that have come to call Australia home.

Australia Day is a time for all of us to pause, acknowledge our history and celebrate how lucky we are to be Australian.

I'm sick and tired of people running our nation down. I'm proud to be Australian and I'm also proud of the Australian flag and what it represents.

I hope like me the flag makes you feel a sense of gratitude for Australia, and a sense of responsibility to defend it and protect the nation it represents.



ABOVE: Tony Pasin MP, Federal Member for Barker.

To support our flag and show pride in our nation, I have produced the **'Together Under One Flag'** bumper sticker, which is available free to all residents in Barker.

Contact my electorate office on 08 8724 7730 or send an email Tony.Pasin.mp@aph.gov.au to request your bumper sticker and join me in celebrating pride in Australia.

Happy Australia Day!

IntoWork Announces International Expansion

Article submitted by Elish Massie.

The IntoWork Group is pleased announce its international expansion, with New Zealand's Apprenticeship Training Trust (ATT) joining the Group.

Founded in 1983 IntoWork has grown to become Australia's leading not for profit provider of employment, skills, education and support services, with 1900 staff across 200 locations.

While the IntoWork Group already delivers some initiatives internationally through partnerships across the United Kingdom and Dubai, the addition of ATT gives the IntoWork Group a strong trans-Tasman direct service delivery presence.

"IntoWork is thrilled to welcome ATT to the Group. Like us, they're a values based organisation that is committed to positive social impact through the provision of employment and training opportunities," said IntoWork Group CEO Poul Bottern.

ATT is an independent non-profit Trust with more than 30 years' experience.

Working with host employers ATT proudly provides opportunities for New Zealanders to train and become successful tradespeople.

ATT Chief Executive Nicola Dashper said her organisation is excited by the move and opportunities it brings. *"We're incorporating the positive aspects of both ATT and IntoWork and the outcome for us is access to more resources and expertise, and the opportunity to further innovative and diversify. This is exciting news both for our clients and our staff"*

In 2023 the IntoWork Group celebrated a milestone marking 40 years since it first began operation in Melbourne's inner north.

"Now in our 40th year we've grown from a small apprenticeship employment organisation with six apprentices and two staff, to a Group of 19 businesses who support more than 100,000 individuals and 60,000 business across Australia. With ATT we're continuing our evolution and look forward to supporting more individuals, businesses and communities than ever before, on both sides of the Tasman" said Mr Bottern.

Festival State Nationals @ The Bend

This article is from Murray Bridge News, contributions from Michael Potts and Derek Vanderzon. (www.murraybridge.news)

Race fans have delighted in all that the National Drag Racing Championship had to offer over the weekend, with epic performances from nitro funny cars, top doorslammers, top fuel motorcycles and the Aeroflow National Sportsman Series ensuring the 20,000-plus crowd on track and the many watching live on Seven Plus were captivated from start to finish.

With nitro funny car making its debut at the recently opened venue, Justin Walshe took home the bragging rights and the NDRC Christmas tree for the flame-throwing bracket with a hole-shot win – better reaction time – over championship leader Morice McMillin.



ABOVE: Bob Sherry Racing. IMAGE BY: Veronica Ward.



ABOVE: Justin Walshe has been named the first nitro funny car champion at the inaugural Festival State Nationals at the Bend. Photo: Cackling Pipes/NDRC.

His win with a 5.012 second pass at 494.78 kilometres per hour, over McMillin's 4.989/478.87km/h effort in what was a side-by-side full flames pass, had the crowd on its feet and will tighten up the championship points significantly as the nitro funny car championship surpasses its mid-point.



ABOVE: Dave Foster of Murray Bridge from Foster mechanical. IMAGE BY: Veronica Ward.

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Article submitted by Sharon Williams.

February

- 1st – Premium Members Day.
- 2nd – Performance test day
- 3rd – Dragway – all Bikes Day
- 4th – DEP hot laps and drives
- 10th – 11th Champion ride day
- 15th – Hot laps and drives
- 17th – Roll Racing – Tickets at the Gate
- 18th – Premium Members Day
- 18th – Dragway Off Street Drags
- 22nd – Open Track Day
- 23rd – Speed Off the Street

24th – Dragway Off Street Drags

24th – Pitlane Getaway – Cruise, room, and dinner – contact Rydges

28th – Premium Members Day

March

1st to 3rd – South Australian Motorsport Series Round 1

2nd – Dragway Track championship

6th – Open track day

7th – Premium Members Day

9th – 10th 11th Champions ride day

9th and 10th – Off Road Rally

10th – Dragway – All Bikes Day

15th to 17th – Cafnix – Motorbikes

All dates and events are subject to change.

New Era For South Australian Motorsport

NEWS RELEASE

The Bend and the Sporting Car Club of South Australia will together usher in a new era for South Australian Circuit Racing, partnering to promote the SA Motor Racing Championships from 2024 after decades of the championship being run solely by the SCCSA.

The groundbreaking partnership will see the SA Motor Racing Championship expand from four to eight events across The Shell V-Power Motorsport Parks International & GT circuit layouts and the iconic Mallala Motorsport Park.

The series of events will challenge grassroots and professional racers with the existing state level racing categories to be joined by National and International categories such as Lamborghini Super Trofeo Asia, Australian Formula 4 and the Toyota 86 Scholarship Series. Additionally, various visiting state-level categories from New South Wales and Victoria will host rounds of their championships at the SA events including NSW Production Sports and VIC E30 Racing.

The core values of the partnership are based on raising the profile of South Australian state-level events whilst delivering competitive event entry fees, a simplified entry process and increased track time for competitors. All factors of the model enhance the aim of increasing field sizes and placing aspirational categories directly in the eyes of the next generation of Motor Racing Participants.

Representatives of The Bend and The SCCSA gathered on Monday to celebrate the announcement:

ALISTAIR MACDONALD, CEO – SHELL V-POWER MOTORSPORT PARK

“The history of the Sporting Car Club of SA’s involvement in Motorsport is incredible. To be able to expand our existing relationship with them and partner to put on this championship is a fantastic outcome for the wider South Australian Motorsport Community.”

“The involvement of the visiting state, national and international categories is not only great for Motorsport in SA but it’s incredibly exciting for the Murray River Lakes & Coorong region with the expected increase in visitation.”



