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With a fresh burst of creativity, thanks to Jill Wilson Persello and her little companion Audrey, Tailem Bend's old east side retail precinct is coming alive. Owners of the old Persello Bakery and historic retail precinct across the railway line from Tailem's iconic Information Station, Jill and her husband Andy have embarked on a mission to revitalise the area - Jill through her art, has transformed one of the shop-fronts with her vibrant Heart to Art Designs.

A passionate creator for many years, Jill has also almost completed her innovative craft van to take her handmade goods to Murraylands markets and events. "I love making things," she said, "but there's only so much room in the house. Selling a few pieces helps fund more supplies and gives people a chance to buy one-of-a-kind gifts locally."

While she still works in Murray Bridge, Jill invites visitors to message her through her online presence to pop in for a chat — and maybe a little shopping. "Bring your coffee and enjoy a stroll around the old precinct. It's wonderful seeing the historic buildings come alive again."



ABOVE: Jill Wilson Persello preparing a small gift parcel in her Heart to Art Design Shopfront.



ABOVE: Jill Wilson Persello standing in front of Tailem Bend's old east side Retail Precinct.



ABOVE: Jill Wilson Persello and Audrey brushing off the dust of her backyard craft van project.

The old buildings continually require work, and Jills' initiative not only breathes life into the old streetscape but also boosts nearby businesses, as visitors often grab a coffee or cake either before visiting or even afterwards.

Small groups continue to book private visits, making it a unique experience on the quieter side of town. Looking ahead, Jill hopes to keep creating and expand her passion. "The future, who knows? For now, it's about bringing joy, using the old buildings again, and making Tailem Bend's east side a place people want to stop and explore."

COVER: Jill Wilson Persello and Audrey in front of, one of two, Tailem Bend's historic Persello Bakery Ovens.

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Tailem Bend Beautification Group

Submitted by Brenton Qualmann.

On Saturday the 24th of May, the Tailem Bend Beautification Group met up at 10am to clean up the public reserve at the end of Tiller Street, Tailem Bend.

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.

Our next working bee will be in about one months time where we will be working more at Tiller Street, as well as the southern end of Hutt Street, next to Klude road.

If you would like to join the Beautification Group please contact Brenton Qualmann - bqualmann@coorong.sa.gov.au or 0407 978 557



ABOVE: Left to right, Brenton Qualmann, Annette Burt, Jim Williams, Don Wood and Josh Qualmann, photo taken by fellow volunteer Maxine Kiddie.

Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Submitted by Kaye Bartlett.

At last, a very welcome rain. May not be the opening rains our farmers are looking for but the plants at Pangarinda Botanic Garden seem to pick up with rain on the leaves that trickles down branches to the litter below. In the weeding amongst this litter after showers, often small frogs are seen.

For visitors to Pangarinda wanting to see the local birds, the South Australian Plantings is the area to sit and listen. The Rufous Whistlers have arrived; their loud persistent calls are heard before the bird is seen. These curious birds will come close if there are trees above to sit in. Their white throats outlined in black above a rufous belly, stand out amongst the leaves.

The White-naped Honeyeater is another bird that has been seen in the past week. It feeds amongst the leaves of gums and is a very busy little bird, hard to get a good view of the blackhead and white crescent on nape to identify. Grey Fantails are seen flitting out of trees chasing insects, and they are easily identified by their fanned tail that never seems still.

A number of the Banksias are still blooming, and Hakeas won't be long before flowering.



ABOVE: The White-naped Honeyeater. Image from www.flickr.com/photos/Oystercatcher



ABOVE: Margaret with Willy Wagtail at the Pangarinda Botanic Garden.



ABOVE: The Rufous Whistlers. Image from animalia.bio/rufous-whistler

A Station Sensation, George the Cat.

Submitted by Jeanne Phipps - Article from *The People's Friend*.

It's a busy commuter station with well over a million passengers passing through it every year.

From Stourbridge Junction Railway station in England, you can catch trains to local Birmingham destinations as well as further afield to the likes of Stratford-upon-Avon, Worcester and down to London Marylebone. For many of those departing or arriving, the station is familiar territory. Some of the staff they know and like to chat to, but there's one figure at the station it seems everyone knows.

In fact, **George, the station cat**, is not just known by travellers - he has a worldwide fanbase! Cat-lovers not only keep up with George's daily exploits via his social media channels - but they also visit from far-flung countries like America to check in personally. The ginger tom is popular with staff and passengers. With the quantities of merchandise, with local charities getting very welcome donations as a result.

It's a remarkable tale, and one that began when George, a ginger tom who is now ten, just wandered into Stourbridge Junction one day in 2017.

"George started to visit quite regularly, and Ian Tomlinson, our station supervisor, who had cats previously, took quite a shine to him," Simone Carter, West Midlands Trains area station manager for the busy Snow Hill lines, explains. "When Ian was finishing up at night after a late shift, he would often carry George back to his owner's house nearby to make sure he got home safely."

Around that time, George's owner was emigrating to Spain and looking at taking all of her cats with her. However, realising the bond that had grown between Ian and George, she agreed to a formal adoption. Simone has 44 stations under her stewardship, but Stourbridge Junction is a key responsibility and a regular base, so she sees lots of George and has, like so many others, become totally smitten.

His favourite perch is the ticket office counter, ensuring he was soon a favourite with passengers. *"He'd either be on the counter or sleeping on a chair in the office, and people loved to see him," Simone says. "He's quite small although he wouldn't agree with that - very soft to touch and exceptionally friendly. He really is such a lovely little thing."*

A Facebook page was set up for George and, when Simone took over her station duties, she began adding more regular. George welcomes passengers at the station ticket office. Updates and putting him on Twitter (**now X**), too. He now has almost 70,000 followers on X and more than 50,000 on Facebook.



ABOVE: George the cat! Photo taken by Jeanne while catching a train into Birmingham. While on my cruise round Scotland we docked in Kirkwall Orkney. At Orkney Island I met a lady running a giftshop on the quayside and she was from Melbourne and is a follower of George the Cat.

"It ramped up a lot during the lockdowns as we wanted him to spread a bit of cheer when we were all in this great big unknown," Simone reveals.

