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Records Shattered at The Bend!

Article submitted by Tailem Topics Editor – Photos by Glenn Power.

Tailem Bend came alive earlier this month as locals and visitors alike gathered for the 2025 Spring Nationals at Dragway at The Bend. With over 22,000 people filling the grandstands and campgrounds, the town was buzzing as families, racers, and fans celebrated a weekend of high-speed excitement and community pride.

Under perfect spring skies, the atmosphere was electric. The event saw John Ricca make history with a 5.406-second pass, the fastest ever by an Outlaw Pro Mod in Australia, clocking an incredible 270.94 mph (436 km/h). Not to be outdone, Damian Harris broke his own Top Fuel national speed record, reaching 333.51 mph (536.82 km/h) – proving once again that The Bend is home to Australia's quickest drag strip.

“This track just hooks up,” Ricca said after his record-breaking run. “The Bend is hands down the best surface in the country. We came here to push the limits – and we did.”

But it wasn't just about the records. The event brought together people from across the region, with locals volunteering, businesses welcoming visitors, and families enjoying the sights and sounds. The off-track entertainment – from live music and free kids' activities to open pit access – created a festival feel that showcased the strong community spirit The Bend is known for.



ABOVE: A crowd favourite launches down the strip during the 2025 Spring Nationals.



ABOVE: Crews make final adjustments with the body lifted, giving fans a rare glimpse of the powerhouse beneath.



ABOVE: Alex Brown and Bianca O'Sullivan of Meningie with Erin Hoare of Tailem Bend, SA.

Campgrounds quickly sold out, with additional sites opened to meet demand, as friends and families gathered around barbecues and shared stories late into the night.

Alistair MacDonald, CEO of Shell V-Power Motorsport Park, said the weekend was a testament to both the track and the town: *“This weekend reaffirmed why The Bend is now recognised as Australia's fastest and most complete motorsport destination.”*

As the final round of the Professional Drag Racing Championship (PDRC), the Spring Nationals was not only a milestone for racers but a celebration for the entire region. With the Bend Classic and Country Music Festival just around the corner on October 24–26, **the spirit of Tailem Bend is set to keep shining – both on the track and in the hearts of those who call it home.**

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The Tailem Bend Christmas Parade

Article submitted by The Tailem Bend Christmas Parade Committee.

Get ready for one of Tailem Bend's most magical nights of the year! The Tailem Bend Christmas Parade will be held on December 13th with festivities kicking off from 4:30pm and the parade starting at 6:00pm.

The whole community is invited to come along, dress in your best Christmas outfits, and soak up the festive spirit. Expect a large and colourful array of floats, showcasing the incredible creativity and community spirit from many walks of life across our region. Have a float idea? Don't forget to submit your entry forms! We've already got a great line up!

This year's event features (+ plenty of FREE FUN):

- Live music from local bands ARKIVE & The Murray Bridge Community Band
- Market stalls (spaces already sold out!)
 - Local food vendors
 - Petting zoo
- Jumping castle & Face Painting
- Kids sensory play area
- Meet and greet with Santa and his elves

It's a night for families, friends, and visitors to come together and celebrate the joy of the season.



ABOVE: Spreading Christmas cheer in style at Tailem Bend's 2024 Christmas Parade.

Whether you're joining the parade or cheering from the sidelines, there's something for everyone and all ages! A huge thank you to all of our sponsors for helping bring this fantastic community event to life. Our local community businesses have exceeded our expectations, which allows us to provide the free entertainment and fun that we do every year.

And don't forget - spread the Christmas cheer beyond the parade by decorating your homes with lights and festive displays! Let's light up Tailem Bend and make it shine bright this Christmas!

Let's Build a Playground for Tailem Bend Kids!

Article submitted by The Progress Association, Playground Subcommittee.

This Christmas, our community is joining the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade with a special message — let's build a playground for our local kids!

Our float will proudly represent the families and residents of the Mott and Moir Street area, who have joined forces with a shared dream: *to create a safe, inclusive, and exciting play space where children can laugh, explore, and grow close to home.* We believe every child deserves a place to belong — a playground where imaginations can soar, friendships can form, and families can come together to enjoy the outdoors. This isn't just about swings and slides; it's about building a stronger, more connected community for generations to come.

As the parade passes by, we invite everyone to wave, smile, and show your support for this wonderful community project. Your encouragement and enthusiasm will help keep the momentum going — and who knows, your idea or helping hand might be just what brings this playground to life!



If you'd like to get involved, learn more, or share your thoughts, come have a chat with our friendly volunteers at the parade. We'd love to hear from you — whether it's a story, a suggestion, or simply your support.

Together, we can make this dream a reality and give Tailem Bend's children a safe and joyful space to play for years to come. **Stay tuned to Tailem Topics** for updates, community meetings, and ways you can help bring our playground project to life.

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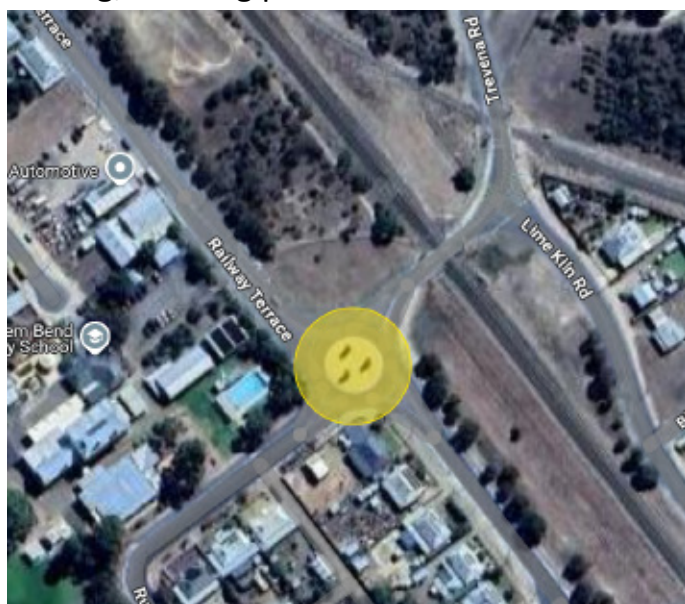
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The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #157

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

This month, we look at memories of the Railway Station and Railway men, as well as the Coorong District Council's new truck.

