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# AUTO CLUB: THE HEART BEHIND THE HORSEPOWER



A huge shout out to Tailem Bend Auto Club for backing the inaugural Genuine Support Services Australia Hearts and Horsepower event, to be held at The Bend Motorsport Park, August 30, 2025.

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MURRAY BRIDGE NEWS

# Auto Club: The Heart Behind the Horsepower

Story & photos by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News, Tailem Bend Correspondent. Sign up now at www.murraybridge.news

The Tailem Bend Auto Club has officially jumped on board as the sponsor for the inaugural Genuine Support Services Australia's Hearts & Horsepower Cruise 2025 at Shell V-Power Motorsport Park at The Bend on August 30, 2025.

This thrilling NDIS community event kicks off at 12 noon, offering a unique opportunity to ride in style — and better yet, it's free!

Tailem Bend Auto Club members are generously funding the event and supplying their elegant classic and roaring muscle cars for exciting cruise laps around the internationally renowned track - but be warned: seats are extremely limited, and bookings are essential.

Glenn Power of Genuine Support Services Australia (GSSA) said "To claim your free ride, you need to swing by the GSSA office and speak to Jess, or if that's not possible, just give her a call on 8166 7577." "There's no guarantees, the free seats will depend on available of club vehicles and chosen seating arrangements," Glenn said. "But don't worry, the GSSA team will keep everyone in the loop with their seating arrangements once final numbers are in."

"And if you do miss out, don't worry for just \$20 per car, you can still participate in the cruise in your own vehicle," Glenn said. "This is an amazing opportunity for everyone to explore this world-class track and enjoy a unique all-inclusive community atmosphere."



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Auto Club members, Michael and Claire Holiday, one of many club cars paraded during the 2020 Supercar Transporter Parade in Tailem Bend's main Street, July 7, 2020.





ABOVE: Tailem Bend Auto Club member, Darren Guerney, one of many club muscle cars paraded during the 2020 Supercar Transporter Parade in Tailem Bend's main Street, July 7, 2020.

The Hearts & Horsepower Cruise isn't just about cars — it's about bringing people together from all over the Adelaide Hills and the Murraylands, "It's going to be brilliant, a lap or two of connection, adrenaline, and horsepower," Glenn said. The event has been made possible through the incredible generosity of the Tailem Bend Auto Club and the Shell V-Power Motorsport Park at The Bend.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable track event, whether you're in the passenger seat or behind the wheel, the Hearts & Horsepower Cruise is where memories, and engines will roar to life!

Interesting Fact: The Tailem Bend Auto Club now has over 700 club members and is one of the largest auto clubs in the state.

COVER IMAGE: Tailem Bend Auto Club member, Phil Gogel, driving his Ford Falcon XY GT into the clubs 10 Anniversary at Old Tailem Town, February 24, 2024.

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# Empowering Change: Maddie Leads the Call for a Local Playground

Submitted by the Tailem Topics Editor.

What began as a heartfelt handwritten letter to Council has grown into a remarkable advocacy journey, led by one determined young resident of Tailem Bend – Miss Maddie.

Over recent months, Maddie has demonstrated exceptional initiative in advocating for the development of a playground in her local neighbourhood. With strong community support, she designed and conducted a survey to gather insights from local families, focusing on community needs, accessibility, and ideas for a potential play space. The data collected provided valuable evidence to support her vision.

At the most recent Tailem Bend Progress Association meeting, Maddie — with the support of Tammy O'Malley from the Coorong District Council — formally presented her findings. She spoke with passion and clarity, respectfully requesting the Association consider forming a sub-committee to explore a community-led playground project.

The response from the community was overwhelmingly positive. Approximately 30 local residents attended the meeting to show their support, offer encouragement, and even volunteer to assist with future fundraising and community efforts under the Progress Association.



ABOVE: Playgrounds build more than fun — they build community.

Our local kids are showing us how it's done!

While no formal decision has been made at this stage, the Association wishes to acknowledge Maddie's courage, leadership, and dedication to improving her community. Her passion has already begun to inspire others and ignite meaningful conversations about the future of shared spaces in Tailem Bend.

We extend our **sincere thanks** to everyone who attended the meeting and look forward to seeing how this exciting initiative continues to develop.



ABOVE: Maddie stands tall as she shares her dream of a playground for all — inspiring a community to come together.

## A Hard Season for Banksias

Submitted by Kaye Bartlett. Photo Paul Bartlett.

It's time to take a close look at some of the older plants struggling in the dry conditions. Many are now showing only a few green branches among large amounts of dead wood. Volunteers have been busy pruning and tidying, with heaps of branches and limbs soon ready for burning.

South Australia is home to only two species of Banksia: Banksia ornata and Banksia marginata. Both occur naturally not far from the Pangarinda Botanic Garden. Unfortunately, after two years of



ABOVE: Banksia ornata, a native treasure thriving at Pangarinda.



ABOVE: Dry branches prepped for a controlled burn.

below-average rainfall, most of the local Banksias growing at the garden have not survived. Meanwhile, many of the **West-ern Australian Banksia species**, which are generally adapted to higher rainfall, have shown better resilience.

This trend has also been noticed by others in the region, with similar losses being reported. On a hopeful note, the pictured **Banksia ornata** is a self-sown plant — a small reminder of nature's resilience. In fact, both local species have been observed self-seeding within the garden, offering a glimmer of hope for future regrowth.

# Remembering Rhonda Mik A Cherished Member of Our Community

Submitted by Gwenda Zadow, President, Friends of the Hospital. Image supplied by Glenn Power.

The Tailem Bend Friends of the Hospital, established in 1989, would like to acknowledge and pay tribute to one of our much-loved past members, Rhonda Mik. Rhonda was a valued part of our group for over 10 years and left a lasting impact through her dedication, warmth, and community spirit.

Rhonda was an incredible worker who instinctively knew what needed to be done. She also managed the finances with precision—there was no going over budget without a firm word from Rhonda! Her experience as a business owner was a tremendous asset to every organisation she gave her time to. After retiring, Rhonda poured her energy into many local groups, always contributing with enthusiasm and heart.

She was well known around town for her big smile, friendly chats, and genuine love for life, her community, and her beloved Crows—as well as local football and netball. Rhonda's presence brightened every room and every street she walked. Our members hold fond memories of Rhonda and are deeply saddened by her passing. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family. She was truly a favourite and much-loved lady of Tailem Bend.

If you would like to read more about Rhonda Mik's remarkable life and contributions, please visit Murray Bridge News: https://www.murraybridge.news/farewell-to-queen-rhonda-mik-a-tailem-bend-treasure/.



LEFT: Rhonda Mik much-loved wife of the late Dave (deceased), mother and mother-inlaw of Brian (deceased) and Michelle, Chris and Judy, and Darren and Fouziah.

Adored by her grandchildren Nikki, Scott, Kim, Tylor, Jarrah, Lawson, Grady, Tyson, and great-grandchildren Kaiden, Charlotte and Noah.



ABOVE: Rhonda Mik holding a hot tray of her famous pasties, as her much-loved Dave (deceased) passes another for loading.

### MURRAY BRIDGE NEWS

# Greta Bolt Celebrates 100 Years of a Life Well Lived

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

On Sunday, July 6th, the Tailem Bend RSL was filled with people from all walks of life, coming together to celebrate the 100th birthday of Greta Elsie Doreen Bolt (née Hurrell). It was a well-attended and heartfelt occasion, with friends, family, former students, and dignitaries, gathered to honour a remarkable woman who has lived a full and purposeful life.

