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**MURRAY
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NEWS**

Catholic Church Centenary Celebrations

Article and photos submitted by Pru Gazzola.

St. Columbkille's Catholic Church celebrated a momentous occasion as it marked its centenary with a memorable mass celebrated by the Archbishop, nine priests and Deacon Artruo who reunited for the memorable occasion.

The presence of ten Sisters of St. Joseph added a special touch to the event, showcasing their unwavering dedication to the community. The Tailem Bend Mayor and 150 past and present parishioners gathered to partake in the beautiful service, reflecting on the church's rich history and significance.

Following the mass, attendees enjoyed a delightful lunch accompanied by guest speakers, cherishing the camaraderie and creating lasting memories. The Sisters of St. Joseph had the privilege of visiting the old convent / school, reminiscing about their past experiences and the legacy they have built within the community.



ABOVE: From the left, Victoria, Peter, Cindy, Pat, Vicky and Liz.



ABOVE: Catholic Church Centenary.

The centenary celebration stood as a testament to the church's enduring presence and the profound impact it has had on the lives of many, highlighting the special role our priests and sisters have played over the past 100 years.

The church continues to extend a warm welcome to both new and old parishioners, embracing a spirit of inclusivity and unity as it moves forward into the next chapter of its rich history.

COVER: Image sent in by Terry Connolly.

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Congratulations Kay Millard on 50 yrs in Business and your Retirement!

Article submitted by Ellie Beinke.

After 50 years of hairdressing Kay Millard will be hanging up her scissors for the last time at the end of March 2024.

Kay grew up on the family farm in Moorlands and showed her flair for hairdressing from an early age doing home cuts for her brothers and cousins on the back porch. She dreamed of a job where she could wear a white uniform but wasn't sure nursing was right for her. In 1974, Pauline Merritt gave Kay her start in hairdressing at age 16. Pauline's Salon was on the bustling main street of Tailem Bend, in the shopfront which is now Curry on Bend.

Early on Kay's days were spent mostly sweeping floors, washing hair and emptying ash trays in the salon. She worked hard and took on the business herself in the early 1980's, naming it O'Kay Cutters. Business was booming in the 80's, especially on railway pay week when local weddings and cabarets called for special hairdos. It was the time of big hair with mullets and endless perms for both women and men.

It was the only salon in town with 4 full time staff and a new apprentice starting each year. Some of Kay's staff over her seven years at O'Kay Cutters were Annette Cutting, Megan Wilson, Jenny Wallage, Margie Arbon, Veryann Heitmann, Michelle Watson and Sharon Nuske. As Kay turned her focus to raising her family, she adapted her hairdressing career offering a mobile service and then established her home salon on First Avenue. Kay loved that working from home gave her the flexibility to balance working life and precious family time.

After 25 years at her home salon, Kay's career has come full circle working on the main street again at Station 83. Kay reflects that over her 50 years she has loved being creative and having a positive impact on her clients lives.



ABOVE: O'Kay Cutters 1985



ABOVE: Kay Millard.

"I've loved listening and sharing with my clients - from travel tips, recipes and chatting about the ups and downs of life. I get so much satisfaction seeing my clients walking out happier than they walked in"



ABOVE: Kay Millard 1970's or 80's.

Some of Kay's clients have been with her since she was an apprentice, and she will miss the great conversations and laughs in the salon. Kay would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge the Tailem Bend and surrounding communities for supporting her and her business over the years. In her retirement Kay is looking forward to sharing new travel experiences with her partner Graham and spending time with the grandkids.

A message from the kids:

Congratulations Mum on 50 years in business and your retirement! We are so proud of you and your dedication to your business and clients.

Thank you for always being there for us as an amazing and supportive mother and grandmother.

Lots of love Ellie, Hannah and Alec and families.

New Road Assessment Technology for Regional and Rural Roads

Article submitted by Courtney Trewin.

In the wake of devastating floods, regional and rural councils can be up to 10 times more efficient in detecting and repairing damage roads, thanks to an innovative car-mounted technology. The evidence it collects is also much-needed to access crucial disaster relief funding from state governments.

Extreme weather events are forecasted to grow in Australia, with losses and damages projected to reach \$39.3 billion by 2050. Regional and rural councils manage more than 75 per cent of Australia's roads² and, consequently, suffer increased damage when events such as floods occur. Councils can get help sourcing pre- and post-disaster evidence thanks to a new service offering of Western Project Services (WPS), an RSK Group company. This infrastructure project management consultancy has offices in Bathurst and Dubbo in NSW, as well as Brisbane, Queensland. WPS spokesperson and Engineering & Contracting Operations Director for RSK Australia Dion Killiby said:

"The system captures in-depth road conditions, taking photos every 10 metres, up to 100 km per hour to collect data at normal traffic speeds. It includes laser profilometer technology to record the depth of road defects and a roughness sensor to gauge irregularities on the road pavement. A dual-band GPS sensor records the location and road condition features."

He said this information is vital evidence for councils seeking disaster relief funding, offering crucial before and after data. Previously, council staff would physically inspect the road to take photographs, then log that information and location manually on their computer, Dion said. The new system is safer and faster because staff need not leave their cars for data collection. Then, they can download it in the office using a safe desktop environment for their defect assessment work.

"Typically, metropolitan areas access systems using multiple car-mounted digital cameras, but those systems aren't ideal for regional roads where you



need to travel at higher speeds to avoid impeding traffic, and cover long distances."

