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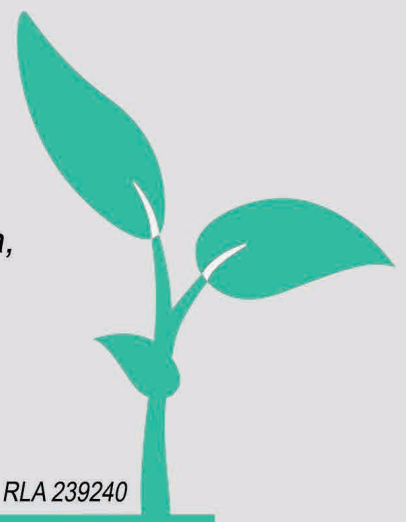


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Tailem Bend Street Party

Story and images by Glenn Power.

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Despite the unfavourable weather conditions that may have kept some partiers at home, those who attended were treated to an enjoyable evening packed with entertainment, food, and fun.

The event, which has become a staple in the Tailem Bend social calendar, saw a range of activities that catered to all ages. Live music filled the air, providing a lively soundtrack to the night, while families enjoyed watching the steam demonstrations, a unique and fascinating display that drew much attention. Children had a blast riding on toy John Deere tractors, a fun and interactive feature, while motor enthusiasts marvelled at the impressive display of motorbikes and cars provided by the Tailem Bend Auto Club.

Unfortunately, the highly anticipated thunderous fire breathing drag cars, usually one of the highlights of the party, were cancelled due to high winds, but this didn't dampen the spirits of those in attendance.

A wide array of food trucks offered a variety of cuisine to satisfy all tastes, adding to the festive atmosphere. Although the night was missing the roar of ground vibrating drag cars, attendees were still treated to a peaceful, enjoyable evening under the stars.



ABOVE: Impressive display of cars provided by Tailem Ben Auto Club.



ABOVE: The community enjoying the Tailem Bend Street Party.



ABOVE: (left) Kayce McGrath of Tailem Bend. (Right) Mower Racer Suzie Collett of Moana



ABOVE: Tony Versace of Tailem Bend.

The Tailem Bend Street Party continues to prove itself as a premier event for the town, showcasing the community's spirit, resilience, and ability to come together and celebrate, even when the weather doesn't fully cooperate.

COVER IMAGE: Temporary Fix playing at the Tailem Bend Street Party, photo by Glenn Power.

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Unwrap the Magic: Spin Master's 2024 Christmas Gift-Guide

Adventorial submitted by Vanessa Valderama.

As festive cheer fills the air, Spin Master is excited to unveil its 2024 Christmas Gift Guide, designed to bring every child's holiday dreams to life.

This year's guide boasts an exciting line-up of toys, blending timeless favourites with innovative new creations, all curated to inspire joy, creativity, and magical moments for children of all ages. Whether they are adventurous explorers, imaginative builders, or fans of interactive tech, each gift promises to spark unforgettable holiday memories. Parents will discover the perfect surprises to light up their children's faces on Christmas morning, making this season truly special. **For more information visit spinmaster.com or follow their Instagram, Facebook**



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Resilience Shown in Painted Trees

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

Fifteen years ago, the life of Maurice Hann of Tailem Bend changed forever when he suffered a massive stroke. Against the odds, the doctors at Flinders Medical Centre saved him, but recovery was not easy. "The stroke left me battling major depression, which led me down a dark path of suicide attempts," he says.

Admitted to Morria Ward at Noarlunga Hospital, Maurice finally realized the extent of pain his struggle was causing his loved ones, so from that moment, his mantra became clear, "Don't Let That Bastard Win."

During his travels, Maurice noticed a striking blue tree at Murray Bridge High School and intrigued, researched its meaning. He learned it was part of the Beyond Blue project, raising awareness about men's mental health and suicide. The image struck a chord with Maurice, and when he drove past a dead tree on Kulde Road in Tailem Bend, he had an idea. "The locals had petitioned the council to remove the tree, but due to funding not being available, well, nothing had happened," Maurice said. "Better than seeing it decay, I trimmed, cleaned, and painted the tree blue, to symbolize all the mental health struggles we have in our communities."

Shortly after, another dead tree on Kulde Road caught his attention. This time, Maurice painted it pink, recognizing that mental health and suicide are not just male issues. "My hope is simple, I hope the trees brighten up the street and offer a beacon of hope to those suffering in silence," Maurice said.

Though others have asked Maurice to bring the project to their streets, Maurice hasn't made any plans yet. "At the moment I just hope that the Kulde Road trees remain and stand as a testament to the resilience and the caring nature of our Tailem Bend community."



ABOVE: Maurice Hann of Tailem Bend, maintaining his uniquely painted trees as a testament to the resilience and the caring nature of his community.

Giant Christmas Tree for 2024!

Image & story: Annette Burt.

The Tailem Bend Progress Association would like to send a big "Thank You" to the Tailem Bend Revival City Church Men's Group for constructing the framework for our Giant Christmas Tree for this year.

They did an excellent job and we look forward to decorating this year and for many years to come.

It will be an impressive tree once it is covered in Granny Squares so look out for it in one of the businesses in Tailem Bend in December!

Next year we look forward to providing the opportunity for a Community group or local school/kindy to decorate the framework for all of the community to see.



ABOVE: (L to R) Michael, Clare, Kerry and Phil.

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #146

It is a long-running series, submitted by Peter Connolly.

This Month We Look at the Memories of Taberata, New Football Club Opening and Gumi Races

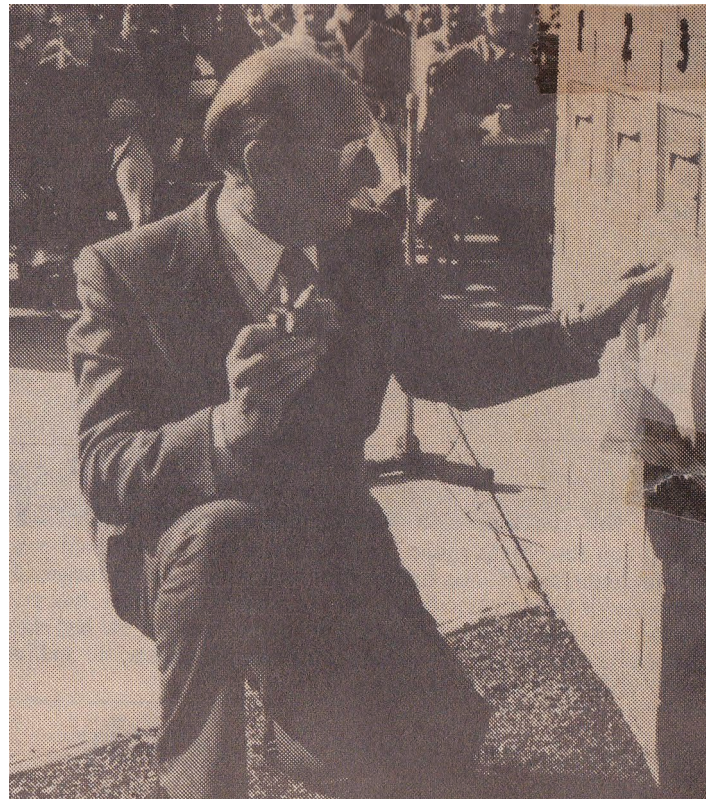
Opens homes after 10 years work...