Born in Elliston in 1925, Greta dedicated much of her working life to education — first as a school teacher, then as a teacher-librarian and librarian. She brought structure, fairness, and a clear sense of right and wrong to the classroom, leaving a lasting impression on many of her students, some of whom made the journey to be part of this great milestone birthday. Their presence was a reminder of the respect she earned throughout her career.



LEFT: Family
and friends
looking on
as Greta Bolt
notices another
young child
during her
100th Birthday
Celebrations at
the Tailem Bend
RSL.



ABOVE: Amanda Bolt escorting Gretta Bolt from the Tailem Bend RSL after her 100th Birthday Celebrations.

Greta was never one to make a fuss, but she always kept up with the times — becoming confident with computers and technology long before many of her peers. She didn't drink alcohol until well into her eighties, never smoked, and has always drawn strength from her personal faith. The day was filled with conversation, laughter, and quiet moments of reflection. Old friends reconected, stories were shared, and Greta — clear-eyed and strong in spirit — took it all in with her characteristic poise.

It was a celebration not only of years, but of a life lived with independence, integrity, and meaning.

# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #154

It is a long running series, submitted by Jeanette Kozikowski on behalf of the late Peter Connolly.

### Tailem Bend - A COVID-19 Hot Spot - Published in 2020

Residents of Tailem Bend were surprised—and perhaps shocked and disappointed—when, on July 13th, SA Health identified our Shell Service Station, and later the Coolibah Café, as COVID-19 exposure sites.

A crew of three removalists from Sydney, two of whom had contracted the Delta variant, travelled to McLaren Vale and then through Tailem Bend. They visited the Shell on Friday, July 9th to refuel, and two of them also stopped at the café. Although they were only there for around half an hour, the exposure time was listed as between 5:20 pm and 7:00 pm.

Staff and anyone who was at the Shell during these times needed to quarantine—along with their household contacts—for 14 days, undergo mandatory COVID testing on days one, five, and thirteen, and make themselves known to SA Health. It was later confirmed that the removalists had also visited the On the Run Service Station just outside Tailem Bend, where the same procedures were implemented.

This left many people—both staff and customers—who had been at those sites in mandatory isolation for 14 days. A large number of locals underwent testing at the Tailem Bend COVID testing clinic (adjacent to the Caltex Roadhouse), and due to the high demand, SA Health announced on Friday, July 16th that the clinic would operate around the clock. On the same day, SA Health reported that 367 people were in quarantine. An update from SA Health confirmed that Shell staff and their household contacts had all returned negative test results. However, they were still required to complete their 14-day quarantine and additional testing.

As a precaution, Tailem Bend and Jervois Football Clubs cancelled their matches scheduled for Saturday, July 17th. The town quietened as people processed what was happening. Many individuals had not checked in at the affected sites, making it difficult to trace potential contacts. Hopefully, this serves as a wake-up call for all to be more vigilant and understand the importance of checking in—whether via QR code or pen and paper. Meanwhile, in the city, the Modbury cluster had grown to five cases, and SA Health issued new alerts for other high-risk locations across Adelaide. On the morning of Tuesday, July 20th, the State Government announced that South Australia would enter a one-week lockdown starting at 6:00 pm that evening, as authorities raced to stop the spread of the highly infectious Delta strain.

# During the lockdown, people were only permitted to leave home for five essential reasons:

- 1. To undertake essential work
- 2. To shop for essential goods and services (including takeaway)
- 3. For medical reasons (including COVID-19 vaccination and testing)
- 4. For care and caregiving
- 5. For exercise (with people from the same household)

Schools were closed, with only children of essential workers and vulnerable children able to attend school, preschool, or childcare. Mask-wearing became mandatory when leaving home.

Compassion, support for each other, looking after our neighbours, and checking in on loved ones became especially important during these challenging times.

If you are not already vaccinated, please consider it—contact your local medical centre or GP to make an appointment. Protect yourself, your family, and others. Social distancing remains vital, and if you have any symptoms, please get tested.

In closing, I want to thank all our essential workers—you know who you are. I'm grateful for your dedication, care, commitment, and everything you do for our community. Be proud of the difference you make—it is deeply appreciated.

A special shoutout and thank you to all the workers at our COVID Testing Clinic, a very busy site facing many challenges. The left lane of the freeway near the site was closed on July 22nd to accommodate the lineup of cars. One local woman waited ten hours for a test the day before. Hopefully, by the time you read this, South Australia will no longer be in lockdown. Take care. Wait, trust, pray and remember, you're not stuck at home; you're safe at home.

# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #154

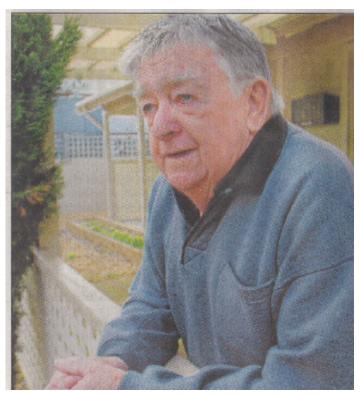
### Tailem Is Still a Thriving Town -

Published in 2012 by M/V Standard

Tailem Bend is still going strong—and Bob Elliot should know. He spent 38 years working in the railways and raised his family here. "It's the camaraderie," he said. "It's a great place to live. The community is important to everyone's needs and way of life. Everybody knows everybody, and if someone's in trouble, there's always someone to help." Mr. Elliot first came to Tailem Bend in 1949. "I went to St Joseph's School in 1950 and 1951 and worked for Max Sladden, the greengrocer, delivering veggies in his van."

After seeing how much money a friend was earning working for the railways, he visited the stationmaster one Friday and started work there the following Monday. Over time, he worked his way up from junior porter to acting assistant shunter signalman and finally invoice porter.

"The railways in Tailem Bend thrived—and it's still a thriving little town. The future of Tailem Bend looks absolutely great. I wouldn't leave it for guids."



ABOVE: Staying put: Long-time resident Bob Elliot says he would not leave Tailem Bend for quids.

### 25 Years of Volunteers – Tailem Bend Community Centre

Published in 2012 by M/V Standard

The Tailem Bend Community Centre will celebrate its 25th anniversary on the 125th anniversary of the town's founding. For the past quarter-century, it has been a hub of volunteer activity, encouraging social integration and lifelong learning.

From 10:00 am on July 28th, a morning tea and open day will be held to mark the milestone, along with the official opening of a new shed on the centre's grounds.

Coordinator Tammy Shepherd said it's a perfect opportunity for locals to learn about what the centre offers. "Come through the centre and see how much it has changed since 1987. Share your suggestions on how we can grow over the next 25 years," she said. The centre connects people in Tailem Bend to a wide range of services across the Murraylands. "We're here to support the community," she said. "It's a really busy place with something always happening. It creates fantastic opportunities for social connection."



ABOVE: Still going strong: Staff member Chris Harmann, volunteers Basje Johnsonand Rhonda Shillabeer and staff member Jessica Ziersch will help Tailem Bend Community Centre celebrates its 25th birthday on July 28th.

Volunteers are the driving force behind it all. "They founded it, they work in it, they manage it," she said. "The number of hours they contribute is tremendous."

