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Hearts & Horsepower Take Over The Bend

Submitted by Glenn Power, Marketing & Activities Co-ordinator, Genuine Support Services Australia.

This incredible event simply would not have been possible without the kind hearts of the Tailem Bend Auto Club and the support of the world-class teams at Shell V-Power Motorsport Park and Rydges Pit Lane Hotel. Together, they turned an idea into an experience that left a lasting mark on everyone who was part of it.

Over 35 proud auto club members rolled up with their pride and joys, ready to share their passion for motoring. With more than 50 thrilled passengers buckled in, the GT Circuit came alive as the cars set off for three exhilarating laps. Engines roared, tyres gripped, and hearts raced – not just from the speed, but from the sheer excitement of being part of something so special.

Passengers stepped out of cars with wide smiles, many saying the experience had “*made their day*” or even that they “*felt like a VIP.*” For some, it was the first time they had ever been in a performance car on a world-class racing circuit, and the joy was written on their faces. Drivers, too, were buzzing, calling it a wonderful opportunity to share their passion with people who truly appreciated every moment.



ABOVE: Brian “BJ” James of Murray Bridge left his wheelchair in the park for an exciting three-lap spin around Tailem Bend’s world-class GT Circuit.



ABOVE: Some of the cars in action! Image Provided by TBAC.



ABOVE: Hayley Smith of Murray Bridge had a dream come true: three laps of The Bend’s GT Circuit in a 5-litre naturally aspirated V10 Lamborghini Gallardo.

The sense of camaraderie between the club members, the guests, and The Bend’s staff made the day even more extraordinary.

The verdict was an outstanding success for the first GSSA Hearts & Horsepower community event, and it has sparked huge excitement for the future. GSSA and the Tailem Bend Auto Club are already gearing up for next year, eager to make it even bigger and better.

The spirit of the event, bringing people together, creating joy, and celebrating the love of cars, has set the tone for what promises to become a much-loved Murraylands tradition.

**This was more than just an event.
It was an experience. And it’s only the beginning.**

COVER IMAGE: Drivers, passengers and officials of the inaugural GSSA Hearts & Horsepower 2025.

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Tailem Bend Under 18s Go Back-to-Back!

Article by the Editor of the Tailem Topics, image submitted by Jodie Jarvis.

What a day for the Tailem Bend Football Club! Our Under 18s boys have done it again, bringing home back-to-back premierships with a fantastic win over Mypolonga.

On Saturday, September 20th, at the Tailem Bend Football Oval, the young Eagles took control early and never looked back, finishing the grand final with a strong **11.13 (79)** to **4.3 (27)** victory. The whole team played their hearts out, showing plenty of determination and great teamwork right across the ground. It was a proud moment for the club and the community, with family, friends, and supporters there to cheer them on every step of the way.

Congratulations to the players, coaches, and everyone who helped make this success possible – two in a row is a huge achievement, and the future is looking very bright for the Eagles!



ABOVE: Smiles all around! The Tailem Bend Under 18s celebrate their back-to-back premiership win over Mypolonga, making Saturday, September 20th, a day to remember for the club and community.

Hakea Highlights at Pangarinda

Submitted by Kaye Bartlett and Paul Bartlett.

At Pangarinda Botanic Garden, two striking Hakea species can be admired. Hakea corymbosa, often called the cauliflower hakea, forms a dense, green, cauliflower-like shrub up to 2 m high. In spring, its very sharp leaves are covered with scented yellow-green flowers, creating a vibrant display.

Hakea cinerea—Latin for “ashy,” referring to its blue-grey leaves—is a spreading shrub reaching 2–3 m high. Large, showy yellow flowers appear in the leaf axils at the ends of branches, maturing to a bright hue.

Both species are well known to native plant growers but are rarely available for sale. They naturally grow in neutral soils along the south coast of Western Australia, extending up to 70 km inland.



ABOVE: Hakea corymbosa.



ABOVE: Hakea cinerea.



Exploring Holden's Heritage

Submitted by Michael Holliday, by behalf of the TBAC.

Sixty members and families from the Tailm Bend Auto Club visited the Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre at the old Holden plant in Elizabeth South on Sunday, 14th September 2025. The group gathered at the Murray Bridge Railway Station carpark before travelling in convoy to Elizabeth, making the most of a perfect day to showcase their historic vehicles – most of them Holdens.

The centre is run by passionate volunteers, including some former Holden employees with over 30 years' experience, and even a third-generation worker. The impressive display, set up in the old Holden canteen building, is open once a month for car clubs to enjoy.

Holden's history stretches back 150 years, from their beginnings as coach builders for various manufacturers, including Ford, through to producing vehicles for the war effort during WWII.



ABOVE: Model of the Holden factory at Elizabeth South.



ABOVE: Part of the impressive display at the Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre, showcasing decades of history.



ABOVE: Tailm Bend Auto Club members and families gathered inside the Heritage Centre during their visit.

It was a great morning spent reading about and viewing the story of Holden manufacturing in Australia.

A big thank you to TBAC for covering the entry fees, which support the upkeep of this valuable centre.

Historic Cars Meet Variety Bash at Pioneer Village

Submitted by Michael Holliday, by behalf of the TBAC.

Thirty Tailm Bend Auto Club members displayed their historic vehicles at Old Tailm Pioneer Village and welcomed the arrival of the NT Variety Bash vehicles and participants on Thursday, 7th August 2025. Tailm Bend Primary School students were in attendance and provided light refreshments for purchase on the day.

The visit was a true community celebration and a chance for everyone present to learn more about the Variety Children's Charity and its support for children in need. A big thank you to Danny and Tina Squires for opening the historic village to the club, Variety, and the public, and for donating all proceeds to the charity.

Everyone enjoyed viewing the Bash vehicles and interacting with the participants, making it a memorable day for all involved.



ABOVE: Some of the Tailm Bend Auto Club's historic cars on display at Old Tailm Pioneer Village.



ABOVE: One of the eye-catching vehicles from the NT Variety Bash on display at Old Tailm Pioneer Village.