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Event 1 - March 1-3
Categories: Aust. Superkarts, Circuit Excel SA, VIC E30 Racing, SA Tin Tops, MG Racing, SA Prototypes
Circuit: The Bend International Circuit

Event 2: Mallala Night Masters- March 8-9
Categories: Improved Production SA, Saloon Cars, HQ Holdens, SA Sports Sedans, Formula Vee / Formula Ford, Porsche Club Supersprint
Circuit: Mallala Motorsport Park

Event 3 - May 3-5
Categories: Aust. Formula 4, Circuit Excel SA, SA Prototypes, MG Racing, AROCA, Alfa Romeo, NSW Production Sports/MARC Cars
Circuit: The Bend International Circuit

Event 4 - May 24-26
Categories: Toyota 86 Scholarship Series, Improved Production SA, Saloon Cars, HQ Holdens, SA Tin Tops, Formula Vee / Formula Ford, MG Racing, Porsche Club Supersprint
Circuit: The Bend International Circuit



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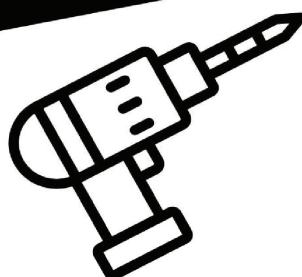
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Let's talk about ... Community Grants, Sponsorship and Funding



Council is seeking your feedback on the revised Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy.

The policy provides guidelines for the Community Grants Program proposing to hold one round per year, add weighting to the assessment process while also updating and simplifying the application forms and process.

New additions to the policy include the introduction of water provisions for sporting ovals as well as provisions for public amenities across the district which are not owned or managed by Council.

Feedback can be provided by:

Completing an online form at www.coorong.sa.gov.au/letstalk

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Community engagement concludes **9am Monday, 26 February 2024**



Let's talk about ... Flag Flying



Council is seeking your feedback on the draft Flag Flying Policy.

Community is invited to share their feedback on Coorong District Council's Draft Flag Flying Policy.

The new draft policy aims to establish a consistent approach to the flying of flags on flag poles under Council's care and control.

The policy also sets protocols decision making when requests are received to fly alternative flags or for the flags to be flown at half mast.

Community members can view the draft Flag Flying Policy online or on display in Council's Customer Service Centres.

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Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Dwayne, Tailem Lions Media Officer.

On December 12th 2023, we held our Tailem Bend Lions Christmas & Friends Dinner Night at the Tailem Bend Hotel. 42 Guest made up of Lions Members and Partners and our guest speaker for the night, Police Superintendent Cindy Healey.

All enjoyed a three-course meal cooked by the hotel fabulous cook Leah and her wonderful kitchen staff. Thanks to Frank for allowing us to have our Christmas dinner at his hotel. Wednesday 13th Lion Raylene and Lion Bruce represented our Lions Club at the Tailem Bend Primary School Presentation night to present our sponsored award to two student winners. The winners are Stella Kerr and Bastion Kodiak, who each will receive a scholarship from us to help with their final primary schooling for 2024, Congratulations to the two winners.

Thanks to everyone that brought our Christmas raffle tickets, Christmas Cakes & Pudding & honey during November & December when we were in front of Foodland. All money raised will go towards our 2024 community projects. Big thanks to Kathryn, manager at Tailem Bend Foodland for allowing us to have our stall in front of her business.

Tailem Bend Lions Christmas Barrow Raffle Winners



1st Prize a Wheelbarrow of Goodies, Winner Virginia Bellman.



2nd Prize a Slow Cooker & Goodies, Winner Toni Wallage.



3rd Prize a Family Pack, Winner Dianne Ross



4th Prize a Family Pack, Winner Maria Vermeekan

Honey is available from Lions Members: Reuben Gurney: 8572 4730 - Marion Martin: 8572 4785 - Margaret Eckermann: 8572 3850 - Raylene Thomas: 0417 840 473

**MURRAY
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A Giant Granny-Square Christmas Tree

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

From a casual chat with a friend about crocheting squares for an Adelaide Hills community project, Tailem's Giant Granny-Square Christmas Tree was born – currently on display at Tailem Bend Hardware, 105 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend, it is strong testimony to the power of friendship.

After the chat with her friend, Annette Burt of Tailem Bend, found herself Googling concepts as she became totally captivated with the whole notion of the project. "It wasn't long before I realised that a Granny-Square Christmas Tree would make a magnificent community project - and once Christmas was over, we could use the granny squares to make rugs and blankets to donate to local organisations and charities," Annette said. Annette approached the Tailem Bend Progress Association, who quickly supported the project resulting in an article requesting registrations of interest, being published in their community magazine, Tailem Topics.

"The response to our call-out for crocheted Granny-Squares was amazing to say the least, hundreds began to arrive," Annette said. "Some donated by local women, some from women who previously lived in or had family members living in Tailem – some even sent Granny-Squares from interstate and we also had women passing through the town in their caravans, donating them." With all the donations sorted by colour and size, a small group of dedicated Grannies gathered over several lunchtimes, at the Tailem Bend Hotel, to bring it all together.

"What a sight, a group of Grannies crocheting in the local pub, it was a sight to be seen, we truly created some shock and curiosity for Frank's regular patrons," Annette said. "My husband, Allen, built the tree's framework from recycled materials, he did an excellent job given the vague instructions we gave him," Annette said.



ABOVE: Tailem's Giant Granny-Square Christmas Tree on display at Tailem Bend Hardware, Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Pictured with the tree are, (from L-R) Elizabeth Nicholls, Jill Rowe, Wendy Hampel, Annette Burt and Maxine Kiddie all of Tailem Bend.

"I would also like to thank Jenny from Tailem Bend Hardware for her generous offer to display our tree in their front window." Annette and her band of dedicated Grannies would like to see this project become an annual event with next year's tree being supported by an aluminium foldable framework designed by another Granny's husband, Geoff Nicholls of Tailem Bend. "We would like to invite other local community groups and organisations to join in the fun and help us decorate the Christmas tree every year."