To develop its assessment system, WPS partnered with Australian company Survai Systems, which designs and manufactures innovative asset inspection systems. The companies have completed extensive 'post disaster' data collection projects for Central West and Central Tablelands councils in NSW over the past four months. They've collected a bounty of data assessing 2500-plus kilometres of roads, and identified 2000 defects. Some councils opt to have data collected progressively over 12 months for asset or routine management, and it's ideal evidence for pre-disaster records should disaster hit again.

The unique WPS car-mounted technology consolidates data sets from multiple devices, merging it with the software for users to analyse in the office. Much intellectual property went into making the bespoke system user friendly. Councils keep their own data, can make changes as needed using the stand-alone WPS software that integrates with Google Street Map type systems.

Dion said: *"It's really economical to swiftly and precisely cover large road networks and that's exactly what regional councils usually have on their asset register. "Now, technical staff have a robust tool to better prioritise their works, and move from reactive to planned maintenance."*

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #138

A long-running series submitted by Peter Connolly.

This month we come up with two Tailem Champion Athletes and Railway Light Towers.

Lesley makes netball history, first in River Murray to play 250 games.

Lesley Sims will become the first player to notch up 250 games in the River Murray Netball when she takes to the court this Saturday.

Lesley Sims, 41 has played all those games for Tailem Bend, after having played (*she estimates*) about 100 senior games for Ramblers in the Murray Bridge Netball Association, before the River Murray competition was formed in 1982. At that time, Sims said, she had retired from playing netball due to an ankle injury, and was playing basketball.

She said the constant dodging, stopping and starting and turning had continued to aggravate her ankle injury, something the “free form” running in basketball did not do. Tailem Bend joined the River Murray netball competition in 1983, and Sims was asked one day to fill-in for an injured player, affectively reviving her netball career. Playing at centre involved more “straight running” than any other positions, and the previously troublesome ankle held up without further problem, Sims was a member of the 1984 and 1985 Tailem Bend teams which represented the River Murray Netball Association in the country carnivals of those years, and that association’s winning team in 1990.

In 1993 she coached the association’s B grade country carnival team, the A grade team in 1996 and the under- 17s. In 16 seasons with Tailem Bend, Sims has played in 11 grand finals for eight premierships – 1984, ‘85, ‘88, ‘91, ‘92, ‘93, ‘94, and ‘96. It would have been nine, but for a serious knee injury in 1990. She said doctors told her at the time she would never play again, but Sims has the type of determination that when someone tells her she cannot do something, she takes it at a challenge, determined to prove them wrong. She has won Tailem Bend’s best and fairest in 1984, ‘85, ‘86 and again last season. Her contribution to netball was recognised with both club and association life membership in 1992.

However, she has never won an association best and fairest. Sims said Tailem Bend had never been out of the top three in the River Murray competition, and that she had many good players around her who would have ‘taken’ B&F votes from her. Further, she says she believes her highly competitive style of play – which she some could describe as aggressive – might also have gone against her when it came to B&F votes. Not winning any association best and fairest trophies does not concern her however.

“The final result of any game I play in is far more important to me than individual trophies.” She said.



ABOVE: Lesley Sims, looking forward to playing her 250th River Murray netball match on Saturday, pictured this week at work.

“Nine premierships for the club are far more important to me than nine best and fairest would have been.” How much longer does she intend playing, given that she must be approaching, or already in the twilight of her career?

“Tailem Bend is going through a rebuilding process at present,” she said, *“Depending on how successful that is will decide whether I play for one or two more seasons.”*

Off the court Sims is a clerk at Our Service Company in Murray Bridge, she has worked for Walker Stores, which includes Radio –TV Electrix, for a total of 20 years. On a personal basis, she is unmarried, saying that the time and effort she has spent on sport had left her with no “real time for personal relationships. Netball is my passion” she said.

By MV Standard 1996/97/98

Brooke Krueger Sport Star of the month

Brooke Krueger’s multi – gold medal spree at the State Athletics Championships has won her The Standard/Fisher Motors Sports Star of The Month award.

The 15 year old won a medal in each of the nine events she entered at the titles, including five gold, and lowered the State women’s under 16 hammer throw record five times during the championships. Her golds came in the under 16 discus with a personal best 34.02m, under 16 hammer throw with a personal best and State record 43.2m, under 16 shot put with 11.9m, under 18 shotput with 11.89m and under 20 shot put with 11.21m. She won silver medal in the under 18 hammer throw (39.3m) to create a new under 16 record by a amazing 4.78m the under 20 hammer throw (43.0m) and an open shot put (11.21m) Brooke, of Tailem Bend, also won a bronze with a 38.94m throw in the open section.

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #138

Next Wednesday, she heads off with the SA team to contest the national championships in Melbourne. She has qualified for the under 16 and under 18 shot put and hammer throw and under 16 discus. *"If I throw like I did at the State Championships in hammer, I reckon I could get a placing and in the under 16 I could get another placing,"* Brooke said this week of her chances.

She believed competing under pressure had contributed to her throwing better, and her success in the State titles. Brooke also felt confident after throwing a 12.08m shot put on Saturday, despite a strained joint on her hand only the second time she has thrown more than 12m.

M/V Standard 2006



ABOVE: Brooke Krueger is February's Sports Star of the Month for her multi-medal winning spree at the State Championships.