Tailem Bend – Mr Doug Howell, secretary of the local homes for the aged for the aged committee since its formation almost ten years ago, officially opened the first six units of the project on Sunday afternoon.

Doug challenged the community to continue the project, believing that it should eventually be extended to the 18 units which could be accommodated on the land (*in Pott Street.*) Mr Howell, who is also local hospital secretary foreshadowed his retirement as homes for the aged secretary, saying that once the current project was completed, *"that will be the end for me."*

Committee chairman Mr John Schwerdt thanked all who had helped with the project, then summarised the work done by his predecessors. First chairman was Mr Robert Piggott, the then hospital board chairman (*now in WA*). It was after a meeting chaired by Mr Stan Hill in June 1976 that the committee began raising money, and decided on the name Taberefta – a loose abbreviation of *'Tailem Bend Rest Homes for the Aged.'* The first Taberefta carnival was held in November 1976 and then every 18 months. The carnivals. Other fundraising and donations had raised about \$80,000. Dr Phil Gooden, chairman in 1977. Said the committee he worked with was the most unselfish and devoted group he had seen. Members had also had to take some abuse from people, who did not believe the scheme would ever go ahead. Mr Allan Head said that when he took over as chairman in 1979, all the committee had was land (*donated by Mr Ross Jaensch and family.*) *"There wasn't even a sign to say the homes would be going here, but when we were told we would get a government grant from the 1982/1983 budget, people knew we meant business,"* he said.

Mr Schwerdt said 15 tenders were received, ranging from \$150,000 to \$381,000. When the builder with the lowest price was queried, he amended his tender to more than \$200,000. A tender for \$184,183 was accepted on July 20th with November 9th set for handing over the keys. That was later revised to February 24th but other problems arose and the keys were finally handed over on August 20th. Carports, Landscaping and other extras had brought the total cost of the first units to \$210,000. Residents were required to donate \$ 10,000 on entry and pay \$15 dollars a week maintenance fee. Mr Schwert also paid tribute to the first two occupants of the homes, one who



ABOVE: Taberefta secretary Mr Doug Howell removes the covering from the plaque officially open the first six units at Tailem Bend Homes.

has already moved in this weekend.

It has taken a lot of courage for the two women to commit themselves, to going into something which, at that stage, had not been completed. Member for the Mallee Mr Peter Lewis said the opening was a red letter day for Tailem Bend. *"It has been a long hard row to hoe, with cynics all the way," "Congratulations not only to the committees and the workers, but all supporters in the community. When others were being sceptical. It took a lot of faith to go on with the job."*

M/V Standard September 23rd 1984

New clubrooms opened at Tailem Bend...

Tailem Bend Football Club's new \$5000 Clubrooms were officially opened by well-known local identity Mr H P Connolly. Guest included the president of the River Murray Football League (Mr G Prest). Club president Mr G Smart introduced Mr H P Connolly whose eight sons have all played for the club.

Mr Connolly said the new clubrooms were a credit to all concerned and would give a tremendous lift to the club. The first clubroom had been a tool shed in the parklands. The second erected though the energy of a previous secretary and life member of the club Mr R Matthews, was built on the western wall of the Tailem Bend Pavilion. It had been built of galvanised iron and half was used by the local CWA. IL was now a first aid and umpires' room and shower recess.

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #146

The third clubroom, initiated by then president Mr Ross. Had been a renovation and conversion of the north room of the pavilion, this had been converted to the club's dressing room. The present clubhouse was permanent, however lawns would be planted and fenced off in front of the room for use as a children's playground. Mr Connolly said the club had done much for both adults and children of the district, when finances were available, and help of a public appeal a gymnasium could be established with entertainment for youth. Mr Connolly presented life membership certificates to Vic Maczkowiack and Trevor Koop. Mr Maczkowiack has been associated with the club since 1945, as a player and administrator. He is currently the timekeeper for matches, and some-times "watches the clock" for four grades during a day. Trevor Koop who came to Tailem Bend in 1961 has been Tailem's A Grade fullback since then, apart from a season missed through injury. He has also represented the RMFL. Trevor hopes to play his 200th A Grade game this season.

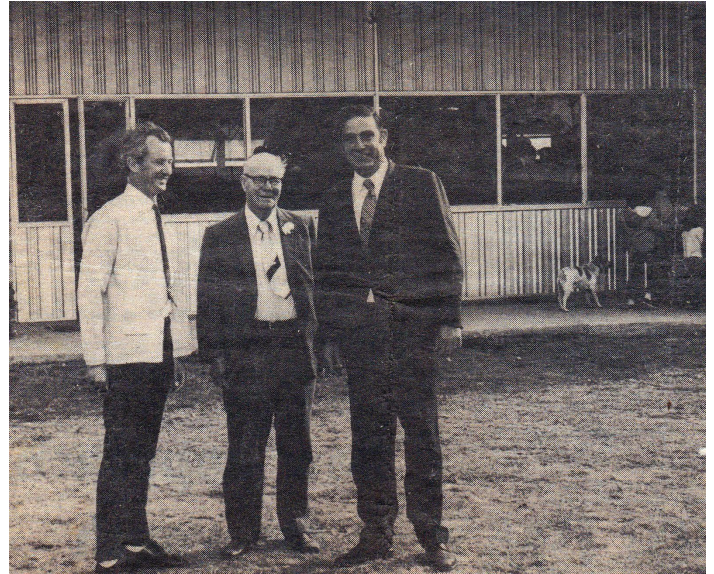
M/V Standard about 1970

Gumis and ferrets race to success..