The centre hosts classes in woodwork, mosaics, leadlighting, cooking, and exercise. It's home to a community garden and a catering group. Staff also deliver home and community services and run education courses. The venue is available for hire for meetings or seminars, with catering options available.



ABOVE: Since 1987: Tailem Bend Community Centre co-founder Rosemary Centre co-founded Rosemary Symonds and coordinator Tammy Shepherd.

Two volunteer caterers recently completed diplomas funded by the centre—and one is now heading to Adelaide for employment.

### Quote for the month: 🧥

"Set your goals high, and don't stop until you get there"-By Bo Jackson. The stories keep coming from the pens of the duo Chief Editor Jo and Doris Connolly.



# AirTouch 500 at The Bend 2025

Submitted by Yuri Kardashyan - Marketing Manager. The Shell V-Power Motorsport Park

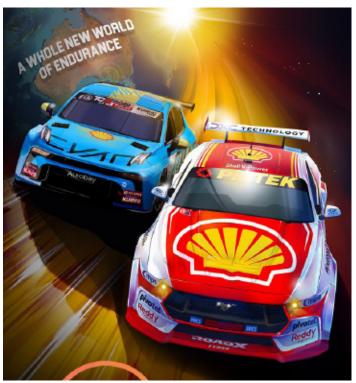
We would like to inform the community that The Shell V-Power Motorsport Park will be hosting the AirTouch 500 at The Bend Supercars Enduro between 12-14 of September.

- Main Race Circuit each day of the events: 7:20am racing starts, 5:30pm racing finishes
- Track clearing horns may be sounded as early as
   7:00am each day
- Post racing activities, including live music and micro speedway may conclude as late as 9:30pm

The times provided above are approximate and may be updated on our website. Times may also be subject to change if there are on-track delays on the day.

### In addition, we bring the following to your attention:

- Helicopter activity may be expected in the area
- Changes in traffic conditions are anticipated, involving temporary speed limits and higher than normal traffic in the area surrounding The Shell V-Power Motorsport Park, including but not limited to Mallee Highway and Dukes Highway.



ABOVE: Airtouch 500 AT THE BEND. September 12-14. thebend.com.au

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We sincerely hope to see you at the event.

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# The Rotary Club of Tailem Bend

Submitted by Angela Thorley.

What's been happening in the Rotary Club of Tailem Bend? We have been active as a service club for a long time working to raise money to be used in both our local and international communities.

Our club meets twice a month (2nd and 4th Mondays at Riverside Hotel) for a dinner meeting where we have interesting speakers for one meeting and plan our activities and service opportunities for the coming months in the other. We are small in numbers but believe our efforts to help others far outweigh this.

To date we have had visitors from a varied cross section of our community. These included:

Tamsin Rowntree spoke about the Rural Woman's Circle being held at the Coonalpyn Hub. These popular sessions are focusing on connecting rural women through discussion and craft activities. Derek Smith told us about the fascinating world of comics and showed us some of his collection.

Stacy Seidel from Coomandook Area School explained about how student councillors in our schools assist students experiencing a range of anxieties and help with their behaviour and learning.

Marilyn Russell from Interplast informed us about the good work they do for the Asia-Pacific region. This is an Australian and New Zealand non-for-profit organization where they provide medical training to staff and reconstructive surgery to patients across countries in this area. People who may have bad burns and scaring or cleft lips or facial tumours can get life-changing surgery. In Australia, Rotary has a 40-year partnership with Interplast to help fund the activities they undertake.

Pharmacist, Geoff Rischbieth, founder of Chemmart, Chemplus which then merged with Terry White Chemists, spoke to us about the pharmacy business in Australia. His fascinating information had us asking questions long after the meeting conclusion.

We have been working to raise money by manning the ticket booth for the Roll Racing at The Bend every month. There, you will see our hard-working volunteers braving the elements and the cars taking and selling tickets. Likewise, we worked on the ticket booths at the Karoonda Farm Fair.



ABOVE: Geoff Rischbieth with Phil Roberts.

Each Wednesday Rotary volunteers provide cheese toasties and hot milo for students at the Breakfast Club at the Tailem Bend Primary School. We thank Helen Bowering who retired from helping after many years. Members also attended a volunteer afternoon at the school hosted by Mrs Hughes's class of 3&4 students and played Zahtzee finishing with a delicious afternoon tea of jam and scones.

This year we leased our BBQ trailer to the Tailem Bend Lions Club who have reconditioned it to allow them to continue with their catering requirements. It is also the first year we haven't held the annual Music Hall, but we are working on an alternative fund-raising event. In June members attended the Coorong Council's Volunteer Lunch held at The Bend Motorsport Park. Some fun raising activities included the annual Putt Putt competition between the three Rotary Clubs from Murray Bridge and Tailem Bend. We raised a \$1300.00 donation for Shelter Box, an organization which donates tents, and essential living requirements to families in disaster areas across the world.

Our annual Grants in 2024 gave assistance to not-for-profit community groups with donations towards helping them purchase items they needed. Some of these included: the Jervois Hall for stainless steel kitchen benches; Tailem Bend Tennis Club with tennis equipment; the RSL with an oven; the Bowls club for a fridge and Tailem Bend Masonic Quilting & Craft Group for an AED defibrillator machine. We continue to provide Grants for local community groups. If you are interested in joining our service club, please contact President Phil Roberts on philroberts60@yahoo.com and he will give you more information and extend the invitation to attend a meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.



# **Tailem Bend Historians Association inc**

The next ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is to be held on Friday 8th August 2025, at 9.30am.

At the Function Centre, rear of the Tailem Bend Hall, morning tea 10am followed by Guest Speaker: *Tammy Shepherd - CEO Tailem Bend Community Centre.* 

### - ALL WELCOME -

Contact the Secretary 0438 389 307 to RSVP "Let's all get involved in our local history"

MURRAY BRIDGE NEWS

# Bash Brings Big Fun and Big Hearts to Old Tailem Town

Story by Glenn Power & Suzanne Mackenzie, (Images supplied) Murray Bridge News. Sign up now at www.murraybridge.news

Mark your calendars. this August, the Northern Territory's proudest convoy of colourful characters rolls into South Australia for one of the most spirited stops on their journey—Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village, 8552 Princes Highway, Tailem Bend from 9.30 am to 12 noon on August 7th, 2025.

It's all part of the Variety NT Bash, a week of fun, friendship, and giving back, in support of Variety—the children's charity. Aaron Brooks, Chair of Variety NT, says this year is extra special. "We ain't afraid of no cold," he laughs. "It's been a long time between Nationals, and we are chomping at the bit to get amongst it—even if it means layering up in South Australia! We may be small, but we are mighty here in the NT."

The Bash, themed Vine to Mine, kicks off on August 1st in the Coonawarra wine region and rolls into Adelaide for the National Bash celebration on August 10th. But the real magic happens a few days earlier, from August 9th to 12th, when Old Tailem Town throws open its gates for just \$10 entry, with every dollar being donated to Variety Australia.

It's a chance to step back in time while helping shape a brighter future. Families and children from Tailem Bend's Primary School and Genuine Support Services Australia in Murray Bridge will join the fun, receiving gifts and joy from the Variety Bash teams.

This isn't just a pit stop—it's a celebration of community, kindness, and the incredible work Variety does for children across the Northern Territory.



ABOVE: The Bash kicks off on August 1st.



ABOVE: The Variety NT Bash is making a spirited stop at Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village.

