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## STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS OF THE COORONG EXHIBITION OPENING!



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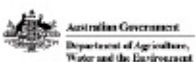
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# Structures & Buildings of the Coorong Exhibition

Story by Rhonda Mik and Images by Liana Webster - [www.murraybridge.news](http://www.murraybridge.news)

On Friday the 13th of March a crowd gathered at the Coorong Gallery for the opening of their newest exhibition, "Structures and Buildings of the Coorong".

Many photographs, drawings and sketches of the Coorong District are being displayed by the History Groups in the area, dating back to the 1800's and early 1900's. Michael Holliday opened the exhibition which features the main street of Tailem Bend as it was as well as the Pinnaroo Road, Town Halls and Churches being built in many of the small towns in the area.

Mrs Elizabeth Nicholls, Secretary of the Tailem Bend Historians and many helpers are to be congratulated for the excellent portrayal of our history which created much interest to residents both old and young.

*The Structures and Buildings of the Coorong exhibition will be available for public viewing until 30th of April 2025 during office hours at the Coorong Council.*



ABOVE: Taeuber's Coffee Palace - drawing by Elizabeth Nicholls, 2025.



ABOVE: S. A. R - Standard drawing of 5 roomed Bungalow.

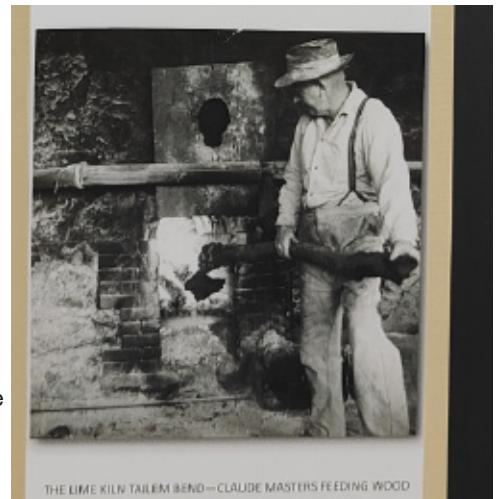


ABOVE: Mayor Paul Simmons and Elizabeth Nicholls.



Above: (L to R) Fay Donaghy & Marg Haythorpe

Fay from Adelaide visited the exhibition with her friend Marg from Mannum. Fay was born in the old Hospital and used to live across the road from the Lime Kiln, they were the closest residents living near them.



COVER: Helen Bowering, Mayor Paul Simmons, Raylene Freeth, Michael Holliday, Maxine Kiddie, Peter Bob Connolly and Elizabeth Nicholls.

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# Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Submitted Kaye Bartlett.

**Autumn has arrived and still no rain. I have been amazed at how well some of the plants are coping with the extreme dry.**

It has been interesting to see plants from higher rainfall areas coping well while some local plants dying. Yes, we have lost many hard to obtain plants which is disappointing to all the volunteers watering every week to keep plants alive.

*Eucalyptus mcquoidii* is a very rare Eucalypt, found growing naturally in a restricted area at Quoin Head close to the sea in the south of Western Australia with a lot higher rainfall has adjusted well to less rainfall.

A small bushy tree, at present full of unusual buds, the fused base with long narrow caps that will fall off and become a round cluster of yellow-green flowers. This small group is often referred to by their aboriginal name Marlock or Yates.



ABOVE: Buds of *Euc mcquiodii*.

## Our Community...

Submitted Maxine Kiddie.



ABOVE: Wally Bampton 91, enjoying the latest edition of the *Tailem Topics*. Wally lives in Alberton and has never lived in Tailem Bend but enjoys the content of our little publication. He looks forward to his daughter delivering it every month!

# Anzac Day - My Uncle's War Medals.

Submitted by Megan Dew.

**Dear Editor, I want to share a true, uplifting Anzac Day story about my Uncle's War Medals.**

I live in Mt Gambier but was staying at my partner's house in Tailem Bend for a couple of weeks and decided to order a few items online which I needed. This was my first time getting mail delivered to Tailem Bend. When the postie was delivering my parcels, he asked if I was related to Malcolm Dew, he said he had noticed my surname on my parcel and thought it wasn't a very common surname, so he thought he would ask. He went on to say that he had purchased some of Malcolm Dew's war medals and wondered if we were related. I said that the name wasn't familiar, but I would ask my dad about it.

I called my dad and asked him if he knew of a Malcolm Dew, he said yes, it's Uncle Max. He went on to say that Uncle Max's name was Malcolm and wondered why I wanted to know. I then relayed the conversation with Allen (the postie) which opened a massive can of worms. Dad had done our family history a while back including our family history regarding the military.

Dad had plaques made, which are on display at the RSL in Mt Gambier. Dad is SGT Trevor Dew 1bn/10bn RSAR (15.10.1963 – 30.10.1972)

## His Great Uncles:

France - PTE Henry Calder 27th infantry battalion (17.5.15 kia 06.08.16 age 26)

Belgium - SPR Albert Calder 15th field coy engineers (26.08.15 kia 26.09.17 age 23)

## His Uncles:

PTE Raymond Dew 1 parachute battalion (29.07.1942 – 11.09.1945)

SGT Malcolm Dew 27th Infantry Battalion (06.03.1942 – 07.01.1946)

SGT Donald Dew 2/5 company aasc (09.05.1940 – 09.10.1945)

CPL Frederick Dew qlofc records 1 aif (25.04.1940 – 13.04.1944)

CPL Eric Dew amn coy 9 div (20.10.1939 – 03.08.1942)

Dad went on to email me information regarding Malcolm Dew with service history paperwork and some other information that he thought Allen would like. I drove up to the post office at Tailem Bend and asked them to pass my mobile number onto Allen, so I could relay the information to him. Allen called and I went on to let him know that we are related to Malcolm Dew and that I had information that Dad would like me to forward to him.



ABOVE: Trevor Dew.

Allen told me the medals were on show at the RSL Murray Bridge. Dad was curious how Allen had come in contact with the medals, Allen had mentioned he had purchased them online and that Australian war medals are highly sought after overseas and he felt they needed to remain in Australia, so he purchased them a while ago and donated them to the RSL. I couldn't believe it, a random meeting with the postie at Tailem Bend could then lead me to finding out that he had purchased my dad's uncle's war medals. *(I believe they are the only medals that hadn't remained in the family)*. All three of us were blown away and couldn't believe how random it all was. Several days had passed and I couldn't stop thinking about it, I had an idea that I wanted to put to Allen.

So, I messaged Allen and asked if he would consider selling me the medals *(I thought there is no harm in asking)*. He said he would! He was heading to Melbourne for a few days and when he gets back, he will look for the paperwork and let me know how much they cost, he said he would sell them to me for the price he paid. I was ecstatic! I didn't tell Dad any of this, I wanted it to be a surprise. Allen got back to me with a price, he said that he would collect the medals from the RSL and post them to me. I waited patiently for them to arrive in the post, still keeping it a secret from Dad, he had no idea! We were having family friends over for the weekend, so I thought it would be the perfect time to present the medals to Dad.

To say Dad was moved would be an understatement, I recorded the moment he opened the box and saw what was inside, he couldn't believe it, he sat in silence and then the tears fell. What a special thing I was able to do for my dad.