Tailem Bend Landmarks Vanish

Two Tailem Bend landmarks vanished from the skyline on Tuesday. Two light towers dating from the 1920s were taken down to make way for the standardisation of the Melbourne to Adelaide rail line.

One of the towers lay in the path of the reconstruction of the yard, said the project manager for the yard work on the standardisation of the line, David Dowd. While examining the other tower, it was found that it had rusted to the extent that it was a structure danger and would have eventually fallen by itself. To take down the towers, cables were attached, the bases were cut, and were pulled sideways.

The first fell at around 9am and the other at midday. Roads were closed as a precautionary measure. The two lighting towers had not been in use for around twenty years, according to Mr Dowd. The towers were originally used to illuminate the tracks.



Gone ...



ABOVE: Railways.

Revolving lights at the top were used as a locating point for planes. According to Mr Dowd, quite a few people have climbed the towers and threatened suicide over the years. The spectacle was observed by Australia National workers, who were on the site for training purposes. M/V Standard 1995

Quote: Our Athletes

Hard days are the best, because that's when champions are made. Michele Tremblay.

Next month we continue with more interesting stories. Many thanks to our Chief Editor Jo and Doris Connolly photos and typing.

See you then. Peter!

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

Article submitted by Sharon Williams.

March

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

2nd – Dragway Track championship

6th – Open track day

7th – Premium Members Day

9th to 11th – Champions ride day

9th & 10th – Off Road Rally

10th – Brekky and bikes.

16th Dragway – Off Street Drags 1pm – 9pm.

15th to 17th – Cafnix Motorbikes

23rd Morning – Premium Members Day

23rd – Evening Roll Racing

24th – Hot laps 9-12pm

24th –Speed off the street 1-4pm

24th –Drifting Kart drome

29th & 30th – Easter, Porsche club nationals

April

3rd & 4th – Hot laps and drives

5th & 7th – Dragway Top Fuel Championship Grand final

6th – Hot laps

13th AM – Premium Members day

13th PM – Roll Racing

14th – DEP and hot laps

18th – DEP and hot laps

19th – Open Track Day

20th – Champions ride day (motorbikes)

20th – Dragway Off street drags

All dates and events are subject to change.

Wild 'Hooligans' Harley-Davidson Stunt Show First Appearance at The Bend's Riverbend Nationals

NEWS RELEASE

Off the back of a sold-out first event, The Shell V-Power Motorsport Park has bolstered its on-track entertainment with the Hooligans Stunt Team to perform for the first time in SA at the April 5-7 Riverbend Nationals featuring the Australian Top Fuel Championship.

The Hooligans Stunt Show is a high-octane motorcycle spectacular featuring some of Australia's best 'big-twin' riders performing unimaginable moves on 300kg Harley Davidson's. From Harley wheelies, drift races and plenty of burning rubber, the live Hooligans show is an experience like no other. The Hooligans will perform shows and entertain the crowd on both the Saturday (6th) and Sunday (7th) of April further enhancing 'The Bend' as a high-octane, high-adrenaline sports and entertainment facility.

The April Riverbend Nationals will be hosted over the Gather Round weekend and will feature the return of the kings of Drag Racing 'Top Fuel' as well as the Western Conference final for the Aeroflow sportsman series. The October Top Fuel 'Spring Nationals' event was hosted in front of a sold-out crowd of over 22,000 people and the April event promises to deliver another huge crowd.

'Rad-Dad' Bryan Farrow who is a rider and Co-Founder of the Hooligans has performed the show in QLD, NSW, VIC & TAS and was thrilled to be invited to the Riverbend Nationals:



"We can't wait to get out on the Harley's and put on an adrenaline filled show for the crowd. 22,000 people at the opening day of the venue is a testament to the interest in motorsport in South Australia and we are hoping to put on an unforgettable show for the bumper crowd in April in what is anticipated to be our only SA show in 2024."

Alistair MacDonald, CEO of the Shell V-Power Motorsport Park has expressed how excited he is for the return of Top Fuel and the introduction of more at-track entertainment. *"Since the Dragway's Grand Opening in October we are improving our fan experience at each event. In January we were pleased to introduce our family zone as well as additional General Admission bars and now in April we are looking forward to the Hooligans entertaining the crowd when the track goes cold."*

"There is nothing like experiencing the speed and noise of Top Fuel and with the additional Group 1 categories and sportsman racing as well as off track entertainment, bars and food trucks we believe that the Riverbend Nationals is a must see sporting event."

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Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Doug Holmes President Tailem Bend Lions Club

On 13th February at our dinner meeting at the Riverside Hotel our guest speaker was Tammy Shepherd CEO of the Tailem Bend Community Centre she presented us with a Power Point presentation on all things that are available at the centre it was a very entertaining and informative insight into what is available to not only locals but also to communities outside of Tailem Bend.

Recently we have donated money to the Tailem Bend Cricket Club the Tailem Bend Football Club the Tailem Bend Primary School and the Tailem Bend Community Centre if your organisation would like assistance in funding for a project ring Doug Holmes on 0401239630.

If you would like help your community by giving some time join us for any of our projects or just come to any of our meetings ring secretary Raylene 0417 8404 73.



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



When you take an hour to get ready with your partner moaning at you the whole time to hurry up and you're finally done and he has the audacity to not have his shoes on yet.



