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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.

**MURRAY
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Story and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News, Tailem Bend Correspondent. If you want to keep reading articles like this one sign

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The Tailem Bend Town Hall was chockers on Saturday night, November 2nd, for the Tailem Bend Progress Association's Bogan Cabaret – an annual fundraising event for the upcoming Christmas Parade, and crikey, what a night!

Maxine Kiddie was running the show with a host of great local volunteers – and they couldn't be more stoked with the outcome.

"We had an absolute cracker of a night," Maxine said. "And a big shout out to all the legends who donated raffle prizes – strewth, we had over 100 of 'em this year – and an extra massive thank you to everyone who rocked up in their finest Bogan gear."

With the committee stumped for a theme this year, the decision to go Full Bogan was a pearler. "Why not? Everyone loves a good Bogan!" Maxine said. There were mullets as far as the eye could see, flannies galore, and plenty of folks enjoying a coldie or three, while supporting a great cause.

The cabaret raised much needed funds for the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade – and it's not far away now. **(Saturday, December 14)** Maxine reckons this year's parade will be the best one yet, with Father Christmas making his usual appearance. "We've got free rides for the ankle biters, live tunes from Arkive, and face painting – the kids go bonkers for that. It's always a ripper day to catch up with mates and make some memories."

So, dust off your best clobber, because Tailem Bend is ready to spread some Christmas cheer!



ABOVE: Winning Bogans on the night, Dee Loch and Barry Davis. Photo by Maxine Kiddie.



ABOVE: Trev and Bec Nagel and their table of Bogan's were out of control.

COVER IMAGE: Band Arkive, Members, AJ, Alex, Mike, David & Tony. (Not visible)

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Tailem Bend Christmas Parade!!

Submitted by Maxine Kiddie.

Come along and enjoy a great night with family and friends.

Free activities for the children including Giro 360, Ninja Warp Wall, Cannon Blasters Battle Zone, Super Hero Combo Castle, Blue Lightening Obstacle and slide, facepainters, a Clown on Stilts and he juggles, and our Balloon Twister who makes incredible characters.

Come play with the animals, Farmer Darcy's Traveling Farm, sponsored by Tailem Bend Rotary Club.

The town's Parade starts at 6pm, get a float together with family and friends, dress up and walk, dress up your gopher, join in and be part of the excitement and fun of the Parade.

Grab some food, a coffee, and listen to Arkive, they will be playing in Willow Street. There will be plenty of food available. Tailem Bend Lions Club are doing a Beyond the Paddock BBQ at a great price. Tailem Bend Primary School are back with their delicious donuts and there will be The Spare Room coffee cart.

Railway Cafe will be open, with more food and coffee and there will be a selection of food vans.



ABOVE: The Tailem Bend Christmas Parade 2023

Market stalls in the Town Hall and in Willow St for those extra gifts you want. Tailem Bend Auto Club, a Platinum Sponsor, will have a display of their cars for you to reminisce. The CFS will be there to check out their vehicles.

And we have the all-important person,
Father Christmas

in the Town Hall from 4.30pm to 5.45pm,
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Come along, have a chat, take a photo and pick up a small gift from Father Christmas.

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The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #147

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

This Month we look at the memories of Christmas Parade, Kids Club, Mallee Blue and Rob Hughes.

Christmas comes to Tailem Bend

Father Christmas came to Tailem Bend aboard a CFS truck as the town heralded Christmas with a parade on Wednesday evening.

Crowds lined the main street as a parade of about 25 entries including floats, horses and vintage cars, as well as about 30 youngsters on decorated bikes, travelled from the football oval to the town Centre. Following the parade, Tailem Bend's third in recent years, Father Christmas met the children at the town hall, handing out sweets. The festivities also included train rides and a bouncing castle for the youngsters as well as Tailem Bend Line dancers, carol singing by Random singers, and entertainment by Noel Kneebone and Darren Gurney from Mallee Blue. Wendy Drew, who organised the parade for Tailem Bend and District Development Program. Said she was pleased with the event and the crowds that watched it. Meanwhile, a popular spot at Tailem Bend on Christmas Eve was Peter and Linda Weidenbach's home, where Christmas lights and Father Christmas drew about 130 youngsters to the spectacle. Just on 10,000 globes have been used in the display, which Mr Weidenbach said he had done each year since living at Tailem Bend for three years and at Murray Bridge before that. *"I do it for the Kids – to me Christmas is for Kids,"* he said, adding that he was already planning to add to the display for next year.

M/V Standard 1996 : 1997



ABOVE: The Tailem Bend Information Centre float in the town's parade on Christmas Eve with (from left) Kyle Boulter, Michele Langton, Tony Langton, Ruth Julian and Steven Johnson.

Mallee Blue to Launch CD

The much awaited album released from popular local band Mallee Blue will take place on Saturday June 13th at the Tailem Bend Institute Hall.

Titled *"Mallee Blue"*, the five man band comprising Brenton Ahrns, Tony Eckerman, Darren Gurney, Anthony Hodgen, and Noel Kneebone funded the CD themselves. The boys have been together for four years and are excited about the release of the 12 track CD. *"We are just a group of local blokes who have had a decent go"* Noel said. *"Just to have it and listen to it is really great. It was a great experience, and if this one goes well we will do another. We have already got plenty of songs."* A County music icon Wally Sparrow has been invited to release the recording, produced by another well-known musician Peter Miller. Eleven of the tracks are originals, covering a wide range of **'Australiana'** including up:tempo and slow ballads. It also features a cover of **'She's my baby'** by Aussie rock legend Johnny O'Keefe. While the release of the CD is the highlight of the evening, the show is for a good cause. Open to all member of the public, the celebration is aiming to raise funds for the renovation of the Aged Care Wing at the Tailem Bend hospital.