Annette finds herself humbled and extremely grateful for the overwhelming response to the project. "So many people have helped us make this project a success, and as Hellen Keller says, 'Alone, we can do so little, but together, we can do so much more,'" Annette said.

TB Food and Wine Club, December Dinner

Article submitted by Tina Squires.

Tailem Bend Food and Wine Club held their 2023 December Dinner at 1924 Steakhouse Murray Bridge.

43 guests dressed in their finery began their evening of finger food paired with a Bremerton Dulcie Chardonnay Pinot Noir. This was followed by a deconstructed prawn cocktail paired with a 2019 Scarpantoni Rose. Main meal consisted of Fillet Mignon and fresh salad paired with a 2020 Kimbolton Mataro Shiraz. Dessert was a Blueberry Brulee Cheesecake paired with Barossa Boy Cheeky Tilly Riesling.

To finish the evening a generous selection of cold meat and cheese platters were served paired with Limencello. This proved to be a new experience for members. The Christmas treat proved to be a hit with a traditional Indian Christmas cake muffin served with a Kings of Prohibition Port.



ABOVE: Greg Gibson.

Better Health Coaching Service Launches

MEDIA RELEASE - Wellbeing SA

The State Government is investing more than \$5 million across five years in a new service helping South Australians be active, eat well, and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

An initiative of Wellbeing SA, the newly established Better Health Coaching Service is a free, evidence-based and confidential program linking eligible South Australians with a qualified health professional over the phone.

The health professional provides up to 10 free coaching calls across a six-month period, with the option of call frequency to be either weekly or fortnightly.

Each coaching call is tailored to each individual's health and lifestyle goals. These coaching discussions include nutritional education, ways to increase physical activity, how to make healthier choices when food shopping and reduce alcohol intake.

The Better Health Coaching Service is free to eligible South Australians aged between 18 and 74 years, with a BMI of 27 or more who are seeking support to build and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

South Australians can self-refer or be referred to the service by their GP or health professional by calling 1300 822 953. Referrals can be made online at the Better Health Coaching Service. www.betterhealth.sa.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Wellbeing SA Interim Chief Executive, Marina Bowshall.

"The Better Health Coaching service is one way South Australians can access support to work towards their health goals and make improvements to their wellbeing."

"This service is free for eligible South Australians and provides tailored advice during 10 confidential coaching calls."



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Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Article submitted by Kaye and Paul Bartlett.

Having lived all my life with stock, it was with apprehension when faced with footprints and droppings at the entrance to Pangarinda Botanic Garden, evidence of a number of cattle having been in the garden.

The neighbouring stock love the shade of the Pangarinda's trees and camp right on the fence line. A slight tussle will snap a post and this time cattle got in. It was with luck they entered where the wet grass needed mowing after recent rain keeping them from eating the plants, as this area had been targeted with new plantings and some very hard to find plants. Guards being still around most helped, with volunteers having to spend time digging the watering holes again.

No water in the tank sent volunteers checking taps, they had managed to turn on four taps in their search for water. Only one shrub was completely broken down from the habit cattle have of getting into bushes with their heads and a few others with limbs broken, trampling of few small ones. Mower volunteers may find the mowing rough from footprints.



ABOVE: *Xylomelum angustifolia*.

Rainbow bee eaters are nesting in their hollows with young due out any day. *Xylomelum angustifolia* one of the summer flowering plants is a mass of creamy white, racemes of flower, amongst these the silver-grey seed pods which gives them their common name Woody pears.

Growing naturally in the deep sands of the Wheat Belt of WA it has adapted well to Pangarinda's soil.

From Long-Term Benefits to Entrepreneurial Success

Article submitted by Tian Hunt, on behalf of Interwork Australia.

After applying for 357 jobs in three months, and only getting four responses, Murray Bridge resident Josh Wicking Feast was almost at breaking point. That was until he decided to open up his own business.

The 38-year-old had always done seasonal work and had been on and off benefits since he left school 20 years ago. He was also the primary caregiver for his late father, who had lost both of his legs. Last year, Josh decided it was time to re-enter the job market but with Murray Bridge having one of the highest unemployment rates at 5.4 per cent¹, he became frustrated with the seemingly endless cycle. *"I got tired of putting all my efforts into job hunting and not seeing results. I wanted to be financially independent doing paid work, not relying on the system anymore."*

Josh started looking at ways to create his own employment opportunities, and that's when he had a light-bulb moment, *"I thought, what about windows? Everyone has windows."* Through self-teaching, he developed the skills and knowledge needed to start his own window cleaning business. However, he lacked experience running a business. Josh used IntoJobs' Self Employment Assistance program to launch Preem Window Cleaning, a business which has grown exponentially in the last 12 months.

In the program, Josh received mentoring, and small business coaching where he developed business management, planning and marketing skills. He also was able to generate a stable income from his new business, secure multiple commercial contracts, and found purpose doing something he loves. Self-Employment Assistance, delivered by IntoJobs and supported by Mas National (both part of the IntoWork Group),



ABOVE: Murray Bridge resident Josh Wicking.

offers practical and confidential guidance and support on all aspects of starting and running a small business. From coaching, registering business names, website domains, business plan development, mentoring, and setting up an ABN through to financial, marketing and strategic advice.

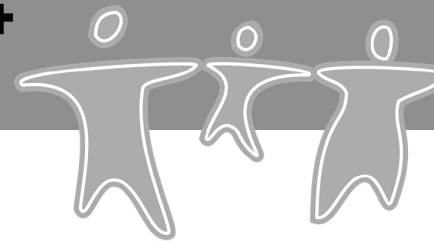
Recently Josh launched a YouTube channel to showcase his window cleaning and other great passion – Fishing, *"The more successful my business becomes, the more opportunities I have to go on trips and improve the quality of my channel through better equipment and editing tools,"* he said.

To find out more about Preem Window Cleaning, go to www.facebook.com/PreemWindowAndSolarPanelCleaning or watch Josh's latest fishing adventures and window cleaning tutorials, on www.youtube.com/@lightningsfishingadventures.