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Published in M/ V Standard. Year UNKNOWN

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Memories from People in Our Community - Russell Nuske – Jervois

Jervois man Russell Nuske, 64, was born on April 10, 1942, at Mannum. His parents are both deceased, but one brother, Beven, lives in Millicent.

Russell's wife Phyllis (née Osborne) was born in Mt Gambier in 1942. They married in 1964 at Millicent and have six daughters, eight granddaughters, and five grandsons. Russell shares a few memories from times gone by.

Money

We never had money on the farm, but we were never without food or clothes. My first taste of real money was when I left the farm and got myself a job. Back in the day, petrol was about 15 cents a gallon (4.5 litres). the national competition in Sydney.

School

All my schooling was done at Cambrai. Back then, Grades 1 to 7 were all in one room. I did one and a half years of high school and left at 14 years of age to work on the farm and do woodcutting.

I remember a school prank in 1952 — we cleaned the fireplace daily, and on one occasion, when putting in the wood for the next morning, we also slipped in a firecracker. The next morning, the teacher lit the fire and moments later there was a big bang — wood flew everywhere! We didn't get into trouble because the teacher never found out who did it!



ABOVE: Russell Nuske.

Food

Back in the 1950s and 1960s, we milked our own cows and made butter from the cream separated from the milk. We had our own fowls and killed our own meat.

When times got tough, we'd eat rabbit — affectionately known as "underground mutton." Grandma used to make a good old hare pie.

Clothes

I've never been a keen collar-and-tie person, although I'll wear them

when the occasion calls for it. I was always in shorts, summer and winter, except when proper clothes were required.

Sport

I played competitive table tennis and badminton in Millicent and Bordertown, and enjoyed a bit of social golf. I've always liked following cricket, especially the test series.

I won a couple of trophies for table tennis at Millicent — A Grade Association Champion — but otherwise, I wasn't into much competitive sport.

First Car

My first vehicle was a light green FG Utility (I wish I still had it!). I paid \$37 per month for two years.

I once drove it from Millicent to Mannum and remember going flat out along the Coorong between Salt Creek and Kingston at about 90 miles per hour, just to make it a smoother run — the road was very corrugated back then.

Media

Back in the '50s and '60s, we only had a wireless. I used to listen to the test cricket with my uncle — when it was played in England, we'd stay up until 2 a.m. to listen, often frustrated when the reception faded.

I also listened to Rocky Page's Country Western Show on Saturday nights (from memory).

Work

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After leaving school, I stayed on the farm for a while before moving to Millicent, where I got a temporary job with the Engineering and Water Supply Department (E&WS) at age 19. I worked there for 37 years, transferring between Millicent, Coonalpyn, Bordertown, and finally Murray Bridge before finishing up.

Nights Out

On the farm, we often went spotlighting — sometimes until sunrise the next day. We didn't have many day trips; the farm kept us busy. When I had a girlfriend, we'd go to the local picture theatre in Mannum or the drive-in at Murray Bridge. I remember once going to the drive-in at Mount Gambier — the fog was so thick we couldn't see the movie! Didn't matter anyway.

New truck on rounds

Published in M/ V Standard. Year 2002

The Coorong District Council's new compactor truck began its rounds last week, emptying the new 140-litre bins. From August 5th, all garbage must be presented in the new wheelie bins.

Council CEO Bill Paterson reminded residents not to place items beside the bin, as the new robotic arm cannot cater for this. Wheelie bins are now the property of the owner, so it's advisable to personalise them.

Instructions for use:

- Place bins as near as practicable to the edge of the road by 7 a.m. on collection day.
- The handle must face away from the road, toward the property.
- The lid must be closed.
- Keep at least one metre between the bin and any obstruction (trees, cars, posts, etc.).

The bin's contents will be compacted and buried, so ensure no hazardous waste, liquids, hot ashes, or large heavy items are inside.

Manager of Technical Services Trevor Gordon commented on the proposed recycling service, saying: "All urban areas will use the larger 240-litre bins, serviced monthly."



ABOVE: Town maintenance worker Mark O'Connor on the garbage round in Tailem Bend last week with the Coorong District Council's new compactor truck, which started its rounds last week.

The recycling service will help conserve our natural resources and will cater for household recyclables such as rigid plastic containers, glass jars and bottles, steel and aluminium containers, milk and juice cartons, paper, and cardboard."

He added that waste transfer stations and landfill sites would receive recyclables free of charge. Mayor Heather Moore said she was very pleased with the success of the new collection service: "Apart from a late delivery of bins, everything has gone as well as we hoped! The new truck is functioning extremely well, and most residents have taken to the new bins. Many have commented positively on the convenience — and the improvement in cleanliness. Apart from complying with safe handling practices, we can virtually eliminate litter caused by animals ripping open garbage bags."

Mr. Gordon added that once towns and settlements were fully transitioned, the council would contact rural residents who had registered interest. "There will be collection points along the truck's travel routes for rural residents who'd benefit from using bins rather than taking rubbish to waste sites."

Mr. Paterson said: "Our council is taking proactive steps to better manage our waste. Part of this strategy is to progressively reform our dump sites from August 2002. We've had difficulties with unmonitored sites, so this will bring considerable change. We encourage anyone concerned about how these changes affect them to contact their nearest council office."