All thanks to a random meeting with the postie from Tailem Bend. Dad is aiming to march on Anzac Day, proudly displaying his uncle's war medals. **Thank you Allen.**



# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #150

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

## Memories:

### This month we look at the Life of Identity Bob Connolly

#### Bob Connolly - 25-9-28 / 06-10-2024 (Part 1)

Bob Connolly was born on September 25, 1928, in the close-knit town of Tailem Bend. For 96 remarkable years, he called this place home, embracing its landscapes, people, and spirit as an inseparable part of his story. More than just a resident, Bob was a living thread in the fabric of Tailem Bend's history. At the time of his passing, he held the unique distinction of being the oldest living person ever born in the town—a testament to a life well-lived and deeply rooted in the community he loved.

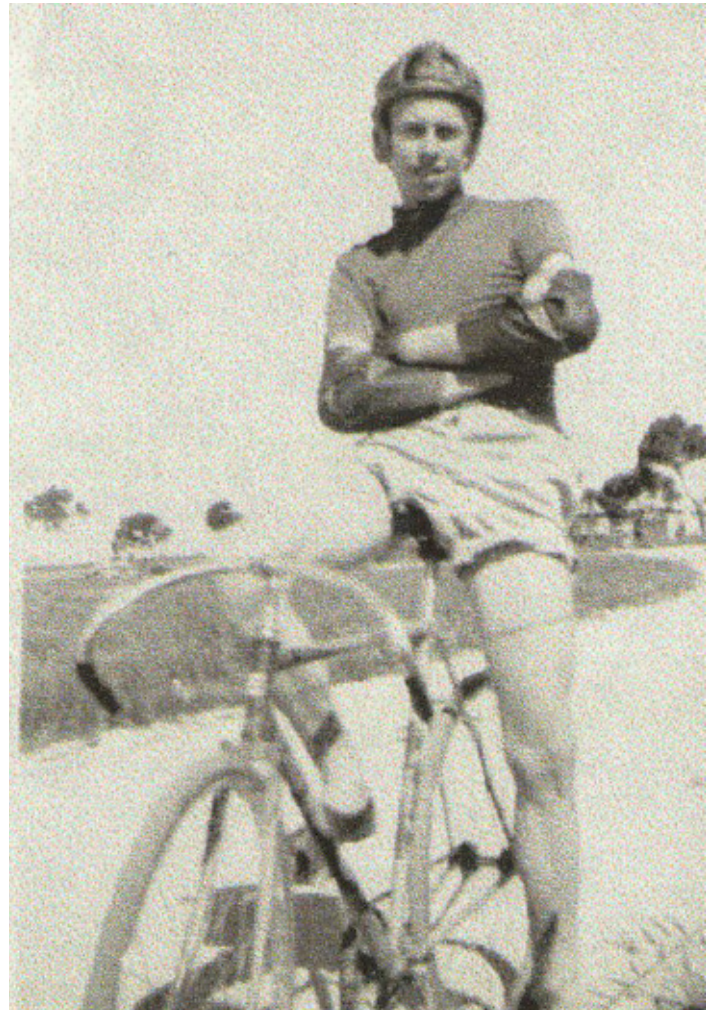
Bob knew the town's history, the stories of people who had long since passed, the businesses that once thrived, and the moments that shaped our community. His memory was a living archive, a thread connecting us to a time most of us have only heard about in passing. Bob didn't just witness the town's history; he was its history in many ways. His love for Tailem Bend was evident in the memories he carried and the stories he shared. In an interview with the local library historian, Bob reflected on the town's past, offering a personal and invaluable glimpse into its rich history. Through his words, he preserved a legacy for his family and future generations, ensuring that the Tailem Bend he knew and cherished would never be forgotten.

#### This is Bob's story....

I was the third child born to HP and Nora Connolly. I remember my aunt telling me that Mum and Dad had planned to have four children—but twelve more came after me, so that plan didn't quite work out!

As a child, school life in Tailem Bend was simple yet full of adventure. Playtime was spent on the playground with marbles rolling across the dirt and the girls hopping between chalk-drawn hopscotch squares. Though times were modest, we cherished those days, finding endless delight in the bonds we shared and the memories we created together.

The sweltering summer heat made schooldays challenging, with temperatures soaring as high as 113°F. One particularly scorching afternoon, a group of boys decided that sitting through lunch in the stifling heat wasn't an option. Instead, we made our way down to the river. None of us had brought bathers, but that didn't matter—we stripped off and plunged into the river, relishing the cool water.



ABOVE: Bob Connolly (25-9-28 / 06-10-2024)

As we swam, the showboat glided past, packed with women leaning over the railings, catching sight of us in our carefree antics. Before we could react, a lad on the cliffs started hollering, warning us that the headmaster had caught wind of our little excursion.

Sure enough, the headmaster stood on the bank, arms crossed, his presence spelling trouble. He ordered us back to school immediately. We pleaded with the boy on the cliff to grab our clothes and take them to the rowing shed for us. But he wasn't keen on getting involved.

The headmaster surveyed the situation, weighing his options. Finally, with a smirk, he instructed the lad to fetch our clothes and take them where we could dress in relative dignity. Once we were back at school, the consequences awaited—four sharp cuts as punishment. As we walked out, rubbing our stinging hands, the headmaster gave us a knowing look and said, "You won't do that again."

One of my most cherished pastimes was time spent "down the river," where we would test our endurance by swimming across and back. The river was also a beloved escape for the townspeople during sweltering summers.

# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #150

With no air conditioning, we found comfort in its cool waters, spending countless hours laughing, splashing, and seeking relief from the heat. I loved dancing and was known for never missing a local dance. The night's music and joy always drew me in, making those gatherings some of my favourite pastimes. The town came alive with dances, and the community's youth eagerly looked forward to the nights, especially after a long, hard day's work. The music and energy filled the air, allowing everyone to unwind, have fun, and connect. It was the perfect way to shake off the fatigue and celebrate the camaraderie of the close-knit town.

I owned a 1928 Buick and lived in the family home at 217 Webb Street (Gunn Alley). One night, after staying out a little later than I probably should have, I decided to sneak in quietly, hoping to avoid waking my mother. As I pulled into the driveway, I tried to be as discreet as possible. But just as I was easing in, the car stalled. Not wanting to make a scene, I climbed out and decided to crank it by hand, hoping to get it started without a fuss. Fate, however, had other plans. As I turned the crank carefully, it suddenly came loose—flying straight up and hitting me square in the mouth. The sharp impact shattered my teeth, leaving me stunned and in pain. That is how I ended up with false teeth.

The circus at the Oval was always a significant event in town. The ground was so hard with limestone that the tent pegs would get stuck and often remained there long after the circus had left. They became a familiar sight, as pulling them out required a truck. The Buff Lodge had a special show featuring horses and donkeys performing tricks. One particular challenge caught my attention: you could earn five pounds if you rode a donkey around the ring. I got talked into giving it a try and was doing surprisingly well. With just 20 yards to go before winning my five pounds, the music suddenly stopped. Right on cue, the donkey turned sharply, and I tumbled straight to the ground.

I'm convinced it was trained to do precisely that! While still at school, I sold sweets for Jameison Confectionery. Every Saturday night at the picture theatre, I'd sell a tray of sweets. The first tray was easy to sell, so I returned for a second. Instead of making two shillings, I ended up with four—a great night's work! I also got to watch the movie, but I had to keep an eye out for Mr Bromley, who ran the picture theatre, as he would have charged me an entry fee.