Admission is by gold a coin with bar facilities and supper available. The band will kick off around 8pm with a few cover songs followed by the launch of their album and its song including Mad Man from Moorlands (based on a true story) This Old House is Sad (family breakup) Out On The Street Again (comedy) Coming Home, Our River and Let It Rain (children's ideas on why it should rain) CD and cassettes will be on sale on the night as well as available from Soundzone. Meanwhile the band is Barmera bound this weekend for the Riverland Music Festival. Regarded as South Australia's premier county music festival, the local lads will play their stuff at three separate venues on Saturday and Sunday.

M/V Standard: by Alan Schenscher 1996 – 1997



ABOVE: Mallee Blue : five man band.

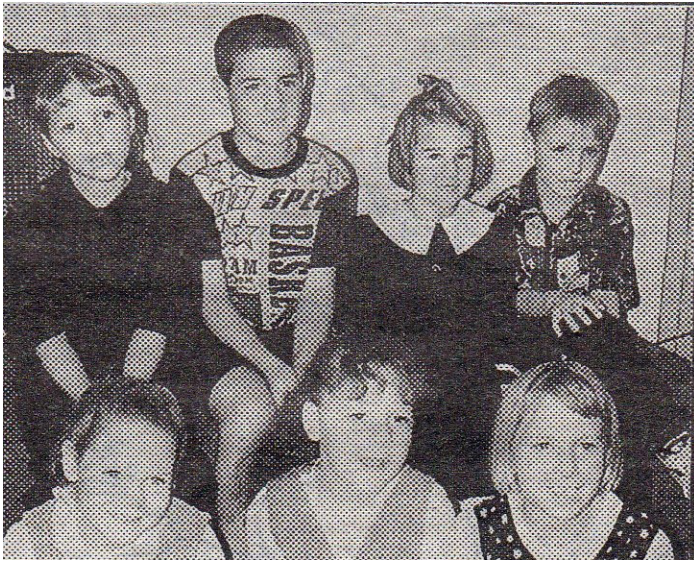
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Kids Club's concert for Christmas

Following a successful inaugural year for Trinity Kids Club in Tailem Bend, a large crowd attended the group's end – of – year Christmas Play.

The "Come Celebrate Jesus" play was held in Tailem Bend Lutheran Church Hall last Monday night. Children sang carols and took part in a play which told the Christmas story. The Kids Club is a non – denominational group and has grown to an enrolment of more than 70.

M/V Standard. 1996 : 1997



ABOVE: (from left, back) Emma Zadow, David Hills, Hannah Millard, Craig Varga, (front) Dena and Jaclyn Paterson and Jessica Ziersch.

All set for Tailem music, fireworks.

Tailem Bend is set for another Twilight Country Music and Fireworks Festival on Saturday.

The event has been organized by Les Scott and is supported by the Tailem Bend Primary School gymnasium committee, with funds raised to go to towards the gymnasium. The event, at the Tailem Bend Racecourse will feature bands from 4pm, when a talent quest will also begin. Bands will include Backtracx, who will back the talent quest, Mallee Blue, and Tim Wibley and Breakaway, with music ranging from Australian to country rock. There will also be sleepy lizard races, amusements for the children, pony rides, line dancing. A spokesman said that over the last three years, the festival had steadily grown to be quite a successful family event with family – oriented music.

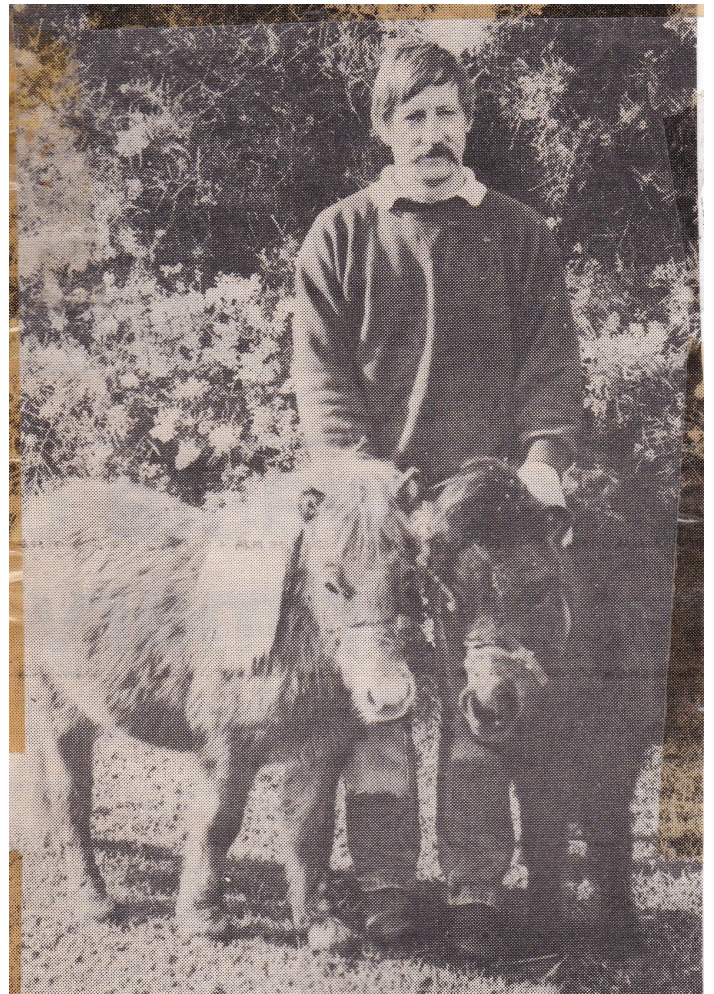
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Tiny ponies for children rides?