Quote for the month:

"Happiness can exist only in acceptance." — George Orwell.

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





Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Lions members Judy, Bruce and Josephine.

**Your Lions Club members —
“ROAR WITH COMMUNITY SPIRIT!”**

Hello to all our readers,

THANK YOU, PETER AND JUDE!

Another big thank you to Lion Peter Sacco and his wife Jude, who stepped up as chaperones for our Lions Club-sponsored one-day Safari Bus Trip to the Monarto Safari Park for the Murray Bridge Community Lifestyle clients and their dedicated and caring carers.

It was an exciting and memorable day enjoyed by all!

THANK YOU, COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

Another big thank you to the Coorong District Council for appointing our Lions Club to be responsible for our mobile “barbecue delights” at their Community Vision Plan Exposition, to be held on Tuesday, 11 November, and again on Wednesday, 12 November.

We'll be serving:

- Tuesday evening: Sausage sizzle for dinner
- Wednesday morning: Bacon and eggs for breakfast

We look forward to catching up with everyone! You'll find us in the car park behind the Tailem Bend Town Hall.

THANK YOU TO OUR CLEARING SALE TEAM

Another big thank you to Lions Ian and Margaret Eckermann, Doug and Joyce Holmes, Alan and Marcia Yorke, Lynn Simcock, and Peter and Jude Sacco — a very dedicated team who have prepared for one of our largest clearing sales on record! A total of 580 lots will be auctioned online on 12 November 2025. Photos and catalogues are available online.

Auction location: Just north of Murray Bridge

Inspections open: Friday, 7 November and
Saturday, 8 November

CAN YOU HELP US, PLEASE?

We are currently seeking a replacement cash register with a working drawer. If anyone in the community can assist, we would be most grateful — thank you in advance for your generosity! We are also beginning to collect donations for our Christmas stocking raffle. **All contributions are gratefully appreciated — thank you in anticipation!**

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Tailem Bend Historians

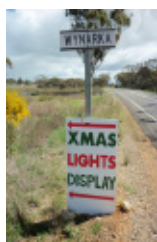
Submitted by Maxine Kiddie, on behalf of the Historians.

Tailem Bend Historians presented a photo book to Robert Hales as a memento of his historic cottage. The cottage was constructed by the contractor in 1886 when the Intercolonial Railway was built from Adelaide to Melbourne.



ABOVE: L to R - Helen Bowering, Brenton Qualmann, Robbie Hales, Maxine Kiddie, Raylene Freeth, Kathleen Kromwyk, Lynne McDonald and Elizabeth Nicholl.

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

The Coonalpyn Show celebrates its 80th birthday Saturday, October 18, bringing together locals and visitors for a special day that captured the true essence of country life.

The quaint, community-driven event was filled with colour, character and nostalgia — everything you'd hope for from a small-town country show.

Among the special guests were Marleen and Bill Dunthorne, who lived in Coonalpyn for 65 years before moving to Murray Bridge. Marleen now in her 80s, was at the very first Coonalpyn Show in 1945 — and even won a prize as a four-year-old. *"I fondly recall walking with mum to the showgrounds, collecting wildflowers along the way. Then we found a small tin and finally we tied a blue ribbon around the tin — mum got that from a family friend as we passed her house,"* Marleen said. *"It was a simple bouquet of beautiful, colufull native flowers - and I won the flower competition that year."*

The show also welcomed international visitors, including New Zealander Zack Richards, who's working in Australia on a shearing visa. He said *"Aussie shearers earn nearly double us New Zealanders - but I must admitted Merino sheep are much tougher to shear."*

Crowds enjoyed a variety of attractions — from tyre bowling and cartoon drawing to crop and field exhibitions, sculpture displays and the ever-popular shearing competitions. The pavilion's flower displays were a highlight, judged by experts with more than 76 years of combined experience.

Entertainment came from the RSL Mt. Gambier Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band, while food stalls, horses, steam engines and trade displays ensured there was something for everyone.

It was an outstanding day — a true celebration of Murraylands country spirit.



ABOVE: Jess Doyle of Strathalbyn — with her show winning "Alex" a Modern Game Bantam.



ABOVE: Andrew & Jaqui McLeay, of Coonalpyn.



ABOVE: Emily Spinks of Field with her daughters, Mackenzie and Rhue having their cartoon portrait completed by Irene Harmeworth of Narooma, NSW.



ABOVE: Baden Lloyd of Lonsdale, Sculpture for Corro Creations.

Jervois Hall Blossoms with Spirit

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

The Jervois Hall has long been at the heart of its riverside community, and today it is more vibrant than ever. Thanks to recent improvements to the grounds and a steady stream of activities, the hall is once again buzzing with life—welcoming everyone from dart players and dancers to marketgoers and yoga enthusiasts.

Just five minutes across the river from Tailem Bend, the hall is proving itself to be a meeting place where all generations can connect. Bright spring flowers frame the entryway, making it an uplifting sight for locals and visitors alike.

One of the most recent and popular additions to the hall's calendar is a weekly community yoga class. Led by Murray Bridge mum and qualified instructor Mads, the Thursday morning sessions have quickly grown into more than just exercise—they've become a weekly highlight for many. Classes run every Thursday at 9am during school terms, with the possibility of adding a 10am session if demand continues.

Mads brings not only her professional training but also her genuine passion for the values of yoga. *"It's about creating space for everyone—whether your brand new to yoga or have been practicing for years," she said. "We focus on connection, kindness and giving people that one precious hour just for themselves."*

Participants come with many different motivations. Some arrive after school drop-off for a little *"me time."* Others come seeking to ease ageing bodies and strengthen their minds. For some, it's simply a social outing—a chance to share laughter, form friendships, and sometimes continue the morning together with breakfast in Tailem.