# Tailem Bend Blue Light Calendar for 2025

TERM 3

11TH - 12TH AUGUST
Monarto Zoo /night

**24TH SEPTEMBER** 

Footy Colours Disco,

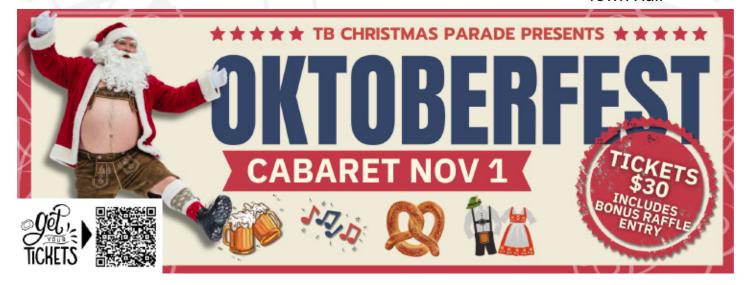
5pm - 7 pm

Tailem Bend Fotball Club

TERM 4

**3RD DECEMBER** Christmas Disco.

**5pm – 7 pm** Town Hall



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### **CEO UPDATE**

CTSA Tender Offers Lifeline for Rural Transport Services

Tailem Bend Community Centre Set to Expand Regional

Support for DHS

The Tailem Bend Community Centre (TBCC) is excited to announce its submission for the *Community Transport South Australia (CTSA) tender – P353*, funded by the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS).

TBCC will significantly expand its vital transport services for people under 65 years of age, growing its footprint from six to potentially fifteen local government areas (LGAs) and increasing its geographical coverage from 35,000km² to 56,000km².

Currently servicing the Coorong, Karoonda East Murray, Southern Mallee, Tatiara, Mid Murray, and Rural City of Murray Bridge, TBCC aims to expand under the CTSA model to also support:

- Berri Barmera Council
- City of Mount Gambier
- District Council of Grant
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- District Council of Robe
- Kingston District Council
- Naracoorte Lucindale Council
- Renmark Paringa Council
- Wattle Range Council

This expansion represents a lifeline for thousands of regional South Australians who consistently identify transport as a barrier to inclusion, wellbeing, and independence.

To support this growth, TBCC will employ two full-time staff and deepen its partnership with the *Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMLHN)* through an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). We also plan to formalise fleet sharing and resource agreements with local government partners, ensuring coordinated, cost-effective service across all 15 councils.

As the current *Community Passenger Network (CPN)* agreements conclude on 31 August 2025, TBCC will transition to the new CTSA model from 1 September 2025. As part of this preparation, we're calling for more community-minded individuals to volunteer as drivers.

"We're proud to be bucking the national trend when it comes to volunteer retention," said Judy Bagg, Chair of TBCC. "Unlike traditional rosters, our model gives volunteers full flexibility. We simply offer trips, and our drivers choose what suits them. That freedom, combined with the meaningful impact they make, is why our volunteers stay."

Volunteer drivers play a vital role in helping people attend medical appointments, access essential services, and stay socially connected. Whether you're available once a week or once a month — every drive counts.

"This is more than just transport — it's vehicles for connection, independence, and dignity," added Bagg.

With 17 Community Passenger Networks in South Australia and over two decades of rural transport expertise, it's time to grow visibility, secure more volunteer involvement, and meet the increasing demand for accessible community transport.

Interested in becoming a volunteer driver or want to learn more? Call (08) 8572 3513

CTSA Operations Manager, Katrina Fromm, welcomes any questions you may have about transport services or how to get involved.

### Wisit www.tbcc.org.au

Together, let's keep rural South Australia moving — by connecting the communities we serve.



### Station Master's House Development in Full Swing

Exciting Progress & Funding Applications to Support New CTSA Project

The transformation of the historic **Station Master's House** (SMH) is gaining momentum as the TBCC continues to breathe new life into this iconic site. With a vision to support the rollout of the **CTSA** model from **1 September 2025**, the SMH is being carefully restored and upgraded to serve as a functional base for regional staff and operations.

To support this work, TBCC has been successful with three funding opportunities:

- \$17,710 (GST inclusive) from the Good2Give Community Fund and Aurizon Community Giving Fund to construct a SMH Pavilion, creating a sheltered outdoor space for staff and community use.
- \$4,500 (GST exclusive) from the 2025 Vena Energy Community Sponsorship Program to concrete the veranda, improving access and safety.
- \$16,666 (GST Inclusive) Community Centres South Australia (CCSA) in partnership with the Australian Hotels Association SA (AHA|SA) and Clubs SA through the Independent Gaming Corporation (IGC). This funding will enable us to install the outdoor kitchen under the Pavilion.

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### **CEO UPDATE (Continued)**

### Station Master's House Development in Full Swing

Alongside these applications, a wide range of infrastructure and building upgrades are either completed or in progress, including:

- Roof replacement
- 🗸 Ceiling replacements
- Fascia and gutter upgrades
- Bathroom wall modification, including cutting through concrete, installing a lintel, and creating a new doorway to the laundry
- Bricking up the old laundry entry
- V Planning for shed installation
- V Electrical upgrades to ensure the property is safe, efficient, and fit-for-purpose
- Network and telephone system improvements to support seamless communication for staff and service delivery.

These upgrades are essential to prepare the Station Master's House as a regional hub for community transport services, and to accommodate the increased workforce required to deliver transport across up to 15 local government areas under the new CTSA model.

With multiple trades onsite and strong partnerships forming across local government and health networks, the SMH is quickly evolving into a dynamic and professional space ready to meet growing community needs.

"This project is more than just a renovation — it's a reinvestment in our region's capacity to deliver meaningful services and support to those who need it most," said Tammy Shepherd, CEO of TBCC.

Stay tuned as we continue to develop the site, secure funding support, and prepare for the next exciting chapter in TBCC's commitment to connecting communities across rural South Australia.

To see progress photos and stay updated, visit the TBCC Facebook page: facebook.com/tailembendcommunitycentre







### The new Aged Care Act puts you at the centre of your aged care

It will make aged care safer, fairer and more respectful.

This infographic outlines the main parts of the new Act and how they work together.



## New Aged Care Act Deferred to 1 November 2025: What It Means for Older Australians

The Australian Government has announced a brief deferral of the new Aged Care Act 2024's commencement date, moving it from 1 July to 1 November 2025. This adjustment aims to provide aged care providers with additional time to prepare their systems, train staff, and ensure a smooth transition for older Australians. <a href="health.gov.au">health.gov.au</a>

### Key Changes Under the New Aged Care Act

The Aged Care Act 2024 introduces significant reforms to enhance the quality and safety of aged care services:

- **Rights-Based Approach:** Establishes a Statement of Rights, emphasizing respect, dignity, and autonomy for older individuals.
- **Streamlined Access:** Simplifies the assessment process for aged care services, making it more transparent and user-friendly.
- Enhanced Protections: Introduces stronger safeguards against abuse and neglect, including improved complaint mechanisms and whistleblower protections.
- **Support for Decision-Making:** Allows older individuals to appoint supporters to assist with care-related decisions, ensuring choices align with personal preferences.

## Implications for Community Members Over 65 or 50 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

For older Australians, particularly those over 65 and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples over 50, the deferred start date means:

- **Continued Access:** Current aged care services will remain unchanged until the new Act takes effect.
- **Preparation Time:** Additional time to understand upcoming changes and how they may impact individual care plans.
- Engagement Opportunities: A chance to participate in discussions and provide feedback on the implementation of the new Act.