After leaving school, I worked for Jim Crouch as a General Carrier, delivering goods from Eudunda Farmers by horse and cart. Jim only took the job because his son was away at war. He told me, "When you turn 16, you can get your license and drive the truck on windy days." I turned 16. Then 16 and a half. I waited and waited. Finally, I asked, "When do I get my license?" "You're not ready for it," Jim replied. "Right," I said, "then I'll finish up on Saturday!" I loved working there, however. I used to go with Mr. Kelly, and we sold wood around town for seven pounds a tonne.

After that, I had a brief stint on the Railway. Mr. Tonkin, the Loco Foreman, sent me to Adelaide for a medical. I worked in the Locomotive Foreman's office for a while. Later, I moved to shift work at the chargeman's section but soon realised that the fireman's duties made better money, so I switched to that. I liked working with Jack Holloway and Tom Giddings, both great train drivers. Working on steam locomotives in a bygone era was no easy task, but I fully embraced the hard work and challenges.

## ... Quote for the Month ...

Start where you are. Use what you have.  
Do what you can. Arthur Ashe.

*The stories keep coming from the pens of the trio Chief*

*Editor Jo. Doris Connolly and Peter Connolly.*

*Much assistance this month from Terry Connolly and wife of  
Bob, Patt Connolly. See you again next month!!*

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# NEWSLETTER

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## CHSP UPDATE

### UPCOMING MUSICALS / EVENTS



#### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST MUSICAL

We proudly invite you to 'Be Our Guest' at Disney's brand-new production of Beauty and the Beast the Musical!

This enchanting and timeless tale has been brought to life in a reimagined production boasting all the spectacle and grandeur audiences know and love.

Members of the original creative team have reunited on this breathtaking musical featuring all of the spellbinding songs of Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice including Belle, Gaston, Human Again and Be Our Guest. Beauty and the Beast is a much-loved classic that will fill the hearts of a new generation.

Contact TBCC on 8572 3513 to book your seat.



#### CATS THE MUSICAL

Experience the 40th Australian Anniversary of Andrew Lloyd Webber's record-breaking musical CATS, opening at her Majesty's Theatre in September 2025.

Call TBCC on 8572 3513 to join our waitlist.

### HYDRO POOL & SHOPPING BUS

Every Wednesday the TBCC mini-bus travels from Tailem Bend to Murray Bridge to take consumers to either the Hydro Pool or Marketplace. This is a door to door service, and can assist with groceries.

Bookings are essential. Contact TBCC to secure your seat.

**Times:** Departs Tailem Bend at 8am and arrives back by 11am

**Cost:** \$5.00 return.

### SOCIAL SURPRISE BUS TRIPS

Each month our amazing volunteers take the TBCC mini-bus out to explore new places. The "surprise" is.... the destination is unknown by the attendees.

Upcoming Dates:

- Tailem Bend - 1 May - 19 June
- Murray Bridge - 15 May
- Meningie - 1 June

Cost - CHSP \$10.00 | Non CHSP \$20.00

Bookings are essential. Contact TBCC to secure your seat.

### C4C UPDATE

The Communities for Children team have been busy planning for upcoming events. We have a Mother's Day Craft session at Tailem Bend on 9 May. Keep your eye out on our Facebook page for details.

#### PCMG

Parent Child Mother Goose invites parents and carers to cuddle, communicate and connect with their child through Songs, Rhymes, and Stories.

Our PCMG sessions are held each week during the school term, see below for days and times:

**Tuesday** – Mannum Leisure Centre Senior Citizens Rooms – 9.30am

**Wednesday** – Meningie Kindergarten – 11.00am

**Thursday** – Tailem Bend Primary School – 9.30am



### CHSP MMCPN CARE PLANS DATA UPDATE - COMING SOON

Consumers will be receiving an updated Booklet with new Standards etc and a new registration form to complete.

This keeps TBCC compliant with the Department of Health and Ageing.

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## GOLDIES LUNCH

Join us at our next Goldies Lunches on Friday 30 May & 27 June. Bookings are essential, as our seats fill up fast.

Cost - CHSP \$10.00 | Non CHSP \$15.00



### OUR GOLDIES LUNCHES 2025

FRIDAY'S 12 NOON - 1.30PM

Join us at TBCC for a Social Lunch and Chat.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE TO AND FROM LUNCH (TB CONSUMERS ONLY).

**CHSP \$10 P/P**  
**NON CHSP \$15 P/P**

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COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CHSP) IS FUNDED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARES. COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CNED) IS FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

28th February 2025

28th March 2025

30th May 2025

27th June 2025

29th August 2025

26th September 2025

4th November 2025

5th December 2025

## PHOTOS FROM OUR GOLDIES LUNCH ON 28 FEBRUARY 2025



## TBCC Needs More Volunteers

Have you got some spare time to volunteer at TBCC?

We have opportunities in the following areas:

Gardening  
Catering  
Reception

## MMCPN UPDATE

Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network is in the process of signing another three new volunteer drivers and ten renewals to our driver accreditation program. This is significant achievement for the MMCPN, highlighting both the growth and ongoing commitment of the communities who support this vital service. The addition of new volunteers brings fresh energy and enthusiasm to the team, expanding the capacity to meet the increasing demand for transportation.

At the same time, the ten renewals reflect the dedication and reliability of existing drivers who continue to understand the importance of their role in helping others. Together, these new recruits and returning volunteers will help ensure that more individuals can access essential services like medical appointments and community activities, further strengthening the network of support within the community. It's a win for both the drivers and those who rely on the service, fostering a sense of connection and care.

BusBiz who run the Coorong Coaches medical bus has had a price increase in 2025 of \$2 per return trip. The increase in the cost of the medical bus service can be seen as a positive step toward ensuring the long-term sustainability of this essential service.

With the rising cost of fuel, maintenance, and operational expenses, this small price adjustment helps to keep the service running smoothly. The increase will help ensure that the bus remains a reliable option for those who need it most, including individual with medical conditions, seniors and others who depend on it for access to healthcare.

## MEDICAL SERVICE BUS

Air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible medical service from Keith to Adelaide operating on weekdays, excluding public holidays.

For eligible people living in the District Council areas of

- Coorong
- Karoonda East Murray
- Mid Murray
- Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Southern Mallee
- Tatiara

Appointment times in Adelaide need to be between 11am & 2pm.



## PRICING (as at 1st January 2025)

Tailem Bend pricing incorporates Tintinara, Coonalpyn, Coomandook, Yumali, Meningie & Wellington East.

KEITH - ADELAIDE / MT BARKER  
\$39 Return | \$20 One Way

KEITH - MURRAY BRIDGE  
\$24 Return | \$12.50 One Way

TAILEM BEND - ADELAIDE / MT BARKER  
\$33 Return | \$17 One Way

TAILEM BEND - MURRAY BRIDGE  
\$18 Return | \$9.50 One Way

MURRAY BRIDGE - ADELAIDE  
\$28 Return | \$14.50 One Way

MURRAY BRIDGE - MT BARKER  
\$18 Return | \$9.50 One Way



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# TB Food and Wine Club - March Dinner

Submitted by Tina Squires.