ABOVE: The community is undertaking extensive landscaping at the Jervois Institute Hall.



ABOVE: Leanne Staska of Wellington East arriving at the Jervois Institute for one of her regular community activities at the hall.



ABOVE: Mads of Murray Bridge preparing for her regular community yoga classes.

Local resident Leanne Staska said the classes are already making a real difference. *"It's such a happy space," she explained. "We've seen people walk in a little stressed or tired, and by the end of the session they're smiling, lighter, and ready to take on the day. It's not just yoga—it's community wellness at its best."*

Leanne added that the improvements to the Jervois Hall grounds have also helped breathe new life into the venue. *"The gardens look beautiful right now. It makes you feel proud of our little hall and what it offers."*

With darts, dancing, markets and now yoga, the Jervois Hall continues to prove itself as more than just four walls—it's the beating heart of a strong, supportive community. And with spring in full bloom, there's no better time to roll out a yoga mat and join in.

A Touch of Blues...

Article submitted by Zhen, written by Peter Weir.

In *Horace and Company*, Mannum author Peter Weir mentions a short story he calls perfect—just 600 words that capture a lifetime. Intrigued, I went searching for it and, after chatting with Peter, found myself inspired instead to share this gem: *A Touch of Blues*. Small, but full of heart and wisdom.

I was sitting at the piano, well more sideways on the stool, just noodling away with the right hand picking out the melodies of tunes long ago. Ann was in the kitchen, cooking up something nice for dinner. The smell of fried onions drifted in along with her soft voice quietly singing the words to the songs as I noodled. I remembered when we could finally afford the baby grand I was now sitting at. I hurried home from work, burst in through the front door, didn't even give Ann a hug and kiss as was usual.

"Has it arrived, yet?" I asked breathlessly.

She just stood back and there it was in the place we had always meant it to be. We were late to bed that night as we played and sang the songs of our youth when we were both musos, in between our daytime jobs. We didn't really think much about our day jobs. Ann was a school teacher and I was still studying part time to qualify as an accountant. In the meantime, I did day shift at a service station.

At night I led a three-piece combo. There was Bluey on bass, Curley on drums and me on the old eighty-eight. We were quite good. No false modesty, we had gigs most weekends. Sometimes we had an engagement that lasted several months. The venues were usually some sort of eating and drinking establishment. For many the music was incidental. They didn't listen, just got louder as the night wore on. Of course, we had to play softly so as not to disturb the "punters". As well, we couldn't always play what we wanted to. Progressive jazz was out. They wanted to hear the tune. We still played around with the tunes, the more so as the noise level rose and no one, except those close, could hear us. There were some aficionados who would gather around the piano.



ABOVE: A touch of Blues... Excerpt from Peter Weir's book *Horace and Company*.

hit "*Mood Indigo*" running, and she stayed with us all the way. She sang it as though you were the only one in the room. The voice was smooth like honey and smokey, sort of like Julie London, only better as far as I was concerned. I turned up the amp. Suddenly the talking stopped and most were listening. By the end of the night, we had asked her to come to rehearsals and the trio had become a quartet for her voice was the fourth instrument.

Ann was fairly tall, perhaps five foot eight, dark hair, nice complexion, very shapely. On gigs she wore long ball gowns which emphasised her willowness. It added a touch of class to our act. Late night after one gig. I asked her to marry me. She laughed and asked what took me so long? We married, kept the music together for a little while then as the children arrived, settled down to a more usual life style. In one sense no regrets, and yet? I started to play "*Satin Doll*" with both hands. Ann came into the room, a smudge of flour on her cheek. She sang and it was wonderful.

*Beautiful music, a beautiful woman
and yet a touch of the blues!*

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

MEDIA RELEASE

Coorong District Council is inviting community feedback on its second Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, a vital document that guides the Council's efforts to create a more inclusive and accessible community for all.

The development of this new plan follows the release of South Australia's updated State Disability Inclusion Plan 2025–2029, launched on 22 August 2025. Under the Disability Inclusion Act 2018, all councils are required to

review and update their own plans every four years, with the new plans to be completed, gazetted, and published in accessible formats by 14 February 2026.

Council is seeking feedback from people with disability, carers, service providers, organisations, and residents on the new plan. Community engagement will run from Monday, 27 October to Friday, 5 December 2025.

Further information:

Available at www.coorong.sa.gov.au/community/latest-news



Let's Talk about....

Access and Inclusion

Provide feedback by 5pm Friday 5 December

Scan the QR code
to provide your
feedback



Council invites **all residents and community members across the district** to provide feedback on Council's **DRAFT Disability Access & Inclusion Plan 2025 - 2029**

The plan sets out Council's approach over the next four years on making our communities **more welcoming, inclusive and accessible** for all.

We're **inviting feedback** from people with disability, carers, service providers, organisations, and residents across the district. Your input will help shape a community that is accessible, supportive, and inclusive for all.

**Provide feedback by 5pm
Friday 5 December 2025**

Feedback can be provided:

- **In person:**
At a **community drop in session**
Friday 7th November 10am - 12noon
Tailem Bend Council Chambers
- By completing a **feedback form** online
by scanning the **QR Code** above or
picking up a **hard copy** from a council
office
- **By email** council@coorong.sa.gov.au
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Visit from Eremophila Study Group



Submitted by Kaye Bartlett and Paul Bartlett.

On the weekend of October 11, fourteen members of the Eremophila Study Group—a branch of the Australian Plant Society (SA)—visited Pangarinda Botanic Garden.

Among them was Ken Warnes, the group's first leader when it was formed in 1972. Ken remains very active and passionate about Eremophilas to this day. It was fascinating to reflect on the group's original aims and see just how much has been achieved since then. The group still has around 150 members across Australia.