The government encourages all stakeholders to stay informed and engaged during this transition period to ensure the reforms meet the needs of older Australians.

For more information, visit the <u>Department of Health and Aged Care's website</u>.

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025



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**UPCOMING EVENTS** 









### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for 10.30am on Tuesday  $2^{\rm nd}$  September 2025 at the Tailem Bend Community Centre.

### TBCC MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships for 2025/2026 are now due.

Membership cost \$5.50 per annum which includes 50% off service charges, bi-monthly newsletters, a birthday card and voting rights at the AGM.



# Understanding Dementia: Free Community Information Sessions

Submitted by Paula, representative for Dementia Australia.

Hello, my name is Paula, and I'm the local representative for Dementia Australia. I live regionally in Loxton, South Australia, and support communities across the Riverland, Murray Mallee, and Murray Bridge regions.

For the past three years, I've had the privilege of working as a Dementia Support Specialist. Prior to this role, I worked in community aged care as a lifestyle manager and in residential aged care as a lifestyle coordinator. I also bring personal experience to this role—supporting my mother in her caring role for my father, who is living with Alzheimer's at the age of 74. I'm pleased to be bringing two valuable educational sessions to your town, designed to inform and empower those who may be concerned about memory changes or want to better understand dementia.

The first session, "Worried About Your Memory?", explores the difference between typical ageing and signs that may indicate something more serious. We'll discuss what dementia is, how to recognise the early signs, and when to seek help.

The second session, "Understanding Dementia", takes a deeper look into the condition.



# Worried About Your Memory?

Tailem Bend SA Thursday 14 August 2025

This session provides information on memory and common changes that may occur with ageing. It provides strategies for improving memory, when to seek help about your concerns and services provided by Dementia Australia.

Dementia Australia's facilitators have specialist knowledge, skills and experience.

Suitable for: Members of the general public who are concerned about their memory and dementia or who are worried that someone they know may have dementia.



When: Thursday 14 August 2025 10am-12.30pm, 2.5 hours

Where: Tailem Bend Bowling Club 11 Jacob Street Tailem Bend SA 5260

Cost: Free

### Additional information:

Bookings are essential. Coffee and Tea Provided. RSVP by Tuesday 12 August 2025.

### Find out more

Please contact Paula Nitschke on 0472 804 145 or email Paula.Nitschke@dementia.org.au Book on: https://WAYM\_TB\_14Aug25.eventbrite.com.au

This program and the National Dementia Helpline are funded by the Australian Governmen



ABOVE: Paula from Dementia Australia.

We'll unpack the most common types-Alzheimer's, Lewy Body, Frontotemporal, and Vascular dementia-discuss the importance of diagnosis, explore current support and treatment options, and address other factors that may mimic dementia symptoms. Both sessions include takehome resources and the opportunity to ask questions.

With dementia now the second leading cause of death in Australia, these free sessions offer a valuable chance to improve awareness and understanding within the community.

I warmly invite you to come along, learn more, and connect with others who may be on a similar journey.



# Understanding Dementia

Tailem Bend SA Thursday 14 August 2025

This session provides an introduction to dementia including an overview of different types of dementia, diagnosis, planning ahead and how to support someone living with dementia.

### You will gain knowledge in:

- types of dementia, signs and symptoms
- the experience of living with dementia
- available services and where to access support.

**Suitable for:** People living with dementia, their family carers, family members, and people who are concerned they or someone they know may have dementia. This session is not suitable for volunteers, professional carers or people employed in the health or aged care industries.



When: Thursday 14 August 2025 1.30pm-4pm, 2.5 hours

Where: Tailem Bend Bowling Club 11 Jacob Street Tailem Bend SA 5260

Cost: Free

### Additional information:

Bookings are essential. Coffee and Tea Provided. RSVP by Tuesday 12 August 2025.

### Find out more

Please contact Paula Nitschke on 0472 804 145 or email Paula.Nitschke@dementia.org.au
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## Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Lions members Judy, Bruce and Jo.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY HANDOVER – 13TH JULY. Held at the Tailem Bend Bowling Club.

The Bowling Club was beautifully decorated for our President, Lion Doug Holmes, to welcome over 70 attendees – including past presidents, former members, partners, wives, family, and current members of our Lions Club.

A delightful roast dinner and dessert were prepared by the hard-working members of the Tailem Bend Bowling Club, to whom we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for their outstanding effort. In officially opening the 50th Anniversary celebrations, President Lion Doug expressed his gratitude to everyone for their support and hard work throughout the year, particularly in helping make the 50th-year celebrations a success.



ABOVE: Pictured cutting the cake are two Charter Members and the wife of a third Charter Member. From left to right: Bob Hutson, Rayleen Ellis (wife of Bob Ellis), and Bill Jaensch.

A big congratulations to Lion Doug Holmes on accepting the role of President for the coming year. We look forward to another fantastic year of service and community spirit under your leadership! Our 50th Year Celebrations wrapped up beautifully with the cutting of the anniversary cake and warm farewells — until we meet again next year!

### Lion's Den Sales

Come and browse our ever-changing variety of great goods! Don't miss your chance to grab a bargain and support a good cause. Something for everyone!

Next Sale: Saturday, 16th August - The Lions Den, Tailem Bend - From 8:30am onwards

### NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Our Lions members were proud to support NAIDOC Week by firing up the barbecues for sausage sizzles at both the Tailem Bend Town Hall and Tintinara Area School celebrations. A special thanks to the Coorong District Council for supplying all the food — it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Lions Club members lending a hand at the NAIDOC Week sausage sizzle — proud to support and celebrate our local community. Image supply by Jason Irvine from the Murray Valley Standard

### Special Mention and Congratulations to Lion Reuben Gurney LIFE MEMBERSHIP – 40 YEARS OF SERVICE (1985–2025)

Reuben has proudly served on numerous committees over the past 40 years, including:

- Site Health and Hearing Dogs Picnic Race Committee
- Lions Mints Social Committee Home for the Aged
  - Tail Twister GUMI Races Program Committee
- Christmas Stocking Den Manager Christmas Cake Walks
  - Christmas Cakes and Raffle Tickets Honey Sales
     He has also held the following leadership roles:
    - 1st Vice President for no less than 17 years
      - 2nd Vice President for 4 years

Reuben has always been a willing worker, dedicated to helping others. He has been a tremendous asset to our club and we sincerely hope he continues with us for many more years to come. Thank you, Reuben!



ABOVE: Reuben Gurney receiving life membership. L to R. Joyce Holmes Zone Chairman, Doug Holmes President and Reuben Gurney with Vice District Governor Margie Thomas.

Upon receiving his Life Membership Certificate, Reuben expressed that he was deeply proud and honoured by the citation. He shared how much he enjoys serving the community and being a member of the Tailem Bend Lions Club.

### Community Project Support

Do you have a project we could help with?

Our President, Lion Doug Holmes, welcomes anyone in the community to reach out with a proposal for support from the Tailem Bend Lions Club. We'd love to hear from you!

Please send your application to:
Tailem Bend Lions Club, P.O. Box 141, Tailem Bend SA 5260

### 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 business also plays an active role in the community. Ongoing support is also provided to local fundraisers & family events like the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade—because giving back is part of the job.