**Swanport hotel once again excelled in the menu presentation and service to 33 members providing them with a culinary delight of 5 star quality.**

The theme of the night was Adelaide Cup, ladies adorned their fascinators and gentlemen their top hats. Winners of the best dressed for the occasion were Gary Hansen and Dianne Wickes.

Dinner consisted of:

## Canape.

1. *Rare beef crostini: beef fillet, truffle infused aioli, balsamic reduction and chives.*
2. *Prawn and cucumber: Coconut poached prawn, toasted sesame, marinated cucumber and spring onion jam. Paired with a Tempest Two Blanc de Blanc*

**Starter.** Moroccan lamb with beetroot hommus, marinated feta and balsamic. Paired with 2022 Metala Shiraz Cabernet.

**Entrée.** Malt and soy chicken, bok choy slaw, rice crisp and sesame reduction. Paired with Wicks Pinot Gris.

**Main.** Pan seared duck breast, salted beetroot, cauliflower puree, potato gratin, micro greens. Paired with 2021 Reschke Cabinet Sauvignon.

**Desert.** Saffron poached pear, honey infused ricotta, granola and cherry sauce. Paired with Brown Brothers Crouchen Riesling.



ABOVE: Winners are grinners! Gary Hansen, Roxanne Rowland, Liz Roberts and Dianne Wickes.

## After dinner drinks:

Tipperary Road Salted caramel & Grant Burge Tawny.

Thank you to Kane, Emma and the team at Swanport Hotel for showcasing a different side to their normal menu and the capabilities that if asked for, can be produced!

RIGHT: Enjoy the wine Danny Squires.



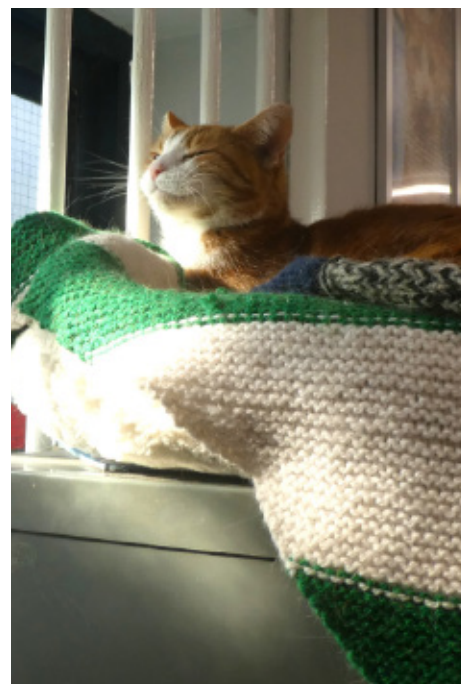
# Remembering the First World War

Submitted by Jeanne Phipps.

**Dear Editor, as Anzac Day is this month, I thought I would show you George the cat, the senior mouse catcher at Stourbridge Junction station (ENGLAND) in his army uniform.**

This was how the post box on the platform was decorated for Our Remembrance Day 11 November 2024. In England there is a two-minute silence at 11am on the 11th November and parades take place on the nearest Sunday.

In Kingswinford there is a parade from the British Legion to St Mary's Church. George gets up at 8am and then sleeps in the ticket office until 2pm so I had to disturb him to get his photograph.



ABOVE: George the Cat! Such a cutie...





# Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

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

**Thank you to our wonderful supporters who are continuing to follow up with donations to the LION'S DEN SALES call out to our Community.**

We are receiving enquiries from families who have been affected by floodwaters and cyclones, so if you had any goods you would like to donate that would be very much appreciated by those who have lost everything

## SPECIAL REQUEST TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR OUR GRANT APPLICATIONS

*\*Community projects,*

*\*Sporting bodies,*

*\*Special groups, in Our Community,*

*\*Organisations, nonprofit and alike...*

You may have a project, and you want some assistance, so that when completed will assist our community, our Lion's club would like to hear from you.

*All you are required to do is address your application to The President Mr. Doug Holmes of the Tailem Bend Lion's club.  
Post office box #141 - Tailem Bend SA 5260 or  
Email to dougholmes55@gmail.com*

Our Tailem Bend Lions are gearing up and preparing for the Coorong District Council Volunteering Expo the Council is sponsoring a free scrumptious sausage sizzle BBQ and onion, come down and say hello to us **WE WILL BE SITUATED JUST OUTSIDE THE FRONT ENTRANCE DOOR TO THE TOWN HALL**

Congratulations to **OUR LIFE MEMBER LION** Reuben Gurney, **40 YEARS SERVICE TO OUR CLUB** with his loving wife Pam always by his side.



ABOVE: (Left) Reuben receiving his 40th years Life Membership pin from (right) Joyce Holmes.

A brief on Reuben's Club involvement:

The late Gerald Schubert was his sponsor joining our club on 12th of March 1985. Member of Program committee, Lion's woodcutting team for many years, involved with sight, hearing and health. Tailem Bend picnic race committee for five years, Lion's mints, home for the aged committee, 2nd VP and 1st VP Lion's club member, TAIL Twister, Den Manager, always assisting at our den sales

Due to the drought conditions the beekeepers are forecasting an oncoming shortage. Judy and Bruce received a 60th Wedding Anniversary card from the club designed by Joyce Holmes and all enjoyed a slice of cake to celebrate.

### Honey is available from Lions Members:

Reuben Gurney: 8572 4730 : Raylene Thomas: 0417 840 473  
Margaret Eckermann: 8572 3850 : Marion Martin: 8572 4785

## Pasin Commits to Support TB RSL Sub Branch

Submitted by Charlotte Edmunds.

**Member for Barker Tony Pasin MP says an elected Dutton-led Liberal Government will commit \$100,000 to upgrade facilities at the Tailem Bend RSL sub-branch.**

The almost century old building in Tailem Bend has been subject to significant improvements in recent years. However, further work is needed to improve the safety of the premises, including flooring, external painting and carpark repairs. Mr Pasin said the sub-branch had approached him last year seeking advice on repairs. The soft sand-based carpark and damaged carpet are hazards for elderly members and damage to the external walls requires fresh paint.

*"I fought for and secured this funding commitment from the Dutton Liberal team to assist with renovations because it's such a deserving organisation that contributes so much to the Tailem-*

*Bend community," Mr Pasin said. "Upon visiting the sub-branch, I was blown away when members showed me the improvements they have made in recent years. It's no wonder the Tailem Bend sub-branch has such a large membership base comparative to the size of the community. It's such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The camaraderie and sense of community that fills the building on a Friday night is heartwarming."*

Mr Pasin said ongoing support for veterans was important, especially when returned service personnel were continuing to make such positive contributions. *"I support volunteer organisations such as this because I know that they are actively helping to build a strong local community, and strong local communities all contribute to a safe, and prosperous nation,"* Mr Pasin said.

A Dutton-led Liberal Government will strengthen local communities and support our regions to get Australia back on track.

# \$500,000 to Bring Tailem Bend Precinct Projects to 'SHOVEL READY' Status

MEDIA RELEASE - March.

**Coorong District Council is just one of two South Australian councils to receive grant funding through the latest announcement of successful projects under the Australian Government's Regional Precinct Partnership Program.**

The theme of the night was Adelaide Cup, ladies adorned their fascinators and gentlemen their top hats. Winners of the best dressed for the occasion were Gary Hansen and Dianne Wickes. The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon. Catherine King MP recently announced \$508,000 had been awarded to Coorong District Council for design and costings of projects in Tailem Bend.