Tailem Bend—Newsagent proprietor Mr Rob Hughes has brought three miniature Shetland ponies.

With the intention of providing pony sully rides for children. The three ponies (**two colts and a filly, aged 15 months**) measure only two foot ten inches tall, and were purchased from Riverside Hotel proprietor, Mr Hebbberman. Mr Hughes said last Sunday that he planned to build a sully within the year, and then provide children with an opportunity to ride in the sully. "The ponies also have to be educated to get used to a sully behind them." "Passers: by on the high-way often look twice, when they see me leading the ponies on the roadside." "The idea of miniature Shetland ponies and sully rides has been popular in New South Wales and Southern Queensland" Mr Hughes used to have deer on his property before dogs broke into their enclosure, while he was away at Coober Pedy one weekend. "Dogs might have to think twice before attacking the ponies" he said.

M/V Standard 1986.



ABOVE: Mr Rob Hughes pictured with two of his miniature ponies.



Quote for the Month...

Opportunities don't happen, you create them.



The stories keep coming from the pens of the trio Chief Editor Jo, Doris Connolly and Peter Connolly.

SHAUN

TAILEM BEND BRIGADE

I have been a member of Tailem Bend for 21 months and am currently a senior firefighter and cadet coordinator for the brigade.

I joined CFS not long after visiting my brother-in-law in Victoria where I helped him fight a fire on a farm unit supporting the CFA. I was also looking for a community that I could be a part of that also included my family in some capacity. CFS is exactly that for me!

I enjoy the social side of being a member, whether it is at training nights, social gatherings with our families or rushing to a job because you are around like minded people who also want to give back to our community.

Being a part of the cadet program with other passionate volunteers & watching the cadets grow has also been very rewarding.

As a busy father of 5 and working in the local area, I have found CFS to be really flexible. I am able to respond to callouts when I am available, and all training is offered in advance at no cost to me.

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An Appeal to Tailem Bend Businesses and Readers

Submitted by Peri Strathearn.

Can you believe it? More than a year has passed since Murray Bridge News and Tailem Bend Progress Association teamed up to dramatically increase the number of local stories in the pages of Tailem Topics.

Over the past 15 months, we've paid correspondent Glenn Power to produce nearly 50 stories about local people, groups and events, both here in the Topics and at **www.murraybridge.news**. I believe the best way to tell local stories is to have a local person on the case, and I'm glad we've been able to give back to the community. Murray Bridge News is a for-profit company, but we've always had a not-for-profit ethos: a focus on connecting, uplifting and empowering local people by telling mostly positive stories. Unfortunately, though, it costs money for us to send Glenn out on so many adventures.

As you may already know, like so many local businesses, times have been tough for Murray Bridge News lately, and I can't be sure that we'll be able to keep the doors open in 2025. After all, we've never had any government assistance, and little publishers like us don't get a cent from the corporations who prop up the big media chains.

No Murray Bridge News would mean fewer stories in these pages, fewer locals being celebrated, less coverage of local events, and less scrutiny on local governments around the region.

So, if there's one thing I'd like to ask of the Tailem Bend community, it's this. **Please support us.**

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So please, contact Jane Intini on 0418 835 768, or at jane@murraybridge.news, and let's make a time to chat while we have the chance. Thanks for your support.



ABOVE: Peri Strathearn.

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Positive CFS Open Day...

Story and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News, Tailem Bend Correspondent. If you want to keep reading articles like this one sign up now... www.murraybridge.news

The Tailem Bend CFS Open Day, held on November 11th at 6 Golf Course Road, was an outstanding success, drawing in locals from 10am through to 2pm. The event highlighted the vital work of the Tailem Bend Country Fire Service (CFS), providing the public with a rare opportunity to get up close with the equipment and techniques used in emergency situations.

Throughout the day, the CFS team demonstrated their skills in road crash rescue, including the use of the "jaws of life" to simulate a car extraction. Spectators watched in awe as the team deftly worked through a mock scenario, cutting through metal with precision to rescue simulated accident victims.

Fire trucks were on display, and visitors learned about the range of equipment CFS volunteers rely on when responding to emergencies like bushfires and vehicle crashes.

One of the key goals of the day was to generate interest in new memberships, and the event did not disappoint. Several locals expressed their desire to join the CFS to Captain Dwayne Martin, who is optimistic about growing the team.

"It was great to see so much support from the community," said Captain Martin. "We're hopeful we'll see some fresh faces joining the ranks soon, helping us continue our crucial work."