Video game trees be like:



EASTER

@ THE BEND

MAR 30 FREE ADMISSION

9AM - 4PM PORSCHE CLUB NATIONALS (MAIN CIRCUIT)

10AM - 2PM PETTING ZOO - FAR S TRAVELLING FARM

5PM - 9PM MOVIE - THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN

MAR 31 FREE ADMISSION

10AM EASTER BUNNY VISIT

4PM SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND HOT DONUTS FROM THE TAILEM BEND PRIMARY SCHOOL

ALL WEEKEND

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KIDS EAT FREE AT APEX BAR X DINING (WITH EVERY MAIN MEAL PURCHASED)

APEX RYDGES BIG4 THE BEND Shell V-Power Motorsport Park





Tailem Bend Christmas Parade



Article submitted by Maxine Kiddie.

**Save the date! March 7 Time 6pm ...
Place 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 you're good with doing posters, Facebook, or computers....

Committees aren't your thing. We always need volunteers so you don't necessarily have to be on the Committee but please come along and feel free to join us.

All positions will be vacated, we require a: Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and committee members.



Historians Visit to Lameroo

Article submitted by Helen Bowering.

Wednesday 21st February was an eventful day when our Tailem Bend Historians Committee members and several other community members went on a fascinating tour of the various displays of historical memorabilia in the township of Lameroo.

We were hosted by the Lameroo History Group who have an amazing collection of historical memorabilia displayed in their easily accessed premises in the main street of Lameroo. Their extensive collection is meticulously displayed and catalogued and available to the public to view or research daily. It is a credit to this volunteer organisation whose work is greatly valued by their community and their local Council.

A further highlight of the day was a visit to the local Craft shop and adjacent Museum which housed many interesting items donated by former residents of Lameroo and the surrounding farming district. These items were displayed in their various categories in separate sections, e.g. schooling, sports, churches, farming equipment, homewares, etc. and again displayed in such a way that made it easy to walk around and enjoy looking and reading about their history and uses. A delightful morning tea was supplied by the Lameroo History Group and we were able to support the local café by purchasing our lunch there.

The visit culminated in being able to view inside the old Railway Station Building, which was cleverly set up in its original space with the counter, ticket sales cupboards, timetables and other interesting pieces for our group to see. This excursion was organised by Maxine Kiddie of the Tailem Bend Historians and it is the first of more planned for this year. Any community member is welcome to join us on these outings. They are usually a daytime event between 9am and 3pm.



ABOVE: Bev Piggott, Raelene Freeth, Liz Connolly, Raelene Ellis, Neville Medlow, Geraldine Goodall, Brenton Qualmann, Maxine Kiddie, Helen Bowering, Joyce Medlow, Don Goodall.

Keep a lookout in Tailem Topics, our History Group Facebook page or at the School Community Library for dates and places of future excursions, or contact the Secretary, Angie Tomkinson.

At our recent Special General Meeting we elected a new Committee. Members are:

Neville Medlow (*President*), Kathleen Kromwyk (*Vice-President*), Angie Tomkinson (*Secretary*), Vicki Stevens (*Treasurer*), Brenton Qualmann (*Council Representative*), Merv Stevens, Raylene Freeth. Maxine Kiddie, Elizabeth Nicholls, Helen Bowering, Harry Kromwyk and Joyce Medlow.

Meeting are held at 9.30am on the first Friday of each month, in the School Community Library.

Joyce Medlow said "An excellent day, very warm welcome from our host Carol and crew. So much to see and so well presented. The Tailem Bend Historians will be doing more trips and you don't have to be a member to join us!"

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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



ABOVE: Vehicle fire Elwomple, 2023.



ABOVE: House fire Tailem Bend, 09.01.23.

- Gain valuable life experience
- Keep active
- Socialise and meeting 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 or Contact Dwayne via phone on 0487 280 265 or email dwayne.martin@sacfsvolunteer.org.au.

For more CFS information visit:
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ABOVE: Grassfire Woods Point, 2023.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped with call outs for the last couple months!

Date	Time 24hr	Incident Type	Location	Situation Found
31/12/23	17:03	Fire Alarm	Jervois Rd, Jervois	Fire Alarm Activation
02/01/24	16:40	Vehicle Accident	Mallee Hwy/Dukes Hwy	2 Car MVA with Injuries
05/01/24	06:47	Fire Alarm	Jervois Rd, Jervois	Fire Alarm Activation
09/01/24	02:57	Building Fire	Blackett Rd, Tailem Bend	House Destroyed
13/01/24	11:20	Vehicle Accident	Mallee Hwy, Elwomple	2 Car MVA, No Injuries
14/01/24	07:45	Vehicle Accident	Princes Hwy, Tailem Bend	Car Driven Off Cliff
16/01/24	19:41	Fire Alarm	Jervois Rd, Jervois	Fire Alarm Activation
17/01/24	07:57	Vehicle Accident	Princes Hwy, Ashville	Truck Rollover, Injuries
18/01/24	15:12	Fire Alarm	El Shaddai RD, Wellington	Fire Alarm Activation
18/01/24	16:49	Fire Alarm	El Shaddai RD, Wellington	Fire Alarm Activation
26/01/24	12:18	Vehicle Accident	Princes Hwy, Tailem Bend	2 Car
1/2/24	16:54	Vehicle Fire	Mallee Hwy, Elwomple	Single Vehicle well involved

Tailem Bend Food and Wine Club AGM 2024

Article submitted by Tina Squires.