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #156

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

This month, we look at the memories of two local identities: Jake Persello and Glenys Cocks.

Persello is State Snooker Champion

Published in M/ V Standard. Year UNKNOWN

Tailem Bend's Jake Persello is set to head to the Australian Snooker Championship in October, after recently winning the state under-15 title in Adelaide. Six juniors aged 10 to 14 competed, with Jake winning 2-1 in a "very close and tense" final against 14-year-old Udit Lakra. Jake will now play in the national championships in Brunswick, Victoria, from October 2 to 4.

Jake said he was happy to have won the state championship and excited to compete in the national championship. He continues to practice about an hour a day on the pool table his father, Andy, built for both of them. At just 12 years of age, Jake adds this win to a growing list of titles, including Australian under-15 nine-ball champion and South Australian under-12 eight-ball champion.

Jake's Sights Set on Series

Jake is now aiming for the nine-ball World Series in Adelaide later this year, after being named under-15 nine-ball state champion. In a mixed competition, he outplayed two under-18 state champions to win the title.

However, he must first determine whether he needs to compete at the national titles in Sydney, which he won last year, to be eligible for the World Series. Persello said the series is something to work toward, as playing against international competitors would be different from Australian players. "Nine-ball is more mainstream in most countries," he added.



ABOVE: Jake Persello recently took out the South Australian under-15 snooker championships.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend teenager Jake Persello will be lining up for the National nine-ball competition in Sydney.

Persello Pots the Right Ball

Talented young nine-ball player Jake Persello has deservedly taken out The Murray Valley Standard/Fischer Motors Sports Star of the Month Award for August. Thirteen-year-old Persello seems unfazed by his success. With a recent win at the state under-18 competition, he is gearing up for the national competition in Sydney.

Jake said he is confident going to the competition, even though many of the players he will face are much older. The nationals will be the biggest competition he has played in, and if he wins, he will go on to play in the World Series in Adelaide — a goal he described as "amazing to reach."

Jake is busy practicing every day at home and travels to Adelaide weekly to train with Murray Bridge sportsman Bruce Pearson. At this stage, he is the only competitor from South Australia heading to Sydney, and his parents are proud of his achievements. His father, Andy, said Jake showed promise from an early age and was already defeating players in local competitions with 30 more years' experience.

Jake is now seeking sponsors to help cover the costs associated with travelling around the country to represent South Australia, and hopefully, soon, Australia.

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #156

Glenys Cocks: Supportive as Anyone Can Be

Published in M/ V Standard. Year 2002

After 26 years at Tailem Bend Primary School, Glenys Cocks has been a quiet but steadfast support to staff and students.

Deanna Lush reports:

Glenys insists she is “just an ordinary person,” but for the staff and students of Tailem Bend Primary School, she supported them in every way possible. “I’d rather remain anonymous. I’ve done no more than anyone else,” she says.

Mrs Cocks arrived in Tailem Bend in 1960 with her husband, a railway worker, and their three boys. She had another son soon after, making life “pretty hectic” with four young males in the house. “They were all sports mad and played foot-ball and cricket for Tailem Bend... I was always in the canteen or taking the team around to different places.”

Mrs Cocks began her role as a Support Officer (SSO) in 1975, a position she held for 26 years. “It was wonderful. I worked in the library, did speech programs, and helped with special education. I went on most school camps, mostly as the cook,” she said.

“Special education was very rewarding. The kids may have problems, but they are wonderful children. Any subject they did, we helped with — cooking, art, lifestyle activities. It did a lot for their self-esteem.”

She remembers in particular the primary school winning a national Wattle Day competition, which earned the school a computer. “With the pom-poms we made in foot-

ball colours and sold, we raised enough money to buy an outdoor setting for the school.”

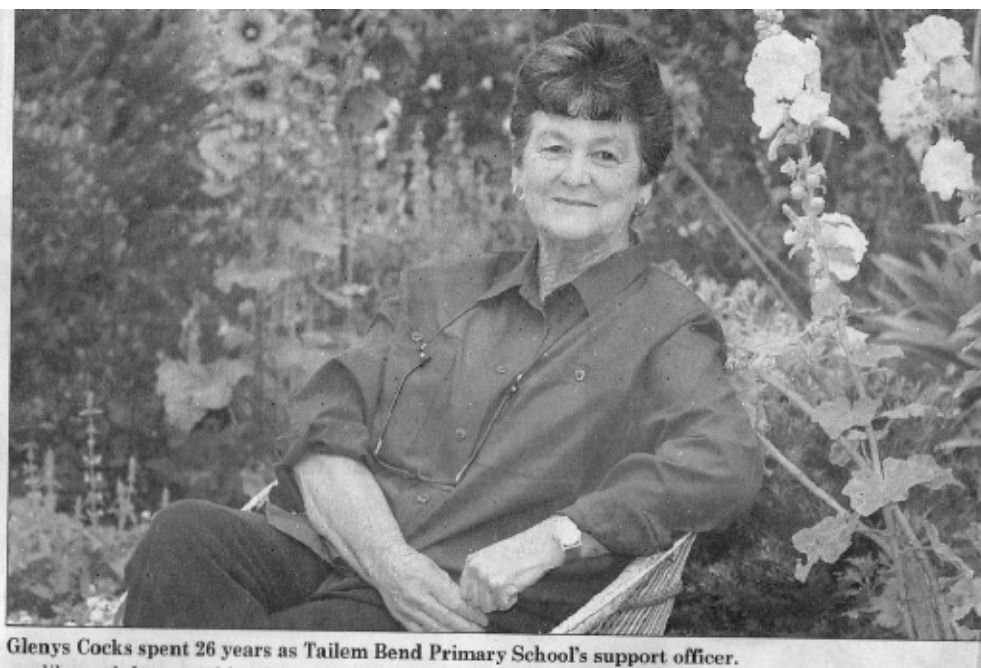
Mrs Cocks retired from the SSO position at the end of term three last year. Students, staff, and friends gave her a farewell, sending their best wishes. “I didn’t want any big hoo-ha. The staff and kids gave me a lovely farewell. There were lots of faxes from former staff because over 26 years, you work with a lot of people. It was a sad day, but I was ready to go. I will always miss it, of course.”