The Tailem Bend CFS looks forward to expanding their team and preparing for the upcoming fire and holiday season with new recruits on board.



ABOVE: Gary Ormsby of Tailem Bend supporting the neck of fellow team-mate, Jibba Wingard of Wellington East during demonstrations at the Tailem Bend CFS Open day, November 10, 2024.



ABOVE: CFS team demonstrated their skills in road crash rescue.

TAILEM BEND CHRISTMAS PARADE

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The Defibrillator for Wellington East

Submitted by Jill Sutton.

A defibrillator has now been purchased with grateful thanks and assistance form the Masonic Quilting and Craft Group Tailem Bend, the Lions Club of Tailem Bend and the Rotary Club of Tailem Bend.

It has been installed at 15 George Mason Street (corner of George Mason and Rebecca Streets) with assistance of residents.

Our next project is to arrange a familiarisation session with members of St John Ambulance for anyone who would be interested in the correct use of the appliance, and a further bulletin will be posted when this has been arranged. Thank you everyone for your patience.



ABOVE: Jill Sutton with the new defibrillator installed at Wellington East.

MEDIA RELEASE

The Bend makes history to claim the fastest speed and quickest time ever recorded in Australian Motorcycle Drag Racing.

Monday, November 11th: Top Fuel Motorcycle racer Damian Muscat has recorded the fastest and quickest pass in Australian Motorcycle Drag Racing at Saturday's Drag Bike Nation-als Presented by Harley Davidson. Muscat crossed the line in **5.800seconds** at

394.96KPH to set the new benchmark. The landmark occasion follows Phil Read setting the country's quickest time ever in his Top Fuel Car just 20 days prior at the October Spring Nationals.

The Dragway at The Bend now holds the Australian record for the top tier of Car and motorcycle Drag Racing and is now arguably the fastest track outside of North America.



ABOVE: Top Fuel Motorcycle racer Damian Muscat.

Damian Muscat and his team travelled **3200km** from Mackay, Queensland to achieve the feat and in doing so he also returns home as the winner of Round1 of the 2024/25 NDRC Top Fuel Motorcycle Championship.

Muscat's journey to the hallowed 5:second pass has intensified in recent times, falling short at Queensland's Willowbank Raceway in June, before knocking the existing record out of the park right here in South Australia on Saturday night.

When speaking after claiming the record Muscat stated that his team's run also put him in the top 10 in the world for Top Fuel Motorcycle Drag Racing.

"We headed into the finals and managed to run the best number of my career, and it just happens to be the fastest in Australia so we're pretty happy with that. It's also number eight in the world, just to add that one in so I couldn't be happier for all our sponsors for believing in us. It wasn't all smooth sailing for Muscat when after crossing the line at 377KPH in the first round he was unable to come to a stop before the sand trap. "In the first round, we went super-fast but put it in the sand pit and look the team worked tirelessly, I

owe all this to them because we couldn't have turned all this (the bike) around otherwise."

The Bend's Managing Director Sam Shahin has immediately set about to raise the bar once more.

"Australian records that have remained unchallenged for years have now been broken at

The Bend. It's time now to challenge the international benchmarks that have also stood for years. "I think there is Australian talent and expertise to knock off the world's best. I also think this will entice international drag racers to come to the fastest track in Australia to have a crack.

The Top Fuel Motorcycle Class was joined by over 90 of Australia's best motorbike Drag Racers in the first running of the Drag Bike Nationals and The Bend commends presenting partner Harley Davidson on getting behind this unique event at its inception. The next opportunity for records to be broken will be at the Summit Racing Equipment Track Championships on Saturday November 23rd.

Submitted by Sandy Douglas.

100 Years of Webb Street, Tailem Bend

Save the date: 27th April 2025

Come and join us for some fun in the street....

Did you live in Webb Street,
do you have any fun/interesting stories to share, come and see us in Willow Street at the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade.... Bring your photos and stories!

100 YEARS WEBB STREET



1925 - 2025

Story and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News, Taillem Bend Correspondent. If you want to keep reading articles like this one sign up

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The Flaming Sambucas, a band beloved by many in the Murraylands, recently celebrated their 33 year milestone with a spectacular tribute show featuring the timeless hits of ABBA at the Murray Bridge Performing Arts and Function Centre, Saturday, November 9, 2024.

Formed in 1991, the group has continued to ignite the passion for live music across Australia and beyond, capturing the hearts of audiences both young and old. The band's ability to transport their audience back to the golden eras of the 60s, 70s, and 80s has made them a fixture in the local music scene. As the band looks ahead, they hope to return to Taillem Bend with another unforgettable show. Terry Nicholls, a founding member of the Flaming Sambucas, reflects on the band's journey and the legacy they've built.

"We formed the Flaming Sambucas back in 1991, 33 years ago, and have been performing our ABBA Gold Show since 1995," he shares. "That's nearly 30 years of performing those iconic songs." "We started playing music that we knew would resonate with the crowd that was supporting the live music scene at the time, and it just so happened that it was the music we loved and grew up with." As the years went on, Nicholls and the band realised that the music of the 60s, 70s, and 80s transcended generations.

"These songs are ageless," Nicholls adds. "At one point, we had a repertoire of 600 songs. Our main goal has always been to share music that brings people joy, and once we saw that we were doing that, we knew we could make a career out of it." For Nicholls, the band's passion for music has evolved into something deeper—a recognition of the profound impact music has on people.