### **Did You Know?**

- An average 4 person household in Tailem Bend or Murray Bridge with the correct solar & battery setup, could save on average \$2,300 annually
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## Tailem Bend Auto Club

Submitted by Michael Holliday.

On Thursday, 19th June 2025, 19 members, family, and friends in 10 historic cars took part in the Tailem Bend Auto Club Seniors Cruise & Lunch.

We met at the Swanport Hotel, Murray Bridge, in time for an early catch-up and departed at 9am. The cruise began with a quiet drive along the Old Princes Highway through Callington to Strathalbyn, where we enjoyed coffee at the Strathalbyn Bakery.

Afterwards, we explored a variety of Strathalbyn attractions, including the Gilbert Motor Museum, The Antique



ABOVE: Keven and Jill with their 1977 Chevy Camaro coupe – a classic beauty on the Seniors Cruise.





ABOVE: A great turnout for lunch, with members, family, and friends enjoying a relaxing afternoon together.

Bazaar, The Original Lolly Shop, Bowerbird Antiques, Collectable Classic Cars, relaxing afternoon together. as well as several op shops and bookshops. I spent most of my time admiring the impressive collection of classic vehicles for sale at Collectable Classic Cars.

We then made our way to The Bridge Hotel, Langhorne Creek, for a 12 noon lunch. The seniors' meals were great value, and the service was excellent. It was a splendid day enjoyed by all on a lovely, sunny winter's day.

### A big thank you to Steve Perkins for organising the day's cruise.



ABOVE: Some of the cars parked at the Bridge Hotel Langhorne Creek.



# Dancers Shine at Murraylands Winter Ball

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

The Tailem Bend Town Hall came alive on Saturday, July 19, as the Murraylands Ballroom Dancing Winter Ball brought together dancers from across the region for an evening of music, movement, and community spirit.

The hall sparkled with sequins, polished shoes, and elegant attire as dancers young and old took to the floor, celebrating one of the region's most cherished traditions. Nick Lazaroff of Mannum shared that, despite changing times, ballroom dancing continues to thrive in the Murraylands: "It's more than just graceful steps—it connects people, promotes physical activity, and strengthens community ties."

The Winter Ball was a perfect example, with smiles, laughter, and lively conversation filling the room. Members of the Murray Bridge Library Community Photography Group captured the magic, setting up a stylish photo booth for portraits between dances — helping preserve the joy and showcasing the power of community arts.







ABOVE: Dancing beneath the lights, the Winter Ball came to life.

Looking ahead, the Murraylands Ballroom Dancers, with support from Genuine Support Services Australia, are planning a **FREE all-inclusive Spring Ball** at Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village (date to be advised). The event will feature old-time music and a welcoming space for dancers of all ages and abilities — from first-timers to seasoned waltzers.

In a fast-paced world, events like these remind us of the joy in slowing down and dancing together.

# Tailem Bend Community Library New Books August 2025

### **ADULT FICTION**

**BACKMAN Fredrik**: My Friends – Artists, Friendships **BENAVENT Elisabet**: Everything I'll Say to You Tomorrow – Life Change, Romance

**BROOKE Amanda**: Night Fall – Family, Thriller

**BUNN Davis:** Fortunate Harbor – Adventure, Romance **BURKE James Lee:** Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie – Historical,

Thriller

CAVANAGH Steve: The Devil's Advocate – Eddie Flynn Thriller

**COBEN Harlan**: Nobody's Fool – Detective, Mystery **CONNELLY Michael**: Nightshade – Detective, Mystery **KELLERMAN Johnathon & Jesse**: The Lost Coast -

Detective, Mystery

**KELLY Martha Hall**: The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club: Historical, Family

**KOONTZ Dean**: Going Home in the Dark – Friendship, Thriller **LINNELL Maya**: Cockatoo Cove – South Australian, Romance **MACBRIDE Stuart**: This House of Burning Bones – Detective, Mystery

**POWTER Sara**: Paternity Unknown – Australian, History **ROOKES Lisa**: The Village – Missing Person, Thriller

WOODWARD M.P.: Line of Demarcation - A Jack Ryan Thriller

### **NON FICTION**

**Diddly Squat, Home to Roost**: Jeremy Clarkson

### **MONDAY MEMORIES**

Come along to the Tailem Bend Community Library

MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 **10 am start.** 

Come along and reminisce about the days gone by.

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### **LARGE PRINT**

**ALDERSON Maggie**: Would You Rather – Families, Romance **ARNOTT Robbie**: Dusk – Australian, Historical

**BURNS Anna and Jacqui**: Escape to Pumpkin Cottage – Hotels, Romance

**FRASER Darry**: The Night on the Darling River – Australian, Historical

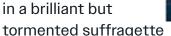
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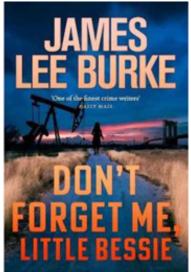
STOREY Kate: The Memory Library – Life Change, Family

# **BOOK REVIEW**

Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie By: James Lee Burke

At the beginning of the twentieth century, as America grapples with forces of human and natural violence more powerful than humanity has ever seen, Bessie Holland yearns for the love that she has never known. She finds a soulmate and mentor in a brilliant but





English teacher, who inspires Bessie to fight the forces of evil that permeate her world.

Watching the vast Texas countryside being destroyed by an oil company and a menacing figure with a violent past, Bessie is prepared to defend her home and her family. But when she accidentally kills an unarmed man to defend her father Hackberry, she must flee to New York. There, her older brother introduces her to boys who will grow into gangsters, but as children admire and respect Bessie's spirit and fortitude as she is cast into a gangland that yearns for justice and mercy.

**Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie** is an epic story of a remarkable young girl who fights against potentially overwhelming forces.

### ■ July 2025 (Edition 71)

After a big Special Council Meeting earlier this month (14 agenda items!), our Ordinary Meeting was a little lighter. Elected Members (EM's) have asked for items like the Landscape Levy and CWMS water charges to be shown separately when considering the budget, rather than bundled under the "rates" line. These are charges we don't control, so it makes sense to show separatey.

This year, property valuations across the district have shifted, Primary Production has gone up a bit, but Residential has gone up a lot. For the last few years, it's been the other way around. If your rates have increased by more than 15%, and the jump isn't due to improvements you've made to your property, you might be eligible for rate capping. That means your increase can be limited to 15%. It's worth checking with Council's Rate Officer if this applies to you.

On the topic of rates, I've done a bit of digging and compared how different areas are affected. It's not just about the value of your property; it's about the rate in the dollar applied to that value. For instance, if you owned a \$900K house in Murray Bridge you would pay \$4,626 rates or in Tatiara \$2,676 compared to \$2,425 in the Coorong. However, if you owned a \$2M farm in Murray Bridge you would pay \$9,254 or Tatiara \$3,312, compared to Coorong \$4,582. Each year, depending on the Rate in the dollar AND your valuation, this changes.

We had a good discussion about the Debt Recovery and Financial Hardship Policy. We agreed to use the word "postpone" instead of "defer" when it comes to unpaid rates to avoid any confusion. You still have to pay rates, postponing just gives you time to get back on your feet.

The idea to dissolve the Tailem Bend Town Hall
Committee was put on hold, so we can have a better
conversation about it. While the committee hasn't been
active, a few of us weren't confident that the wider
community even knew it was there or had a chance to
join. We also want to make sure Council still has
visibility over the Hall going forward.