For more information on IntoJobs Self-Employment Assistance, go to intojobs.com.au/self-employment-assistance/ or contact 1300 11 JOBS (5627)

Term 1 Timetable 2024

29 January – 12 April



MONDAY

SCRAPBOOKING / CARD MAKING | 10am–2pm
Make your Memories into Art.
CHSP \$1.10 | Non CHSP \$2.20
Booking is required | TBCC Art and Lifestyle shed

TUESDAY

WOODTURNING | Socially organised – not every week.
Join this group to create and work on your own project.
CHSP \$1.10 | Non CHSP \$2.20
Booking is required | TBCC Woodwork shed

LINE DANCING | 10am–11.30am
Beginner to Advance skills welcome
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | Tailem Bend TownHall

SOCIAL CRAFT | 12noon–2pm
Bring and work on your own craft masterpiece
CHSP \$1.10 | Non CHSP \$2.20
Booking is required | TBCC Meeting Room

PILATES WITH URSULA | 5.30pm–6.20pm
Strength and Stretching with Ursula
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | TBCC Function Room

WEDNESDAY

WOODWORK | 9am–3pm
Learn with Graham; a qualified builder/ cabinet maker
Half day – CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Full day – CHSP \$11.00 | Non CHSP \$22.00
Booking is required | TBCC Woodwork shed

SEWING CLASS | 9am–12 noon
Work on individual sewing projects
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | TBCC Function Room

GOLDEN GO GETTERS | 10.30am–11.30am
Help strengthen your muscles in a safe and supported environment.
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | Tailem Bend Town Hall

COLOURFUL CREATIONS | 1pm–3pm
Join this group to discover the benefits of colouring, painting, and creating. Relax, and improve your focus and skills.
CHSP \$1.10 | Non CHSP \$2.20
Booking is required | TBCC Meeting Room

DECORATIVE ART | 1pm–4pm
Social Art Group– join this group to share skills and learn from likeminded people
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Booking is required | TBCC Art and Lifestyle shed

MURRAY BRIDGE POOL & SHOPPING BUS
Two options for Tailem Bend passengers: either the MB heated pool or MB Marketplace, but not both. The bus will drop off at the pool and then go on to the Marketplace.
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THURSDAY

PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE | 9.30am–10.30am
Cuddle...Communicate...Connect... using songs, rhymes, and stories to support connection between child and parent.
Bookings appreciated | Tailem Bend Primary School

PILATES WITH URSULA | 5.30PM – 6.20PM
Strengthen and stretch with Ursula
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | TBCC Function Room

FRIDAY

PILATES WITH AMANDA | 9.30AM–10.20AM
Come along to TBCC for a Pilates class with Amanda
CHSP \$55.00 | NON CHSP \$110.00
Booking is required | TBCC Function Room
*Mini of 6 participants must attend. For the class to proceed
*no class on Friday 29th March due to Public Holiday

BINGO | 10am–12.30pm
Friday Funday Bingo! Second Friday of the Month
February 9th | March 8th
\$6.00 per book (10 games) | TBCC Meeting Room

STRENGTH & BALANCE | 10.30am–11.20am
Come along to TBCC for a Strength and Balance class with Amanda.
CHSP \$55.00 | NON CHSP \$110.00
Booking is required | TBCC Function Room
*Mini of 6 participants must attend. For the class to proceed
*no class on Friday 29th March due to Public Holiday



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*Classes run during school terms only,
No classes during school holidays.

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Community and Neighbourhood Development Programme (CND) is funded by the Department of Human Services.

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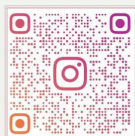
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Centrally located in the heart of Tailem Bend the Railway Station operates as a Visitor Information Outlet and rail museum five days a week.

Since the opening of the Shell V-Power (The Bend) Motorsport Park the region has seen an increase in visitors. The Tailem Info Station is looking for Volunteers to assist with a range of tasks and duties that will profile Tailem Bend and neighbouring towns making the region a more friendly and desirable destination for our visitors.

Enjoy the benefits of working with like-minded people, gaining new skills and knowledge, giving back to the community and gaining a sense of belonging!

Please RSVP to Volunteer Management Officer Patsy Crabb by Friday, 1 March on 1300 785 277 or email crabb@coorong.sa.gov.au



Festival State Nationals @ The Bend

Images submitted by Veronica Ward.



ABOVE: Nitro Funny cars. Wow they were so loud!



ABOVE: Nitro Funny cars.



ABOVE: Nicole and family Chris, Isla, and James from Taillem Bend enjoying a day at the Drags.



ABOVE: Sheaylee JEANES with driver Ronnie PLUMBO. Image by Leigh.



ABOVE: Crowd stands.

TB Community Centre Enchanted Experience

Images by Glenn Power.



ABOVE: Iman and Jo Javaherypour with their son Kyler of Adelaide dropped into the Taillem Bend Community Centre's Enchanted Experience on their way to Melbourne.



ABOVE: Grandma Pat Lee with her family, on holidays from Hong Kong.

Tailem Bend Christmas Parade 2023





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Tailem Bend Bowling Club

Articles and photos submitted by Kylie Slattery.

The start of the Pennant Season has been a little disappointing for all members. Let us hope with the new year and now the completion of the clubs' new greens the club can get back on track and on a winning streak. The new artificial grass is looking good, and games are already been played on it with most members impressed.

This new turf would not be possible without the continuous support of our members who have volunteered and enormous amount of time and effort. To these members we truly extend our greatest appreciation and gratitude. The Bowling Club has been mentioned in the Murray Valley Standard on numerous occasions throughout the first half of the season, with members photos posted in the paper. With Christmas and the New Year finished the club will be organising payment and collection of the artificial grass in the New Year.

TAILEM BEND COMMUNITY CENTRE – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Tailem Bend Bowling Club was delighted to host the Community Centre Christmas Luncheon last year. Roast Pork, Turkey, and Beef with all the trimmings and Christmas Pudding or Jelly Custard Slice was on the menu to approximately fifty guests. All was enjoyed and the afternoon was a success.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Ladies enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Tailem Bend Hotel on the 5th of December. The Tailem Bend Hotel did a wonderful job with decorations on the table and fantastic food, quick service and smiling staff. Thank you so much for making our Christmas afternoon great. Games Host Kylie Slattery had the girls laughing with games and a Christmas Trivia Quiz. Prizes were won and Leanne Patching the winner of the Monster Prize.