"The real drive for me is seeing how music connects with people. It brings them back to important moments in their lives, and to see how much joy it brings them is incredibly rewarding." The Flaming Sambucas decision to perform ABBA's music was a natural fit. "ABBA had two female singers and two male instrumentalists, which matched our lineup perfectly," Nicholls explains. "But more than that, their music, full of messages of love and kindness, aligns with what we want to share with the world."



ABOVE: Guitarist Jamie Kuijpers (Björn Kristian Ulvaeus) and Katrina Quigley (Anni-Frid Lyngstad) of The Flaming Sambucas entertain the sold out audience at the Murray Bridge Performing Arts and Function Centre.



ABOVE: Terry Nicholls of The Flaming Sambucas during sound checks.

Over the years, the Flaming Sambucas have not only entertained audiences across Australia but also brought their music to international stages. *"Our overseas trips hold a special place in our hearts," Nicholls recalls. "We've played on Australian chartered cruise ships, including one of the first to dock in Phuket after the Boxing Day tsunami in 2005. We've also performed from Los Angeles to Acapulco in Mexico with 2,000 Aussies on board. In fact, all of our international shows have been for Australians in exotic locations, and it's always been such a warm, welcoming experience."*

Despite their international success, the band stays committed to performing in rural areas across Australia. *"We've played everywhere, from mines in Western Australia to Birdsville and Alice Springs," Nicholls says. "We love playing in rural areas because of the kindness and enthusiasm of the people who invite us into their communities."*

Stephen Lee, The Flaming Sambucas' promoter, echoes Nicholls' sentiments about the power of live music. *"There's nothing like seeing the joy on people's faces during a live show," Lee shares. "Music brings out every emotion—happiness, nostalgia, even sadness—and The Flaming Sambucas do an incredible job of connecting with their audience."* Lee emphasizes the strong connection the band has with its fans. *"Terry is a master at engaging with the crowd and taking them back to the special moments in their lives," he says. "Their shows always sell out, and the feedback we get is overwhelmingly positive. We're so thankful for the music and the stories of ABBA and Elton John that they bring to life."*

Looking to the future, Nicholls hopes that the band's performances continue to inspire audiences. *"I hope that through our music, people feel joy, peace, and love," he says. "We've been so lucky to play a role in making people smile, laugh, and come together through music. Music will always connect us and unite us, and I hope it inspires young people to keep the tradition alive."*

As the Flaming Sambucas enter their next chapter, one thing is certain their music will continue to bring people together, spreading love, joy, and nostalgia with every performance.



Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

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

The lions club enjoyed their dinner meeting at the Riverside Hotel on 12 November.

We received a letter of appreciation from the Wellington Marina committee where our Lions club provided a donation of \$500 and this conjointly with the TB Rotary club donation of \$500, then, with the Marina committee required only to fund approximately \$700 for the purchase of an **AED, AN ELECTRIC DEFIBRILLATOR TOGETHER WITH ITS WATERPROOF/DUSTPROOF HOUSING AND SUNDRIES**. The Lions club also negotiated the purchase which was approximately a \$700 saving.

On the 2nd. November, **THE AUSSIE HAY RUN**, 1000 bales of hay Arrived at midday at the stopover luncheon location of the AMPOL service station car park.

The conveners Judy and Bruce undertook the full responsibility for gaining all the approvals and the acceptance of the location by Ampol thank you. The inaugural LION'S barbecue lunch provided to over 60 attendees, working in the desert like gale force conditions the lions club provided a magnificent meal to everyone. Thank you to our sponsors for assisting with the upgrading of our barbecue trailer, thank you to the sponsors Murray Bridge Meats for supplying all the meat, **(Dale and Jesse)** The meal topped off with a beautiful cake donated by the Tailem Bend Bakery, then our treasurer Lion Lyn Simcock presented a large barrel of home-made crunchy biscuits which I observed many drivers putting a spare one in their top pocket with cool drinks donated by the Tailem Bend Hotel.

The Coorong Council supplied a large marquee and 40 chairs and tables for the comfort of all, and we are very grateful for them coming down on Saturday morning to erect the marquee and then after the show assisted pulling down and packing it up.

The Lions club refused to supply a donation box to the drivers and assistants on their request, that did not stop them, they passed around a drivers cap and collected \$300, to which the Lions decided would be added to donations received and add a further \$200 making a total of \$600 that the Lion's club will donate to the Aussie hay run for the special purpose of purchasing hay for another Hay Run for S.A.

This summary could not conclude without a very special mention and thank you to the Lion's club members and our supporters who were really required to dig deep to ensure that the drivers who had donated all their time, together with their semi-trailers, are leaving us and heading up to the devastated farmers in our very close northern areas.

Thank you for calling us in your plight for assistance, we enjoyed putting our backs to the wall for those who are very much less fortunate than us, and we did receive many calls of "thanks mates," one day we hope to be able to return our appreciation to the Tailem Bend Lions Club.

THE TAILEM BEND LIONS CLUB XMAS CAKEWALK OF OUR TOWNSHIP WILL COMMENCE AT APPROXIMATELY 10 AM AND CONCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 12:30 PM ON 7 DECEMBER

Last year we experienced that many of our residents did not have cash on them to purchase one of our delightful traditional Christmas cakes or puddings, so this year we ask that you keep some cash aside for our 'CAKEWALK' – any profit made is ploughed back into our community.