Their original objectives were to:

1. Draw attention to the attractiveness of many species within the genus, most of which were unknown to horticulture at the time.
2. Determine the conditions necessary for the successful cultivation of Eremophila species.
3. Select the most suitable species for garden culture.
4. Develop reliable propagation methods for easy production of stock plants.
5. Support one another through the free exchange of cuttings and seed.



ABOVE: Eremophila study group members discussing Eremophilas.



ABOVE: *Eremophila delisseri* in full flower at Pangarinda. A very rare species found only on the Nullarbor SA.

Today, there are nearly 300 Eremophila species in cultivation—an incredible achievement. Before visiting Pangarinda, members stopped at Paul and Kaye Bartlett's home to view their impressive collection of Eremophila species. The current SA Leader, Tim Wood from Kadina, welcomed everyone. A meeting followed, discussing the lifespan of Eremophilas under garden conditions.

There was also plenty of friendly swapping of cuttings before lunch. Russell Wait, a grower and collector of over 50 years—and author of a book on growing Eremophilas—joined Ken and Tim in answering many questions.

After lunch, the group continued exploring Pangarinda before a few members departed just in time for dinner at the Wellington Hotel.

Through the Lens of Our Locals



ABOVE: Classic Beauties on the Move – Austin 7s Roll Through Town. Photo by Maxine Kiddie, Tailem Bend.



ABOVE: Nature never quits—this strawberry is back in action! Photo by Josephine McGrath, Tailem bend.

We'd love to see your snaps! Share your photos with us at tailemtopics@gmail.com



Love where you live.... Share your ideas



Help Shape Our Community Vision Plan

Council is creating a **new Community Vision Plan** to guide decisions, budgets, and projects over the next four years.

We want it shaped by those who live, work, and contribute to our region.

We're inviting residents, businesses, and community groups to share your aspirations for the next five years.

What outcomes matter most to you?

What should Council focus on — sustainability, services, infrastructure, well-being, or growth?

Your input will help shape our shared future.



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

www.coorong.sa.gov.au/CVP2030

Join the conversation

Peake

Monday 10 November

Peake Sporting Club

- **6pm** - FREE Sausage Sizzle at 5:30pm

Tailem Bend

Tuesday 11 November

Tailem Bend Town Hall

- **11:30am**

Tailem Bend Council Chambers

- **6pm** - FREE Sausage Sizzle at 5:30pm

Livestreamed on YouTube

Wednesday 12 November

Tailem Bend Council Chambers

- **8am** - FREE BBQ Breakfast

Your Community, Your Say!

MEDIA RELEASE

The Coorong district is more than just a place – it's a thriving community built on connection, resilience, and shared purpose. Now, it's time to shape the next chapter together.

Coorong District Council is inviting all people who call this community home – in any way – to help develop its next Community Vision Plan 2026–2030 – a roadmap that will guide the Council's decisions, budgets, and projects over the next four years. Coorong District Council's Mayor Paul Simmons strongly encourages Coorong residents to share their feedback.

"This is our residents' chance to influence the future of our district. We want to hear your ideas, your concerns, and your aspirations. Together, we'll build a plan that reflects our community's values and ambitions," says Mayor Paul Simmons. *"Let's plan for a future where our community continues to thrive—where lifestyle, housing, jobs, and services meet the needs of all ages and stages of life."*

The current Community Vision Plan (2021–2025) sets a vision around community pride, thriving economically, and living in a valued environment. In setting the new plan, residents will be asked whether this vision still reflects who the

district is and where it should go. Whether it's input about sustainability, infrastructure, services, culture, or growth – the voice of the community matters.

Why Now? With an anticipated 2,449 new residents and 1,000 new homes by 2037, and broader regional growth expected to reach 28,000 new residents by 2051, planning for the future is more important than ever. The Community Vision Plan will help ensure growth is well-managed and sustainable, enhancing liveability, strengthening local communities, and keeping infrastructure and services in step with future needs.

How to Get Involved

The Council will be engaging widely with its community over the coming months, with various community workshops planned in Meningie, Tintinara, Peake and Taillem Bend.

In addition to these workshops, residents can share their ideas and input in writing or by completing the online survey available on Council's website.

Submit feedback:

- o Online survey – visit www.coorong.sa.gov.au/CVP2030
- o In person at Council's Customer Service Centres

Come Drum with Us – Pat's Beats of Giving

Article submitted by Zhen.

If you've wandered down Walker Avenue on a Sunday afternoon in Mannum, you might hear it – the deep roll of drums, voices rising in rhythm, and laughter that comes when people are fully present. That's Riverbeats Drumming at work.

Led by local teacher Pat Kerkenaar, the weekly workshops bring people together in a way that's hard to describe until you sit in the circle yourself. There's no sheet music, no pressure, no auditions – just pick up a drum, join in, and let the rhythm find you. "Drumming isn't about being perfect," Pat explains. "It's about being present. Once you start, the beat carries you, and the whole group moves as one."

For many in Mannum, the sessions are more than a class. They're a release from the week, a chance to meet new friends, and a surprisingly good workout. Arms get stretched, hearts lifted, and minds find stillness in the steady pulse of the drum. One participant said, "I never thought I had any rhythm. But once Pat started teaching, something clicked. Now I look forward to it every week – it's the highlight of my Sunday." The drumming circle welcomes everyone: beginners, seasoned players, children, parents, and grandparents. Laughter often breaks out mid-rhythm when things go off-beat – all part of the fun. The group also performs at community markets, drum circles, and local events, spreading their energy wherever they go.



ABOVE: Finding the beat together: Riverbeats Drumming brings the community together, one drum at a time.