Mrs Cocks moved to Murray Bridge 15 years ago after the death of her husband but still holds the memories close to her heart. Originally from Elliston on the Eyre Peninsula, she trained as a nurse at Port Pirie, where she met her husband.

One of the personal milestones in her life was visiting Burma

with her sister to see their father’s grave; he died in Changi Prison Camp when she was four. “Going over there was very special. It was something I had always wanted to do. It was different not having a father around; we lived with my grandmother and grandfather, so I suppose he was our father figure. Mum was fairly special because we didn’t have a dad.”

Aside from her efforts at Tailem Bend, Mrs Cocks has been involved with the Lioness Club for about 15 years, including the last two years with the Twin Lions Club. “The Lions Club is a wonderful organisation. They really helped me after my husband died. I have got a lot of satisfaction out of working to do things in the town.”



Glenys Cocks spent 26 years as Tailem Bend Primary School's support officer.

ABOVE: Glenys Cocks.

Quote for the month:

“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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





Submitted by the Tailem Bend Progress Association.

It's nearly that magical time again – the Christmas Parade is just around the corner,
and **we're calling on all locals to get involved!**

Got a business, club, school group or just a bunch of mates who love Christmas? Why not put together a float and be part of the fun! Big, small, sparkly or simple – it's all about bringing the Christmas spirit to our streets.

Keen to join in? Find our float registration form here > www.tailembendprogress.com.au/christmas-parade/

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Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Lions members Judy, Bruce and Josephine.

Lions Roar with Community Spirit!

As reported in our September issue of Tailem Topics, our current fundraising project is for a much-needed lifter bed for the Tailem Bend Hospital. We are hopeful to make a presentation soon, as this vital and expensive piece of equipment will greatly support patient care and improve comfort for those in need at our local hospital.

A big thank you to all our supporters who attended the August and September Den Sales. We were thrilled with the amount of stock purchased, and we're pleased to report that we have also received plenty of new stock to keep the momentum going.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming major Lions online farm clearing sale at the Mannum Road auction. Inspections will be held on 7th November, with the online auction running on 12th and possibly 13th November. Be sure to check for confirmed times closer to the event.

On 2nd October, our Lions Club will be sponsoring a one-day Safari bus trip to Monarto Safari Park for Murray Bridge Community Lifestyle clients and their carers. This full-day excursion is highly anticipated and promises a fun and exciting experience for everyone involved. Keep an eye out for more details in the November newsletter.

Finally, a message from our president, Doug: if you're new to the district, why not join us? We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Riverside Hotel for a meal, fellowship, and guest speakers. You'll make friends, have fun, and most importantly, experience the joy of serving our community. Here in Tailem Bend, the Lions roar — and they roar with heart.

Honey is available from Lions Members:

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

Progress Association Thanks Volunteers

Submitted by The Editor of the Tailem Topics, images by Glenn Power.

The Tailem Bend Progress Association recently celebrated the dedication of its Tailem Topics delivery volunteers with a special appreciation lunch. Held at the Riverside Hotel on Sunday, 31st August 2025, the event highlighted the strong community spirit and commitment of those who help bring the local magazine to homes across the district.

Volunteers gathered for a relaxed and joyful afternoon, with laughter and lively conversation filling the room — a testament to the friendships and shared sense of purpose that bind this close-knit team. A highlight of the event was a heartfelt speech from Distribution Manager Brenton Qualmann, who warmly thanked the volunteers for their tireless efforts and dedication in ensuring Tailem Topics reaches its readers each month.



ABOVE: Brenton Qualman addresses the volunteers with a heartfelt speech, thanking them for their dedication to delivering Tailem Topics.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Progress Association volunteers celebrating their dedication to delivering Tailem Topics to the community.



ABOVE: Smiles all around as the lucky raffle winners celebrate their prizes at the Tailem Bend Progress Association volunteer appreciation lunch.

The lunch was a memorable celebration, leaving volunteers feeling appreciated and proud of the vital role they play in keeping the Tailem Bend community connected — a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of them.

Join us in celebrating the voice of a new generation—one that is thoughtful, powerful, and just getting started. The Murray Bridge Library will be hosting an inspiring book launch at 10 am on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Simon Goodridge is a thirteen-year-old local author, who has turned his own life experiences into a moving story about courage, self-belief, and hope.

Simon, who lives in regional South Australia with his great-aunt Diane, great-uncle Colin, and younger half-brother Dominic, has spent the past three years drafting a book that began as a simple character sketch and evolved into a full-length novel. Diagnosed with autism (**Level 2**), Simon has always seen the world through a unique lens—and now, he is ready to share that vision with readers.

The novel follows the journey of Jay, a 12-year-old boy who dreams of singing but struggles with self-doubt and feeling “different.” As Jay finds his voice, builds relationships, and starts a family, the story explores deep themes of resilience and love—even as Jay’s child faces leukemia. The story, though fictional, is grounded in Simon’s subjective experiences and the challenges he has faced growing up.

“I didn’t mean to write a book,” Simon shares. “I just started writing about someone like me. But then the story kept growing.”

What began as a creative outlet for Simon at age nine blossomed into a powerful narrative about identity, family, and the strength found in life’s hardest moments.



ABOVE: Simon Goodridge of Jervois – finding his voice.

One of his favourite parts of the book is the Thompson family—a fictional family, who reflect, love, loyalty and the hope that can carry us through the darkest times.

“Even when everything feels like it’s falling apart,” Simon says, “they turn the page and start a new chapter. That’s what I want people to remember.”

Despite his challenges, including navigating life across two households and balancing relationships with half-siblings from both parents’ sides, Simon has remained grounded by the support of his guardians and brother. Their encouragement, along with Simon’s natural empathy and curiosity, helped shape a book that speaks honestly and directly from the heart. The September launch will feature an author talk where Simon will share how the book came to life, how he used research and imagination to build his world, and what he hopes readers—young and old—will take away from it. Industry guests, educators, librarians, families, and the wider community are warmly invited to attend.