BACK AND BEYOND BARBECUE, EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR DISTRICT, THE TAILEM BEND LIONS CLUB RECEIVED TODAY ENDORSEMENT OF OUR CLUB TO RECEIVE SPONSORSHIP

For our next barbecue at the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade, we look forward to providing wholesome meals in the lower price range, so come down and see us, we look forward to catching up with you!

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Visitors to Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Submitted by Kaye & Paul Bartlett.

It is rewarding to volunteers to see so many people visiting from all Australian states and overseas.

Recently while working at Pangarinda Kevin and Kathy Collins introduced themselves to us. They are the owners of "Banksia Farm" one of Australia's largest collection of Banksias situated at Mt Barker WA. Has been a source of Banksia seeds for nurseries. They have retired from the business side.

Kevin is the leader of the Banksia and Dryandra study group, part of the Society of Growing Australian Plants.

Returning home after a conference in Melbourne where he was told they had to call into see Pangarinda Botanic Garden. With only limited time their visit was quick.

What they saw amazed them as to how well the Banksia were growing and how many different species Pangarinda has. Wants to visit with time to spare, Kevin has offered seed to us of any we haven't got growing free, a bonus to Pangarinda as some seed is almost impossible to get, and expensive. Earlier in the year we had the Eremophila Study Group leader visit, Lyndal wrote an article in their newsletter on Pangarinda and how impressed they were with it.

The SA branch of this group has booked to visit Pangarinda next October.



ABOVE: *Banksia repens* another prostrate *Banksia*, flowers out from the foliage. Seed capsules also.

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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.

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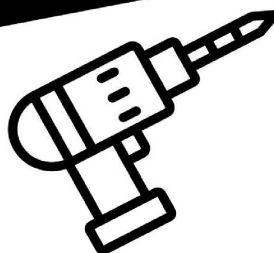
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COORONG Council News

Nov - Dec 2024

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 been busy installing Christmas decorations across the district ahead of our community Christmas events, including new banners in Tintinara.



Above: Christmas banners installed in Tailem Bend (left) and Tintinara (right).

Maintenance has been carried out on the Mobile Skate Ramp which is now located at the Coonalpyn Soldiers Memorial Park.

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

Rural road users are continuing to be supported through the ongoing **patrol grading program**

with over 380km of road maintenance carried out during October.

Road sealing works for a 7km section of **Carcuma Road** between the Thomas Foods Feedlot and Southern Cross Road commenced in September, and the project is on track for final seal to occur prior to Christmas. The community is reminded to take care when travelling through the area.



Above: Subbase being shaped and moisture conditioned at Carcuma Road, Tintinara

The **Hutt Street Upgrade** in Tailem Bend is now complete which has seen the road receive new asphalt, kerb and gutters, and line marking undertaken.

Footpath and kerb renewal works have been completed in Meningie along the Princes Highway, with the new paved path installed bringing aesthetic and access improvements to local businesses.



Above: Newly paved footpath along Princes Highway, Meningie

Key Decisions

At the 19 November Ordinary meeting, Council appointed a new Deputy Mayor for the remaining term of Council. We congratulate and welcome Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch to the position. Council also sincerely Cr. Jeff Arthur for his many years of service as Deputy Mayor, and supporting the Mayor during that time.

Members received a report on this year's dry season, which is impacting much of the agricultural region across the State. Council has allocated some funds for support of drought and resilience community activities that may occur over the coming months.

Line marking and signage treatments to improve the safety of the Tynan Road/Kulkawurra Road intersection on the Mallee Highway were approved by Council - support is being sought from the Department for Infrastructure & Transport to help complete the works.

Council also adopted the 2023/24 Annual Report and Financial Statements, and the first budget review for the 2024/25 financial year in November.

The Coonalpyn Community Hub will be supported through a three-year funding agreement, enabling a long-term approach to ensuring

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that the wellbeing of the community is sustained, and future projects and activities can be developed.

Projects and activities up for consideration under the 2024/25 Community Grants Program were also reviewed by members. The following groups have been successful in receiving funding:

- Tailem Bend Community Centre
- Tailem Bend Netball Club
- Meningie Progress Association
- Tintinara Golf Club
- Keith Shooting Club

Citizen of the Year Awards

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

Nominations for the 2025 Coorong awards were considered at the November Council meeting. We would like to congratulate the following worthy recipients:

- Louise Sanders - Citizen of the Year, Narrung

- Steve Starling & Jeff Wright - Dual Citizens of the Year, Meningie
- Raelene Varga - Citizen of the Year, Tailem Bend
- Enchanted Encounter, Tailem Bend Community Centre - Community Project of the Year, Tailem Bend
- Meningie & District's Memorial Hospital 55th Anniversary Celebration - Community Event of the Year, Meningie

Award recipients will be recognised at events to be held across the district in January 2025. Ceremony and event details will be shared in late December 2024.

Christmas and New Year Office Closures

With the festive season fast approaching, please be aware the Coorong District Council offices will be closed from midday on Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and re-open on Thursday, 2 January 2025.

Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on public holidays.