Beyond joy and connection, the workshops support Pat's Cans For Kids Project, which recycles cans to help fund education for children in Ghana and Indonesia. "It feels good to know what we do here is helping kids go to school overseas," one student said.

Emmanuel K. Amoquandoh from Ghana expressed his admiration for Pat's work: "Pat brings passion and energy to drumming and the Cans for Kids Project. She makes a real difference for children and communities in Africa and Indonesia."

Riverbeats Drumming runs every Sunday in Mannum.
For details, contact Pat on 0421 212 629, visit cansforkidsproject.com, or find Cans For Kids Project on Facebook.

Tailem Bend Community Library

New Books October 2025

ADULT FICTION

BROWN Daniel: Facing the Mountain – American History
BRENNER Jamie: A Novel Summer - Romance
COURTENAY Bryce: The Potato Factory – Historical
CUSSLER'S Clive: The Iron Storm - Adventure
EDWARDS Nicki: Settle the Score – Romance
GREGORY Christine: The Community – Murder
HERRON Mick: Clown Town – Thriller
HERBERT Xavier: Capricornia – Historical
JACOBS Anna: Miranda's Family – Romance
McARTHUR Fiona: Lighthouse Bay – Love Story
McDONALD Fleur: Red Dust – Love Story
McDONALD Fleur: The Prospect – Suspense
McLEAN Paula: The One Remaining – Romance
NOVAK Brenda: The Summer that changed Everything
OCHS Sara: The Outback – Crime
PALMER Fion: The Sunburnt Country – Love
PATTERSON James: The Picasso Heist – Thriller
PATTERSON James: 25 Alive – Murder Thriller
PATTERSON James: Holmes is Missing – Thriller
PATTERSON James: Out of Sight – Thriller
PROSE Nita: The Maid's Secret
PURMAN Victoria: The Radio Hour – History
ROBERTS Nora: Love & Other Stars – Romance
STEWART Rachael: Off Limits Fling with the Heiress
TAILOR Hilary: Between the Waves - Mystery
WARREN Andrew: Hell & Ice – Thriller

NON FICTION

DARREN RIX: Warra Warra Wai-
BARRY STONES: The Squatters

MONDAY MEMORIES

Come along to the
Tailem Bend Community Library

MONDAY 24th November
10 am start.

Come along and reminisce
about
the days gone by.
All welcome

Phone 8572 3275 for more information. Please Book.



BOOK REVIEW

The Maid's Secret

By: Shari J. Ryan

Totally heartbreaking and completely addictive World War Two historical fiction.

Czechoslovakia, 1942:
"Please don't take him,"
I plead to the Nazis. "I
love you, Mila," Ben says,
hoarsely. "So much. Forever."

In the mountains of Bohemia, Mila, a Romani, works as a maid for an aristocratic Jewish family. They have no idea that she and their son Ben, with his amber eyes and kind smile, are madly in love—it is expressly forbidden.

In the arms of one another, Mila and Ben try to forget that their village is close to the German borders—and could be invaded at any second. But as they huddle around a crackling radio, ice runs through their veins as news of the war gets grimmer by the day...

Nothing can stop the Nazis from their brutal attack. Nothing can stop soldiers from storming the estate and arresting Ben for no crime other than being Jewish. No amount of Mila's begging can save him as he is shoved into a wagon, bound for a concentration camp.

Her heart shattered, Mila goes into hiding. It is only a matter of time until the enemy comes for her. As the SS hunt her down, she knows that Ben will be fighting for his life. Will she ever see her beloved again?

And when fighter jets soar through the sky, the air raid siren blaring and the ground shaking, will Mila and Ben's love for one another be the thing that saves them—or kills them?



Submitted by Angie Tomkinson.



COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

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There was plenty to discuss at our October meeting and condensing it all into one page is tricky!

Council unanimously voted to establish a Committee dedicated to examining the declining availability of **health services in the district**. The committee will provide advice and recommendations to Council with the goal of improving healthcare access and continuity of care across the region. Anyone with an interest in health care will be given the opportunity to apply to be on the committee.

Site preparation is now underway with the **Coonalpyn Changing Toilets Project**, with two trees removed to create space for the new toilet block and upgraded wastewater system. Upgrade works are scheduled to commence on the **Meningie Toilet Block**. Toilets will remain open during construction.

The **Coonalpyn Pool AGM** was held recently, and Elected Members (EM's) endorsed the appointments recommended by the committee. Council resolved to trial extended morning swim times (7:00am to 10:30am) during Nov and Dec to better understand when the community prefers to swim. This information will help determine the most suitable two-hour morning session for future seasons. Manufacturing of three new **pool covers** is underway, with installation expected in December 2025.

Council approved a \$200,000 community loan to the **Meningie Community Sports Ground Inc.** to support detailed engineering drawings for their proposed Sports Club project. Interest will apply to \$150,000 of the loan.

Mayor Simmons continues to be actively involved in meetings and briefings regarding ongoing **drought conditions**. While some areas have received small amounts of rain, many across the district remain in severe difficulty. Cr **Qualman** provided a written report following his attendance at the **Murray-Darling Basin Conference**. While the event delivered valuable insights, it remains concerning that many participants were unfamiliar with the Coorong region, a reminder of the ongoing need to raise awareness about our area's significance.

Extensive community consultation was undertaken for the **Wellington East Water Supply** project which will connect 220 households in the town to an SA Water pipe running along the Princes Highway. While responses were limited, as is often the case when most are satisfied, those who did contribute were mostly concerned about costs. After considerable debate, Council resolved to set a charge of **UP TO \$2,750** per property, extend repayment over three years (instead of two), and apply a small, non-compounding interest fee. It remains in everyone's best long-term interest for **SA Water** to take over management of this service, as it will be more cost-effective than Council retaining it.