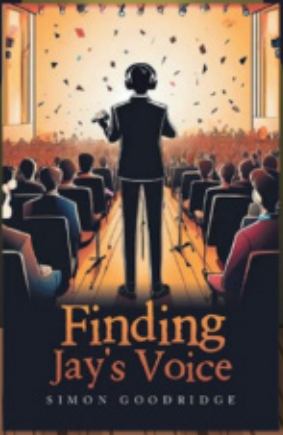
“Simon’s story is a reminder to all of us, that creativity knows no age,” said a library spokesperson. “His voice is authentic, brave, and incredibly moving.”

Simon hopes his readers will walk away with one simple truth: anything is possible when you believe in yourself.



AUTHOR TALK

SIMON GOODRIDGE

Wednesday, 15th of October 2025 at 10 am

Murray Bridge Library

Join us for an extraordinary Author Talk featuring 13-year-old Simon Goodridge as he unveils his debut novel, 'Finding Jay's Voice'.






CEO UPDATE

We're thrilled to announce the purchase of our second 2017 Toyota 12-seat minibus – the ninth baby in our fleet. This much-loved bus will now serve our Community Transport South Australia (CTSA) Riverland, Murray Mallee & Limestone Coast (RMC) service, helping even more people stay connected and supported.



Changes in My Aged Care regarding advocates/representatives

From **1 November 2025**, a new role called a **Registered Supporter** will replace the current “advocate/representative” system in My Aged Care.

If you already have a representative set up, that person will automatically become your registered supporter unless you choose to opt out.

What Does a Registered Supporter Do?

- A registered supporter is someone you choose to help you understand information and make decisions about your aged care.
- They can talk with My Aged Care, assessors, and service providers on your behalf.
- Most importantly – you still remain the decision-maker. The supporter is there to help, not to take over.

Who Can Be a Supporter?

- Usually a trusted friend, family member, or carer.
- You can have more than one supporter.
- Supporters must act honestly, respect your wishes, and put your wellbeing first.

From 1 November 2025, a new ‘Registered Supporter’ role will replace the current My Aged Care representative system. If you already have a representative, they will automatically become your supporter unless you choose to opt out. Talk to your family or a trusted friend now if you would like someone to support you in understanding information or making aged care decisions. You can also speak with TBCC staff if you'd like help checking or recording your information.

Advance Care Directives – Why They Matter

Life can be unpredictable, and sometimes circumstances arise when you may not be able to make decisions about your own health care, living arrangements, or personal matters.

An **Advance Care Directive (ACD)** is a legal document that allows you to record your wishes, values, and preferences in advance, giving you the peace of mind that your voice will be heard if you can't speak for yourself.

What is an Advance Care Directive?

An ACD is a written plan where you can:

- Appoint a trusted person (called a Substitute Decision Maker) to speak on your behalf.
- Outline your preferences for medical treatment, lifestyle choices, and future care.
- Record what matters most to you – your values, beliefs, and wishes.

It ensures that doctors, carers, and family members have clear guidance about what you want, reducing stress and uncertainty in difficult times.

Why Do You Need One?

Having an ACD is about **choice and control**. It:

- Protects your right to be heard even if you cannot speak.
- Prevents confusion or family disagreements during emergencies.
- Gives you confidence that your care aligns with your values.

Many people think ACD's are only for the elderly, but the truth is they're important for everyone. Illness or accidents can happen at any age.

Why It's Important Someone You Trust Knows Where to Find It

Completing an ACD is just the first step. It is equally important to make sure:

- Your Substitute Decision Maker knows about it.
- Family, carers, or close friends know where it is kept.
- Copies are shared with your doctor, hospital, or anyone who may need to act quickly in an emergency.

An ACD tucked away in a drawer can't help you when it's needed most.

How TBCC Can Help

At the Tailem Bend Community Centre, your wellbeing is our priority. TBCC staff may ask you a few questions about ACD's and record key information for emergency situations. This is not about taking over your choices – it's about ensuring that if something happens, the people who care for you can access the information they need quickly and respectfully.

Creating and sharing your ACD is one of the most important gifts you can give yourself and those who love you.

NEWSLETTER

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C4C UPDATE

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. PCMG is currently being held at the following locations:

Tuesday – Mannum
Mannum Leisure Centre
Senior Citizen Room - 9:30am

Wednesday – Meningie
Meningie Kindergarten – 11am

Thursday – Tailm Bend
Tailm Bend Primary School
Community Library – 9:30am

Celebrate Connection

Science Week – Pattern Play

Decoding Nature at Tailm Bend Community Centre – Friday 15 August 2025 was enjoyed by all the little scientists who attended. From microscopes to volcanoes, there was lots of experimenting and fun had by both children and adults.



Father's Day Craft at the Bowhill Community Centre

Friday 5 September 2025 saw lots of gifts created. We hope all the dad's loved them as much as the children (and mums) enjoyed making them.



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2026 Citizen of the Year Awards!

MEDIA RELEASE

It's time to celebrate and recognise our home-grown heroes! Do you know of someone who goes above and beyond for their community? Have you attended an event or been part of a project that has made a positive change to your community?

Nominations are now welcomed from all areas across the district from Taillem Bend to Salt Creek, Jabuk, Tintinara and everywhere in between!

Australia Day Awards nomination categories include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Project of the Year

Individuals need only be nominated once to be considered for an award **(the number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection)** so work with others in the community to submit a nomination!

Awards selection criteria includes:

Citizen Citizen of the Year: Someone who has made a significant contribution to the community, is an inspirational role model, or made a positive impact with their contribution;

Young Citizen of the Year: Someone who has made a significant contribution to the community, is an inspirational role model, or made a positive impact with their contribution. *(To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen aged over 16 years and under 30 years of age on January 26, 2026).*

Community Event of the Year: Presented to an individual or group responsible for staging the district's most outstanding community event of the year;

Community Project of the Year: Presented to the individual or group responsible for the district's most outstanding community project of the year.