*"Our Council is very grateful to the Federal Government for this great opportunity to bring several projects in Tailem Bend to what we call 'shovel ready' status,"*  
says Mayor Simmons.

The successful grant includes \$105,000 for the Tenth Street Precinct affordable housing proposal, which involves creating a plan of division, infrastructure and landscaping plans and legal templates to assist Council in considering utilising surplus land for housing development. Dickson Reserve's Old Ferry Landing has received \$63,000 to enable heritage and engineering experts to prepare a conservation plan for the heritage listed structure, which is a key feature of Tailem Bend's river and transport history.

A further \$45,000 will be spent on additional design activity at Dickson Reserve to ensure this popular area continues to be a welcoming and functional space for locals and visitors. The Highway corridor through Tailem Bend will benefit from a \$95,000 investment in further design work to prepare enhanced engineering drawings and costings for improvements to the median strip and corridor verges. The Council has actively engaged with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to collaborate on improving this area.



ABOVE: Surplus land at Tenth Street, Tailem Bend, identified for a proposed affordable housing project.

\$200,000 has been allocated to a design and costings project for the Tailem Bend Main Street Precinct which will use previous concept designs and undertake a deeper detailed design process to effectively position projects within the main street precinct for construction funding opportunities.

*"This funding will mean that we can be well positioned to apply for construction grants for projects that are high on the Council's priority list in Tailem Bend,"* says Mayor Paul Simmons.

*"The opportunity to prepare a more detailed proposal for the surplus land on Tenth Street, and to undertake a deeper design process for sections of the Railway Terrace streetscape using grant funding, is an exceptional outcome."*

*"As further detail on scope and timing of activities become available, these will be shared with our community. Coorong District Council looks forward to delivering these exciting design projects in consultation with the community."*

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Submitted by Angie Tomkinson.

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# The Tailem Bend Golf Club History

Compiled by the Tailem Bend Golf Club.

**Dear Editor, agony and ecstasy! These words may describe the feeling of many who have embarked upon a pastime which has become ever so popular in recent years. I refer to that enigmatic game we know as golf.**

Henry Longhurst, the rhetoric golf commentator, often referred to golf as a *"pleasant walk interrupted"*. This may be true for metropolitan golfers with excellent facilities closely accessible, but the walk has not been as near pleasant for their country counterparts. save for a few exceptions.

Here in the country, at Tailem Bend. we are trying to make the golfers life a little more enjoyable. Over the last decade a concerted effort by club members has transformed the course from nine holes with scrapes and fairways relying on winter rains for grassing to nine holes with irrigated fairways and grass greens. For those of you familiar with the arid climate and limestone terrain of the area you will appreciate this has been no mean feat. Indeed, it has made the golfers' walk a lot more pleasant. By digging horehound and onion weed with shovels and mowing with hand propelled cutters. Slag from Port Pirie was used to keep the scrapes topped up. This was necessary as the slag kept *"disappearing!"* not from the wind as was first thought, but by cunning residents who realised the slag was high in silver content and could be further refined for a Tittle extra pocket money.

Late in the 50's a permit was granted to consume bottled beer on the premises, and the sanguine cheeks of the members complement the little red tin shed where the ales were so delightfully consumed. In 1961 an enthusiastic member embarked on a massive tree planting program. Armed with only crowbar, pick and shovel, one can imagine the endless sweat and countless blisters endured while digging through the remorseless limestone, to plant the hundreds of eucalypts that now graciously embellish the course. During 1964 it was decided better house facilities were needed, subsequently an ex-housing trust portable house was purchased, for 75 pounds, but golf all year round a 12 month liquor licence was applied for and granted.

The funds generated from extra trading being used to upgrade the clubrooms with arpet and indoor toilets. By 1980 it was obvious the existing bore could Cope with increasing irrigation, so a major plan was unveiled for a completely new reticulation System with the water to be put directly from the nearby River Murray. After thousands of hours of voluntary work spanning 5 years and \$80,000 of club funds the irrigation System was finally completed, and the club had the Capability to water the whole course.

With improved playing facilities club membership increased and in 1986 it was decided a new clubhouse would be advantageous. Once again, members came to the fore with voluntary Tabor and during a six-week period the old clubhouse was almost demolished, then rebuilt to its present modern standard. There remained but one improvement to be made to cap off a decade of progress, the installation of greens.

With conflicting ideas, some planning, a Tittle professional advice, toss in a shoestring budget, a wing and s prayer, the club built 2- experimental greens in the summer of 1987. These 2 greens proved successful, so over the ensuing years the existing scrapes were gradually replaced with the more conducive putting surface, until finally on opening day winter season 1991 (March 10) the last green was in play.

The wildest dreams of our foundation members could not have envisaged the transformation of that once Limestone paddock into the 'pleasant surroundings we now enjoy. The extensive development of our facilities has been possible only due to the members willingness to work voluntarily and participate in fund raising activities and the club is justifiable proud of its achievements, He believe our efforts have added a Tittle more to promote the sport of golf in this state.

**We hope you may be able to grace our course one day  
and share a "pleasant walk interrupted"**

## TB Progress Association, Beautification Crew

Submitted by Brenton Qualmann.

**Our group was established through our Parent Committee, the Tailem Bend Progress Association. All volunteers undertook a volunteering course through the Coorong District Council, thus ensuring that our members work safely and are protected via WHS Protocol.**

With a good number of volunteers, currently 9, we have a working bee about every quarter. For example, trimming trees and shrubs at the railway station, railway platform corridor, BMX Park, railway yard, and Qualmann Reserve.

There has been one occasion when we have done work on a non-council asset including a tidy-up of the garden area at the Tailem Bend Hospital.



ABOVE: (L to R) Maxine Kiddie, Helen Bowering, Joyce Medlow, Josh Qualmann, Don Wood, Jim Williams, Brenton Qualmann, Harry Kromwyk. Missing Members from photo Annette Burt, Kathleen Kromwyk

In closing I thank our dedicated volunteers and thanks to Travis Hay and Patsy Crabb of Coorong District Council, who assist in keeping our working bees running smoothly.

**If you would like to JOIN THE BEAUTIFICATION Crew,  
please contact Brenton Qualmann - Group Coordinator 0407 978 557**

# COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

Cr Lisa Rowntree, Coorong Area Councillor

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## ■ March 2025 (Edition 67)

Council received a deputation (presentation) from the Meningie Football Club on their exciting new development, the Coorong Community Clubhouse. The club is seeking a Council loan to fund detailed engineering plans, ensuring the project is "shovel-ready" for future grants.

Cr Qualman and Mayor Simmons have been elected as Council's delegates to the Murray Darling Association National Conference & AGM (Griffith, NSW), with Cr Qualman serving as the voting representative at this key meeting.

Deputy Mayor Cr Pietzsch will represent Council at National General Assembly (Canberra), which will focus on efficiency through technology, vibrant communities, mental health in regional areas, and the future of regional road infrastructure. Additionally, Cr Pietzsch announced his intention to contest the seat of Barker for the National Party in the upcoming Federal Election.