Please refer to your kerbside collection calendar or Council's website for any changes to your bin collection over the Christmas

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Tailem Bend Community Library

New Books December 2024

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BARRIE Sarah: Retribution: Aust Author – Phenomenal
CARR Jack: Red Sky Mourning: Thriller
NESBO Jo: Killing Moon: Thriller
CUSSLER Clive: The Devil's Sea: Adventure
CLANCY Tom: Red Winter: 9 Jack Ryan Novel)
ALTSCHWAGER Wendy: Field of Emus: Emu Creek Bk 3
RESCE Meridith: Green Valley: Historical Romance AUST
HANNAY Barbara: An Outback Affair: 3 Bks in 1 Aust/Rural
COWELL Brendan: Plum: (TV Series) Raucous Humour
RESCE Meridith: Over the Rainbow: Romance
HOGAN Faith: The Guest House by the Sea: A Feel Good Story
JAMES Zac: Kangaroo Stew: Australian First Nation story
SHAMES Terry: The Troubling Death of Maddy Benson
HARROD: EAGLES Cynthia: The Gathering Storm: Family Saga
LEADBETTER Lesley: Patterson's Curse: Rural Romance
ARCHER Jeffrey: An Eye for an Eye: Crime
MORRISSEY Di: River Song: Friendship Australian
EVANS Hannah: The Mapmakers Wife: Family Saga
McINTOSH Fiona: The Fallen Woman: General Saga
HAMMER Chris: The Valley: Thriller
MAGRO Mandy: Silvertown Shores: Rural Romance
STRINGER Tricia: Head for the Hills: SA Sisters
WOLF Patricia: Opal: Thriller

LARGE PRINT

KELSAL Leonne: The Homestead in the Eucalypts
 - SA Rural Romance
LECOAT Jenny: Beyond Summerland- Family Saga

NON FICTION

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BOOK REVIEW

The Gathering Storm by CYNTHIA Harrod - Eagles

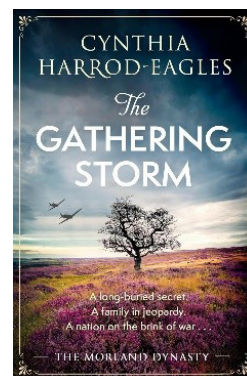
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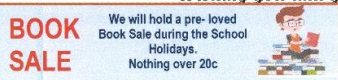
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Submitted by Angie Tomkinson.



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Reported dates: 27/9/24 – 16/11/24

Incident Date	Incident Type	Location	Details
16/11/24	Disorderly	Tailem Bend	Male arrested from Riverside Hotel for disorderly and fail to leave / return after told to leave.
4/11/24	Assault	Tailem Bend	Male assaulted as he filled up with fuel at the AMPOL TB, offender unknown
3/11/24	Property damage	Tailem Bend	Security cameras removed from a residence and damaged.
31/10/24		Tailem Bend	Vehicle searched on princes hwy, illegal items located and male arrested
27/10/24	Assault	Tailem Bend	Victim assaulted by unknown person whilst at the Big 4 Caravan pk
19/10/24	Assualt	Tailem Bend	Victim spat on by person not known to victim, investigation led to the arrest of a male.
12/10/24	Structure fire	Wellinton	total damage est to be \$250000
27/09/24		Tailem Bend	Male seen on speed camera extreme speed (151/50) wearing a pirate hat, investigation led to the male being arrested for multiple traffic charges.

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Tickets are available within the news agency, and, Volunteers will be sitting outside the newsagency at various times, mornings and or afternoons selling tickets up to Friday 13th December. The raffle will be drawn on that day.

Community Photography & Film Group

Submitted by Glenn Power.

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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!**
- **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.**
- **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.
- **FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL;** Friend's of the Hospital monthly meeting held on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm at the Tailem Bend Hospital, All welcome! Details: **Gwenda Zadow 8572 3057**
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- **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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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.

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 : The Heart of Prayer Faith

Submitted by Peter Connolly on behalf of the Taillem Bend Catholic Parish.

To have Faith does not primarily mean believing something, but rather believing in someone, faith is trust.

It takes courage to trust. The opposite of faith is not disbelief, but distrust, fear, Fear makes us cling to anything within reach. Fear clings even to beliefs. Thus, beliefs can even get in the way of faith. In genuine faith we hold our beliefs firmly, but lightly.

We trust in God. Not in our understanding of God. That is why people of deep faith are one at heart, even though their beliefs may differ widely. When beliefs become more important than faith, even small differences create insurmountable barriers. When we grow in in gratefulness we grow in faith. A grateful person says "Thanks You" and only afterward check's what's inside the gift-wrapping. Faith is the courage to respond gratefully to ever given situation, out of trust in the Giver.

We near Advent

Beloved

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one and another and for all just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your heart in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his Saints Finally brothers and sisters we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that as you learned from us how you ought to live and how to please God, as in fact you are doing, you should do more and more.

There is of course a healthy side to our desire for independence, *Heart – And – Mind.*

When the Bible tells us how God creates us human beings by breathing life into us, we are alive with God's own life. The heart the canter is where we meet God but meeting God is Prayer.