The 66th Tailem Bend Food and Wine AGM was held at the Tailem Bend Golf Club on February 4th 2024. The election of the new committee was formed.

President Viktor Sonenko, Vice President Glen Dorsey, Treasurer Garry Hansen, Secretary Heather Churchill, Food Facilitator John Sirola, Wine Facilitator Julie Burridge, Committee Members Lyn Boyes, Dianne Millard, Tina Squires, Gregory Gibson

A variety of cold meats were served including apricot seasoned chicken, garlic and onion beef. A platter of prawns proved to be a gourmet delight. This was accompanied by a vast variety of homemade salads provided by members to be shared amongst all. Dessert was then served with many choices of delight to tempt the culinary senses. Members were treated to a choice of several different white and red wines to accompany their meal.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, dinners are held four times a year at various locations with the emphasis on good wine, good food and good fellowship among friends.

Enquiries can be made to tbfwclub@gmail.com



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Food and Wine Club, February 2023.



ABOVE: Food and Wine Club, October 2023.

Community Meeting Peake Sporting Club Monday 25th March, 2024 6-8pm with free BBQ

- ♦ Meet your local CFS members
- ♦ Wrap up on the 2023/24 Fire Danger Season and Future Seasonal Outlook
- ♦ Guest Speaker—local Agronomist
- ♦ Free BBQ

When: Monday 25th March 2024
Where: Peake Sporting Club, Mallee Highway, Peake
Time: 6pm—8pm
Contact: 0417 361 144 to RSVP or for more information



Cooke Plains Open Night

- ♦ Meet the members
- ♦ Look through the Fire Station
- ♦ Free Sausage Sizzle & Softdrink

When: Monday 18th March 2024
Where: Cooke Plains CFS Station - 20 Darwin Road, Cooke Plains
Time: 5pm—8pm
Contact: 0401 506 597 for more information



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Beaufortia Squarrosa a Stunning Beauty

Article submitted by Kaye and Paul Bartlett.

Beaufortia squarrosa known as the Sand Plains bottle brush, though the flower is not typical of the bottle brush. Found growing on the sandplains of Western Australia, in some areas sand over limestone. Once mature is drought tolerant, likes full sun.

One of the 19 species found in Australia. Grows to a compact bush of 2m. A spectacular plant when in bloom, covered with bright red bottle brush like flowers.



ABOVE: *Beaufortia squarrosa* in full bloom.



Amongst the hardiest plants growing at Pangarinda Botanic Garden, once established hasn't required any attention.

It is known as a hard to propagate specie, hence limited plants are seen in cultivation.

Cultivars are proving easier to grow.



Above: Artwork by Henry Taylor, Max Paschke & Chester Palmer, Colonel Light Gardens Primary School

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Please join us for the Exhibition Opening

Friday, 12 April - 1.30pm

Guest Speaker, Entertainment & Refreshments available

RSVP April 9 to council@coorong.sa.gov.au

Exhibition Dates: 12 April until 8 May 2023

**Coorong
gallery**

95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend

Mon - Fri, 9:00am - 4:30pm



Tailem's Cemetery



ABOVE: Volunteers having their second smoko break from weeding and general clean up of graves and surrounds.



ABOVE: Volunteers at the Tailem Bend Cemetery discussing the new gates to replace the present farm gate.

Fresh Perspective Photography

Images submitted by Glenn Power.

Primarily delivering one-on-one mentoring and group tutorials/workshops for people with a disability, Fresh Perspective Photography (FPP) empowers people to express and share their outlook on life through the art of photography.

Offered by Genuine Support Services Australia (GSSA) as a part of their visual arts program, Fresh Perspective Photography (FPP) provides participants with support and personal mentoring, professional entry-level tools, and an in-house studio, along with a state-of-the-art Adobe Creative processing station to meet their objectives.



ABOVE: Murraylands Photographer Alan Loi - a new member of the GSSA FPP having some Samsung fun in the Murrayland's Dark Skies.



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The Easter Story

Submitted by Doreen Lutz on behalf of the Mallee Parish.

Throughout his ministry Jesus made enemies, especially those who held powerful positions. The Pharisees were an influential group who believed that the people of Israel would only be delivered from suffering and made a great nation by strictly keeping God's law. In their efforts to achieve this they embellished God's law and always looked for transgressions.

Jesus often found himself judged by the Pharisees for breaking God's law: by not fasting (Mark 2 v 18); by 'speaking blasphemy' in forgiving sins (Luke 5 v21); by eating with sinners (Luke 5 v 30), by healing on the Sabbath (Luke 12 v 9-12); and at many other times.

Jesus criticized the Pharisees Pharisees for their self-righteousness and hypocrisy. (Luke 11 v37). In this way Jesus made powerful enemies who 'looked for a way to arrest him immediately'. Judas, one of the disciples, went to the chief priests and offered to betray Jesus, and through his actions Jesus was arrested and brought before the high priest, chief priests, elders and teachers of the law. All statements of witnesses who spoke against Jesus did not agree.