A recent Federal Government inquiry into local government sustainability received 287 submissions nationwide, with a common theme emerging: cost shifting. Over time, councils have taken on responsibilities beyond the traditional "three Rs" (rates, roads, and rubbish), now managing infrastructure, planning, environmental conservation, aged care, childcare, mental health, and more. This shift is creating significant financial strain, especially in areas, where population growth remains static.

After rejecting an application for a large, illuminated sign on the Dukes Highway at Tailem Bend, Council acknowledged the need to update its Signage Policy to address the use of illuminated, rotating-image signs. To streamline policy development, Cr Pietzsch successfully moved a motion to establish a Governance & Policy Review Working Group to refine policies before presenting them to the full Council.

Cr Maidment, Cr Bland and the Mayor will attend the upcoming LGA Conference in Adelaide, which will focus on strategies for building liveable communities.

Council has endorsed a revised design for the Tintinara Apex Park upgrade following valuable community feedback. The project, funded by the

Australian Government's Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program, will enhance connectivity with new fencing and a footpath from Fulwood Ave rail crossing to the park.

Council remains mindful of the rising cost of living and continues to explore alternative revenue streams, including selling underutilised land and rezoning for future housing development. Increasing the local population will help expand the ratepayer base and ease financial pressures.

Council's asset management strategy this year will focus on ensuring all Council-owned assets are accurately accounted for.

Council employs 62.1 full-time equivalent staff, with a near-equal gender split (53% male, 47% female). Employee turnover has dropped significantly from 20% to under 10%.

**UPCOMING EVENT: Kick Off Ya Boots – Dinner Theatre Experience. Friday, 11 April 2025 at Tintinara Hall.** Join us for a special evening featuring "Kick Off Ya Boots" (KOYB) by Little Town Productions, a highly acclaimed dinner theatre production following the life of the Conner family, a fifth-generation farming family. Only \$50 a ticket which includes a 3-course meal (provided by Tintinara Action Club & The Bake Shop). Full bar service and live acoustic music. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets – we hope to see you there!

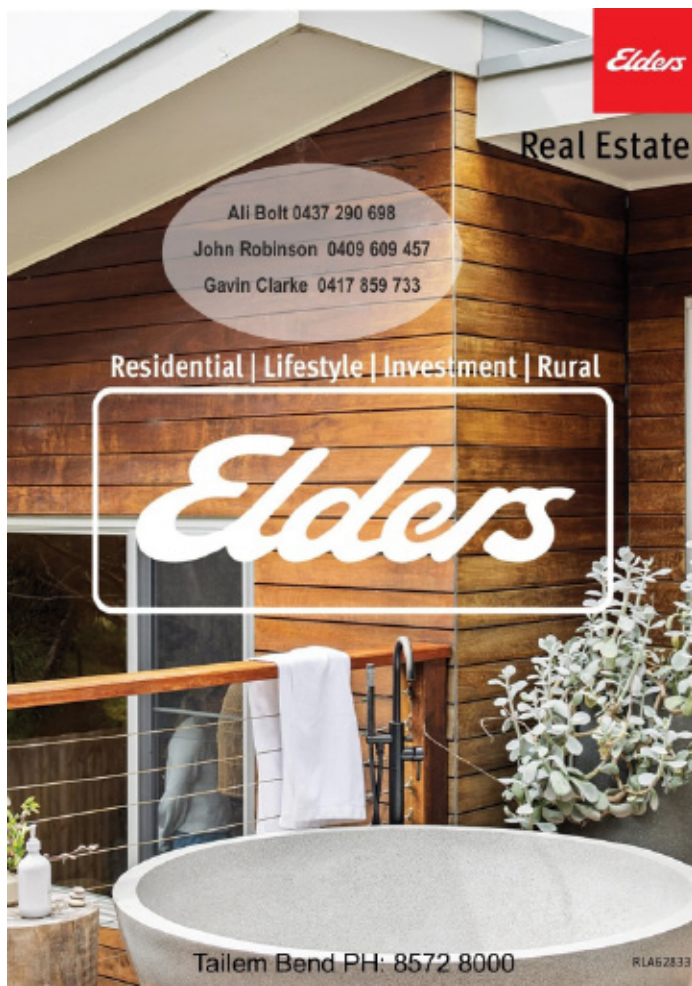


Council has endorsed the final design for the Coonalpyn Pool Carpark, with a key change ensuring the preservation of a large gum tree. This upgrade will significantly reduce dust blowing into the pool area.

Concerns continue regarding the growing Corella population, which is causing extensive tree damage and negatively impacting mental well-being. While strategies such as gas guns and culling have been implemented, their effectiveness is limited due to the sheer number of birds. A long-term solution is still needed. Apparently, these birds can live for 40 years.

Cheers Lisa





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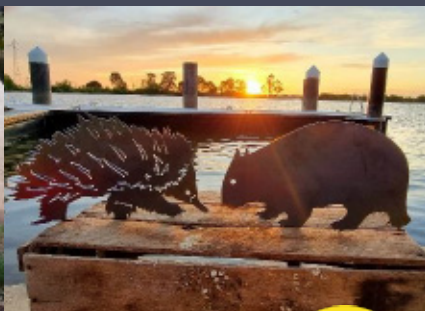
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# COORONG Council News

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## Welcome to this month's Council update

### Around the District

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

The **Community Facilities** team has been busy in Tailem Bend, Meningie and Coonalpyn with the return of the Little Corellas who continue to damage trees, lawns and infrastructure.

Re-sheet works were completed on Masons Lookout Road as part of the **2024/25 Unsealed Roads Program** in late February.

The remainder of the **2024/25 Sealed Roads Renewal Program** is scheduled to begin in March on Alexandrina Road, Narrung Road and Settlers Road.

Final seal works for stage two of the **Carcuma Road upgrade** at Tintinara are nearing completion.



Above: Spray Seal works on Carcuma Road, Tintinara.

### Key Decisions

Council's Elected Members received an interim report on the

Federal Government's inquiry into local government sustainability at the March Ordinary Council meeting - key themes from the interim report highlight the challenges in delivering expanded services with reduced federal funding support. The Standing Committee is now reviewing all submissions and will release their recommendations in due course.

Elected Members also received a finalised design for the Tintinara Apex Park upgrade, which will be completed this financial year - community feedback has been incorporated into the final draft design.

And Council agreed to establish a new Governance and Policy Review Working Group, which

will conduct initial policy reviews prior to being presented to Council for adoption.

### Coming Events

#### Creating Mentally Healthy Communities - Mental Health First Aid Training

Standard and Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be delivered across the district thanks to funding received by Coorong Conversation Matters under the SA Suicide Prevention Community Grants Program.

Mental Health First Aid teaches participants how to provide initial support to individuals who may be experiencing a mental health problem or crisis, until professional help is received or

**Standard Mental Health First Aid**

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the crisis resolves.

Fees are subsidised for these sessions to \$25 per participant.

### Standard Mental Health First Aid Sessions

- 3-4 June 2025 at the Meningie Uniting Church Hall

**Youth Mental Health First Aid** is specifically for parents, carers or anyone that engages with youth aged between 12-18 years.

- 26-27 May 2025 (please note this has been brought forward a day) at the Coonalpyn Community Hub

To find out more or register visit [www.coorong.sa.gov.au](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au)

### 2025 Coonalpyn Pool season closure

The final day of swimming at the

Coonalpyn Swimming Pool for the 2024/25 season will be Monday, 31 March 2025.