"George always says good morning and good night and puts out little pearls of wisdom- which might be from me! They could be, perhaps, how Christmas can be quite an emotional time of year for those living on their own or who can't see their families. It's just to reassure that you are never alone. People have messaged privately to say how much he has helped them."

As George's fame has spread, so did the desire to come and see him. Fans have come from all over the UK, travelling mar miles to Stourbridge Junction just to see and spend some time with George and then hop on a train back home.

"We have also had people from Hong Kong, Canada and America," Simone add

The stipulation of George's previous owner was that she was putting him into Ian's charge on the understanding that when Ian retired George would go into a happy, well-deserved retirement with him. Simone says Ian is getting closer to the stage where that is becoming a possibility, and George will put his paws up with him. She's sure, though, that George won't make himself a stranger. In the meantime, however, Stourbridge Junction travellers can continue to check in on a station cat in a million.

George gets hundreds of comments about his daily Facebook posts, which include this typical little thought: *"Good morning and welcome to Tuna Tuesday. You can't make a cloudy day a sunny day, but you can embrace it and decide it's going to be a good day after all!"*

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #152

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

This Month we complete the last story of Bob Connolly.

Bob Connolly - 25-9-28 / 06-10-2024 (Part 3)

I didn't play much football but attended a few training sessions.

I vividly recall Jeff Hughes, a champion footballer, once telling me, *"You don't kick very well."* I took that to heart and soon realised football wasn't my calling, so I shifted my focus to other pursuits.

Instead of chasing a footy, I took up cycling, spending countless hours riding along the highway during Sunday Road races. The Labor Day races were always a highlight, with competitions held around the oval—its perimeter bituminised—and on other major event days. Among the local cyclists, Les Baker stood out as the strongest rider in the area; he was a real force on two wheels.

As time passed, I felt I was getting a bit too old for cycling and decided to swap my bike for something with a little more horsepower—literally. My first horse, Bob's Hope, introduced me to the exciting world of hunting. I must've been doing all right because a local owner soon approached me with an offer: *"Would you qualify a horse for a jump hunt at the Hunt Club?"* I took on the challenge and successfully qualified the horse. But two weeks later, the owner came back with another proposal. *"I've entered the horse in a race,"* he said.

"Who's riding it?" I asked. *"You are,"* he replied. By then, I was married and figured it was best not to take the risk. Instead, a jockey from Mount Gambier took the reins—and won the race by ten lengths.

My passion for horses didn't end there. In time, I purchased another horse and joined the Hunt Club in Murray Bridge, riding alongside familiar names like Bill McMorron and Ross Jaensch. Getting to the club was an adventure in itself—we'd load the horses onto the old ex-Pinnaroo train, which departed around 11 a.m. on Saturdays. The club was more than just a sporting group; it was a close-knit, family-oriented community where we shared countless hours socialising, laughing, and making lifelong connections. It was a time of good mates, great rides, and cherished memories that have stayed with me ever since.

After finishing my tenure as President of the footy club, I took up lawn bowls, thanks to the relentless encouragement of Tiger Lyon, who finally convinced me to give it a go.



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

I was fortunate enough to win four club championship pairs, an achievement I owe primarily to Des Zander's guidance and mentorship. Des had a remarkable way of offering advice without a hint of criticism, even when I struggled on the green. His support made all the difference.

I have many fond memories of Tailem Bend, but the people stand out the most. Everyone pitched in to help one another in those early days, creating a strong sense of community. The town was thriving, with a bustling railway at its heart, and local businesses flourished thanks to the railway workers and their families. The town was home to many colourful characters, and the Main Street shops flourished, especially on railway paydays every fortnight on Thursday. On any given day, the streets came alive with children playing cricket, kicking footballs, and enjoying games of rounders, creating a lively atmosphere filled with laughter and camaraderie.

It was heartbreaking to witness the decline of the railways—but I suppose that's progress. Still, I vividly remember those days when every street echoed with children playing, the main street buzzed with activity, and it seemed like everyone had a job.

Bob passed away in October 2024, and we want to take this opportunity to honour his lasting impact by highlighting some of his many contributions to the community he loved. His dedication and service touched countless lives, leaving a legacy of leadership, kindness, and civic pride.

On the left is a summary of Bob's contributions to the community: ➡

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #152

Commitment to Tailem Bend:

- Lifelong resident of Tailem Bend, embodying a deep connection to the town's history and community.
- Recognised as the oldest living person born in Tailem Bend at the time of his passing.
- Bob was also an active member of the Tailem Bend Progress Association, where he joined forces with like-minded individuals, all dedicated to the betterment and growth of their beloved town.

Bob clearly understood the role a football or sporting club plays in the local community. He identified, and quite rightly, that sport gives the local people a sense of identity, pride, and ownership.

Tailem Bend Football Club:

- Dedicated countless hours watering the oval, often perched on the back of a Ute alongside fellow volunteer Michael Sacco and his family
- Served as President, providing strong leadership and vision.
- Led the club's social committee, enhancing community engagement.
- Awarded Life Membership in recognition of his outstanding service.
- Served on the River Murray Football League committee, contributing to regional sports development.

Tailem Bend Marching Girls:

- Bob played a pivotal role in establishing club rooms for the newly formed Tailem Bend Marching Girls. Not only did he help secure space and home for the group, but he embraced the role of marching girl instructor, taking on the responsibility with passion and dedication. His efforts helped shape the team and gave the young girls a place to develop their skills and thrive, showcasing his leadership and unwavering support for community initiatives.

Tailem Bend Bowling Club:

- Distinguished Life Member with significant contributions to the club's success.
- Key player in multiple premierships-winning teams, exemplifying sportsmanship and dedication.

Telecross Volunteer:

- Along with his wife Patt, he dedicated 14 years to providing daily welfare calls, offering companionship and support to the elderly and vulnerable.

Church and Faith-Based Service:

- Active church member involved in collecting offerings and supporting parish activities.
- Secretary of the Knights of the Southern Cross, contributing thoughtful insights and leadership.
- Assisted in organising post-Mass gatherings, fostering community spirit within the parish.

Bob's recollection **(to the best of his knowledge)** of the shops and landmarks on Main Street. Commencing Shell End.