Jesus acknowledged he was 'the Christ the Son of the Blessed One', he was found guilty and sentenced to death. (Mark 14 v 61-64)

But the Jews needed the authority of the Roman ruler to carry out this sentence, and **Pontius Pilot found no fault in Jesus** and offered to release him as was the custom at the time of the Passover. **The crowd was stirred up and asked for Barabas to be released and Jesus to be crucified.** This punishment was carried out on 'Good Friday', and Jesus was buried in a tomb cut in the rock. The next day was the Sabbath so nothing was done. Then on the third day the women went to anoint the body with oils and found the tomb empty.

Jesus had risen from the dead. He had descended into hell appearing before Satan with our sins. Jesus was without sin and could not be held by Satan so in conquering death **he gave those who believed the same power, so we can also live eternal life with Christ.**

"God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3 v 16-17).



Coorong Council will Cull Corellas if Necessary

Story by Peri Strathearn, Murray Bridge News. Photo: Getty Images.

The native birds are again becoming a problem at Tailem Bend, Wellington East and other towns.

Bird-scarers and, if necessary, culling will be used to protect Tailem Bend and Wellington East from corellas this summer. The Coorong council announced as much earlier this month. Mayor Paul Simmons said little corellas found the Lower Murray the perfect place to live – which was fine until they started causing serious damage to trees, parks and sporting grounds.

"Little corellas have a significant impact on our community and environment, causing extensive damage and destruction to trees, reserves and infrastructure," he said.

"The management of the little corellas is complex and emotive, and each year council continues to monitor and implement appropriate control measures when appropriate."

He advised residents living near known corella hangouts, and particularly those with pets or young children, that portable gas guns and firearms might be used from 7am at times. Council-trained staff will also undertake corella control activities at Coonalpyn and Meningie.

Corellas are native to Australia, but traditionally stayed in the outback year-round until the second half of the 20th century, when human settlement created more appealing habitat for them across the state, according to the Department for Environment and Water.



Towns around the Murraylands have experienced problems with them in recent years, including the regular destruction of Murray Bridge's lawn tennis courts.

More information: Call Michael Vivian on 1300 785 277

COORONG Council News

Feb - Mar 2024

From the Chamber

At the February Ordinary Council meeting Elected members considered several key reports, including the findings of the Wellington East water supply community engagement. Council will now continue to detailed design and funding modelling for the proposed transition to a SA Water owned and operated drinking water supply before commencing a second stage of community engagement with Wellington East water supply customers.

Council agreed to support the upcoming Dupang Festival at Long Point (15-17 March) by slashing the entrance track and camping area along with provision of bins.

Reports were also received on the second quarter review of Council's 2023/24 Budget and Annual Business Plan.

Council in Community—Tintinara

Individuals and community groups are invited to engage with the Mayor, Elected Members and senior staff at the next Council in Community session on Tuesday, 5 March 2024 in Tintinara.

Council in Community sessions are a great opportunity to ask questions of Council, share information about your community group's current or planned activities or speak to Council about a topic of importance to you or your community.

Date: Tuesday, 5 March 2024

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Tintinara Council Office, 37 Becker Tce

RSVP: to Executive Officer, Ashlee Crossman

Ph: 1300 875 277

E: acrossman@coorong.sa.gov.au

Projects and works update

Peake's Water Supply Pump Station has had a refresh, with works undertaken to replace the shed in January and pumps reinstalled in early February.

The community facilities team have been kept busy across the entire district with weed spraying and mowing following Summer rains. Management of Little Corella flocks is continuing, as the birds continue to occupy townships across the district in large numbers.

The digging up, dividing and transplanting of thousands of River Club Rush reeds has begun on the banks of Lakes Albert and Alexandrina thanks to a grant from BHP Olympic Dam. Once complete, approximately 8,000 reed clumps will be planted across two sites in protection of four kilometres of lakeshore from soil and wind erosion.



Above: Aquatic River Club Rush translocation underway.

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Groups involved in local sport and recreation, cultural, community development, and social and welfare activities may be eligible to apply for grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 in one of three categories; Small Community Grants, Community Event Grants, and Community Project Grants.

Applications close at 9:00am on Monday, 8 April 2024. Apply online or download an application package at www.coorong.sa.gov.au

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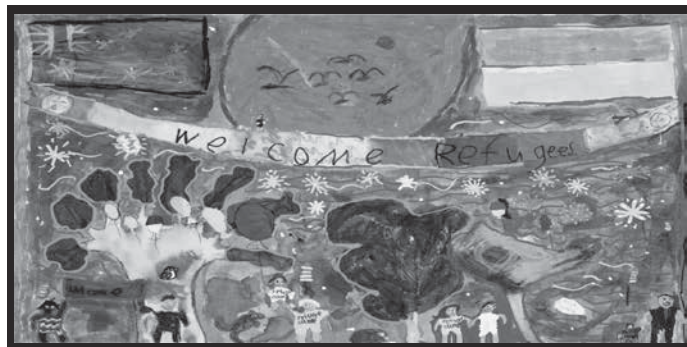
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SA Refugee Week Youth Poster Awards Exhibition to go on display at Coorong Gallery

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Join us for the exhibition opening (featuring a guest speaker, and entertainment and light refreshments available).



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Time: 1:30pm

RSVP: 1300 785 277 or council@coorong.sa.gov.au

Exhibition Dates: 12 April - 8 May 2024

Above: Artwork by Henry Taylor, Max Paschke & Chester Palmer from Colonel Light Gardens Primary School.