Thank you to the pool patrons, lifeguards and pool attendants, as well as our very dedicated team of volunteers for their support this season. Council looks forward to another successful season commencing in November 2025.

### Let's talk about... Tintinara Apex Park Revitalisation - Phase 2

Following the first round of community engagement for the Tintinara Apex Park Revitalisation a final draft design incorporating feedback received has been developed.

Community is invited to view the final draft design online or at a Council Customer Service office and provide their feedback.



Above: Tintinara Apex Park

### Feedback is invited until 9am on Monday, 14 April 2025:

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# Tailem Bend Community Library

## New Books April 2025

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**BELLE Kimberly:** The Paris Widow – Thriller  
**BRUNSTETTER Wanda:** Miss Fannie's Biscuits  
**CRAIS Robert:** The Big Empty – Thriller  
**CUSSLER'S Clive:** Desolation Code – Adventure  
**HARDWICK Brooke:** The Fog – Dark Thriller  
**La PLANTE Lynda:** Alibi – Retribution Thriller  
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**MURRAY Anne:** The Pearl Button Girl – Love  
**WHITE Christain:** The Ledge – A coming of Age  
**WINSPEAR Jacqueline:** Birds of a Feather- Mystery  
**RANKIN Ian:** Midnight & Blue – Thriller  
**RICHEL Hannah:** One dark Night – Dark & Twisty  
**ROBERTS Nora:** Yes to Love – Love Story  
**ROBOTHAM Michael:** Storm Child – Thriller  
**SCRIVENOR Hayley:** Girl Falling – Australian Drama  
**STEEL Danielle:** Only The Brave – Historical Romance  
**STEEL Danielle:** The Mistress/Magic – 2 books in 1  
**WEBB A.S.:** Daughter of Chaos – Mythology/Magic  
**WINTON Tim:** Juice – Australian History

### NON FICTION

**CHINGAIBE Santilla – Black Convicts- Aust History**  
**COUTTS Toni Tapp; My Outback Life – Adventure**  
**STEVENS John:** You an' Me – Australian Yarns  
**VEITCH Michael:** Aust Secret Army – Stories WW1

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## BOOK REVIEW

### Girl Falling by Hayley Scrivenor

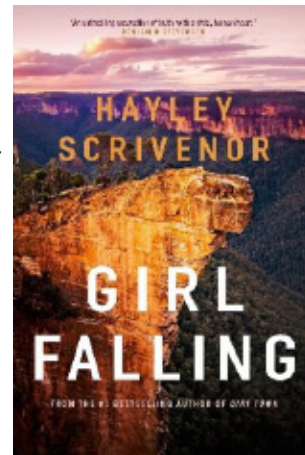
**Scrivenor 'An enthralling excavation of truth, with a vivid, human heart.' Benjamin Stevenson.**

Why would my best friend want to destroy my life?

Finn and her best friend, Daphne, have grown up together in the Blue Mountains. Bonded by both having lost a younger sister to suicide, they've always had a close - sometimes too close - friendship. Now in their twenties, their lives have finally started to diverge: Daphne is at university and Finn is working in the Mountains, as well as falling in love with a beautiful newcomer called Magdu.

Unused to sharing Finn, Daphne starts to act up in ways that will allow her to maintain the control over her best friend she's always relished. Then, one fateful day, Finn, Daphne and Magdu all go rock-climbing - and Magdu falls to her death. Is it suicide, or a terrible accident - or something more sinister?

Bold, dramatic and utterly compelling, Girl Falling forces us to confront the stories we tell ourselves about the people we love. Displaying all of Hayley Scrivenor's razor-sharp skills for character, landscape and narrative, this is a breathtaking read.



## COLLECTIONS



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# Tailem Bend Blue Light Calendar for 2025

## **TERM 1**

**2nd APRIL**

Easter Disco 5 – 7 pm  
Town Hall

## **TERM 2**

**4th JUNE**

Games night / Silent disco  
Tailem Bend School Gym

**2nd JULY**

SRC theme choice Disco, 5 – 7 pm  
Town Hall

## **TERM 3**

**AUGUST**

Monarto Zoo O/night camp  
Dates to be confirmed 7 – 8th or 14 – 15th

**24th SEPTEMBER**

Footy Colours Disco, 5 – 7 pm  
Tailem Bend Football Club

## **TERM 4**

**3rd DECEMBER**

Christmas Disco, 5 – 7 pm  
Town Hall




## Tailem Bend Community Library School Holiday Times: April 2025

School Holidays will commence on 12<sup>th</sup> April  
School will resume on 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Holiday opening times will apply

**OPEN Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-12.30 & 1.30-4.30**

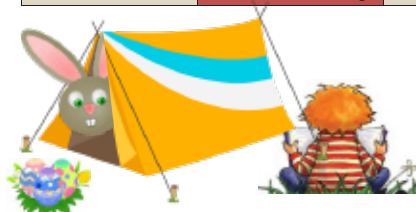
**CLOSED Tuesday, Thursday, Weekends,  
and all Public Holidays**

### April 2025

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>
13 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED	14 <sup>th</sup> OPEN	15 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED	16 <sup>th</sup> OPEN	17 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED	18 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED Easter	19 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED
20 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED Easter Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> CLOSED Easter Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> CLOSED	23 <sup>rd</sup> OPEN	24 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED	25 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED Anzac Day	26 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED

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Website: [tailembendlibrary.com.au](http://tailembendlibrary.com.au)



# 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!**
- **MURRAYLANDS STOMA SUPPORT GROUP;** Meetings held 1st Monday of every second month at Murray Bridge RSL hall 10 am - 12. **Come and join us.**
- **RIVERBEND LADIES INDOOR BOWLS;** Thursdays until the end of October. Fun games 10.30am. Team games 2pm. **Contact R. Ellis: 8572 3252 or L. Jaensch: 8672 4064**
- **TAILEM BEND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION;** JOIN THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION! **More details please contact: Maxine Kiddie: 0439 387 750**
- **FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL;** Friends of the Hospital Inc. Monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of each month at the Tailem Bend Hotel at 12.30 for lunch followed by our meeting at 1.30. ALL WELCOME. **Gwenda Zadow 8572 3057**

## TUESDAYS

- **SOCIAL TENNIS;** Starting from Tuesday 4th February 6.30pm. **Any enquire: 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.
- **ULYSSES LOWER MURRAY MOTORBIKE CLUB;** A club for motorbike riders over 40 years. If you enjoy riding motorbikes and social gatherings with other motorbike enthusiasts, this is the club for you. It's a great social group : lots of fun. We have rides on Sundays and Thursdays. Come and join in the fun. **For more information call Terry on 0401 320 665**

## FRIDAYS

- **TAILEM BEND COMMUNITY CENTRE – OUR GOLD-IES LUNCHEON;** Joins us for a social lunch and chat, from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Two course meal from \$10.00 per person, subsidised by the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) for people over 65 years or 50 years Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, or \$15.00 for Non CHSP. Booking is essential, please call 8572 3513 or email [chsp@tbcc.org.au](mailto:chsp@tbcc.org.au) for more information.
- **Tailem Bend RSL SUB BRANCH;** Open for meals every Friday from 6pm, to book **phone 0466 313 315 or 0419 856 744** Or you can send a message through FB: @Tailem-BendRSL