Jamieson's Delicatessen	Famous for selling sweets.
Norman's Dress Shop –	A go-to place for fashionable dresses.
Tea House – a cozy spot for a cup of tea.	A cozy spot for a cup of tea
Phillips' Grocery	Managed by Paddy Rumbold from Murray Bridge
Slocumb's Shoe Repair	Essential for keeping footwear in shape.
Eudunda Farmers	A staple business in town (most people had accounts here)
Bolton's Store	Hardware, clothes and toys
Bolton's House	One of the Bolton brothers lived here; he was a schoolteacher.
Coffee Palace	A well-known establishment.
	Vegetables, Lollies and Ice cream
Goldsborough Mort	Mainly dealt with farmers.
Mr Jennings	Undertake/Carpenter. The original under-taker operated from the Guide Hall before moving to the main street.
McKenzies	Men's Clothing
Herb Smith Pub	Stables behind the Hotel for horses
Billiard room	At the back of the alley
Front shop	Changed Hands Frequently) – Over time, it housed an SP bookmaker, a gym, and Herb's Saloon Bar.
Jeff Hughes Cafe	Popular with many locals. Had a large din-ing room at the back.
Elder Smith	Mainly dealt with farmers.
Driscolls	The lads were tailors who also made sheets. The Driscoll women ran a fashion store. Mr Driscoll worked for Goldsborough Mort.
Gent & Tiller	Makers of drinks and ice cubicles and sold ice around town.
Vacant block	Until later development



... Quote for the Month ...



Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day. Dalai Lama.

The Stories keep coming from the pens of the trio, Chief Editor Jo, Doris Connolly and Peter Connolly. Assistance, Terry Connolly, Patt Connolly wife of Bob. See you again next month. Peter.

Rotary Club of Tailem Bend Community Grants

The Rotary Club of Tailem Bend is opening its annual round of Community Grants available to charitable and not for profit community groups in the district.

Groups who are interested will need to apply through the Community Grant Application Form, using the Grant Proposal Criteria Guidelines Form.

Both forms can be obtained by contacting President Phil Roberts through his email address: **philroberts61@yahoo.com**

Applications must be received by the 18th June 2025. These can be received by post (address on form), email or personally.

Submitted by Angela Thorley.

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ABOVE: Jeanne Phipps at the New Street Station Birmingham in front of the mascot for the Commonwealth Games last year in Birmingham. I am planning to be in Tailem Bend for my birthday next year to celebrate with my friend, Tailem Bend resident Doreen for our 80ths. I have a cruise around South America returning 14th April, and after a quick rest I am planning to make a visit to Tailem around the 4th of May 2026!!

Submitted by Jeanne Phipps.

Tailem Bend Christmas Parade Cabaret – Oktoberfest Style! Raising Funds & Spirits for Our Local Community

Submitted by Jessica Howe – Tailem Bend Christmas Parade Committee Member.

The Tailem Bend Christmas Parade Committee is thrilled to invite the community to our much-loved annual Cabaret – and this year, we're turning up the cheer with an Oktoberfest twist!

Date: Friday, 1st November 2025.

Location: Tailem Bend Town Hall

Get ready to party the night away with Midnight Radio, the high-energy band that brings the classics from every decade to life. Midnight Radio delivers an amazing experience that will have everyone on the dance floor.

This fun-filled night isn't just about great atmosphere, dancing, and laughter – it plays a crucial role in making our Tailem Bend Christmas Parade (**13th December 2025**) a reality. As the Parade grows in size and success each year, so do the costs of bringing it all to life. That's why our Cabaret fundraiser is so important. All proceeds go directly into delivering a joyful and free community-driven event for the town.

Our past Cabarets have been a fantastic success, with previous themes like Bogan Night, Rock 'n' Roll, and the '80s drawing big crowds, lots of laughs, and unforgettable memories. Our upcoming Oktoberfest-themed event is set to keep that tradition alive with even more excitement!

For 2025, we're especially focused on spreading Christmas cheer to our farming families, many of whom are facing tough conditions due to drought. Supporting our local community has never been more meaningful.

We've already seen incredible generosity from sponsors, individuals, and local businesses – donating funds and a wonderful selection of raffle prizes to help us raise as much as possible on the night.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Christmas Parade Cabaret 2023.

Dressing up is highly encouraged, so pull out your best Oktoberfest gear, get creative, and join in the fun – there might even be a few surprises in store for the best-dressed!

Grab your mates and book a table! Tickets can be purchased via cash or card online – just scan the QR code below. Alternatively, tickets will be available for cash purchase at the Tailem Bend Post Office.

Whether you're a familiar face or brand new to Tailem, everyone is welcome. Let's come together and make this year's Christmas Parade the best one yet. We can't wait to see you there!

We are always looking for new sponsors or gift donations. Please reach out to us at **tbchristmasparade@gmail.com** if you can help or have any further questions!

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JUNE 2025



CEO UPDATE

Thank everyone for your continued support of the Taillem Bend Community Centre and our shared commitment to building a stronger, more connected community.

We're thrilled to share the growing success of the Station Master's House Community Garden, especially the wicking beds provided through a generous contribution from the Coorong District Council and funding support from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to build the garden. These water-efficient beds are already flourishing, and it's been heartening to see local community members using and enjoying the space. Whether harvesting produce, stopping by for a chat, or simply soaking in the serenity, the garden is becoming a vibrant hub of connection and wellbeing.

To continue this momentum, we are planning a community working bee to fast-track internal restoration works at the Station Master's House. If you're handy with a paintbrush, sander a broom, or just eager to lend a hand, we'd love to have you involved. Please email info@tbcc.org.au to express your interest—many hands make light work, and this is a great opportunity to be part of something special. Thank you to Rhonda Mik (TB) who donated \$200 and Jamie McCarthy (Karoonda) \$100 towards the SMH development.

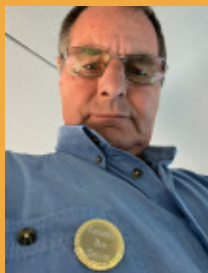
Thank you to all our volunteers, partners, and supporters. Your passion and generosity are what keep our centre thriving.

Community Transport South Australia (CTSA) Tender Update

The Community Transport South Australia (CTSA) tender represents a bold step forward in improving access to essential transport across 15 councils spanning the Murray Mallee, Riverland, and Limestone Coast regions. TBCC will be proud to lead this collaborative initiative, uniting regional partners to deliver a best-practice model that prioritises transport and champions sustainable, community-led solutions.