SA Water has completed designs, costings and funding models for the Wellington East Water Supply Project. Community consultation is happening soon, so keep an eye out for your chance to have a say.

RAA EV charging stations are now live at Meningie,
Tailem Bend, Coonalpyn and Tintinara. The Tailem
Bend Carpark is progressing, and the Coonalpyn Pool
Carpark is nearly done. Council is chasing grant funding
to upgrade furniture at the Coonalpyn and Tailem Bend
dog parks. Don't forget to register your dogs & cats.

Over time, cemetery sonar scanning planned for all six cemeteries to check and update available burial plots, with handwritten and spreadsheet records are being compared to make sure everything aligns

The Coonalpyn Changing Places toilets are about to start construction. The adult change area will be accessible by code to protect the equipment, while other toilets will be open to the public.

This one was a bit frustrating. I stood up (again) for this little gem of a park. The Coonalpyn Caravan Park is not flashy, but it brings people to town. It's currently \$15 a night for power, and \$5 for a shower (per person, 5 mins). Last-minute, there was an amendment to our fees and charges to increase the cost to \$25. I personally think that's too much for what's offered (power & bare land). I pushed back and moved another amendment that increased it to \$20 and requested that the Pool & Caravan (Sec41) committee be asked for comment. My amendment was successful in becoming the motion. You can watch the discussion on Council's YouTube channel 8/7/25 (skip to the 1:56 minute mark).

The Tintinara Hall Committee has had keys reinstated to members. The Coonalpyn Hall Committee has been re-established as a Section 41 Committee with agreed Terms of Reference (in principle).

**412.5km of grading** was completed in June; 9 roads patched, 12 signs replaced (some due to vandalism, sadly). The wild weather saw the crews out and about clearing fallen branches and debris.

The flying fox is back in the Tintinara Nature Playground! As for the new metal rail near the slippery dip, it came from a playground safety review. It might not feel very "nature play," but it's part of ticking the safety boxes (believe me, I tried arguing about bureaucracy!).

Meningie Office Carpark is nearly finished, rain slowed things down, but hey, nice to have rain to write about for once.

Cheers, Lisa

# COORONG Council

Jul - Aug 2025

### Welcome to this month's Taunta Hut Road at Deepwater are Council update **Around the District**

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

The Community Facilities team have been tidying up debris and fallen trees following recent storms, clearing the stormwater drainage area in Meningie, and giving the Tailem Bend Train Park BBQ shelter a new lease of life with a fresh coat of paint.



Above: Tailem Bend Train Park BBQ shelter repainted.

Rural road users were supported through the annual patrol grading program, with 412.5km unsealed roads graded during June 2025, and 3,800km graded for the 2024/25 financial year.

Re-sheeting on Settlers Road at Field and maintenance works on

concluding now complete, 2024/25 Unsealed Roads Program with 30.6km of resheet works completed for the year.

### **Tintinara Apex Park Upgrade**

The redevelopment of the Tintinara Apex Park is nearly complete, with the new picnic furniture and basket swing now installed. Due to poor weather, the construction of the internal footpath was delayed and rescheduled for early July. Once completed, the perimeter fencing will follow, enhancing safety and enjoyment for both residents and visitors.



Above: New picnic setting installed at the Tintinara Apex Park.

### **Coorong Civic Centre Automatic Door Upgrade**

In late June, the existing manual swing doors at the Coorong Civic Centre were replaced with DDAcompliant automatic sliding doors.

The upgrade was completed in just one day and is part of Council's commitment ongoing accessibility, as outlined in the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.



Above: New automatic sliding doors at the Coorong Civic Centre, Tailem Bend.

### **Car Park Upgrades**

Hotmix works have been completed at the Coonalpyn Swimming Pool, Meningie Information Hub, and Punt Road, Tailem Bend car parks. Next steps include line marking and the construction of garden beds, which will enhance both functionality and visual appeal across these sites.



Above: Hotmix works at the Punt Road, Tailem Bend car park.

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### **Key Decisions**

On 8 July 2025 at a Special Council meeting Elected Members adopted the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan & Budget. This was the final step in setting Council's activities and priorities for the financial year, and determining how they will be funded. The adopted Plan can be Council's viewed on website (www.coorong.sa.gov.au/abp).

At the July Council meeting Elected Members received a final quarterly review of the 2024/25 Annual **Business** Plan. Development statistics for 2024/25 were also presented, which show a marked increase in dwelling approvals. It is pleasing to see steady growth in residential our district. with in the Coorong properties continuing to be attractive options.

### **NAIDOC** Week events

Council collaborated with schools across the district, who came together to deliver the 2025 NAIDOC Week celebrations which were held from 30 June to 4 July 2025 in Meningie, Tailem Bend, Raukkan, Coomandook and Tintinara.

NAIDOC Week activities included hosting the 2025 Country Arts SA curated 'Nunga Screen'. Nunga Screen celebrates First Nations' culture. stories and language through film; sharing stories of history, healing, belonging, connection community and Country.

Council is proud to provide ongoing support for cultural enriching events and to partner with local schools and stakeholders. An estimated 500 students and community members participated in this year's NAIDOC events. This year Council also received funding support from the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network to assist with delivering the program.



Above: NAIDOC Week activities at Raukkan Aboriginal School.

### **Strengthening partnerships**

Coorong District Council and Ngarrindjeri Ruwe Empowered Communities have formalised their ongoing partnership with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Tuesday, 1 July 2025.

Held during NAIDOC Week at the Tailem Bend Council Chambers, the signing marks a meaningful step forward in collaboration. The MOU outlines a shared commitment to respectful engagement and community development, paving the way for future opportunities.



Above: Mayor Paul Simmons and NREC Vice Chairperson Laurie Rankine (Snr) signing the joint MOU.

# SALA

# 2025 SALA Exhibition Opening | 8 August 2025

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# What's Happening in our Community?

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- 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 10am 12pm. Come and join us.
- TAILEM BEND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION; JOIN THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION! More details please contact: Maxine Kiddie: 0439 387 750
- 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

- 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.
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- ULYSSES LOWER MURRAY MOTORBIKE CLUB; A club for motobike 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
- 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

### **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 lan Eckermann 8572 3850.
- TAILEM BEND AUTO CLUB; Tailem Bend Auto Club (TBAC) meeting every Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Tailem Bend Football Club. Please contact the TBAC Facebook page for more information.

### **WEDNESDAYS**

COOMANDOOK Branch CWA; Meet first Wednesday
of the Month at the Coomandook Hall from 1pm, unless otherwise advised. For more details contact Anika Loechel 0438 256 629 or call State Office on 08 8332
4166 or www.sacwa.org.au

### **THURSDAYS**

 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

### **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

### **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 7:30pm to
  11pm. 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:** Seeing Failure Differently

Submitted by Pastor Garry, on behalf of the Revival Church, Tailem Bend.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 Paul said, "We're hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" Life can suck at times! "Stuff" happens! We Are Called To Build And Live Our Lives On The Great And Precious Promises Of God

**Hebrews 10:23** "So now we must cling tightly to the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps his promises!"

We're not called to build or live on the problems OF life or the pain IN life. All of us have experienced failure and failure can cause us to live in defeat. But maybe there's a different way of looking at failure! God takes things we could never dream He'd use, such as our greatest failures and integrates them into our lives to build us into someone with His fingerprint on.