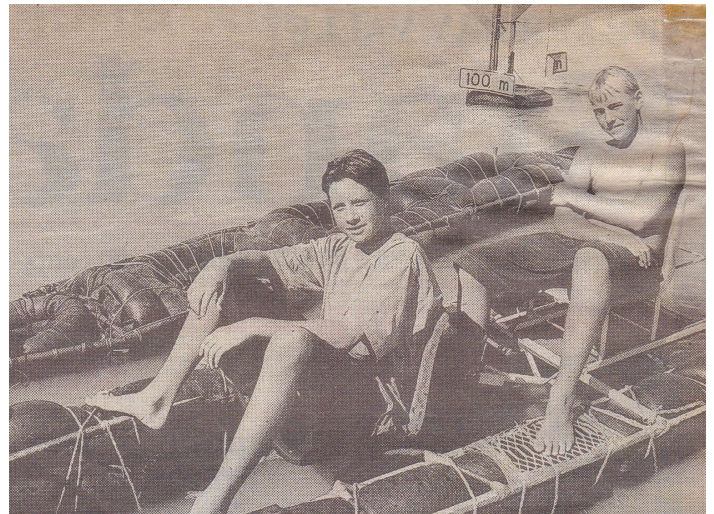
More than 500 keen competitors converged on the banks of the river Murray for the annual Tailem Bend Gumi Races on Sunday. The highlight of the day was the Gumi Race, which saw about 25 crafts take to the water.

Ranging in materials from Farmers Union plastic milk Bottles to car tubes, each homemade Gumi made its way between start and finish lines in the middle of the river, some leaving a trail of loose parts, sinking boats and wet crew members behind. Another popular event was the ferret racing, in which ferrets raced through plastic piping. The tug- of- war, yabbie racing and iron woman/ man competitions also proved popular, with a spokesperson saying the day was "another success" and would be held again next year.

M/V Standard about 1988.



ABOVE: Mr Connolly (centre) with Messrs Smart (left) and President, in front of the new clubrooms.




ABOVE: Craig Fisher and Marc Coombe were out to repeat last year's success in the DBK Unsinkable at this year's Gumi race day, beside the river at Tailem Bend.



Quote for the Month...

The time is always right to do what is right. Martin Luther King Junior. *The stories keep coming from the pens of the trio Chief Editor Jo, Doris Connolly and Peter Connolly.*





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Driest Season even on Record in the Coorong

MEDIA RELEASE

Coorong District Council's Mayor has stated that it is time to acknowledge that the driest season ever on record in the Coorong district is a drought. Mayor Paul Simmons says that the rainfall received for the growing season in 2024 is the lowest on record, after having already experienced a dry Spring in 2023. Severely limited crop and pasture growth and recent frosts have been the final straw in killing any hope of a reprieve for primary producers this year.

"To a great extent farmers across our region have shown great resilience over recent years in regard to seasonal variability, increasing input costs and high interest rates," says Mayor Paul Simmons. "Our producers have been proactive in investing on farm to ensure resilience in challenging seasons in areas such as fodder reserves and storage, water security technology, and livestock management improvements." "However, this season is presenting challenges beyond what these improvements can offset."

The seasonal outlook for the district looks very challenging indeed with some certainty now of poor crop yields, severe impacts on the ability to produce hay, and very poor growth in livestock feed. *"As a broad-acre farmer, I'm more than aware that these drought conditions are impacting nearly all other agricultural areas across the State"*, says Mayor Simmons. Mayor Simmons is seeking a meeting with the Premier of South Australia Peter Malinauskas, to discuss what support may be put in place to assist primary producers affected by the season in the State's agricultural areas. As the season continues to impact primary producers, Mayor Simmons encourages those that may be feeling the strain to seek support from family, friends, or local mental health providers and support agencies.



ABOVE: Tracey Strugnell - sunset as sheep herded in dusty farm yard.

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Cr Qualman acknowledged the passing of **Mr. Bob Connolly**, one of the last "real" Taillem Bend people (born and bred on Webb Street). He was the 3rd of 15 children, worked as a railway fireman, then town milkman, and later returning to the Railways, prior to retiring. Connolly was a lifetime member of the Taillem Bend Football Club.

The Mayor highlighted the recent local Grand Final **sporting successes**, in particular the Mallee Storm winning A Grade Netball and the Coorong Cats winning the A Grade Football GF.

Community members are reminded to inform EM's if they want their presence at meetings by copying them into emails. We are not always made aware of such meetings. Here are our **contact details**.

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The Mayor and CEO are advocating for the struggling cropping and livestock community, as highlighted in recent media, The Stock Journal and In-Daily (online).

The treatment of the Tintinara and Coonalpyn communities by **Country Health Connect (CHC)** is concerning. The CEO reported that Council has received no response to its letter requesting further information, prompting the CEO to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister. Cr Pietzsch informed that a scheduled meeting with CHC on 11/10/24 was cancelled due to the lack of follow-up on key items from the previous meeting (agenda and historical usage data for both the Tintinara and Coonalpyn sites). Julie and John Barry met informally with CHC representative Mr. Champion, but the outcome was unsatisfactory, with the casual disregard for volunteer efforts being particularly troubling. Elected Members unanimously voiced support for Cr Pietzsch to pursue other avenues, as the community is effectively being stonewalled. The Mayor and CEO have escalated the matter with Nick McBride and requested a meeting with the Minister.

Following strong support from the Tintinara community for the proposed placement of an **EV Charging Station** near The Heart of The Parks, EM's voted to proceed with the community's preferred

location. However, the RAA has informed Council that this site is not their preferred choice and that time constraints may result in Tintinara missing out on the current funding opportunity. Despite this, there is confidence that future funding could be available, and it is considered more prudent to wait for an ideal location that will best serve the town, rather than hastily installing the station in a less suitable area.

EM's agreed to apply for a Cash Advance Debenture (a bit like an overdraft) to temporarily meet the shortfall of funds for Carcuma Rd (Tintinara) before milestone grant funding is received by Council.

We've now seen some (not all) of the detailed design work for the **Salt Creek Rest Area** and Toilet Block. We are grateful to DIT for working with Council to achieve a result. DIT will construct the area and Council will assume management responsibilities once completed. As a Council asset, this will be included in depreciation calculations, with ongoing maintenance budgeted accordingly.

The Changing Places **Toilets at Coonalpyn** remain on schedule, though the new phone tower at **Colebatch** is not yet operational.

Elected Members unanimously voted to reinstate the **Coonalpyn Hall Committee** as a Section 41 Committee of Council. The group remains committed to meeting the required reporting standards outlined in the Terms of Reference. Section 41 Committees facilitate more localised and informed decision-making by involving those with a direct understanding of community needs.