While we initially anticipated a tender outcome by mid-April, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has advised that the decision has been delayed due to circumstances beyond their control. We now expect an outcome in mid-May to early June and will share further details as soon as they are available.

In the spirit of recognition and gratitude, we were deeply touched by the thoughtful gesture from Yvonne Jaunay of Murray Bridge, who arranged for engraved badges to honour our dedicated team members—Bus Biz drivers Richard and Ian, and Mel, our MMCPN Coordinator—for their outstanding service in coordinating transport across our region. Thank you, Yvonne—your kindness and appreciation mean a great deal to us all.



Pictured is Richard & Mel with their badges.

CHSP UPDATE

UPCOMING MUSICALS / EVENTS

CATS

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

Contact TBCC on 8572 3513 to join our waitlist.



HYDRO POOL & SHOPPING BUS

Every Wednesday the TBCC mini-bus travels from Taillem 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 Taillem Bend at 8am and arrives back by 11am

Cost: \$5.00 return for people of all ages.

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.

If you want to get in on the action, departures are from Taillem Bend, Meningie, and Murray Bridge. Check our Facebook page or call the centre for departure dates and bookings.

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

Bookings are essential. Contact TBCC to secure your seat.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for 10.30am on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at the Taillem Bend Community Centre.

TBCC MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships for 2025/2026 is due on 1 July 2025. Membership cost \$5.50 per annum which includes 50% off service charges, bi-monthly newsletters, a birthday card and voting rights at the AGM.

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NEWSLETTER

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C4C UPDATE

C4C would like to extend a warm welcome to its newest members to the TBCC team, Chantelle Bissell and Katrina Mills. While Chantelle and Katrina have been completing training, Christine Rhue and Denise McLoughlin have supported the C4C community with facilitating programs and activities. TBCC C4C would like to thank them for their continued support to the C4C program, our community, and Chantelle and Katrina throughout the transition period.

PCMG

Parent Child Mother Goose (PCMG) invites parents and carers to cuddle, communicate and connect with their child through songs, rhymes and stories. Through this fun and simple program children are provided the opportunity to develop their speech through singing and to enhance and encourage connection with their parent/caregiver in a relaxed environment. The program also provides a positive and fun space for families to connect with community.

Our PCMG sessions are held each week for 45 minutes, during the school terms.

As part of the program sessions we will facilitate an intergenerational visit in each of the PCMG locations:

- Aminya Village – Mannum
- Jallarah Homes – Meningie
- Tailem Bend Hospital

A registered midwife will be visiting each location once per term. These visits allow parents/carers the opportunity to have a chat, ask questions and get up to date weights and measurements for the child/ren.

With two new facilitators on board, watch this space for some new ideas for our PCMG mornings!!

UPCOMING EVENTS - CELEBRATE CONNECTION

School Holiday Activity/Event - Teddy Bears Picnic

Bring your favourite teddy or cuddly toy and a blanket and join in games and activities with morning tea provided!

Tuesday 8th July 2025, 10:30am-11:30am in Mannum
Mannum Leisure Centre – Senior Citizens Room

Wednesday 9th July 2025, 10:30am-11:30am in Murray Bridge
Ramblers Football Club

Wednesday 16th July 2025, 10:30am– 11:30am in Callington
Callington Memorial Hall

Thursday 17th July 2025, 10:30am -11:30am in Tailem Bend
Tailem Bend Community Centre



PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE

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29TH APRIL - 10TH JULY

Tuesday's 9:30am MANNUM	Wednesday's 11am MENINGIE	Thursday's 9.30am TAILEM BEND
Mannum Leisure Centre - Senior Citizens Room Intergenerational Aminya village 10am 13 th May	Meningie Kindergarten Intergenerational Jallarah Homes 11am 21 st May	Tailem Bend Primary School Intergenerational Tailem Bend Hospital 9.30am 29 th May

Intergenerational sessions ~ Insightful speakers ~ Supportive environment

MIDWIFE VISITS
Include: Weights ~ Measurements ~ Informal discussions ~ Entries into Blue Book
With Registered Midwife Sophie Eldridge

Mannum 6 th May 9:30am	Meningie 14 th May 11am	Tailem Bend 22 nd May 9.30am
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MMCPN UPDATE

So far this financial year, the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network (MMCPN) has proudly supported some of the most vulnerable and transport-disadvantaged members of our regions including Coorong, Karoonda East Murray, Mid Murray, Rural City of Murray Bridge, Southern Mallee and Tatiara. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteer drivers and the Coorong Coaches medical bus, we have delivered transport services on **2,266 occasions**, assisting **342 community members**.

Our incredible volunteer drivers have generously contributed over **2,393 hours** of their time and travelled more than **106,000 kilometres** across the region in Community Passenger Network vehicles.

This is an outstanding achievement and a true testament to the dedication of everyone involved. We extend our sincere thanks to our amazing volunteer drivers and the team at **BusBiz – Coorong Coaches** for their continued support and commitment.

Can you spare a few hours a week to help your community?

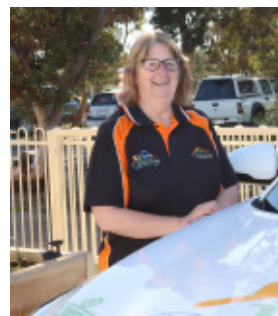
The MMCPN is looking for **compassionate, reliable individuals** to volunteer as drivers, helping transport local residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, and other essential services. Your time and kindness can make a meaningful difference in someone's life.

Volunteers will need a **National Police Check** and a **Working with Children Check** in accordance with Department for Infrastructure and Transport guidelines—but don't worry, we'll help guide you through the process from start to finish.

📞 For more information or to get involved, contact **Mel at the Taillem Bend Community Centre on (08) 8572 3513** to book an appointment.

Join us in driving change—one ride at a time!

THANK YOU!



Jeanette Gower

After 6 years of dedicated service, we bid farewell to Jeanette as she relocates to Hillier near Gawler.