Residents are encouraged to nominate their outstanding achievers and share the achievements of these special individuals.

Food & Wine Club September Dinner

Submitted by Tina Squires.

The Swanport Hotel was the venue for the September 2025 dinner, where 22 members and 6 guests gathered for a Spring-themed evening. Ornamental kale and fresh flowers adorned the room, setting a bright and festive atmosphere.

Starter: Confit duck rillettes with ash chèvre, microgreens, house-made cherry jam, and lamb shoulder tartlets with preserved lemon and rosemary crumb. Paired with *The Lois Sparkling Wine*.

Entrée: Swordfish carpaccio with salmon roe, chilli, finger lime, fennel, and lemon myrtle. Paired with *Alcatraz Clare Valley Riesling*.

Main: Kangaroo fillet with smoked celeriac purée, native pepper jus, and greens. Paired with a *Whipbird GSM*.

Dessert: Petit fours and an alternate orange/almond cake with raspberry coulis. Paired with *Houghton Sweet Classic* and *Bella Estate Alicante Bouchet*.

The Swanport team once again proved they are far more than just a "snitty pub."

A big thank you to Chef Kane and facilitator Emma for another outstanding evening.



ABOVE: Fresh flowers galore brought a touch of elegance to the September dinner.

Citizen of the Year Awards

Nominations Now Open



2026

Know someone amazing?

Nominate them now!

Help us celebrate people who make a real difference in the Coorong District Council community!

Nominations for 2026 are now open for the following categories:

- **Young Citizen of the Year**
- **Community Event of the Year**
- **Community Project of the Year**
- **Citizen of the Year**

Nomination packs are available at all Coorong District Council offices or online from Council's website:

www.coorong.sa.gov.au/citizenoftheyearawards

Nominations close **5:00pm on Friday, 24 October 2025.**



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Consultation closes
21 November 2025

Love where you live.... Share your ideas



The Coorong District is more than just a place, it's rural communities that are built on connection, strength and the shared aspirations of the people who live, work and play here.

Council is developing it's next **Community Vision Plan** – a roadmap that will inform our decisions, budgets and projects for the next 4 years

We want the Plan to be shaped by the voices of those who live, work and contribute to our region.

Right now, we're listening. We're inviting all residents, businesses, community groups, and stakeholders to share your aspirations for the next five years:

- What outcomes would you like to see for your community and the region?
- What things would you like Council to focus on?

Whether it's sustainability, services, infrastructure, well-being , or growth, **your input will help define the future we build together.**

Keep an eye on your letterbox, more information will be delivered to households soon.



For more information scan the QR Code or visit Council's website

www.coorong.sa.gov.au/CVP2030

Join the conversation

Meningie

Wednesday 15 October

Meningie Bowling Club

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- **3.30pm**
- **6.00pm** with FREE Sausage Sizzle at 5.30pm

Tintinara

Thursday 16 October

Tintinara Council Office

- **12.00noon** with FREE Sausage Sizzle at 11.30am
- **3.30pm**
- **6.00pm** with FREE Sausage Sizzle at 5.30pm

Peake

Monday 10 November

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Tailem Bend

Tuesday 11 November

Wednesday 12 November

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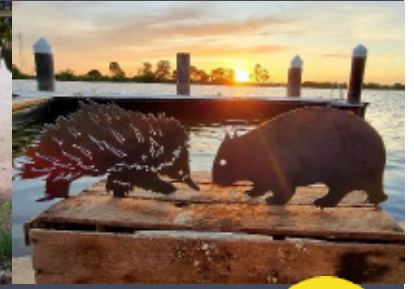
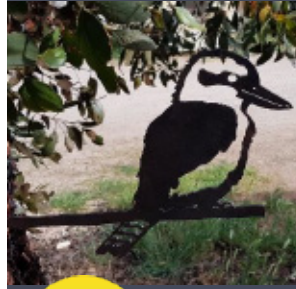
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New Captain Welcomed at CFS Open Day

*Editorial and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News,
Tailem Bend Correspondent.*

The Tailem Bend Country Fire Service (CFS) welcomed its new captain, Dylan Collett, during the brigade's annual Open Day on Sunday, August 31, 2025 – an event that once again drew strong community support.

Dylan, who has been with the Tailem Bend brigade for five years, said he was honoured to be elected captain and grateful for the confidence shown by his fellow volunteers.

"I was quite shocked to receive it, but it was really good to see that the brigade rallied behind it and voted me in," he said. "The best thing about the CFS is the family you gain. You create one big friendship group that looks out for each other."

The Open Day gave residents a chance to learn more about the work of the CFS, from responding to road crashes and house fires to assisting the SES at incidents across the region. Visitors also saw firsthand the extensive training opportunities available for volunteers, ranging from basic firefighting through to road crash rescue, breathing apparatus, hazardous materials, communications and leadership roles.



ABOVE: A fiery demonstration at the Tailem Bend CFS Open Day shows the dramatic effect of a stove-top fire, highlighting the importance of fire safety and proper training.



ABOVE: Dylan Collett, the new Tailem Bend CFS captain, is pictured here with Smokey visiting during the Open Day as the team practiced fire safety and flame extinguishing.



ABOVE: Community members enjoy learning fire safety at the Tailem Bend CFS Open Day.

Dylan stressed that the brigade is always looking for new members. *"Any help's good help – whether you're available during the day, at night or just weekends. It doesn't cost anything except your time, and once you're in, your part of the family."*

The successful Open Day highlighted the dedication of local volunteers and reinforced the vital role the Tailem Bend CFS plays in protecting the community.

Standing Together Against Dementia

Submitted by Merran Kelsall, Chair Dementia Australia.

An immense thank you to everyone who was involved and spread the word during 2025 Dementia Action Week from 15-21 September.