Cr Arthur proposed an innovative idea regarding the **Coonalpyn Pool Canteen**, suggesting it be annexed to a community group. This concept will be further explored with the Pool/Caravan Park Committee. Additionally, Cr Bland put forward a proposal concerning **Wadmore House** via email, which received strong support from Elected Members. Staff will now investigate both ideas in greater detail, and I will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

A resolution was found for the **Tintinara Christmas Banner** poles, with the four that are in good condition to be erected by the end of October. There is still more work to do here, but this is a good start.

For the November meeting (and for the next 2 years) we will start our **Ordinary Meetings** from 10.00 am

Cheers Lisa



Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Lion's Judy, Bruce and Jo.

The Lions Club had their dinner meeting at the Riverside hotel on the 8th of October where we discussed our recent project.

We had a very successful Lions 201 C2 District Convention which was held at Murray Bridge. A congratulations must go to Tailem Bend's Club Lion Joyce Holmes as the organising committee chair. The Lion's Skin Cancer Screening van was in attendance for 3 days. The alarming result for the community was that **38%** of screenings conducted received a recommendation to immediately follow up with their medical practitioner. This is a very high recording. We received a note of thanks & gratitude from the Tailem Bend football club, advising us that their upgrade and installation of solar panels are completed and 100% operational. This involved our Lion's Club financing the major upgrade of the switchboard to accommodate the latest requirements which was undertaken by our local electrician Mike Bristow. Thank you, Mike! Another great job done for the benefit of our community.

A further thank you to the community for supporting our call for any postage stamps. This month we boxed up 8 kg of stamps which seems unbelievable. An update of the sales, \$8600 worth of mint stamps were recently sold to a dealer in Hobart. Since May of this year \$19,000 has been raised by Lions Australia from stamps. Forward planning is to deliver 107 boxes to be auctioned in Sydney in December. All of these proceeds go towards the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation to provide a better quality of life for our young Australians.

If your club or organisation needs help with funds, write to Tailem Bend Lions Box 141 Tailem Bend or email: **tailembendlions@mail.com**

Mobile B.B.Q. Joint Venture

The Rotary Club of Tailem Bend and the Tailem Bend Lion's Club are very pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached, that the Lion's Club will take over the upgrade and responsibilities of operating and serving our community for the next 5 years. The Lions Club conveners who have undertaken the responsibilities of this project is Judy and Bruce who head up a subcommittee of Ian and Margaret, Alan and Marcia and Peter and Jude. To contact us please call Bruce 0401 106 010 email **bruce@bhpm.com.au**

Urgent call to our Tailem Bend community.

The Australian Hay Run of 24 V-Double trailers loaded with hay from the Eastern States, being accommodated by the Lion's in Ararat Victoria, leave at 7am November 2nd and will arrive at the Ampol carpark approximately 12 noon and will depart at 1pm and travel north to meet up with the devastated drought farmers.

This will be the inaugural joint venture B.B.Q. to provide lunch and refreshments for approximately 48 drivers and assistants. We are looking for donations please contact Bruce 0401 106 010, email **bruce@bhpm.com.au**.

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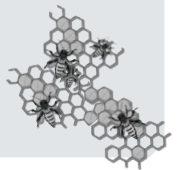
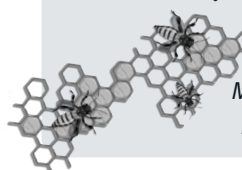
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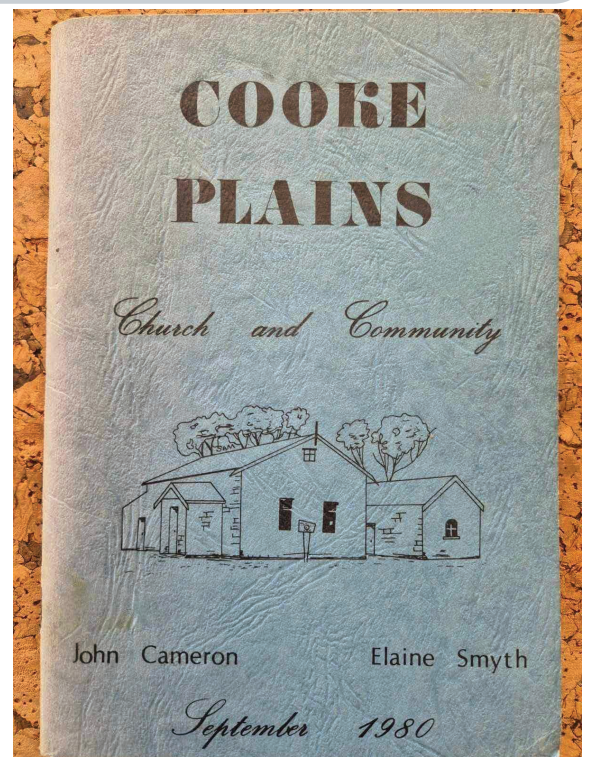
Tailem Bend Historians

Image & story: Maxine Kiddie.

Kath and King Hansen have donated two books of Cooke Plains to the Tailem Bend Historians.

John Cameron and Elaine Smyth extensively researched historical records to produce the "*Cooke Plains, Church and Community publication*." Times go back to the 1800s, when Cooke Plains was more significant than Tailem Bend. If you like history, it is a great read. The other book was the history of the Cooke Plains Hall, more about the Community. If possible, The Historians would like another copy of the "*Cooke Plains, Church and Community*" if anyone has one to donate.

This has made us aware that there maybe other historical publications/ family history, pertaining to our area, that families don't quite know what to do with when decluttering, but don't want them destroyed. Such a lot of research has gone into these publications and is invaluable to us as historians. Please email **stbhistorians@outlook.com** if you have a donation or Maxine 0439 387 750. **Tailem Bend Historians would like to thank Kath and King for their donation.**



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024



Community Needs Analysis Help us help you

The Tailem Bend Community Centre (TBCC) is conducting a Community Needs Analysis to gather essential feedback from residents just like you. We want to gain deeper insights into the needs, challenges, and opportunities that are most important to our community.

By sharing your thoughts, you'll help us:

- Improve local services and programs
- Identify housing, employment, and transportation needs
- Enhance community health and well-being
- Support economic growth and environmental sustainability
- Strengthen cultural activities and community connections

Your participation in this survey is crucial in shaping the future of our town. Whether you're highlighting service gaps or proposing new ideas, your voice matters!

The survey is open until **30 November 2024**, and your input will guide our actions to create a stronger, more vibrant community for everyone.