Sometimes, things don't go or end the way we'd hoped - we lose a job, fail an exam, ruin a relationship or turn our backs on God. Sometimes, we fail because of something outside our control - our parents' divorce, a friend betrays us or someone lets us down. Failure has some powerful lessons for us if we'll take the time to learn from it.

God's Word teaches us about failure - the great people in the Bible teach us just as much by their failures, as by their successes!

• Adam and Eve had one job – don't eat the apple! • Joseph's brothers tried to kill him and sold him into slavery. • David loved someone else's wife and had her husband killed. • Solomon received divine wisdom and then chose to live like a fool.

• The 12 disciples repeatedly failed to understand or trust Jesus!

### **HERE'S TWO FACTS OF LIFE:**

1. LIFE IS NOT FAIR, GET OVER IT!

2. WE WILL FAIL MORE THAN WE WILL SUCCEED

However, there's so much we can learn about life and ourselves through failure. Every failure takes us closer to a victory!

• Einstein, seen by many as a genius, didn't speak until he was 4 years old • Isaac Newton didn't do well at school - teachers said he had a "doubtful" future. • Beethoven, one of history's greatest composers, was once told by his music teacher that, "as a composer, he's hopeless!" • Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor because he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas"

Remember, Jesus' greatest accomplishment on Earth was seen by the world as a colossal failure: THE CROSS!

The world tries to convince us failure is terminal – but Jesus is in the business of resurrecting failures and dead ends! I believe God uses failure as an opportunity to help us learn from our mistakes – to grow and become smarter and stronger!

God uses failures to teach us valuable lessons about Him, ourselves and life. Whether or not we learn from these lessons is up to us.

Henry Ford said,

"Failure Is The Opportunity To Begin Again More Intelligently"

## **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, Tailem Bend Service: Every Sunday at 11.30am 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
2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday (LWHC) 10am
13 Station Drive Tailem Bend
Priest Administrator: Fr. George Oluoch 0472 623 421
PPC Chairperson: Peter Nearmy 0407 710 907
Murray Bridge Office: ph. 08 8531 1669
Tuesday & Friday 9am to 3pm

### REVIVAL CITY CHURCH

6 Jacob St Tailem Bend Every Sunday 10am. Pastor Garry and Jane Leech. Email: garry@revivalcity.church Mobile: 0437 905 269

### TRINITY LUTHERAN

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

## **Community Notice Board**

# EXTENSION OF 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 of these forms can be obtained by contacting President Phil Roberts through his email address: **philroberts61@yahoo.com** or

Secretary Angela at: thorley@internode.on.net

Applications have been extended and must be received by the **22nd of August 2025.**These can be received by post (address on form), email or personally.



# CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 13TH 2025

Join the Magic of the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade 2025!

We're inviting local groups, schools, clubs, businesses, and creative individuals to enter a float in this year's parade. Let's light up the streets with festive cheer, music, costumes, and Christmas spirit!

### Big or small - all floats are welcome!

Whether it's a ute decked out in tinsel or a trailer full of elves, we'd love to see your creativity shine.

To register your float, fill out the form on our website: https://www.tailembendprogress.com.au/christmas-parade/

Or message us directly on Facebook for assistance.



### FREE, GRATIS, GRACE

When I was a child, it was an annual treat to visit an exhibition that showcased new household

products such as kitchen appliances, carpets, and DIY items—in fact, almost anything related to the home and garden.

The real "treat" was collecting free samples (especially the chocolate ones!). Most of the samples weren't particularly useful, but some were—and they were all free. Gratis. All we had to do was walk around and visit the exhibits. I think we can all agree that we like receiving something for free—not only free of cost, but also free of obligation.

And we do have something truly free: God has given us freedom from the punishment of our sins. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die so that we may be forgiven and inherit eternal life with Him in heaven. Through His grace, God has given us the free and undeserved gift of forgiveness and everlasting life. We are not required to pay for this grace-filled gift. There is no cost to "buy" our way into heaven.

"For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." (John 6:40)

All God asks is that we believe in Jesus as "the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), and that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength—and love our neighbour as ourselves (Mark 12:30–31).

Because God so loved us that He freely gave His Son to die for us, we too can love Him in response to His grace. How blessed we are that God has saved us by His grace. May you accept God's grace and believe in Jesus, that you may inherit eternal life and joy in heaven.

Submitted by Doreen Lutz.



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## **Community Notice Board**

### **Jokes of the Month**

I decided to make sure my husband woke up with a big smile on his face this morning.

- and just like that, I can't have Sharpies in the house anymore.

Never leave home without a kiss, a hug, and an "I love you."

Then, casually pull the pet hair out of your mouth

as you head to the car.



It's never too late to start exercising. That's why I'm waiting until later.

I remember a time when "a new hip joint" meant some place I wanted to go on Friday night.

### **Quotes of the Month**

Instead of attempting to be great, be part of something greater than yourself. – submitted by Lyn Gooddard.

"The best way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing" - Walt Disney

"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will"
- Suzy Kassem

"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start."

– Nido Qubein

"Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still." - Chinese Proverb

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<b>Helen</b> Bowering8572 4530
<b>Barb</b> Williams 0403 535 718

### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

<b>Police:</b> Tailem Bend 8572 4210
<b>Ambulance</b> 000
Fire & Rescue 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
Foodland Supermarket 8572 3866
Shell Coles Express Tailem Bend 8286 2308
<b>Elders Real Estate</b> 8572 8000
<b>Coorong Realty</b> 8572 4555
<b>Tailem Bend Automotive</b> 8572 4044
Rivercity Mechanical 8120 1899
<b>Smedley Tyre Service</b> 8572 4037
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<b>Riverside Hotel</b> 8572 3655
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<b>Subway</b> 8572 3884
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Princes Highway, Tailem Bend Phone: 8572 5800 Fax: 8572 5801

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

### **TAILEM BEND RSL SUB:BRANCH**

57 Trevena Rd, Tailem Bend (corner of Seymour St & Trevena Rd)
Phone: 0466 313 315
Secretary: 0419 856 744 tailembend@rslsa.org.au

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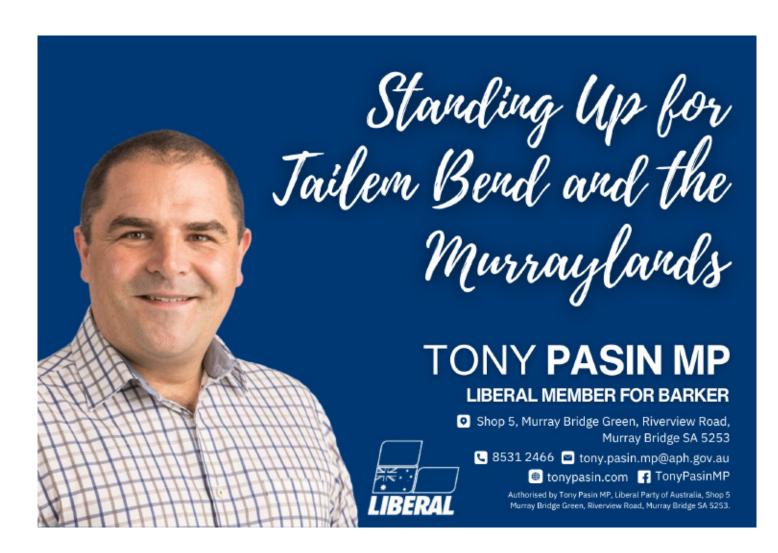
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