ABOVE: From L to R, Winner - Leanne PATCHING, Games Host – Kylie SLATTERY and Monster Prize Organiser – Sandy GORDGE.



ABOVE: Ladies Christmas Lunch at Tailem Bend Hotel.



ABOVE: Thursday Pennants Ladies first game on new turf. Back - L to R, Josie MULLENS, Vicki STEPHENS, Glenda SHEPHERD, Carolyn WILSON, Pauline MERRETT, and Sandy GORDGE. Front - L to R, Leanne PATCHING and Kylie SLATTERY.

INVITATION CHRISTMAS BOWLS AT LANGSHORNE CREEK

What a wonderful day. Christmas Cheer and friends from other clubs catching up and enjoying a fantastic social day. Though the weather was humid and hot at times, the day was pleasant. Lunch was served after the first game with bottles of local wine to taste and enjoy. Tailem Bend was able to nominate two teams. Both teams looked fantastic with one team wearing the Care Bears Christmas T-shirts and white slacks calling the team "Naughty but Nice" and the second team looking over the top with a miscellaneous look of Christmas Reindeer to Christmas Fairy, calling the team "Santa's Rejects." Though both teams did not win the day but "Naughty but Nice Team did win the best dressed on the day.

TEAM NAUGHTY BUT NICE – Kathy LIEBICH, Lyn WECKERT, Josie MULLENS, Carolyn WILSON

TEAM SANTA'S REJECTS – Vicki STEPHENS, Leanne PATCHING, Pauline MERRETT, Kylie SLATTERY



ABOVE: Back L to R, Kathy LIEBICH, Lyn WECKERT, Josie MULLENS, Vicki STEPHENS, Leanne PATCHING, Carolyn WILSON. Front L to R, Pauline MERRETT, Kylie SLATTERY.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: If you wish to express an interest to play, please contact our club president
Stuart ROOKE 0428 242 905.

Murray – Darling Basin Authority

Article submitted by Glenn Power.

The Murray–Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) met on 12 December in person on Ngarrindjeri Country (Murray Bridge). The meeting was chaired by Sir Angus Houston and all members were in attendance.

Members acknowledged the warm Welcome to Country by Ngarrindjeri Elder Uncle Clyde Rigney and Cedric Varcoe on the banks of the River Murray. Closing out the end of the 2023 calendar year, Chief Executive Andrew McConville provided a summary of key achievements including: presentation of the third annual River Reflections Conference in Narrabri in June, delivery of 4 Listening Tours across the Basin and a range of community forums to connect with people on the MDBA's important work to implement the Basin Plan. The Chief Executive highlighted substantial progress made during the year in strengthening organisation culture, the development of a 4-year operating plan and improvements in and changes to organisation systems, policies and management processes.

Of note by the Authority, the MDBA advanced preparations for the 2025 Evaluation and the 2026 Basin Plan Review with 20 separate streams of work progressing. Members noted the progress made towards Basin Plan implementation with the accreditation of an additional 6 New South Wales Water Resource Plans in 2023 and measurable progress towards delivery of the northern Basin Toolkit.

Authority Members reflected on the challenging operating context for river operators in 2023, managing the River Murray through a range of environmental and climatic conditions from flooding early in the year and now moving into drier times for Summer. Members noted that amendments to the Basin Plan passed by the parliament have resulted in changes to timeframes for implementation. Members thanked Ms Lyn O'Connell, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for her update on the legislation.

The Authority finalised the Basin Plan Annual Report to be tabled in the Parliament, which sets out a comprehensive description of progress in implementing the Plan in 2022–2023.



ABOVE: Cedric VARCOE.

The Authority agreed that the Basin Plan Report Card planned for the end of 2023 would need to be modified to reflect the legislative changes and resolved to publish the next report card in mid-2024. The Authority also endorsed the First Nations participation in water for the environment 2022–23 report to be published before the end of the year. The report contains excellent examples of First Nation's partnerships with environmental water holders across the Basin.

Receiving an update on the Basin Plan Review, Authority members noted the engagement with Basin governments, communities, peak groups and First Nations, and endorsed the **Basin Plan Review six monthly progress report** for publication.

In finalising the meeting, the Authority agreed the Final Scope for the 2024 Environmental Watering Strategy and further noted the progress of the **Integrated River Modelling Uplift Program (IRMU)** delivering on the first phase of the \$66 million project within the 4-year timeframe and budget allocation. IRMU status at the close of 2023 transitioned to the second phase of delivery, with the focus on enhancing existing jurisdictional and MDBA river models and integrating these into a whole of Basin model.



ABOVE: Uncle Clyde RIGNEY giving speech.



A Hope and a Future

Submitted by Tracey Woidt on behalf of the Mallee Lutheran Parish.

Not that many years ago, the word promise held some weight and accountability. It held some hope, but over the years that has been lost. It has become too easy to give an excuse for something that we promised but failed to do, couldn't do, or didn't want to do in the first place. Promises have become mere words disappearing from the very space they were spoken into, never taking hold of any meaning.

Our government representatives (**all parties**) are the same. Promise after promise and very few stand and deliver. Hope is lost on words and actions that fall short time and again. Soon we stop listening to those who speak the “promises”, because a promise is backed by action. Action is what gains and holds our attention. It's what gives us hope. When we place our hope in people and things of this earth, it is only a matter of time before we are disappointed. There is nothing of this world that will ever fully give us unfailing hope. For that we can only look to Jesus.

Jesus was hope walking amongst us. To the woman at the well He gave hope and a future when her community turned its back (**John 4**), to the lame man who was healed He gave hope and a future (**John 5**), to the 5000 He fed with 5 loaves and 2 fish, He gave hope and a future (**Luke 9**), to Lazarus - dead 4 days then raised to life, He gave hope and a future (**John 11**). Jesus restores, Jesus heals, Jesus forgives, Jesus provides. Because while He walked this earth, He was not from it. He came down from heaven so that one day we could be part of His life in heaven, forever. That's what His life here on earth was about, showing us what life with Him is like. Forgiveness, restoration, provision – hope and a future. All done out of His great love for us. It was Jesus' choice to go to the cross and die the death that forgives us all the bad stuff we do and say and think. A choice He made so that we could choose Him and all He has for us. A choice He made so we could have a hope and a future with Him.