How to Participate: Complete the survey online by visiting the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MsPwk9dFg8>

Share this with your friends, neighbours, and family—every voice counts. Be part of the change you want to see in your community!

JACOB JENNINGS VIDEOGRAPHY

Want to know what we do at TBCC MMCPN check out our promotional video The link is here- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUb4RJhsZBO>

CHSP UPDATE

The Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) participants recently enjoyed a fun-filled day with a visit to the Festival Theatre for a fantastic performance of Grease the Musical. The show was vibrant and energetic, filled with catchy tunes, dazzling dance numbers, and plenty of nostalgia. It was a blast for everyone who attended, with the classic story of love, friendship, and rock 'n' roll bringing smiles and excitement to all.

Mount Pleasant SA Spring Garden Festival, where we were greeted with a stunning array of blooming flowers, vibrant plants, and gardening inspiration.

Looking for the Perfect Christmas Gift?

Do your family and friends always ask what you want for Christmas? Why not suggest a wonderful day out with TBCC?

Wednesday 2 April 2025 join us for an unforgettable experience at Sister Act the Musical! Based on the beloved film, this spectacular show is sure to light up the stage and lift your spirits with its infectious energy and joy.

This feel-good musical is packed with laughter, catchy songs, and heartwarming moments that will have you dancing in your seat!

What better way to celebrate than a shared experience that brings joy, music, and memories? Have your loved ones shout you a ticket and make it a Christmas gift you'll treasure forever!

ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVE WORKSHOPS

An Advance Care Directive (ACD) allows you to make legal arrangements for your future health care, end-of-life choices, living preferences, and personal matters. It also lets you appoint a Substitute Decision Maker to act on your behalf if you're unable to decide for yourself.

Information workshops in Tailem Bend on Thursday 7 November 2024 and Mengingie on Friday 28 February 2025.

Christmas Spectacular – Wednesday 18 December 2024 tickets exhausted

MMCPN UPDATE

The Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network (MMCPN) would like to take this opportunity to highlight the services of the Coorong Coaches Medical Bus. Recently, we've noticed that many seats on the daily trips from Monday to Friday have been left vacant. This is largely due to hospital appointment cancellations and specialist unavailability in Adelaide. However, we want to remind everyone that the Medical Bus is available for a wide range of medical appointments, including dental, hearing, podiatrist, and GP visits. The bus stops at key locations such as Murray Bridge, Mount Barker, the Adelaide CBD, and Flinders Medical Centre. The cost is subsidised, and a carer also travels free.

The Coorong Coaches Medical Bus provides a crucial service for residents in our region, offering a convenient, safe, and reliable way to access essential healthcare. It is designed to support those who face transportation challenges, ensuring they can attend medical appointments, specialist consultations, and hospital visits with ease. Driven by accredited drivers, the Medical Bus prioritises safety and comfort, giving passengers peace of mind throughout their journey. By making use of this service, individuals can maintain their independence while receiving necessary care, making it an invaluable resource for the health and well-being of our community.

However, we must stress that continued use of the Medical Bus service is vital to maintaining it. If we don't use this government-funded service, we risk losing it altogether. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this resource, as it plays an important role in keeping our community connected to essential healthcare.

The Department of Human Services, which funds the Community Passenger Network for individuals under 65, has initiated a tender process for continued funding beyond September 2025. Our staff are focused on demonstrating our capacity to deliver this essential service in the Murraylands and potentially expand to a larger region. We will keep you updated with any developments and provide further information once the tender is officially announced.

Volunteer Coordinator Wanted – Make a Difference in Your Community!

Are you passionate about community service and making a real impact? Do you have great organisational skills and enjoy working with people? We're seeking an unpaid Volunteer Coordinator to help manage and support our amazing team of volunteers. Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

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NEWSLETTER



C4C UPDATE

The Communities for Children team (C4C) have had a busy Term 3, Delivering “Drumbeat” to two groups at Coomandook Area School, and “Seasons For Growth at Meningie Area School.

Parent Child Mother Goose (PCMG) at Taillem Bend, Mannum and Meningie. Our Term 4 details are:

- Tuesday -Mannum Library 9.30am
- Wednesdays-Meningie Kindergarten 11.00am
- Thursday- Taillem Bend 9.30am

We have a Registered Midwife visiting each venue once a term, these visits allow parents/carers the opportunity to have a chat, ask questions and get up-to-date weights and measurements for their child/ren.

Intergenerational sessions for this term include a visit to Aminya Village in Mannum, Jallarah homes in Meningie and a visit to the Taillem Bend Hospital.

Thursday Words Grow Minds 10.30am-11.30am Taillem Primary School Bend Library



CELEBRATE CONNECTION

Family Fun Day Challenge at Jervois Primary School – A Day of Laughter and Fun! On August 27th, we had an incredible time at the Family Fun Day Challenge held at Jervois Primary School. The event was all about bringing parents and children together to enjoy a day filled with exciting games and friendly competition. Both parents and kids got actively involved in classic games like Ping Pong Bounce, Sack Race, Tunnel Ball, and the always entertaining Egg and Spoon Race.

The team spirit was high as everyone cheered each other on in the Sack Race, Three-Legged Race, and the hilarious Donuts on a String challenge. In the end, the kids came out victorious, scoring 14 points to the adults' 13 in a fun-filled day that will be remembered for a long time!

Make sure to follow us on social media for updates on our upcoming events, including after-school activities and exciting Christmas events. There's always something fun just around the corner!



GROW FREE CART

We kickstarted this initiative with the hope that it would be sustainable long-term. To support our dedicated volunteers, we offer a \$10 fuel reimbursement for each trip made to Murray Bridge to collect the items, with collections happening three times a week—on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays—at a total cost of \$30 per week. However, we are not receiving enough donations in the collection tin to cover these ongoing costs, and without additional support, the initiative is at risk of ending in June 2025.

To keep this vital service running, we kindly ask the community to:

- Take only what you need to ensure that everyone can benefit. Unfortunately, some are taking more than necessary, which disadvantages others in need.
- Give back if you can by donating produce from your garden, contributing financially, or offering your time. Whether it's helping to weed the garden or volunteering in other ways, every bit counts.

Remember, if the system is abused, we all stand to lose this valuable resource. Let's work together to maintain and support this service for the benefit of the entire community.