EM's supported a motion from the Northern Areas Council to the Local Government Association (LGA) calling for a united stance on current **rate exemptions for large-scale energy projects**, such as solar farms. These exemptions are inequitable and unfair to other ratepayers, given these companies rely on Council infrastructure funded by the broader community.

With the Terms of Reference now finalised, Council will soon invite expressions of interest from community members, particularly Coonalpyn residents, to join the **Coonalpyn Hall Committee**.

The Governance & Policy Committee (Cr Pietzsch, Cr Maidment and myself) are slowly working through all the Council's policies to ensure they align with rules, regulations and community expectations. These are then ratified by the Council at ordinary meetings.

A big thank you to our **Community Facilities Teams** across Meningie, Tintinara and Coonalpyn for their hard work and pride in keeping our towns looking great.

Council agreed to offer in-kind support to the Tintinara AS students who plan to seek grant funding to paint the **Tintinara silos**, a wonderful initiative that will add vibrancy and pride to the town.

EM's had the pleasure of visiting the **Tailem Bend Community Centre** and speaking with CEO Tammy, who shared the incredible range of services they deliver, from preparing meals to transporting residents to medical appointments. Their dedication and reach across such a large area is truly impressive. 😊

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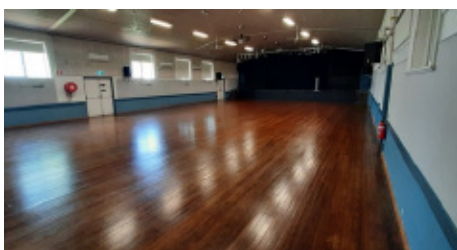
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Welcome to this month's Council update

Around the District

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

The **Community Facilities** team have painted the Tailm Bend Train Park's train and replaced the toddler swings. They also cleared vegetation at the Meningie Airfield to ensure safe clearances, resealed park furniture and railings in Meningie, removed storm damaged shades at Wadmore House and resealed the floors in the Tailm Bend Town Hall.



Above: Tailm Bend town hall floor resealing.

The annual patrol grading program saw **318km** of unsealed roads graded across the district in September - improving road safety, accessibility, and travel conditions for rural road users.

Unsealed Road Renewal Program

Renewal works on **Buccleuch North Road at Peake** are now complete.

Targeted maintenance works are now underway before commencing a 7km re-sheet of **Loveday Bay Road** and a 5.5km section of **Jabuk South Road** at Carcuma.



Above: Final trimming works occurring at Buccleuch North Road, Peake

Carcuma Road - Final Stages

The final stage of the Carcuma Road upgrade is now underway. Cement stabilisation for the last section is complete - this process includes mixing cement with the road base, levelling it using GPS technology, compacting, and testing to ensure it meets quality standards.

Final trimming and road sealing was completed mid-October. Line marking will be completed in late October or early November.



Above: Cement stabilisation works underway for Carcuma Road upgrade.

Key Decisions

At the October Council meeting the Elected Members reviewed the community engagement findings from the proposed Wellington East Water Supply infrastructure upgrade to a drinking water standard, with the asset to then be handed over to SA Water at the end of the project. Taking into account the community feedback, the Council agreed to proceed with the project and set a separate rate for properties that will be serviced by the upgraded water supply service - payment options will include an up-front payment in full, or quarterly payments over three financial years (starting in 2026/27).

Elected Members also considered an application for a community group loan from the Meningie Community Sports Ground.

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The group, which is made up of five local sporting clubs, have developed a business case to build a modern sporting and community function centre that acts as a hub for Meningie and the wider Coorong district. The loan application was approved by Council at its October meeting, and will enable the group to finalise engineering plans and development approvals and bring the project to a 'shovel-ready' status (and apply for funding opportunities for the construction stage).

Council's draft Disability Access & Inclusion Plan 2025-2029 was also reviewed by members and released for community consultation, which commences on 27 October 2025. The document is available to view on Council's website.



Coonalpyn Pool Season opens on 1 November 2025

The Coonalpyn Swimming Pool 2025/26 season opens on Saturday, 1 November 2025.

Season tickets can now be purchased from any of Council's offices or over the phone.

Want to read more?

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



The pool is open seven days a week (weather permitting):

- Trial weekday (Mon - Fri) morning swim hours from 7am to 10:30am are in effect until the end of December. Visitation data will be reviewed in January before the morning swim open hours are set for the remainder of the season.
- Afternoons (Monday - Friday) 4pm to 6pm.
- Weekends, School Holidays and Public Holidays 2pm to 6pm.

Reminder: if the weather is forecast to be below 25 degrees Celsius on the **Bureau of Meteorology App** (at 3:30pm the day before) the pool will not open.

More information at:
coorong.sa.gov.au/coonalpynpool

Community Vision Plan 2026 - 2030

Love where you live - Your Community, Your Way!

The Coorong District is built on strong rural communities, shaped by connection and shared goals. Council is developing a new Community Vision Plan to guide its decisions, budgets, and projects over the next four years and **we want your voice to help shape it.**

Upcoming Community Sessions in November

Peake

- Peake Sporting Club, Monday 10 November, 6pm

Tailem Bend

- Town Hall – Tues 11 November, 10:30am
- Council Chambers – Tues 11 November, 6pm
- Council Chambers – Wed 12 November, 8am

Engagement closes at 5pm on 21 November 2025.

Find out more about how to share your ideas at:
coorong.sa.gov.au/CVP2030



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**

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**
- **YOGA AT THE JERVOIS HALL;** Every Thursday at 9am during school terms. Just \$15.00 - All welcome, bring your mat with you.