Across Australia, individuals and organisations supported our campaign **'Nobody can do it alone'**, encouraging everyone in the community to reach out and reconnect with someone in their life affected by dementia. Social isolation and loneliness are, unfortunately, all too commonly experienced by many living with dementia.

And, with the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reporting this month that dementia is now the leading cause of death for all Australians, chances are that you

know someone impacted and can help be part of their support system – so that none of us have to face dementia alone.

On behalf of the estimated 433,300 Australians living with dementia and the 1.7 million people involved in their care, thank you for showing your support this Dementia Action Week.

While Dementia Action Week is only one week each year, the conversation and action to eliminate the lack of understanding that leads to stigma and discrimination continues year-round. For information and tips on how you can continue working towards a dementia-friendly future, please visit **dementia.org.au/DementiaActionWeek**.

For support any time, please contact the **National Dementia Helpline** on **1800 100 500**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tailem Bend Community Library

New Books October 2025

ADULT FICTION

ABELL Stigg : Death in a Lonely Place,	Thriller
CHILD Lee : Safe Enough,	Short story Collection
CLEEVE Ann : The Seagull,	Vera mystery
CLEEVE Ann : The Moth Catcher,	Vera Mystery
HARMEL Kristen : When We Meet Again,	WW2 Story
JACOBS Anna : Miranda's Family,	Love Story
JORDAN Deb : The River Whispers,	Australian Mystery
LEATHER Stephen : Last hance,	Thriller
LOUTH Nick : The Dark Edge,	British Crime thriller
PAPATHANASIOU Peter : The Bolthole,	Political crime
PATTERSON James : Raised by Wolves,	
PATTERSON James : Count Down,	Thriller
PATTERSON James : Private Beijing,	Thriller
PETRAITIS Vikki : The unbelieved,	Crime Fiction
SCOTT Tanya : Stillwater,	Australian Crime
SILVA Daniel : An Inside Job,	Spy Fiction

NON FICTION

MARCUS Julie: Sex and Savagery in the Good Colony, South Australia 1836-1901

BOOK REVIEW

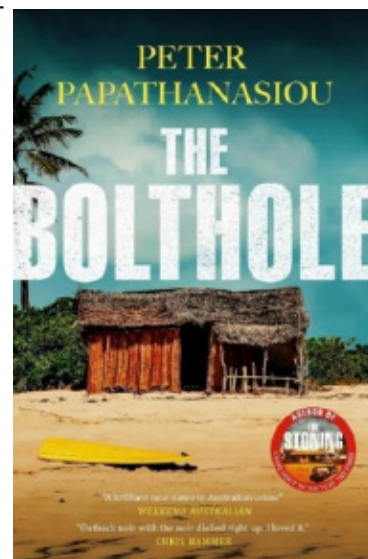
The Pearl of Tagai Town

By: Lenora Thaker

Primarily set in far north-east Queensland in the decades leading up to, during and immediately after the Second World War, Lenora Thaker's debut novel, *The Pearl of Tagai Town*, is the tale of one young woman's extraordinary grit and vision for her life.

It's also a love story to warm the coldest of hearts.

This immersive, propulsive novel is a clear-eyed portrait of a time and a community navigating racism, including horrifying violence, segregation and oppression, wartime tragedies, and the general hardships and joys of life. The characters are irresistible, and the local languages woven throughout are as evocative as Thaker's narrative. This is the kind of book you'll want to read again immediately, and will appeal to fans of Kate Grenville, Pip Williams and Anita Heiss.



Tailem Bend Community Library

School Holiday Times – October 2025

School Holidays will commence on Monday 29th September 2025
School will resume on Monday 13th October 2025

Holiday times will apply
Monday 8.30 - 12.30 1.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 8.30 - 12.30 1.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 8.30 - 12.30 1.30 - 4.30pm

The Community Library is **CLOSED** on all **Public Holidays**,
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MONDAY MEMORIES

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■ September 2025 (Edition 73)

Spring is here and it's been nice to see the colours of the landscape change. At the Sept meeting we paid tribute to **Patti Connolly** who passed away at the age of 95. Cr Maidment read a tribute touching on some of her achievements and community work.

A 10-year lease (with a right of renewal for a further 10 years) was granted to the **Meningie Bowling Club**

We were delighted to welcome year 4/5/6 students from **Coomandook Area School**, who shared with us their creative ideas and solutions for easing traffic congestion on Granites Road, Tailem Bend.

A report on morning swim sessions at the **Coonalpyn Pool** was noted, and a motion was moved by me (*seconded by Cr Pietzsch*) to clarify that afternoon swim sessions from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on weekdays will operate with one lifeguard and one additional person present, while morning sessions will require two Council staff members as the canteen will not be open. Council also acknowledged the challenges of resourcing the morning sessions and noted that engaging an external provider may incur additional costs. It was further resolved to trial a 7:00 to 9:30 am morning swim time, with attendance records to be kept determining the most suitable timeslot.

The new sealed carpark at the **Coonalpyn Pool** is finished with a slight drainage issue being rectified. The Tailem Bend Railway Terrace Carpark design has been finalised, with work likely to commence in late 2025 and be completed by Feb 2026

Cr Arthurs' three motions to **remove the declaration of drought** and to **postpone rates** for primary producers and the industries that support them, lapsed without a seconder, meaning no vote was required. This sent a clear message that the chamber continues to recognise our region is in drought. At this stage, postponement of rates does not compromise our capacity to provide services. Supporting those who keep our region employed and viable is not only compassionate but also fiscally responsible, because if our primary producers, who contribute around 70% of rates, and

their supporting industries collapse, the long-term cost to the entire community will be far greater.

In 2024/25 **\$10M worth of projects** in the District were completed. The contract for the new **Coonalpyn Toilets** has been awarded with construction expected to start in late 2025 and be completed by Feb 2026. The old toilets will remain in place and operational until then.

Sadly, the **Narrung Jetty** is in far worse condition than expected, with serious safety risks that will require significant funding to address. Built in 1877 to service mail steamers, the jetty quickly became central to the life of Narrung, handling not only mail but also produce, stock, and passengers. While its role has shifted over the years, the jetty remains a valued community asset. Council will be briefed in January 2026 about costs and funding options.