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.
You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:11-13*

Join us to Launch the New CLLMM Research Centre

Article submitted by Tiffany Nay.

The Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre would like to invite community members to the official launch on 3 February 2024 from 1-4pm.

The Research Centre entered its establishment phase in July 2023, and moved into their new location at Level 1, 92-94 Barrage Road, Goolwa at the start of the year. The Research Centre is a regionally-based research collaboration, providing opportunity for increased involvement of First Nations and community in the design, delivery and dissemination of knowledge to inform decision making of the region.

The CLLMM Research Centre was first announced in October 2022 by the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, the Honourable Tanya Plibersek, following the advocacy of Rebekha Sharkie MP and the local community. Dr Tiffany Nay, the Communications and Engagement Coordinator at the CLLMM Research Centre, said, “*this is such an exciting time for us and the community as we can work together to tackle future issues that will challenge the region.*”

“We want to make sure First Nations and community values are captured, and reflected in our research priorities and engagement activities.”



This value capturing process has already begun with several community workshops and the launch of a community survey, which can be found at www.clmmresearchcentre.org. In addition to community events and workshops at the CLLMM Research Centre, this year will bring a schools education program into action, which will engage students and schools in the region.

Launch activities include an official opening with support of Rebekha Sharkie MP at 1pm. Following the opening, activities include: Ngarrindjeri cultural education activities for all ages, fish surveys at 2pm and 3pm, an immersive augmented reality sandbox experience, and an opportunity to meet some of the scientists working in the CLLMM region.

Scientists will be showcasing research topics such as waterbirds and native fish of the region, macroinvertebrates and the health of the Coorong. **The launch will take place on 3 February from 1pm to 4pm at Level 1, 92-94 Barrage Road, Goolwa. All community is welcome.**

COORONG Council News

Jan - Feb 2024

From the Chamber

The first Council meeting of 2024 saw members agree to lobby for further investigation on restrictions currently in place for farming properties wishing to connect renewable energy such as solar and batteries to reduce their footprint.

And Council resolved to continue discussions with State Government ministers and officials regarding changes at the Coonalpyn and Tintinara Country Health Connect sites, including a decrease in service offerings.

Let's talk about... Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding

The community is invited to share their feedback about proposed revisions to Council's Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy.

The policy provides guidelines for the Community Grants Program, and proposes to hold one round per year, add weighting to the assessment process while also updating and simplifying the application forms and process.

New additions to the policy include the introduction of water provisions for sporting ovals as well as provisions for public amenities across the district which are not owned or managed by Council.

Let's talk about... Draft Flag Flying Policy

The community is invited to share their feedback on Coorong District Council's draft Flag Flying Policy.

The new draft policy aims to establish a consistent approach to the flying of flags on flag poles under Council's care and control.

The policy also sets protocols for decision making when requests are received to fly alternative flags

or for the flags to be flown at half mast.

The draft Flag Flying Policy can be viewed online or on at any of Council's Customer Service Centres.

Let's talk about... Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The community is invited to share their feedback on Council's intention to lease community land to the RAA to support the installation of three electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Meningie, Coonalpyn and Tailem Bend.

Together with the SA Government, the RAA is currently working with South Australian councils to build a border-to-border network of EV charging stations.

"EV vehicles are rapidly becoming more popular and affordable for Australian families. We welcome new RAA EV charging sites in three of our towns, and their potential to encourage visitors to stop, stay and explore a little longer", says Mayor Paul Simmons.

Above: Example of an RAA EV Charging Station.



Feedback on all three initiatives is invited until 9am on Monday, 26 February 2024:

- Complete an online feedback form at www.coorong.sa.gov.au/letstalk
- In person at any Council office
- By email: council@coorong.sa.gov.au
- By post: PO Box 399, Tailem Bend, SA 5260

W: www.coorong.sa.gov.au

P: 1300 785 277

E: council@coorong.sa.gov.au

A: PO Box 399, Tailem Bend SA 5260

Citizen of the Year Awards

Celebrations were held in Jabuk, Taillem Bend and Meningie recognising the Coorong's outstanding citizens and community groups on 26th and 27th January 2024.

Congratulations to the worthy recipients:

- Heather Wait - Citizen of the Year, Jabuk
- Sandy Przibilla - Citizen of the Year, Taillem Bend
- Malcolm Day - Citizen of the Year, Meningie
- Coorong Conversations Matter, Sunflower Project - Community Project of the Year
- Taillem Bend Rotary Club - 40 Year's of Taillem Bend Music Hall - Mayor's Award

Projects and works update

The road construction team has commenced the unsealed road re-sheet of Masons Lookout Road, Ashville, with rubble works occurring in January. So far for the 2023/24 year, a total of 17.1 kilometres has been re-sheeted across the district.

Our community facilities team has been busy with removal of aleppo pine saplings (declared weed) in various locations at Meningie and Coonalpyn.

The team also refreshed the beach area at the Meningie Sailing Club, with the addition of new sand along the banks of Lake Albert, and planters and benches in Meningie have also had a refresh, with sanding and varnishing giving them a facelift for the busy summer period.

Spotlight on local students' artwork at the Coorong Gallery

The work of students from Tintinara, Coomandook and Meningie Area Schools has been on display at the Coorong Gallery in Taillem Bend (closes 1 February 2024). The now annual exhibition has been a great opportunity to showcase the creative talents of our local students to our wider community.



Splashdown 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.