Tailem Bend Community

Library New Books March 2024

ADULT FICTION

BENTLEY Don – 'Tom Clancy - Weapons Grade', 'A Jack Ryan Jr Series', Thriller Adventure
BLANCHARD Tania – 'A Woman of Courage' Historical Fiction
BROWN Bryan – 'The Drowning' Crime Thriller
BUTLIN Ron – 'So Many Lives and All of Them Are Yours' Romance Comedy
CARTER Andrea – 'Death Writes', Crime Mystery
CHILD Lee – 'The Secret' Jack Reacher Mystery
ENGLAND Saige – 'The Seasonwife' Historical Fiction
EVANOVICH Janet – 'Dirty Thirty' Detective Mystery
FENWICK Liz – 'The Secret Shore' Historical Romance
FRANCIS Lynne – 'The Smuggler's Secret', Historical
GILL Elizabeth – 'A Daughter's Wish' Historical Romance
GADD Steven – 'The Gentle Care for Broken Things' Historical Fiction
GRISHAM John – 'The Exchange', Crime Thriller
HAMMER Chris – 'The Seven' Australian Thriller
HANNA Rachel – 'Chasing Sunsets' (South Carolina Sunset Bk 10) Romance
HANNA Rachel – 'Welcome to Jubilee' Romance
KARAKALTSAS S.C. – 'Sugar Creek', Historical Crime
KELSALL Leonie – 'The Blue Gum Camp' Romance Fiction
MCDONALD Fleur – 'Voices in the Dark' Australian Mystery
MCINTOSH Fiona – 'The Sugar Palace' Crime Romance
PARKER Alli – 'At the Foot of the Cherry Tree' Historical Romance
NUNN Judy – 'Black Sheep' Australian farming
ROACH Kamille – 'Pine Creek', Historical Mystery
SILVA Daniel – 'The Collector' Art Thriller
SIMONS Paullina – 'Light at Lavelle' Historical Romance

GRAPHIC NOVEL

De OLIVEIRA Jen – 'Reggie-Kid Penguin' LB Ink

LARGE PRINT

FREETHY Sarah – 'The Porcelain Maker', Historical Romance Fiction
HARRISON Jane – 'The Visitors', Modern Fiction
MORRIS Nicole – 'Vanished', True stories from families of Australian missing persons.



The Community Library will be CLOSED Monday 18th March for Training

BOOK REVIEW

The Porcelain Maker

by Sarah Freethy

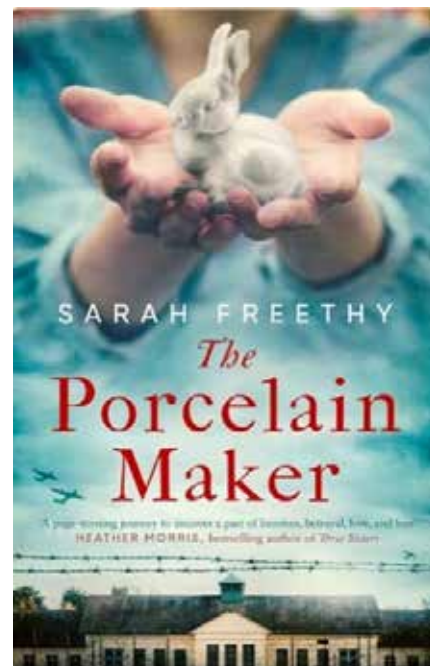
Two lovers caught at the crossroads of history. A daughter's search for the truth!

Germany, 1929.

When Max, a Jewish architect, and Bettina, a beautiful and celebrated German avant-garde artist, meet at a party their attraction is instant. In love with each other and the art they create, their talent transports them to the dazzling lights of Berlin. But Germany is on the brink of terrible change, and their bright beginning is soon dimmed by the rising threat of Nazism.

When Max is arrested and sent to the Dachau concentration camp, it is only his talent at making the exquisite porcelain figures so beloved by the Nazis that stands between him and certain death. At first, Bettina has no idea where Max has been taken but when she learns of his fate, she is determined to rescue him whatever the cost.

Now, a lifetime later, Bettina's daughter, Clara, sets out on a journey to uncover the truth about her identity. As she weaves together the fabric of her past, she discovers the terrible secret her mother wanted hidden forever.





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Reported dates: 22/1/2024 – 18/2/2024

Incident Date	Incident Type	Location	Details
22/01/2024	Motor vehicle collision	JERVOIS	Single vehicle collision with tree – nil injuries
26/01/2024	Motor vehicle collision	Dukes Hwy, TALEM BEND	Two vehicle collision, fail to give way - nil injuries
26/01/2024	Property damage	SHERLOCK	Rural fence cut – repair est \$1000
01/02/2024	Engage in Police Pursuit	Princes Hwy WELLINGTON – LANGHORN CREEK	Police pursuit starting from Princes Hwy, Wellington and ending in Langhorn creek. Offenders arrested and drugs located.
09/02/2024	Motor vehicle collision	ASHVILLE	Single vehicle roll over – nil injuries
11/02/2024	Heavy Vehicle Inter-ception	Princes Hwy, TALEM BEND	Positive screening for prohibited drug, work diary infringements.
11/02/2024	Serious Criminal Tresspass	Princes Hwy, TALEM BEND	Rear door damaged in S.C.T. attempt. Nil stolen
16/02/2024	Motor vehicle collision	Dukes Hwy, TALEM BEND	Car vs car, t-bone at intersection of Mallee Hwy, injuries to driver.
14/01/2024	Motor vehicle collision	Princes Hwy. TALEM BEND	Three vehicle collision – minor injuries.
18/02/2024	Fuel Drive off / Theft	Princes Hwy, TALEM BEND	\$158 fuel stolen – Nil attempt to pay.