During 2024/25, Council spent \$1,681,273 re-sheeting 30.6km of its unsealed road network. This was less than the annual target of 35kms, due to dry conditions and extra costs involved with water cartage, along with a long lead for localised rubble. The 25/26 budget will see \$2.727 million spent on Pascoe, Todd, Burns, Jabuk South, Loveday, Cantara Deepwater, Taunta Hut, Buccleuch North and Klitscher Roads.

Council has funded a district-wide **banner pole upgrade**, starting in Tintinara with the replacement of 16 old poles. Eight new pulley-style poles will be installed, while four of the old poles with decorations will be gifted to the **Tintinara Action Club**. Expansion to other towns is planned in future years.

Childcare: Recent community consultation confirmed an immense need for additional long day care in the district, with two-thirds of parents reporting they are heavily impacted by the lack of childcare. Surveyed families indicated they would work an average of 25 extra hours per week if they could access three days of childcare. According to the 2021 ABS, there were 245 children aged 0–4 years in the Coorong and 1,016 people providing unpaid care for children. A report is being prepared that will assist in discussions with State and Federal ministers, agencies, and key stakeholders, as well as support future funding applications.

Cheers, Lisa

COORONG Council News

Sep - Oct 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 were busy with winter mowing across the district, repairing the irrigation valve at the Tailm Bend Football Oval, and topping up soft fall mulch at the Peake Playground.

The Meningie entrance sign has had its lighting and wiring replaced, now brightening up and welcoming everyone to town again.



Above: entrance sign lit up at Meningie.

Almost 350 chairs at the Tailm Bend Town Hall have also had a spring steam clean and are now ready for this year's festive season.

Throughout August, approximately **368.2km** of unsealed roads was graded across the district as part of

the annual patrol grading program, improving road safety, accessibility, and travel conditions for rural road users.

Unsealed Road Renewal Program

Planning is underway for the 2025/26 program, with scoping underway for rubble quarries to support future works. This program aims to enhance road durability, safety, and access for rural communities.

Renewal works on **Buccleuch North Road at Peake** have seen a 3.1km re-sheet completed in mid-September 2025.

The next stage of renewal is scheduled to begin on **Jabuk South Road, Carcuma** by 29 September 2025, covering 5.5km from the Tauragat Well Road intersection north to the Ladara Bore Road intersection. These works are anticipated to take approximately 5 to 7 weeks, further strengthening the region's unsealed road network.



Above: works underway on Buccleuch North Road at Peake.

Carcuma Road Stage 2 Upgrade

The final stages of the Carcuma Road upgrade are approaching, with final sealing works scheduled to occur in October 2025.

Coonalpyn Changing Places Public Toilet Facility

Work is moving ahead on the new Changing Places toilet at Coonalpyn. Trees have been cleared from the site, and Council is now working through changes to power, water, and wastewater services. Construction of the toilet facilities is expected to commence in the coming months following the completion of site preparation.



Above: Artist render of the new Changing Places facility to be constructed at Coonalpyn.

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Key Decisions

At the September Council meeting Members received a findings report on Early Childhood Education and Care following engagement with the community earlier this year. The report will be used as an advocacy piece, with data and evidence to support and address the childcare gaps across the district.

The Meningie Bowling Club's lease was renewed for 10 years, with an option for another 10 — giving the club certainty for future planning.

The Coonalpyn Swimming Pool opening hours were reviewed ahead of the 2025/26 season; a trial of changed morning swim hours (7am - 9:30am on weekdays) was endorsed for the upcoming season. Afternoon and weekend hours will remain the same.

Council also received a report on the Narrung Jetty, following its closure in July due to safety risks. Options and costings will continue to be investigated, as well as funding opportunities for renewal of the jetty.

Want to read more?

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



Citizen of the Year Award Nominations Now Open!

It's time to celebrate our home-grown heroes!

The Citizen of the Year Awards acknowledge the unsung heroes of our community who through their contributions make our district a better place to live, work or visit. They offer outstanding service and enable our communities to be stronger as a result of their tireless efforts.

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Community Vision Plan 2026-2030

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Engagement opens: 13 October
Engagement closes: 21 November 2025.

Find out more about how to share your ideas at:

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**Citizen
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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 10am - 12pm. **Come and join us. Contact Sandrina 0428 104439 or Stephen 0427 978699**
- **TAILEM BEND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION; JOIN THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION!** For meeting 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. Gwenda Zadow 8572 3057**
- **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**
- **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 0401 239 630 or Ian 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 Maureen Gibson on 0417 084 864 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 - A Prince of the People

Submitted by Doreen Lutz on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Congregation.

Princess Dianna was considered to be the People's 'Princess' connecting with people from all walks of life and appeared equally at ease with royalty and those who were marginalised by society.

She mixed with people suffering from HIV and other contagious diseases. She visited countries in which the people lived alongside unexploded ordinance. Wherever she went she was followed by the press and so her actions, though criticised by some, shone a spotlight on problems people faced all over the world, spurring action to remedy these situations.

Jesus also attracted attention wherever he went as he preached the Gospel and healed the physically and mentally sick. **Matthew 15 v. 29-32** Perhaps he could be called the **'Prince of the People'**. He also had those who criticised his work. Those who were horrified to see him with 'sinners', mainly the Pharisees who thought salvation would come when all the Jews keep God's Laws.

People who were shunned by society were perceived to have broken God's Law. When Jesus entered Jericho he saw Zacchaeus, a tax collector, and told him,

'Come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' All the people began to mutter that Jesus was going to be a guest of a sinner. When Jesus ate dinner at Matthew's house, another tax collector, the Pharisees asked, *'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors?'* Jesus' reply was, *'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick..... I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.'* **Matthew 19 v 10-13.**

We are asked to love our neighbour and this means those who are marginalised in our society as well as those people we consider worthy of being loved. There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves..... if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness". 1 John 1 v 8

Tailem Bend Historians Are Interested In Your Memoirs!