Jeanette has been an invaluable volunteer with both TBCC as Board Treasurer and the MMCPN as a driver, generously giving her time and care to our community. Over the years, she has completed:

- ✅ 476 trips
- 🌐 66,129 km – that's equivalent to driving around Australia 4.5 times!
- 🕒 1,610 hours as an MMCPN volunteer driver
- 👏 791 hours as a TBCC volunteer

Jeanette's dedication, warmth and generosity have made a real impact on so many in our community. ❤️

We sincerely thank Jeanette for her unwavering commitment and kindness. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the very best as she begins this new chapter. Hopefully we'll see her around the place from time to time! ✨

GOLDIES LUNCH

Join us at our Goldies Lunches.

Bookings are essential as our seats fill up fast.

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OUR GOLDIES LUNCHES 2025

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- 27th June 2025
- 29th August 2025
- 26th September 2025
- 4th November 2025
- 5th December 2025

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Ever wondered what to do when an emergency occurs. Its easy to say lets just evacuate, but where do you go, what has happened, is evacuation the best option?

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TBCC are holding the following training sessions:

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- FIRE AWARENESS & EXTINGUISHER TRAINING
- SPILL KIT AWARENESS TRAINING
- EVACUATION EXERCISE

Location: Tailem Bend Community Centre
141 Railway Terrace, TAILLEM BEND

Date: Friday 1 August 2025

Time: 8:30am - 5:15pm

Cost: \$210.00 (includes morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea)

Bookings are essential.

Contact TBCC on (08) 8572 3513 or email
info@tbcc.org.au to secure your seat



141 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend SA 5260
Conveyance Home Support Program (CHSP) is funded by the Australian Government of Health and Ageing (DHAG). Community and Neighbourhood Development Program (CND) is funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS).
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MEN'S GROUP

Expression of Interest & Ideas

We're starting a new monthly Men's Group at the Tailem Bend Community Centre and we'd love your input!

This group will be shaped by its members - whether it's guest speakers, outings, or just catching up over a cuppa.

To register your interest and ideas contact us.

Email: info@tbcc.org.au

Call: 08 8572 3513

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or scan the QR Code



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MURRAYLANDS

STOMA SUPPORT GROUP



NEXT MEETING

**10:00am Monday 2nd June 2025
(02/06/25) at the Murray Bridge RSL**

Please enter via side door off bowling green
Tea/coffee/biscuits – gold coin donation

Please contact Stephen 0427 978 699 or
Sandra 0428 104 439

Term 2 Timetable 2025

28 April – 4 July

Classes are open to all ages.

Bookings are required for all classes through TBCC on 8572 3513 unless stated otherwise.

Monday

SCRAPBOOKING / CARD MAKING | 10AM - 2PM
Make your Memories into Art.
CHSP \$1.10 | Non CHSP \$2.20
Booking is required | Venue: TBCC Art and Lifestyle shed

Tuesday

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

LINE DANCING | 10AM - 11:30AM - Starts 3 June
Beginner to Advance skills welcome
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | Venue: Tailem Bend Town Hall

PIRATES WITH URSULA | 5:30PM - 6:30PM
Strength and Stretching with Ursula
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | Venue: TBCC Function Room

Wednesday

SEWING CLASS | 9AM - 12NOON
Work on individual sewing projects
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | Venue: TBCC Function Room

GOLDEN GO GETTERS | 10:30AM - 11:30AM
Help strengthen your muscles in a safe and supported environment.
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | Venue: Tailem Bend Town Hall

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

DECORATIVE ART | 1PM - 4PM
Social Art Group - Join this group to share skills & learn from like-minded people.
CHSP \$1.10 | Non CHSP \$2.20
Booking is required | Venue: TBCC Art and Lifestyle Shed

MURRAY BRIDGE POOL & SHOPPING BUS
Two options for Tailem Bend passengers: either the MB hotel pool or MB Marketplace. But not both. The bus will drop off at the pool and then go on to the Marketplace.
Cost: \$5 per person. | Booking is essential on 8572 3513

WOODWORK TUTOR REQUIRED
TBA - Prices are subject to Tutor/Social

Thursday

PIRATES WITH URSULA | 5:30PM - 6:30PM
Strengthen and stretch with Ursula
CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00
Booking is required | Venue: TBCC Function Room

Friday

STRENGTH FOR LIFE | 10AM - 10:45AM
Come along to TBCC for Strength for Life with Amanda
\$10.00 per class
Booking is required directly through Amanda - 0414 770 970
Venue: TBCC Function Room

BINGO | 10AM - 12:30PM
Friday Friday Bingo Second Friday of the Month
9 May & 13 June
\$6.00 per book (10 games) | Venue: TBCC Meeting Room

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PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE SESSIONS
Cuddle, Communicate, Connect.
Using songs, rhymes, and stories to support connection between child and parent.
Bookings preferred.

TUESDAY

Murray Senior Citizens Room | 9:30AM - 10:15AM

WEDNESDAY

Margie Kindergarten | 11AM - 11:45AM

THURSDAY

Tailem Bend Primary School | 9:30AM - 10:15AM



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

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Keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates on new events and classes or pop into the centre for a 2025 calendar.

MP Taillem Bend Drop-in Session

Submitted by Nick McBride MP.

I am pleased to announce that I will soon be popping up more permanently in Taillem Bend!

Due to the size of the MacKillop Electorate (*approximately 34,000 km²*) the State Government has approved a second office (*2 - 3 days a week*) to assist constituents with any enquiries they may have.

This will make it easier for those living in the north of my electorate (*especially those who live along the Mallee Highway*) to meet with me or a staff member.

The Taillem Bend office will be located opposite the Town Hall – in the building known as the Willow Street Precinct.

The space will be undergoing some modifications, so an actual opening date is yet to be determined – but it is hoped to be prior to the next State election in March 2026.

I will be based in the Taillem Bend office as often as I can – and will ensure to advertise what days I will be available to meet with constituents.

In the meantime – I will continue to have casual 'drop-in' sessions to hear from you about what matters in MacKillop. The next one will be on Friday 27th June between midday and 3pm at the Taillem Bend Community Centre.

I hope to see you then!

Staff are Suffering!

Submitted by Nicole Robertson.

New data: Australian workers are not taking breaks; quality of staff and their work is suffering.

Getting in touch with new research around how over a quarter of Australian employees never take breaks, and the impact this has on their quality of work, from \$300 million Australian owned and operated office supplies company COS.