Coonalpyn Swimming Pool
Peake Terrace, Coonalpyn

Ph: 8571 1074 (during pool opening hours), or
1300 785 277 (Coorong Civic Centre, Mon - Fri)



*The world of discovery starts
at your local library*



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Coomandook
Coonalpyn
Meningie
Taillem Bend
Tintinara

Tailem Bend Community

Library New Books February 2024

ADULT FICTION

FFORDE Katie – One Enchanted Evening- romance
CLEEVES Ann – A Bird in the Hand; Classical Crime
WOODHOUSE Kimberley –The Secrets Beneath; Mystery
BALDACCI David –The Edge; Suspense
ELLIOTT Lauren –Steeped in Secrets; Mystery
BAKER JA – The Girl in the Water; Psychological Thriller
BAKER JA – The Intruder Mystery; Crime
ALERS Rochelle – Take the Long Way Home; Historical saga
HARMON Amy – A Girl Called Samson; Historical American Revolutionary War
KOEHNE Robert – Killer Island; KI Mystery
GEORGE Rob – Lake Beauty; SA Mystery
HART Gracie – The Baker's Sisters; Family Saga
FRASER Darry – The Millner of Bendigo; Mystery, Family Saga
MASTERON Graham – What Hides in the Cellar; Crime
JACOBS Anna – Hawthorn Clos; Family Saga
WATSON Katy – A Very Lively Murder; Mystery
HANINGTON Peter – The Burning Time; Panoramic Thriller
HAT Alex – The House Keepers; Historical mystery with humor
BISHOP Robyn – The Rust Red Land; NSW, Historical, Family Saga

NON-FICTION

KING Michael – The Penguin History of Aotearoa New Zealand

LARGE PRINT

SCOTT Eva – Home to Echidna Lane; Humorous Rom Com

LARGE PRINT NON-FICTION

Helena Rubinstein – The Australian Years
Hitlers Tractor – A poignant Australian story of the Ravages of Time

**The Tailem Bend
Community Library**
Is OPEN Monday - Friday
8.30-1pm / 1.30-4.30pm



BOOK REVIEW

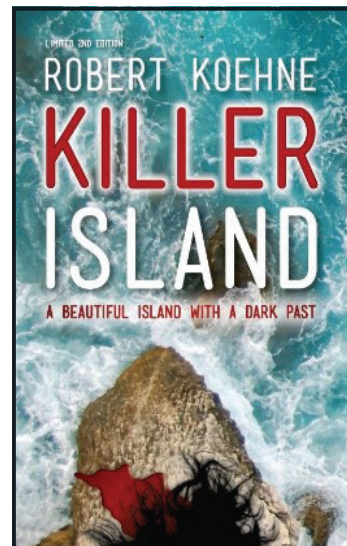
KILLER ISLAND

by Robert KOEHNE

**READ THE NOVEL THEY
DON'T WANT YOU
READING ON THE ISLAND!**
**Killer Island - A beautiful
island with a dark past.**

Robert Koehne's vivid descriptions of the Island's beautiful scenery and local characters will have you enthralled as you unravel its dark secrets.

After a turbulent career on the mainland and an equally choppy ferry ride, new police constable Dudley 'Deadly' Nicholls arrives on the Island. He is expected to toe the line but when he stumbles upon a dark secret, he fights against all odds to uncover the truth.



He soon discovers that things are not what they seem in this idyllic tourist destination. With the Island's famous Flinders Chase Cup set to go ahead, the high rollers are flying in and heading down to the luxurious Acacia Bay Resort. Ambitious and resourceful Mayor Don Ferris is hatching a plan to boost the local economy, while environmentalist Kurt Nilsen has other plans when he embarks on a four-day trek along the southern coast of 'Killer Island'.

Come and help us remember what life was like back in the 'Olden Days'

Monday Memories

Monday February 25th

Last Monday of the Month

10am at the Community Library



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

SA Police update

www.police.sa.gov.au

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**Government
of South Australia**

Reported dates: 19/10/23 – 21/1/2024

Incident Date	Incident Type	Location	Details
28/10/23	Property damage / theft	TAILEM BEND	Freight container damaged and items within taken.
13/11/2023	Theft	Westbrook Rd, TAILEM BEND	Real-estate signs stolen – offender arrested
16/11/2023	Theft of Motor vehicle	Mott St, TAILEM BEND	Theft of Motor vehicle and car trailer – offender arrested vehicle and trailer recovered
21/11/2024	Theft of Motor vehicle	Seymour St, TAILEM BEND	Theft of Motor vehicle – keys left in vehicle
23/11/2023	Theft	Railway Tce, TAILEM BEND	Theft of iron from front yard.
02/12/2023	Illegal interference	Princes Hwy, TAILEM BEND	Truck wheel nuts and hub caps stolen / interfered with.
26/12/2023	Motor vehicle collision	Dukes Hwy, ELWOMPLE	Truck vs motorcycle, low speed injuries to rider and pillion passenger.
02/01/2024	Motor vehicle collision	Dukes Hwy, TAILEM BEND	Car vs car, t-bone at intersection of Mallee Hwy, injuries to driver.
14/01/2024	Motor vehicle collision	Princes Hwy, TAILEM BEND	Vehicle lost control, came off road and down cliff, nil injuries
19/01/2024	Disorderly behaviour	Dukes Hwy, TAILEM BEND	Male arrested disorderly behaviour.

Blue Light SA



Youth events in a supervised and safe environment free from drugs, alcohol, violence and bullying.

Find out more by visiting www.bluelightsa.com.au
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Article submitted by Margaret Jaensch.

Winners of the Blue Light Annual Christmas Raffle

- 1st – Green S 17 G Zadow.
- 2nd – Grey S 04 T McInally.
- 3rd – Grey S 56 Colleen Willis.

Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who supported our raffle purchasing tickets.

Tailem Bend Blue Light are extremely grateful for the continued support from the community and businesses helping with our fundraising. Without this support and donations, it would be near impossible to continue to hold events for the children of the Tailem Bend Primary School.

Each year we hold four Blue Light Disco's, one for each term of school. A Pool party, Games night and the annual Monarto Zoo Educational overnight Camp. All funds raised enable us to provide these events for the children within our community.

Our gratitude is extended to the local businesses for their ongoing support.

Tailem Bend Bakery, Tailem Bend Hotel, Tailem Bend Newsagency, Tailem Bend Foodland, Amanda Downs – Hair Stylist, and the former Tailem Bend Neighbourhood Watch.

**Please make sure you support these businesses,
as they have supported us.**

Also, a huge thankyou to our valuable volunteers, not only for their donations to the raffle, but for giving their time to be available to attend the events put on throughout the year and to sell raffle tickets, come rain, hail or shine.

“There is Nothing Stronger than the Heart of a Volunteer”.