Interesting stories are emerging as we catalogue old Coomandook and Peake District Historical Society photos and records, giving insight into past lives.

Life was hard, but social activities brought joy. We'd love to **hear your story**—a short paragraph about your childhood: school days, washing, cooking, or work as a railway employee, farmhand, or shop assistant. Even ordinary memories matter—explaining a Walkman, shopping before supermarkets, phone costs, your first car, radios, or peeling bread from a high-top loaf. Your stories could help the TB Historians create a book and keep the past alive.

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TAILEM BEND BLUE LIGHT CALENDAR FOR 2025

Term 4 - 3rd of December
Christmas Disco, 5pm to 7pm. Town Hall.

TAILEM BEND BOWLING CLUB REPORT

Submitted by Chris & Kylie Slattery.

A new season is about to begin for the Lower Murray Bowls Association. Tailem Bend will be fielding teams in Mid-Week **(TB Eagles)**, Ladies' Thursday Pennants, as well as Division 1 and Division 2 Pennants.

Ladies' Pennants start on 9th October, Saturday Pennants on 11th October, and Mid-Week on 15th October. Here's to a great season ahead! The club is also proud to have achieved Gold Accreditation with Good Sports.

Find out more at: goodsports.com.au

Are You Interested in Playing Bowls?

The Tailem Bend Bowling Club is looking for new players! Come and try out the new synthetic bowling greens. Club facilities are open Thursday afternoons from 3:00 pm.

Starting Sunday **14th September 2025**, the greens will also be open for practice from 1:00 pm, ahead of the new season. Club bowls are available for use.

For further information, please contact: Club President Stuart - 0428 242 905 - Secretary Steven - 0419 900 379

Everyone is welcome—come along, have a go, and be part of our friendly club.

DEAR COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL...

Submitted by: Leigh McGregor resident of Tailem Bend.

My name is Leigh McGregor, and I'm a resident of Tailem Bend, living on Railway Terrace. Each day, I pass by the playground and tennis courts located at the corner of Railway Terrace and Tenth Street.

I've noticed that the area has become quite dilapidated and appears to have been left without maintenance for an extended period. As a resident who values community spaces—particularly those available to children and families—I find this disappointing.

Given the limited number of recreational spaces in our small town, I believe this area has the potential to be a valuable asset for the local community if it were properly maintained and revitalised. In particular, the tennis courts could offer a great recreational outlet for both children and adults.

I would like to formally request that the council consider undertaking maintenance of the area and explore possible improvements to restore it as a functional and inviting community space.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your response.



LOVE LOOKS LIKE...

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

We live in a world where love has taken on many meanings—love for a partner, a child, or family. Yet love always costs something: our time, our pride, or the willingness to put others first. Raising children, being present with those around us, or building relationships all require sacrifice.

The Bible gives us a clear picture of love: *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."* (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

This kind of love is tested when dealing with strangers. Can we show love when we don't know someone? It looks like listening instead of speaking over them, showing respect despite differences, and offering patience and compassion. Love is not weakness—it carries strength, valuing people above words. At its simplest, love requires patience and kindness.

Some are called to love at deeper levels—entering hurting places and demonstrating hope through words and actions. Others show love through service, protecting our nation and communities in the armed forces, police, ambulance, or politics. Such protection and sacrifice flow from love.

The greatest act of love is Jesus' death on the cross. He bore the punishment we deserved and then defeated death by rising to life. His sacrifice offers eternal life, not because of anything we have done, but as a gift of grace.

A greater love we will never know. That is what love truly looks like.

NEW EVENT FOR COORONG

Submitted by: Marianne Cunneen.

A new event is coming to the Coorong District, expected to grow into a major annual attraction for locals and visitors alike. The Meningie Museum has been hosting its **annual swap meet** on the shores of Lake Albert for five years, with around fifteen sites at each event. The swap meet is held alongside the Classic and Vintage Caravan weekend at the nearby Lake Albert Caravan Park.

Museum committee member Syd Greig proposed adding a farm expo to the event. The museum recently gained ownership of the land and buildings, including large blocks at the front and rear. While the swap meet will continue on the northern, lakeside side, the farm expo will take place on the southern side.

Mr Greig has already confirmed more than twenty agricultural businesses from as far as Murray Bridge for the farm expo, with around twenty more sites planned for the swap meet. Farmers and businesses are encouraged to attend and explore the displays. The event aims not only to showcase the museum, highlighting traditional agricultural methods, but also to support the future of farming in the region. With the drought nearly over, it offers a welcome boost for local families and businesses.

The event will be held on **Sunday, 2 November**, from 8 am to 2 pm. Breakfast will be available from 7:30 am for traders, and a sausage sizzle will be served for lunch. Visitors are also welcome to explore the caravan park and view the vintage and classic caravans for the weekend.

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Jokes of the Month

Just had my yearly health check, and according to my height-to-weight ratio, I should be 8 feet 7 inches tall. **So clearly, my weight is fine - it's my height that's the real issue!**

Just got my electric bill today. **I think they charged me for the sunlight, moon light, street light, the light of the Holy Spirit, and the light at the end of the tunnel!!!**



To my children:
Never make fun of helping me with computer stuff. I taught you how to use a spoon.

Expectation: **I'll fold laundry, immediately.**

Reality: **It's now a chair decoration.**

Quotes of the Month

"Giving is an investment." – submitted by Lyn Gooddard.

"Small steps every day lead to big changes tomorrow."

"Change is uncomfortable, but so is staying the same."

"Your mind is a garden. Your thoughts are seeds. You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds."

"Not every storm comes to disrupt your life; some come to clear your path"

"Dream big. Start small. Act now!"

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Bookings are essential
places are limited

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- ✓ Reflect on whats draining us and whats filling us up
- ✓ Explore simple tools to strengthen wellbeing and adapt to tough seasons
- ✓ Share ideas for looking after ourselves and checking in with others

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