Key findings include:

- More than a quarter of employees (28%) don't ever take a break during business hours, a concerning insight given the strong link between breaks and productivity.
- Gen Z were notably more likely to take breaks daily (84%) compared to any other age group (Millennials at 72%, Gen X at 70% and Boomers at 65%).
- Daily breaks deliver tangible business benefits, with workers that do take breaks reporting higher efficiency (29%), lower stress levels (27%), and improved quality of work (25%).
- The main influencers on whether workers take breaks or not are: supportive workplace culture (21%), dedicated rest areas in the office (21%), and active encouragement from the leadership team (20%).

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Auto Club Mid-Week Run

Submitted by Michael Holliday, club communications officer.

On Thursday the 22nd of May, a total of 35 members with family and friends in 16 historic and some modern cars attended our monthly mid-week cruise & lunch.

It was a cold start, but we were lucky enough to enjoy a beautiful sunny day cruising through the Adelaide hills.

We met at the Murray Bridge Railway Station carpark ready to start out for the Charleston Hotel at 9am. We set off from Murray Bridge, travelling through Palmer and stopping at Mount Pleasant for a comfort stop and the compulsory coffee & cake from the Mount Pleasant Bakery.

Then back in our cars and set off for a second stop at Lobethal travelling through Birdwood and Mount Torrens stopping again for an op shop fix at Lobethal.

After a short stretch of the legs and chin wag, we once again jumped back into the cars and set off for our final destination, the Charleston hotel for lunch.

We enjoyed a very nice meal and drink (soft of course), some deciding to dine outside while the majority dined inside. A most enjoyable catch up with the members that attended.

Looking forward to our next month's run already.



ABOVE: Everyone enjoying a nice lunch.



Murray Bridge Runner Takes on 55-hour Marathon for Domestic Violence Survivors

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

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Kai Martin hopes to raise \$25,000 by doing something that, to most, would sound impossible. Murray Bridge local Kai Martin will run a 325-kilometre ultramarathon over two days next month to raise funds for domestic violence victims and survivors.

The Lavender Federation Trail usually takes hikers 12 to 14 days to complete. Mr Martin, supported by a small group of friends and family, plans to get it done in one go.

The 25-year-old disability support worker also hopes to raise \$25,000 over the weeks leading up to the marathon. In the eight days since he announced his intentions on social media – with a slick video produced by local videographer James Dawson – he has already raised \$10,000.

“The support from the community is amazing,” he said.

Mr Martin said his intention was to put a spotlight on domestic violence, and to make victims feel that they were not alone. Many members of the community had since reached out to him about their own experiences with domestic violence, he said, which highlighted the need for more public discourse around the topic.

“It’s way bigger than what I ever imagined, but it’s a good thing,” he said.

The money raised will go to the Murray Bridge Regional Collaboration on Violence Against Women and Children. He would like to see the money go back into the community by providing safe housing, easier to access and more affordable support services, and school programs to educate kids on domestic violence. Mr Martin has been a passionate advocate on the issue for almost a decade and has chaired the Murray Bridge Domestic Violence Awareness Group since 2018.



ABOVE: Kai Martin is ready to run from Clare to Murray Bridge in honour of domestic violence survivors and services. Photo: James Dawson.

He also appeared as a guest speaker at an annual domestic violence march at Sturt Reserve in December.

Mr Martin said having two family members affected by domestic violence meant that the issue was deeply important for him, and that it was crucial to give affected people a voice.

“I feel I have to do this – I can speak for the people who can’t speak,” he said.

He hoped to reach more men in the community, to increase male support and advocacy, as men were significantly more likely to be reported as perpetrators in domestic violence cases.

“Hopefully other men in the community go ‘we can be the voice; we can be the ones to stand up,’” he said.

“For so long, women have been the ones fighting this, and I think it’s time for men to step up and do it.”

The Taillem Bend Historians....

Submitted by Maxine Kiddie.

The Taillem Bend Historians are working with Old Taillem Town to find relatives, rehome or knowledge about some precious family photos they have. These photos are someones family’s memories, if you think you could help please contact Old Taillem Town on 0419 359 532.





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Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Lions members Judy, Bruce and Jo.

The monthly Tailem Bend Lions dinner meeting was held on 13th May at the Riverside Hotel. Our members wish to acknowledge and thank the staff for their service and lovely meals enjoyed by all.

Congratulations, are in order to Leah Anderson who forwarded her thanks and appreciation for the assistance that our Lion's Club helped with the cost of getting her to Sydney for the Netball 'national championships'. Her team won the State Netball Championship and adding to this achievement, Leah was selected to join the National Netball Squad in Canberra.

Our recent Saturday **Lion's Den Sales** provided many bargains to our customers, and we thank you for your increasing support. We nearly overtook our record sales for the day. We received a request from the Tailem Bend Cemetery Committee through Pauline Merritt, asking; Could the Tailem Bend Lions Club assist with the upgrading of the headstones in the cemetery? Our club has immediately responded to her request and forwarded our donation in full; we congratulate the cemetery committee's hard work and dedication. Our club received an urgent request. **'Could we assist with the NEED TO FEED'** We unanimously conveyed our support, and our donation is on its way to assist those devastated farmers affected by this terrible seemingly endless drought.

Our club attend the recent Coorong District Council Volunteers Luncheon held at The Bend.



ABOVE: Railway Bob.



ABOVE: Dessert at The Bend Luncheon.

We were represented by President Doug Holmes and members Joyce Holmes, Raylene Thomas and Dwayne Thomas, Margaret Eckermann and Ian Eckermann.

We were treated to a 2-course meal as we listen to touching words from Coorong District Council Counciller Patsy Crabb and guest speaker was Tessa Judd from SA ambulance. We were also entertained by a puppetry performance called Railway Bob. Railway Bob the 'celebrity dog' rode the railways of Australia in the 1880s & 90s.