CND / BSO UPDATE

Krystle List, our Community Neighborhood Development (CND) Business Support Officer (BSO), has moved on from TBCC. We are thankful for her contributions and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. We look forward to welcoming a new, dynamic individual to step into this vital role soon. In other exciting news, eight of our staff and volunteers recently completed their TAE Volunteer Trainer Delivery Skill Set training with TAFE SA, which has greatly enhanced our team's ability to better serve the community. We are especially grateful to TAFE for providing this training free of charge to TBCC and to Sachin Tangri, Lecturer TAE, Adelaide City Campus, for being an awesome trainer and making the learning experience enjoyable and impactful.

Don't miss out on these upcoming events:

- Resilience First Aid Training – Tuesday, 12 November 2024
- Paint and Sip – Friday, 29 November 2024, booked out, extremely popular with more dates to follow!
- Fire Warden Training – Thursday, 5 December 2024

If you are part of a sporting or service club, this is a fantastic opportunity to ensure your club is meeting insurance and safety obligations by having trained fire wardens. Our Fire Warden Training course covers essential safety skills that can make a real difference in emergencies, including: ECO/Warden Training, Chief Warden Training, Fire Awareness & Fire Extinguisher Training, Spill Kit Awareness Training and Evacuation Exercise.

At a bargain price of \$210 per person, including morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, this comprehensive training ensures your club or organisation is well-prepared. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity! Call TBCC to book.

TERM TIMETABLES

Refer to the TBCC website and social media page for the latest Timetable - <https://www.tbcc.org.au/>

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Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Submitted by Kaye & Paul Bartlett.

Calothamnus quadrifidus...

The 41 known species of Calothamnus are found only growing in the South-West of Western Australia. Pangarinda Botanic Garden has a very impressive number of these growing. Commonly known as One-sided Bottlebrushes, as flowers form in small clusters along one side of stems. Most have bright red flowers with yellow forms in Calothamnus quadrifidus and gilesii both are growing at Pangarinda.

Calothamnus quadrifidus is the most commonly Calothamnus grown in cultivation. A hardy plant for well drained, sunny areas. There are many variations of C quadrifidus as it grows over a large area with different conditions. It can grow up to 3Metres wide by 2 Metres high. Flowers appear amongst the pine like foliage during spring, summer into autumn.

All Calothamnus are frost tender depending on age. The frost a few weeks ago has left most small plants at Pangarinda with a degree of frost burn. Most will shoot away if left until frost weather is over before cutting off frost burnt foliage.



ABOVE: Calothamnus quadrifidus.

Past and Present Tailem Bend Lady Golfers

Past and present Tailem Bend lady golfers enjoying lunch at the Riverside Hotel. Presentation of this season's trophies and a lot of reminiscing.



ABOVE: Standing L to R. Pauline Merritt, Merridee Curnow, Patsy Morawski, Coral Heym, Anne Howell.
Seated L to R. Maxine Kiddie, Jill Rowe, Val Sparrow, Lois Jaensch, Vicki Stokes.

Submitted by Maxine Kiddie.



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10.00 am - 2.00 pm

- Live Demonstrations
- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Smokey The Koala

6 Golf Course Road, Tailem Bend

No experience necessary and training is provided!

For Further Information contact:

Brigade Captain - Dwayne Martin - 0487 280 265

cfs.sa.gov.au/volunteers



Stories create community.

That's why we're supporting Tailem Topics by sharing our stories.

It's why we employ Glenn Power as our Tailem Bend correspondent, to write about local events and take photos of local faces.

In fact, it's why journalist Peri Strathearn established Murray Bridge News in 2020: to connect, uplift and empower local people by telling the Murraylands' stories.

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

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Wynarka Community Lights 2024

Image & story: Carol Menadue

The lights at Wynarka have been going since 2005 with the carport opening with a novelty display and lucky dips started in 2011.

If you're planning to visit Wynarka, I am pleased to offer any reader of the Taillem Topic a free boy or girl lucky dip. **YOU MUST MENTION WHERE YOU HAD SEEN/ READ THE AD.** I have enjoyed preparing the lights and display as it allows me to watch the expression of joy on all the children's faces.

This year the display will be downsized due to my health. I will still make it worth the drive for the lights display. There will be separate times for the carport, shown on the flyer to the right this will include the novelty display and dips.

Look forward to seeing you there!!

I would like to acknowledge the contributors from AJ's Homestore (now closed), Karoonda Pharmacy, Karoonda Post Office and Southside Newsagency & Post office in Murray Bridge.

Tammy Broadley Hairdressing

All aspects of men's, ladies, and children's hairdressing.



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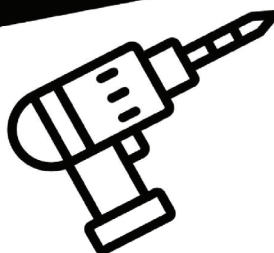
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Above: Vehicle Display and crowd at the 2024 Taillem Bend Street Party

Taillem Bend Street Party kicks off huge weekend at The Bend

Over 1,500 people attended a street party to celebrate the Dragway at The Bend Motorsport Park's biggest weekend of the year on Friday, 18 October.

Working in collaboration with the Taillem Bend Auto Club, Railway Terrace in Taillem Bend came alive as vehicles of all calibre were put on display.

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

The events being held at the Shell V-Power Motorsport Park in

October show off this premier motorsport destination, which continues to boost the local economy, with tourism and local businesses benefiting.

Welcome to this month's Council update

Around the District

Throughout the past month Coorong District Council has undertaken a range of activities, attended events and delivered programs across the district.

The **Community Facilities** team have undertaken tree clean up following storms across the district, installed new play equipment in the Meningie Lions Jubilee Park playground, and Brown's Beach in Meningie has

received some maintenance to further prevent beach erosion.

The **2024/25 Unsealed Roads Program** has seen re-sheet works begin on 4km of Heinrich Road and 6km of Malinong Road.



Above: Installation of new equipment at the Lion's Park playground, Meningie

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Rural road users are continuing to be supported through the ongoing **patrol grading program** with over 350km of road maintenance carried out during September.

Road sealing works for a 7km section of **Carcuma Road** between the Thomas Foods Feedlot and Southern Cross Road commenced in September, and are expected to take three months to complete. The community is reminded to take care when travelling through the area.

Construction works on the **Hutt Street Upgrade** at Tailem Bend began in September, with new kerbing and guttering installed, followed by new sealed road - line-marking will see out project completion.

Footpath and kerb renewal works have commenced in Meningie along the Princes Highway, which will see a new paved path installed that will match the rest of the main street.