Brother – David – Steindl - Rast

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.....
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Community Notice Board

COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

We took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Malcolm Piggot, a dedicated community leader from the former District Council of Peake. Malcolm was a passionate advocate for his community, playing a key role in beautification projects in both Peake and Tailem Bend. During the meeting, we elected a new Deputy Mayor. It was unanimously agreed that the tenure would extend until the end of the current term, with Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch from Tintinara appointed to the role. We extend our sincere thanks to outgoing Deputy Mayor Cr. Arthur for his active involvement in various activities over the past six years. I raised a question about maintaining the Coonalpyn Pool's water temperature, but the response was unclear, so I'll follow up. On a positive note, it was acknowledged that the pool blankets need replacing. The Pool Committee was informed by Council that a second person is now required to assist the lifeguard during morning swim sessions. We've asked Council to explore options that avoid needing additional volunteers, such as assigning the Coonalpyn/ Tintinara Services Crew to work nearby, funding an extra lifeguard for two hours each morning, or equipping lifeguards with Medi-Alert bracelets for emergency alarms.

Following a workshop to assess Community Grant applications, Elected Members approved funding for

Five projects:

Tailem Bend Community Centre: \$5,000 Tailem Bend Netball Club: \$5,000 Meningie Progress Association: \$3,585 Tintinara Golf Club: \$5,000 Keith Shooting Club (their land sits within the Coorong Council boundary): \$4,950

Six submissions were received, requesting \$28,535 to support over \$56,655 in community projects and activities. One submission was not approved. A 3-year funding agreement was agreed to between the Council and the Coonalpyn Community Hub to support operational costs and activities for Coonalpyn and surrounding communities. We agreed to allocate \$8K from the 2024/25 budget to "drought support activities" to support gatherings aimed at bringing people together to talk about the season and its effect, not just on farmers, but communities as well. The Coorong region has now recorded the second driest year in 100 years. In October 15-20mm was received across most the district which provided some respite; however, this additional soil moisture will be running out very soon. The Mayor, Cr Pietzsch and I had the pleasure of attending the "Up-The-Shed Mallee Farmers BBQ" organised by Emily & Daniel Morgan on their farm in Jabuk. Around 180 farmers and their families came together for a free feed and to share the burden of this year's dry season.

The Aussie Hay Run saw over \$180K worth of hay and other goods, donated to struggling farmers in the Murray Mallee Region. Pat on the back to the Tailem Bend Lions Club for serving over 60 meals to the truck drivers. Council financially assisted with some money for food and other items. In August 2024, Council resolved to explore alternate options to improve safety on Tynan Road and Kulkawurra Road where they intersect with the Mallee Highway, focusing on low-cost and a short timeframe. A design has now been received from The Dept. for Infrastructure & Transport (DIT) that will see raised sealed audible rumble strips, improved traffic control signage and improved line marking installed.

The EM's ratified the election of office bearers to the Section 41 Committee, Coonalpyn & Districts Soldiers Memorial Swimming Pool and Caravan Park. Chair: Vicki Jacobs; V/Chair: Marcia Camac; Sec: Karen Schmerl; Treasurer: Cass Lutze; Canteen Manager: Chris Bishop, Roster Coordinator: Vicki Jacobs; Carnival Coordinator: Katie Dow. Thank you to these ladies and the Committee for all that they do.

As this is the last newsletter for 2024, I would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year! Cheers Lisa Rowntree.



WHY CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

Are you beginning to stress about Christmas?

It is that time of the year when we make an effort to gather with family and friends and contact those people we may not have spoken to all the rest of the year. However, it can be stressing thinking about all the things we need to do in a seemingly short amount of time, or wondering what gift we can give to whom. **Why do we give gifts at Christmas time?** Nicholas lived in Myra, a city in Asia Minor, (Turkey), during the 4th century. When his parents died, Nicholas went to live with an uncle who was a priest. He became aware of a poor man who had three daughters and not enough money to pay a dowry for them to be married. **Nicholas quietly put a small bag of gold into each of the girl's stockings as they hung by the fire. He was seen by the father who was told not to tell anyone.** Nicholas continued to perform secret acts of generosity, especially for children, sailors and those who were in difficult circumstances. Nicholas became Bishop of Myra and continued with his secret gift giving which spread to other places and became what we do today. **He was made a Saint. Hence Saint Nicholas; Santa Claus;**

Why 25th December? We do not know the exact date of the birth of Jesus, but that should not stop us celebrating. The middle of December is the time of the shortest day in the Northern Hemisphere, and was a time of rituals performed to bring back the sun and warmer days. Thus, a celebration of the birth of Christ displaced those of non-Christians. We can emulate St Nicholas by giving gifts to the poor and needy, not just at Christmas, but all year round. The rich young man was told, 'You lack one thing, Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow me.' (Luke 18) God gave us the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. He asks us to follow him as he is, 'the way, the truth and the life,' (John 14 v 6). 'For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life,' (John 6 v 40).

May God bless you and your family this Christmas and throughout 2025. May you give and receive all gifts with love. Especially the gift of Christ. Submitted by Doreen Lutz on behalf of the Mallee Lutheran congregations.



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Jokes of the Month

*I just bought my husband a 'get better soon card'
He's not sick... I just think he could do better.*

*What do you get when you
combine an elephant and a whale? **Swimming trucks...***

*Have you ever been
camping? **It's in tents...***

*When do you go at red
and stop at green?
**When you're eating a
watermelon!!!!***



Quotes of the Month

*"Every setback is a lesson learned,
every failure fuels the fire of future success."
— by Lyn Goddard*

*"No matter how hard the past is,
you can always begin again"*

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow"

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