**Keep your eyes posted on future Tailem Topics for our
Annual Calendar of Blue Light events.**

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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 - Remember Jesus

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

"This is my body - This is my blood." Math 26: 26-30

1. We look back; "You proclaim the Lord's death"

Cor. 11:2. We look back to the cross. We remember our Lord's sacrifice. We are to remember His affliction how Jesus gave Himself unselfishly and completely & carried our sins proclaiming "forgive them".

2. We look within; "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup"

1 Cor. 11:28. We look at ourselves, our lives and deep into our hearts. God wants us to acknowledge our own sins, & shortcomings, as we approach Him that our hearts would be pure before Him.

3. We look around; "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf"

1 Cor. 10:17. We look with consideration to the people around us. We give thanks to God for each other & our family in Christ. We need one another, & for all those who will be placed in our path before us enabling us to be Christ's witness to them for His glory.

4. We look ahead; "Until he comes"

1 Cor. 11:26. We look ahead to the future. We look forward to the time of His return when we will have Communion with our Lord in His kingdom. Math 26:29; "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."

In the place where there is no sin, no fear & no condemnation, where perfect love has cast out all fear. 1 John 4:16-18.

For God is love, & perfect love casts out all fear.

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE TAILEM TOPICS

Welcome to 2024! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and is ready to jump into 2024.

TAILEM BEND CHRISTMAS PARADE COMMITTEE

Save the date: March 7 Time: 6pm

AT THE Tailem Bend RSL

We need to form a Committee for the 2024 Tailem Bend's Christmas Parade. Join in and be part of our Committee, creating our next fantastic Parade.

If you have some ideas about the Parade, now's the time. Maybe your good with posters, using Facebook, or note taking. If Committees aren't your thing, we always need volunteers during events, so you don't necessarily have to come to Committee meeting to Volunteer, but please come along and feel free to put your name down.

I'm happy to stay on but as with all AGMs, all positions are made vacant. There should be no assumption that anyone will continue in their position. We require a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. We also need more committee members.

Submitted by Maxine Kiddie, Chairperson

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP!

Thank you, Advertisers and Volunteer Distributors for supporting our Topics last year, and we look forward to your continued support in 2024!

Submitted by Don Wood

CONGRATULATIONS SANDY!

Congratulations to Sandy PRZIBILLA for winning 2024 Citizen of the Year Award and Tailem Bend Rotary Club's 40 Years of Music Hall.

Submitted by Don Wood

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

On behalf of Saint Luke's Anglican Church thank you to all who donated goods towards Christmas Hampers in the trolley in Foodland. We made up 12 Hampers which were delivered to the Jervois (2) and Tailem Bend (10) schools this week, The principals of the schools select the recipients and make the donation to the child concerned. Thank you and may we share peace with each other this new year.

Submitted by Beryl Ayles



Let's talk about ...

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



Council is seeking your feedback on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Community is invited to share their feedback on Council's intention to lease community land to the RAA to allow for the installation of three Electric Vehicle charging stations in the Coorong District.

Electric vehicle charging stations are proposed at Coonalpyn, Meningie, Tailem Bend and require new or amended community land management plans.

The stations will add to a State Government funded project to expand South Australia's electric vehicle charging network.

Feedback can be provided by:

Completing an online form at www.coorong.sa.gov.au/letstalk

- **In person** at Council's Customer Service Centres
- **By email:** council@coorong.sa.gov.au
- **By post:** PO Box 399, Tailem Bend, SA 5260
- **By phone:** 1300 785 277

Community engagement concludes **9am Monday, 26 February 2024**



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Jokes of the Month

Wife; I have blisters on my hands from the broom.
Husband; Next time take the car, silly.

Three brothers aged 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 year old draws a bath, puts his foot in and pauses. He yells down the stairs, "Was I getting in or out the bath?" The 94 year old yells back "I don't know, I'll come up and see."



He starts up the stairs and pauses, then he yells, "Was I going up the stairs or coming down?" The 92 year old was sitting at the kitchen table having coffee listening to his brothers. He shakes his head and says, "I sure hope I never get tha forgetful." He knocks on wood for good luck. He then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

Quotes of the Month

If you want other people to be happy,
practice compassion.

Submitted by Lyn Goddard.

"What is a man but the sum of his memories? We are the stories we live! The tales we tell ourselves!"

Clay Kaczmarek, Assassin's Creed Brotherhood

"It's more important to master the cards you're holding than to complain about the ones your opponents were dealt."

Grimsley, Pokemon

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.

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Community Notice Board Page	UP TO 25 WORDS \$10

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police: Tailem Bend	8572 4210
Ambulance	000
Fire & Rescue	000
CFS: Tailem Bend	000
CFS: Jervois	000
Tailem Bend Medical Centre	8572 5897
Poison Information	13 11 26
Parent Helpline	300 364 100
RAA	0429 029 021
Hospital	8572 5800

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Tailem Bend Bakery	8572 3603 / 8572 3604
Foodland Supermarket	8572 3866
Shell Coles Express Tailem Bend	8286 2308
Elders Real Estate	8572 8000
Coorong Realty	8572 4555
Tailem Bend Automotive	8572 4044
Rivercity Mechanical	8120 1899
Smedley Tyre Service	8572 4037
Riverbend Motel	8572 3633
Riverside Hotel	8572 3655
Tailem Bend Hotel - Liquor Legends	8572 3515
Subway	8572 3884
Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village	8572 3838
Tailem Bend Hardware	8572 3284
Tailem Bend Newsagency	8572 3523
OTR Murrayview	8200 5764
OTR Motorsport Park	8200 5847
SA Motorcycles	8572 3672
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Prix Pizza	8572 4690

To be included above please send your business name and number to Tailemtopics@gmail.com

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PO Box 399 Tailem Bend, SA, 5260.
Phone: 1300 785 277 | Fax: 8572 3822
Email: council@coorong.sa.gov.au

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Phone: 8572 3420
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Central Credit Union and One Spot Bill Pay.
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1 Murray Street, Tailem Bend, Phone: 8572 3275
Monday - Friday 8.30am to - 4.30pm (Closed from 1pm - 1.30pm)

TAILEM BEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

141 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend, or
PO Box 203, Tailem Bend, SA, 5260, Phone/Fax: 8572 3513

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TAILEM BEND KINDERGARTEN

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