- **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.
- **YOGA AT THE JERVOIS HALL;** Every Thursday at 9am during school terms. Just \$15.00 - All welcome, bring your mat with you.
- **8 BALL NIGHT;** Every Thursday at 6-8pm Swanport Hotel, Just \$5 - Join now - call the office on 8166 7577

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 - It's Not Fair

Submitted by Doreen Lutz on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Congregation.

How many times have we heard or said, "That's not fair!"

There are many times in life when we feel we are being unfairly treated or we see criminals 'getting away with it.' We hear of people committing crimes and being let out on bail to repeat their actions. The world is full of unfairness and injustice. What can we do?

Psalm 37 tells us, 'Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes..... Refrain from anger and turn from wrath..... A little while and the wicked will be no more.'

We might struggle through life but it is made easier if we accept things and live to the best of our ability. Often when we look back we can see what we have achieved. Think of those with disabilities who have achieved great things.

With God all things are possible and He wants only the best for us. There is evil in our world which Christ has overcome. We must remember that whatever our life is like here on earth eternal life with God awaits those who love Him.

Have faith, trust God who can see the 'big picture', and show your love for Him by following His commands.

'This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.' (1 John 5 v. 3)



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
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MURRAY BRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

32 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge, 5253
Sunday Service Time : 10am
Church Pastor Tom Bosman
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ST PAUL...

Submitted by Doreen Lutz on behalf of the Mallee Lutheran Parish.

Just after Jesus' crucifixion, the early Christians were in constant fear of arrest, persecution and even death. In Acts chapter 6 we can read the story of Stephen. He did, 'great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.'

Opposition arose against Stephen and he was brought before the Jewish Council with false witnesses accusing him of saying, 'This Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.' V6.

Anger rose even more at the speech Stephen gave in his defence and he was dragged out of the city and stoned to death. One who watched and 'gave approval to his death' was a 'young man named Saul'. The stoning of Stephen led to, 'a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem.' 'Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.' (Acts 8 v.1-3)

Saul was 'breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples', and he asked the High Priest for letters giving him permission to go to the synagogues in Damascus and arrest any followers of Jesus. (Acts 9) On his way to Damascus Saul was blinded by a bright light. He heard Jesus' voice telling him to continue his journey and he would be told what Jesus wanted him to do.

A disciple named Ananias was sent to restore Saul's sight and the disciples at Damascus spent days telling Saul about Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Saul became a Christian and began preaching. 'All who heard him were astonished and asked, 'Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name?'

Saul's name was changed to Paul and he became a great teacher of the Gospel, travelling to many countries. He wrote letters to the churches he established to encourage and teach them.

In Paul's first letter to Timothy verse 13, Paul says, 'even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that, in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.' (1 Timothy 1 v 13-16).

If God forgives sinners such as St Paul, we can also be forgiven when we repent of our sin and believe in Christ.

WHAT AM I?

1. I have streets but no cars, houses but no roofs, people live inside me, sharing stories and truths.
2. I'm made of neighbors, brick by brick, sometimes quiet, sometimes quick. I hold memories, joy, and strife, together we make up a town's life?
3. I have lots of letters but I'm not a book, I live in your town, come take a look!

(Answers on page 29)



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TAILEM BEND FOOD AND WINE CLUB

Submitted by: Tina Squires.

The Taillem Bend Food and Wine Club held their annual social day at Old Taillem Town, with 33 members in attendance.

A barbecue featuring a myriad of meats was served, accompanied by the delicious specialty salads provided by the Taillem Bend Friends of the Hospital. Dessert slices, also supplied by the Friends of the Hospital, were quickly devoured by guests. A special vegan lemon cheesecake supplied by Wine Facilitator Julie Burridge was a particular hit.

All dishes were paired with white and red wines, beer, and a selection of non-alcoholic wines. An enjoyable day was had by all.



ABOVE: Victor Sonenko, Suzanne Perkins, Valmai Spoehr.

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Jokes of the Month

Some people call it multitasking. I call it doing something else until I remember what I was going to do in the first place.

I pulled out a nose hair last night to see if it hurts.
Judging by how fast my husband woke up screaming,
it seemed pretty painful.



If I refuse to do cardio,
does that count as
resistance training....

No matter how silly you
feel sometimes, just
remember...

Little Red Riding Hood
thought a talking wolf
in a nightgown was her
grandma.

Quotes of the Month

"Stop trying to keep everyone happy"
submitted by Lyn Gooddard.

*"The greatness of a community is most accurately
measured by the compassionate actions of its members."*
by Coretta Scott King.

*"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass,
but learning to dance in the rain."*
by Vivian Greene.

*"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide
what kind of difference you want to make."*
by Jane Goodall.

*"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the
quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again
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by Mary Anne Radmacher.

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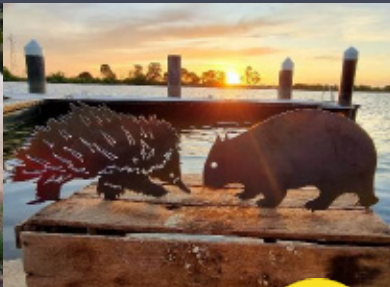
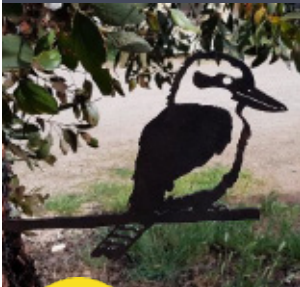
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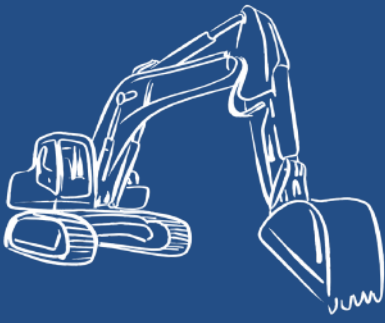
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