Key Decisions

At the 15 October Ordinary meeting, Council reviewed the community engagement report for a proposed RAA EV Charging Station in Tintinara, and endorsed the Heart of the Parks as its preferred location. Council thanks all individuals who submitted feedback through this process. Further negotiations with the RAA and State Government will continue to take place, to determine whether an EV charging station for the Heart of Parks location is possible.

Design plans for a new rest area located next to the highway near Salt Creek (being constructed by DIT) were also endorsed by Council. These amenities will aid locals and visitors travelling from Meningie through to Kingston.



Coonalpyn Swimming Pool opens 27 October

The Coonalpyn & District Soldiers Memorial Swimming Pool 2024/25 season opens on Sunday, 27 October - season tickets can now be purchased from any of Council's offices or over the phone. The pool is open seven days a week (weather permitting):

- Morning swim sessions (Monday - Friday) 8:30am to 10:30am.
- Afternoons (Monday - Friday) 4pm to 6pm.
- Weekends, School Holidays and Public Holidays 2pm to 6pm.



Council meetings will commence at 10am from November 2024 onwards

Want to read more?

Visit our website for full Council meeting agendas, reports and latest updates on projects, events and activities happening across the district.



Volunteering with Council

"Give a little, gain a lot."



Volunteers play a vital and valuable role in our communities and in the provisions of services to Council.

With a range of programs on offer, volunteering can be a great way to meet new people, gain new skills and enjoy new experiences.

Council is seeking registrations of interest for the following programs

Tailem Info Station & Rail Museum
Meningie Info Hub
Pangarinda Botanic Gardens

For more information please contact Council's Volunteer Coordinator on 1300 785 277

Tailem Bend Community Library

New Books November 2024

ADULT FICTION

LEY Rosanna: Bay of Secrets- Romance
HAYES-McCOY Felicity: The Keepsake Quilters- Family Saga
McCALL-SMITH Alexander: From A Far and Lovely Country- Detective
CLEEVES Ann; Sea Fever- Mystery
DANIELS B.J: From the Shadows- Western
HARRINGTON Carmel: The Girls from Donegal- Family Generations
CLEEVES Ann: Another Man's Poison- Mystery
COURT Dilly: The Lucky Penny- Family Saga
O'BRIEN Siobhan: All the Golden Light- War Australian
HAMPSON Amanda: The Cryptic Clue - (Tea Ladies Mystery)
3 books in 1; SUPRISE Christmas Baby- Romance Christmas
SWAN Karen: The Last Summer- Romance
PATTERSON James: The Fall of Crazy House- Crime
HANNAY Barbara: The Wife's Secret- Romance
PATTERSON James: The Family Lawyer- Thriller
SILVER Elsie: Hopeless- Romance
ANGEL-AJDNI Asale: A Country You Cant Leave- Mother & Daughter saga
COLGAN Jenny: The Summer Skies- Romance
MILLER Suzie: Prima Facie- Mystery
PATTERSON James: The Mores are Missing- Thriller

PATTERSON James: Triple Homicide- Thriller
GREEN Sophie: Art Hour at the Duchess Hotel- Australian
PATTERSON James: Invisible- Thriller
BRODESSER-AKNER Taffy: Long Island Compromise- America saga
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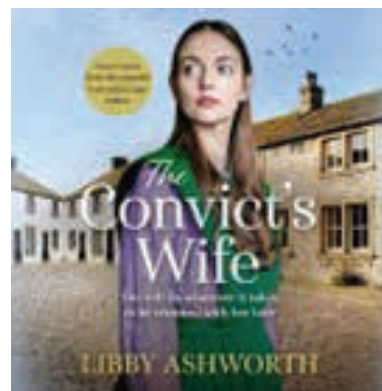
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BOOK REVIEW

The Convicts Wife by ASHWORTH Libby

Can she keep her family together?

When Molly Holden's husband, Thomas, is convicted in 1812 of being a Luddite on the word



of a secret informer, he is sentenced to be transported to Australia. Left with their baby daughter, Molly must find work to survive.

But the man who informed on Thomas is a former suitor of Molly's, and Isaac believes that with Thomas out of the way, she will return to him...

Yet Molly is determined to join her husband and find a way to pay for passage, all the while trying to stay one step ahead of Isaac's nefarious interferences. But will it be enough to cross the ocean and be reunited with her beloved Thomas?

Based on real events, this is an inspiring Lancashire saga of one woman's journey of love, family and survival. Perfect for fans of Dilly Court, Kitty Neale and June Francis.

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Monday 11th November 2024

10 am start.

This Month

[Looking into Library Photographic Collections](#)

How can we utilise the State Library Website?

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Submitted by Angie Tomkinson.

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

The Tailem Bend Country Fire Service (CFS) is hosting an Open Day on Sunday, November 10, from 10 am to 2 pm at the CFS Station, 6 Golf Course Road, Tailem Bend.

The event offers a fun and informative day for the whole family, with a free sausage sizzle, station and fire truck tours, live demonstrations, kids' activities, and important fire safety information.

Tailem Bend's CFS Captain, Dwayne Martin, explained the Open Day is an opportunity for those interested in joining the CFS to learn about recruitment. *"The Tailem Bend Brigade currently manages around eighty emergency calls per year, responding to rural fires, vehicle accidents, storm events, and more. However, with only fifteen active members, and sometimes just three or four available, there is an urgent need for more volunteers,"* Dwayne said.



ABOVE: Crew Member AJ Buwalda and Zac Hoare both of Tailem Bend conducting hose drills during training at the Tailem Bend CFS Station.



ABOVE: Captain Dwayne Martin discussing training outcomes with Crew Member Zac Hoare of Tailem Bend.



ABOVE: Night training at the Tailem Bend CFS Station, 6 Golf Course Rd, Tailem Bend.

"We're hoping to recruit another six to ten members to help ensure we can respond to emergencies promptly," says Dwayne. *"All of our members juggle full-time jobs, families, and other commitments, but when our community needs us, we're there. It's also a fantastic way to meet new people, gain new skills, and become part of our CFS family."*

No prior experience is necessary, and full training and uniforms are provided, however volunteers must be at least 18 years old.



ABOVE: The Tailem Bend CFS team (Back Row L-R) Captain Dwayne Martin of Tailem Bend, Michael Barr of Murray Bridge, Dylan Collett, AJ Buwalda, Peter McIntyre, and Zac Hoare all of Tailem Bend. (Front Row L-R) Brandon Smith and Shaun Mitton both of Tailem Bend, Jed Nagel of Jervois, and Jibba Wingard of Wellington East.

For those looking to give back to their community and try something new, this is a great opportunity. Please RSVP Captain Dwayne Martin on 0487 280 265.