## 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](http://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.



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

## 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**





# Thought for the Month : Thank God for Sunday

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

**Hot Cross Buns have been on the supermarket shelves for a while now and easter eggs, fluffy bunnies, chickens and chocolate in all shapes and sizes soon followed. And soon the anticipation of Easter Sunday morning will be here. The excitement and joy of finding gifts. The smiles on the faces of children (and some adults).**

Come Monday and the excitement is over, chocolate consumed and everyday life starts all over again. Easter is done for another year. But for Christians, the hope remains. The pivotal message of Easter is that we are forgiven and set free from sin (**the bad stuff we do, think and say**). Sin sticks to us like mud. Jesus washes it off (**in Baptism**) and it doesn't stick to us anymore. As believers in Him, we are spiritually made clean and set free. We are made right with our Heavenly Father, we are made holy and we are set apart for Him. We are a new person. Jesus took all our sin on Himself and willingly went to the cross. He knew what was ahead of Him and He did it anyway. It was His love for us, to see us set free, that kept Him on the cross. One death once and for all so that we may have life eternally with Him in heaven one day. And eternal life was made possible on Easter Sunday morning.

That was the morning the burial tomb was found empty. The grave clothes that had been wrapped around Jesus body were neatly folded. Job done. It was finished. Death could not hold Him. It couldn't contain Him. The Spirit of God rose Jesus from the dead after three days. Three days that changed the course of history. Three days that change our lives forever. If we believe. And that is the question. If we believe. What do we get if we believe in Jesus? Life. He saves us from an eternal death which is worse than we could ever imagine. He freely offers us heaven with Him, better than we could ever imagine. And it is as simple as saying yes to Him. There are so many things to be thankful and grateful for at Easter. But the one that gives me continuous joy and hope is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For me. And for you. Thank God for Sunday morning.

*If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:9-10*

## Church Services

### PEAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### MURRAY BRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

32 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge, 5253  
Sunday Service Time : 10am  
Church Pastor Tom Bosman  
Church Office: 8532 2883  
Mobile: 0491 076 888

### ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

47:49 Station Drive, Taillem Bend  
Service: EVERY Sunday at 11am  
Enquiries: Church Warden  
Viktor Sonenko: 0417 812 170

### MURRAY BRIDGE UNITING CHURCH

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

### TAILEM BEND CATHOLIC PARISH

1st and 3rd Sunday: Mass at 9am  
(Priest in Attendance)  
Station Drive Taillem Bend  
Priest Moderator: Fr. Philip Marshall 0419 854 540  
Pastoral Director: Deacon Arturo Jimenea 0413 800 249  
PPC Chairperson: Peter Nearnmy 0407 710 907  
Murray Bridge Office: ph. 08 8531 1669  
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### REVIVAL CITY CHURCH

6 Jacob St Taillem Bend  
Every Sunday 10am.  
Pastor Garry and Jane Leech.  
Email: [garry@revivalcity.church](mailto:garry@revivalcity.church)  
Mobile: 0437 905 269

### TRINITY LUTHERAN

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

# Community Notice Board

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

The President and Committee of the RSL Tailem Bend invites you to attend the ANZAC DAY commemoration at the memorial on Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend 25th April.

Please arrive by 5:45am.

*Submitted by Glynis Taylor.*



### SUNDAY GOLF

A FUN DAY OF GOLF  
FOR EVERYONE

**TAILEM BEND**  
27<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

PLEASE **ARRIVE BEFORE 10AM** SO GROUPS CAN BE ORGANISED

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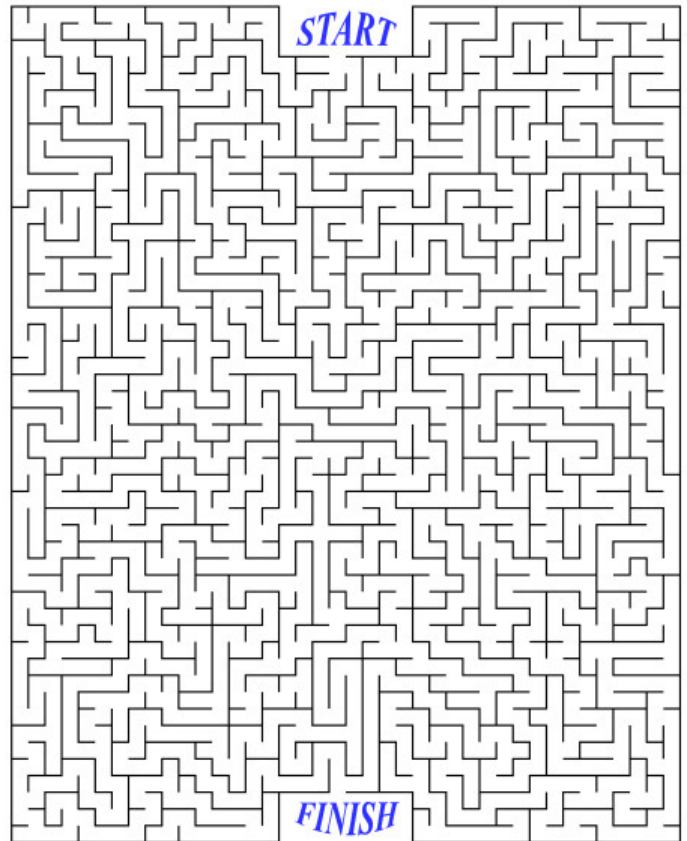
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## TAILEM BEND LIONS DEN SALE



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## Jokes of the Month

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?  
In case he got a hole in one!! - sent in by Lyn Goddard.

I envy people that grow old gracefully.  
They age like fine wine.

I'm aging like milk. Getting sour and chunky.



What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account?

Prime mates.

What kind of drink can be bitter and sweet?

Reali-tea.

## Funny Quotes of the Month

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say,  
"Did you bring the money?"

By replacing your morning coffee with green tea,  
you can lose up to 87% of what little joy  
you still have left in your life.

When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."

Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes.  
That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head.  
That'll freak you right out.

Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

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# Community Services

## LOCAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

<b>Garry</b> Hansen	0427 390 626
<b>Leonie</b> Hutson	0419 823 457
<b>Neville</b> Jaensch	0477 233 906
<b>Marc</b> Maddaford	8572 4169
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<b>Teresa</b> Pickering	0409 284 073
<b>Robert</b> Trezise	8572 3050
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<b>Barb</b> Williams	0403 535 718

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

## LOCAL BUSINESSES

<b>Tailem Bend Bakery</b>	8572 3603 / 8572 3604
<b>Foodland Supermarket</b>	8572 3866
<b>Shell Coles Express Tailem Bend</b>	8286 2308
<b>Elders Real Estate</b>	8572 8000
<b>Coorong Realty</b>	8572 4555
<b>Tailem Bend Automotive</b>	8572 4044
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Phone: 8572 3348

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Railway Station, Tailem Bend  
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Phone: 8572 5800  
Fax: 8572 5801

## MEDICAL CENTRE & IMMUNISATIONS

70 Princes Highway, Tailem Bend  
Phone: 8572 5897 or A/H: 8572 5800

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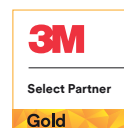
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EASTER SATURDAY	19 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	7AM-7PM
EASTER SUNDAY	20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	7AM-7PM
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