Honey is available from Lions Members:

Reuben Gurney: 8572 4730 - Marion Martin: 8572 4785

Margaret Eckermann: 8572 3850 - Raylene Thomas: 0417 840 473

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



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The Promise of 3:16

Submitted by Tracey Woidt on behalf of the Mallee Lutheran Parish

One of the most recognised Bible verses is John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world

It started in a garden. God loved the world He created with Adam and Eve in it. Eden was perfect for a short while. A beautiful relationship between God, Adam and Eve. But it was broken by Satan (used to be in heaven and got kicked out for rebellious behaviour). Satan was so jealous that God loved these humans so much, that he had a plan to destroy the relationship, to separate them from God forever. So, he twisted the words of God and the relationship was broken. Sin had entered the world. There was a separation and Adam and Eve could no longer live in Eden with God. But God had a plan because He so loved Adam and Eve, He so loved the world.

that He gave His one and only Son,

Love has a name – Jesus! Son of God. There would be a way back for the people God loved so much and there was only one who could make that way possible. Conceived by the Spirit of God, He entered the world as a baby. God Himself clothed in flesh, just like us. Like us, among us, so that we would believe in Him.

that whoever believes in Him

During the 3 ½ years of Jesus' ministry on earth, He went about healing and restoring people, doing miracles and setting them free. With love and compassion, He never turned anyone away who came to Him. And all these things He did so that they would believe, so that we would believe, that Jesus is the Saviour of the world, sent to bring us back into relationship with the Father, so we would not perish.

shall not perish

Jesus doesn't want anyone to die eternally. That's why He willingly laid down His life. He was the perfect sacrifice who took on all our sin so it wouldn't stay with us and keep us separated from the Father. That's what love does. It willingly sacrifices. Jesus who is love, wanted us to have the choice of eternal life.

but have eternal life.

It finishes where it started, in a garden. The garden of the empty tomb which at one point contained Jesus' lifeless body. But the Spirit of our living God raised Him from the dead, just as those who believe in Jesus as their Saviour will also be raised to an eternal life in heaven. That is our promise. *The promise of 3:16.*

Volunteer Luncheon 2025

Submitted by The Progress Association, images provided by Coorong District Council.

On Wednesday 18th May, Coorong District Council held a volunteer luncheon at the Shell V-Power Motorsport Park at The Bend to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you.

The luncheon was attended by over 50 volunteers who represented different volunteer groups and organisations from across the district. Volunteers were treated to a 2-course meal and listen to touching words from Coorong District Council Councillor Patsy Crabb and guest speaker was Tessa Judd from SA ambulance.

During the day's festivities we were entertained by the greatest dog story ever told, Railway Bob. A true story preformed using lifelike puppetry, songs and storytelling theatre, Railway Bob celebrated the character of this amazing dog and also the lives of railway workers who opened up Australia in the late 19th century.

The council would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who work wonders across our district. Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better.
We are, Better Together.



ABOVE: Tessa Judd from SA ambulance.



ABOVE: The Volunteer Luncheon - The Bend.



ABOVE: RAILWAY BOB - The greatest dog story ever told!

**MURRAY
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Tailem Steps Up Again for MS Awareness

Story and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News. www.murraybridge.news - This story is free to read.

Wendy Johnson of the Tailem Bend Indoor Bowls club is lacing up her shoes once more for the May 50K challenge, continuing her inspiring mission to raise awareness and funds for multiple sclerosis (MS).

A long-time advocate, Wendy has walked thousands of kilometres over the years, raising thousands of dollars for life-changing research into the prevention and treatment of MS. Her positive spirit and tireless motivation have made her a local hero, "I believe that every step I take is a step closer to a cure," Wendy says, hopeful that her efforts will help make MS a thing of the past. As the May 50K kicks off, Wendy invites everyone to support the cause.



ABOVE: Wendy Johnson.

To donate to Wendy's campaign, phone Wendy on 0423 612 035 or go to the link below and help make a difference.
www.themay50k.org/fundraisers/wendyjohnson73561/the-may-50k

Tailem Bend Blue Light Calendar for 2025

TERM 2

4TH JUNE

**Games NIGHT /
SILENT DISCO**
Town Hall

2ND JULY

**SRC theme choice Disco,
5pm to 7 pm**
Town Hall

TERM 3

11TH - 12TH AUGUST
**Monarto Zoo /NIGHT
camp**

24TH SEPTEMBER

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

TERM 4

3RD DECEMBER
Christmas Disco,
5pm – 7 pm
Town Hall

Submitted by Margaret Jaensch.

The Mission Statement of Blue Light SA is:

“To develop and promote life learning and innovative life skill activities for young people in a safe and fun environment, create positive relationships between people of all ages and to minimize social disorder and crime related behaviour.”

About Blue Light

Blue Light SA was initiated in 1982 by the South Australian Police (**SAPOL**) Community Programs Support Branch to better promote Police and Youth relations.

Blue Light provides young people with entertainment and activities in an environment free from alcohol, drugs, smoking and violence. Specially trained SAPOL Officers, Civilian SAPOL Employees and Community Volunteers supervise the entertainment and activities conducted by Blue Light SA. Without their support many programs would not operate.

Tailem Bend Blue Light SA is responsible for:

- Discos
- Camps
- School Visits
- Educational Visits.

The objectives of Blue Light SA are to:

(i) develop and deliver any educational crime prevention initiatives in a supervised environment which is free from alcohol, drugs, smoking and anti social behaviour



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Police Blue Light committee. (Left to right) Sgt Mariane Morgan, Margaret Jaensch, Bev Walker, Sue Spry, Jenni Graham, and Rhonda Ladson.

- (ii) develop, sustain and support partnerships that provide services to young persons through the development of positive role models
- (iii) build trust and problem solving skills
- (iv) improve social and physical competency
- (v) reduce peer pressure by increasing self esteem
- (vi) co-ordinate and support the activities of Branches
- (vii) encourage community and civilian volunteer involvement within Blue Light SA programs and represent the interests and welfare of those volunteers
- (viii) promote Blue Light SA as a Child Safe Environment
- (ix) be apolitical, non-sectarian and inclusive of all persons regardless of race, sexuality, ethnicity, disability or any other discriminatory meaning under the Equal Opportunities Act, 1984.

COORONG Council News

May - Jun 2025

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 completed tree trimming in Meningie, repairing potholes at the roadside entry to the Tintinara Aerodrome, installing new safety rails at the Tintinara Oval Playground and repairing the irrigation main at Taillem Bend.

Rural road users are continuing to be supported through the **patrol grading program**, with 373.5kms of unsealed roads graded during April 2025. Road users may spot the patrol graders in the Sherlock area, as well as on Emu Springs Road, Coombe Road, Sandersons Road and Loveday Bay Road in May.