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\$5.00 Admission per child.

Friday 5th April, 5 pm – 7 pm.
Easter Theme Disco – Tailem Bend Town Hall.
\$5.00 Admission per child.

TERM 2

Friday 28th June, 5 pm – 7 pm.
Students to choose theme. Tailem Bend Town Hall.
\$5.00 Admission per child.

Thursday 8th - Friday 9th August, 5 pm – 7 pm.
Monarto Zoo Overnight Educational Camp

TERM 3

Friday 27th September, 5 pm – 7 pm.
Footy Colours Theme. Tailem Bend Football Clubrooms.
\$5.00 Admission per Child.

TERM 4

Friday 6th December, 5pm to 7 pm.
Christmas Theme. Tailem Bend Town Hall.
\$5.00 Admission per child.

Submitted by Margaret Jaensch.

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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 GOLD-IES 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.
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- **ST LUKE'S MARKET DAY;** Held on a Saturdays. For more information please call Tony Aylen on 0400 870 878.
- **JERVOIS DANCE;** 30th March. Jervois Easter dance. Starts at 7.30pm till 11.30pm. \$12.00 entrance. Prizes and raffles on offer. bring a plate of supper to share. Contact Malcolm Clayson on 0401 043 382 for more info. (Every 5th Saturday of the month)
- **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**

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Thought for the Month - Two Thousand and Twenty Four

Submitted by Pastor Kathleen.

Live with a joyful attitude.

Resist with all your might the urge to comply with the expectation of others around you, by remaining joyful in spirit, pleasant in conversation and happy in the Lord

Proverbs 17:22 *A cheerful is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.*

Psalms 37 verse 4 *A Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Enjoy your life. In life there are season, look for all the positive and good things around us.*

Joshua 1: 1-3 *I will give to your every place where you set your foot. Taking Steps of Faith can be hard, but get ready to move, take a step. Where you set your foot. Be strong and courageous, remember that the Lord is with you. Focus on God and His leading. What is taking your attention? In all our ways, acknowledge Him. He is the great I am.*

Be the person who is living life to the full. He has a purpose for everyone.

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. There can be enough anxiety around us from day to day, remember to Seek God for yourself, listen to Him and Respond to God*

Psalms 90:1 *Lord you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. We do not do life by ourselves, but let Our God lead us. Don't focus on the things we cannot change, but on the one who can change everything.*

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Article submitted by ILa Neighbour STATE PRESIDENT.



MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) met on 9 February in person on Ngunnawal Country (Canberra). The meeting was chaired by Sir Angus Houston and all members were present.

The Authority met with the Hon Tanya Plibersek Minister for the Environment and Water, to discuss Basin issues. The Authority noted the Minister's announcement of 30 January 2024 launching new programs to deliver the Basin Plan in full. Members were further briefed by representatives of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. Members received updates on the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism given changes arising from the Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023. The Authority noted that the reform had provided the opportunity for Basin governments to consider new and amended SDLAM projects that must enter operation by 31 December 2026.

Authority members received an update on the progress of remaining New South Wales Water Resource Plans (WRPs) and the draft NSW Aboriginal Water Strategy from representatives of the New South Wales Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. The Authority expressed ongoing concern with progress in finalising these WRPs. The Authority welcomed the attendance of Mr Grant Rigney, Chair of Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) to present MLDRIN's priorities. The Authority received an update on progress of the Independent Hydroclimate Science Expert Panel to develop hydroclimate scenarios.

The Authority also received a briefing from the Advisory Committee on Social, Economic and Environmental Sciences (ACSEES). Authority members noted ACSEES would continue to provide strategic guidance on the Sustainable Rivers Audit and other science elements, particularly in the leadup towards the Basin Plan Review.

In closing the meeting, members noted the continued work of MDBA and Basin States to manage storages across the Basin. They were briefed on water quality issues and therelatively high storage levels for this time of year, and the focus of river operators for planning ahead to manage full storages through the winter. The Authority also recognised the work of river operators and thanked staff who maintained essential services over the summer.

Sir Angus Houston (Chair), Professor Stuart Bunn, Dr Jane Doolan, Ms Roseanne Healy, Mr Rene Woods, Ms Susan Madden, Mr Andrew McConville (Chief Executive)

Article submitted by Glenn Power.

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Jokes of the Month

I'll never forget the look on the cashiers face when she scanned the packet of bird seed, and I asked her how long does it take for the birds to grow once I plant them.

Five ants decided to move into a house with another five ants. **They became tenants...**

Did you hear about the tree's birthday party?
Things got pretty sappy!

I used to work as a programmer for autocorrect,
but then they fired me for no raisin...

How does a cat make a birthday cake?
from scratch!

What kinda music does a balloon hate?
Pop...

Quotes of the Month

*You learn nothing from life,
if you think you're right all the time.*

Submitted by Lyn Goddard.

*Failure doesn't mean game over,
it means try again with experience.*

*If you tickle the earth with a hoe she laughs
with a harvest.* - Douglas Herrold

*Always do your best what you plant
now, you will harvest later!*

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