Blue Light SA

TERM 4

Friday 6th December,

5pm to 7 pm. Christmas Theme. Tailem Bend Town Hall.

\$5.00 Admission per child.

MONDAY MEMORIES

Last Monday of the month, 25th November

At the Community Library 10am.

Come and reminisce of the
good old days. ALL WELCOME!

Last one for the year

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!**
- **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**

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.**
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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**

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- **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.

SATURDAYS

- **ST LUKE'S MARKET DAY;** Held on a Saturdays. For more information please call Tony Aylen on 0400 870 878.
- **JERVOIS DANCE;** Every 5th Saturday of the month! \$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 - RSVP

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

Not long ago I received an invitation to a gathering. I kept thinking that I had time to respond, I knew the deadline. But in the busyness of everyday life the deadline passed. I received a message from the person asking me if I was coming. I apologised profusely and gave my “yes”. It was so easy to forget about the invitation, prioritising what was going on now instead of looking ahead.

Jesus tells a story in **Matthew 22:1-10** of a King who held a wedding feast, but everyone was too busy to come. This incredible invitation to dine with the King in extravagance and with much joy and hope and everyone was too busy. They took the invitation for granted. Maybe they too were prioritising the busyness right then instead of looking ahead.

God yearned for relationship with us when He created Adam and Eve. But sin separated us, severed that connection with God – temporarily. That’s when Jesus came to make everything right and restore our relationship with God. Jesus Himself took on the sin of every person, so that there would be nothing that would separate us from God ever again. Only Jesus, truly human like us, yet still God, could make the way.

And it means we have an opportunity to be with Him in heaven forever. The choice is ours to respond. Just like the RSVP requires a response. After we die is too late to respond to Jesus, we have the opportunity to choose now, and He invites us to say “**yes**” to Him.

It cost Jesus His life to offer us the invitation, that is the depth of His love for all of us, that He would want to spend eternity with us in heaven. His death and resurrection a real time event that invites us to live forever in heaven with Him. But it involves action on our part, a yes to Jesus. A commitment to a relationship with Him. Jesus invites us to come and have relationship with Him now so that we can join Him in heaven later.

King Jesus extends the invitation out of His great love for us, a longing for us to join Him, to know Him and the life giving hope He brings. The hope that comes from relationship with Him. His hands once reached wide on the cross, now extended to each of us, inviting us to come. Come and know Him now. What is your RSVP?

“I am the resurrection and the life.

The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

John 11:25-26

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MENINGIE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Meningie Christmas Pageant is back, save the date Sunday 1st December 2024, Parade is kicking off at 4pm, float assembly is from 3pm, the more floats the merrier, the Pageant will start on the grass area in front of Freshies Cafe on Fiebig Road (opposite the caravan park entrance) and finish at the town oval.

The Pageant will travel across Fiebig Road, through the Caravan Park (excluding large trucks), Left onto Fiebig Rd, Left onto Narrung Rd, Right onto Forbes St, Right onto Sandham St, Left onto West Tce, Left onto Baker St, Right onto Forbes St, Right onto Yule St, Left onto West Tce, Left onto South Tce, Right onto the road that goes across the front of Jallarah Homes, Right onto West Tce, Left onto Narrung Rd, Left into the Meningie Recreation Reserve for a fun filled Fair till approx 8pm.

The Fair will have stalls to do that last minute shopping, food stalls, local artists will entertain with music, there will be Christmas Carolers and games and rides for the kids.

The generosity of businesses and individuals from in and around the Local Community has been nothing but amazing and with their generosity, Sponsorship & support there will be no cost for Children's activities.

And of course there would be no show without Father Christmas himself. Grab that special photo of your kids with Father Christmas at the photobooth at the Fair. Ho Ho Ho

If you would like to entre a float in the Pageant OR have a stall at the Fair at no charge, please contact Cheryl on 0418138557. We THANK all our sponsors that have made this event possible and hopefully it will be one to remember.

Submitted by Cheryl Hayes



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Submitted by Glynis Taylor

Vale

MALCOLM PIGGOTT

22/02/1932 - 16/10/2024

The Coorong Health Advisory Council pay tribute to our past member, Malcolm, for his wisdom, knowledge and friendship. Malcolm was a valued member of our HAC group from 2013 to 2019.

He will be greatly missed

RIDDLES - ANSWERS ON PAGE 29

1. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
2. The more you take away, the more I become. What am I?
3. I have two hands, but I can not scratch myself. What am I?



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Jokes of the Month

Video games are great –
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Why does Donkey Kong wear a tie?

He's got monkey business to do later.

What did Mario say when he broke up with Princess Peach?

"It's not you; it's a me, Mario!"

Why did the Xbox gamer cross the street?

To render the buildings.

Did you know that Sony is making a
cat-friendly PlayStation?

It's called the PSpspspsps.

Quotes of the Month

"If you look like your passport photo,
you probably need the trip!"

— by Lyn Goddard

"In the virtual realm, your potential knows no bounds."

"When you fall, rise with even greater determination."

"Never underestimate the power of a gamer's passion."

"A true gamer's heart never wavers
in the face of challenge."

If you have something you would like to share in the next
Tailm Topics, please email it to Jo the Editor at
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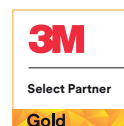
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ABBA 50th Anniversary Waterloo Show

Article submitted by Stephen Lee.

The Flaming Sambucas return to Murray Bridge Performing Arts + Function Centre with their nationally acclaimed Abba Gold Show, on Saturday, November 9 at 2pm and 8pm.

This exciting show takes you back to the start - 50 years ago when ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with Waterloo.

Then to their Australian tour of 1977 - a moment in time which stopped the nation. With authentic costuming, Adelaide's iconic Flaming Sambucas celebrate all the greatest hits of the Swedish supergroup - Supertrouper, Ring Ring,

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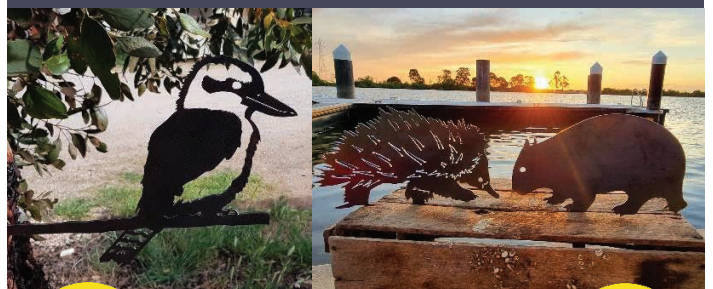
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