The internal construction crew commenced renewal of eight kilometres on **Settlers Road** as part of the 2024/25 Unsealed Roads Program in April and contractors will commence road

renewal on seven kilometres of **Taunta Hut Road** at Deepwater.

The **2024/25 Sealed Roads Renewal Program** is now complete, after works on Alexandrina Drive at Narrung were completed in early May.

Works on the final section of the **Carcuma Road upgrade** at Tintinara are underway. Clearing and shoulder widening works were completed in April and a 200m section of guard railing was installed following a road safety assessment.



Above: guard railing installed on Carcuma road just south of Southern Cross Road

Road construction is underway with the works expected to continue into June.

Construction of a 1.8m high fence along the southern boundary of the **Tintinara Apex Park** has been installed, with further fencing works occurring to enclose the whole park

along with installation of new play equipment and a picnic bench replacement as part of the Apex Park upgrade project. The fencing also continues along the newly installed footpath next to the rail corridor, connecting pedestrians with the new level crossing.



Above: Tintinara Apex Park southern boundary fence construction

The upgrade of the **Coonalpyn Swimming Pool car park** has commenced. Once completed, the newly sealed car park will provide approximately 30 parking spaces, including two pram parking bays and two accessible (disabled) parking bays.



Above: Coonalpyn Pool Carpark Upgrade works underway

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Key Decisions

At the May Council meeting Elected Members agreed to a two-year licence with Bendigo Community Bank Keith & Districts Branch to continue delivering bank services at the Meningie Information Hub one day a week. The face-to-face service has been a positive addition to the community, with the bank now considering extending its services to other towns in the Coorong district.

Council also agreed to provide a submission to the State Planning Commission in response to the draft Murray Mallee Regional Plan. The Plan digitally maps the State Government's long-term planning vision for the region, and is open for consultation until 17 June 2025.

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Tailem Bend Council in Community

12:30pm on Tuesday, 3 June 2025 at the Coorong Civic Centre (95-101 Railway Terrace)



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Council is seeking registrations of interest for the following programs

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

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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!**
- **MURRAYLANDS STOMA SUPPORT GROUP;** Meetings held 1st Monday of every second month at Murray Bridge RSL hall 10 am - 12pm. **Come and join us.**
- **RIVERBEND LADIES INDOOR BOWLS;** Thursdays until the end of October. Fun games 10.30am. Team games 2pm. **Contact Raelene Ellis: 0412 259 233 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 12.30pm for lunch followed by our meeting at 1.30pm 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;** Join us for a social lunch and chat, from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Two course meal from \$10.00 per person, subsidised by the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) for people over 65 years or 50 years Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, or \$15.00 for Non CHSP. Booking is essential, please call 8572 3513 or email chsp@tbcc.org.au for more information.
- **Tailem Bend RSL SUB BRANCH;** Open for meals every Friday from 6pm, to book **phone 0466 313 315 or 0419 856 744 Or you can send a message through FB: @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**
- **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.



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SATURDAYS

- **ST LUKE'S MARKET DAY;** Held on 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.
- **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 : The Heart of Pray, Faith

Submitted by Peter Connolly, Tailem 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 particular 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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Church Pastor Tom Bosman
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CONGRATULATIONS TO JILL ROWE

Congratulations to Jill Rowe for her 25 years of dedicated service to Ronald McDonald House, Adelaide.

The award was presented at Government House by her Excellency Frances Adamson on Thursday 15th May.



ABOVE: (Left to Right) Jill Rowe, SA Governor
Frances Adamson and Colleen Billows.

THANK YOU MRS. BEVERLY PIGGOTT.

Mrs. Bev Piggott dedicated over 22 years volunteering to the Friends of the Hospital Inc. Tailem Bend, where Bev was vice President for over 20 years. During these years, Bev had been very instrumental in our catering events making her special baking treats, with her steady influence on us ladies to be commended. Bev was very community orientated and dedicated many hours to other organisations within this region, for which Bev was greatly appreciated from her input to the welfare of all involved.

We have all witnessed Bev's style of caring, and our admiration of her dedication will live with us forever. **We love you, Bev!**



Submitted by Gwenda Zadow.

GRETA BOLT 100TH BIRTHDAY INVITATION

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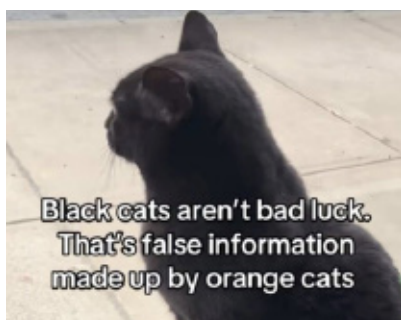
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Jokes of the Month

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but still. Let's be positive here.

I've decided my body is not a temple; it's a haunted house.
It's slowly falling apart, making weird noises, and contains the
spirit of an old lady who's always mad at something.



Quotes of the Month

"Many people are more comfortable dealing with old troubles than doing what it takes to find new solutions"

"You will never enjoy your future,
if you let your present be controlled by your past."

– Submitted by Lyn Goddard

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up."

– Thomas A. Edison

"If you believe it will work, you'll see opportunities.
If you believe it won't, you will see obstacles." – Wayne Dyer

"Even if you are on the right track,
you'll get run over if you just sit there." – Will Rogers

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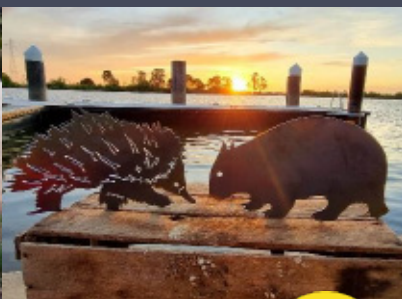
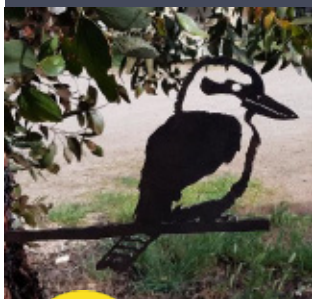


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Our next General Open Meeting is to be held in the Function room on Friday 13th, June at 10.30am with a Guest Speaker.



Please save the date of our:
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 8th of AUGUST 2025 at
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