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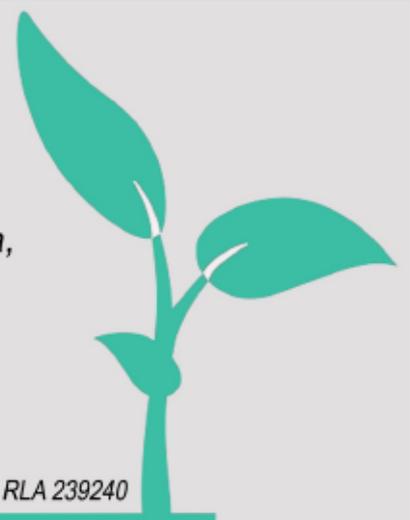


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Brian Pilmore Classic Reels in Success

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

The 2026 Brian Pilmore Classic proved a standout on the local calendar, delivering a perfect day by the river and an outstanding celebration of community fishing at Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge, Tuesday, February 3, 2026. With clear skies, calm conditions and plenty of smiles along the bank, competitors and spectators alike agreed it was “one of those days you remember.”

This year's top honours went to Trevor Thompson of Murray Bridge, who claimed the title with an impressive Callop and 108 points. He was followed closely by his son, Chris Thompson, also of Murray Bridge, who finished second with another Callop and 96 points. Rounding out the podium was the reigning 2025 Brian Pilmore Classic champion, Kevin Box of Murray Bridge, who secured third place with a Carp on 76 points.

Event founder Brian Pilmore formally of Tailem Bend, said the day captured everything he loves about fishing. “Fishing gives me peace, connection and purpose,” Brian said. “Seeing people come together, supporting each other and just enjoying being outdoors—that’s what this competition is about. I’m thrilled with how it’s grown, and I’d love to see the club keep growing with new faces and families getting involved.”



ABOVE: Rick Braendler of Murray Bridge and Gabrielle Mackenzie of GSSA enjoying a beautiful day at the 2026 Brian Pilmore Classic.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend's Brian Pilmore awarding Trevor Thompson of Murray Bridge with his 2026 Brian Pilmore Classic, First Prize Trophy, and \$100 BCF Murray Bridge Gift Voucher.

The success of the 2026 event has already locked in a return for 2027, with organisers teasing a secret location to be announced at a later date.

Looking ahead, the GSSA Community Fishing Club will hold its next meeting and free Community BBQ on Tuesday, March 3 at Avoca Del, hosting a Come-and-Try Fishing Day where club members will support newcomers keen to wet a line. Organisers are hoping for a strong turnout as momentum builds toward future competitions.

The free community club is proudly supported by Genuine Support Services Australia (GSSA), BCF Murray Bridge and Farm Fresh Market —backing a wonderful local initiative centered on inclusion, wellbeing and the enduring passion of Brian Pilmore, well known throughout Murray Bridge and his hometown of Tailem Bend.

COVER: Tyler Ortolan came with his family, and all enjoyed a wonderful day at the 2026 Brian Pilmore Classic.

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Taillem Bend Progress Association BBQ

Article and image submitted by Taillem Topics Editor.

On Valentine's Day, the Progress Association fired up the barbecue at Bunnings Murray Bridge, serving up sausages, smiles and plenty of community spirit. The day was a great success, with a steady stream of people stopping by to grab a bite to eat and have a chat.

Thanks to the wonderful support of the community, the fundraiser not only created a welcoming atmosphere but also raised a healthy profit, which will go back into supporting local initiatives and projects. Events like this play an important role in helping the Progress Association continue its work in the district, ensuring the community remains connected, supported and active.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who volunteered their time on the day. From cooking and serving to setting up and packing down, every helping hand made a difference. A special thank you must go to Annette Burt, who coordinated the volunteers and generously stayed for the entire event to ensure everything ran smoothly.

The Progress Association is proud to be an active part of the community and looks forward to continuing to host events and initiatives that brings people together and strengthen local connections.



ABOVE: Michael Holliday cooking up a storm on the barbecue at the Progress Association's Valentine's Day fundraiser at Bunnings Murray Bridge.

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Tailem Bend Auto Club Report

Report submitted by Michael Holliday.

The Tailem Bend Auto Club's first mid-week cruise for 2026 was to The Coorong Café at the Murray Mouth, Hindmarsh Island.

Twenty-two people set off in 12 classic and modern cars from the Swanport Hotel car park at 9:15am on Thursday, 29 January, travelling to Milang and then on to Finniss for a coffee and cake break.

We were blessed with fine weather as we chatted over coffee and cake before setting off again for The Coorong Café at the Murray Mouth on Hindmarsh Island.

We all enjoyed a sit-down seafood lunch at The Coorong Café — a beautiful spot to wind down and relax while enjoying good food and conversation.

A big thank you to Steve and Cindy for taking the time to organise the cruise.



ABOVE: Cars parked at Finniss for coffee break.



ABOVE: Our members enjoying a coffee break at Finniss.



ABOVE: Some of our members cars at our meeting point at the Swanport Hotel car park.

A Playground for Tailem Bend



Report submitted by the Children's Voice Playground Committee.

Residents of Tailem Bend are invited to be part of something special as the Children's Voice Playground group prepares to film a community drone shot in support of a brand-new playground for our town.

We are creating a short video presentation to Council to seek permission to begin fundraising for this exciting project. To show just how much community support is behind the idea, **we need YOU!**

Join us at the corner of Mott and Moir Street at 11am on Saturday, 21st March. The drone will capture aerial footage of everyone gathered together, waving to the camera in a powerful show of unity. The more people who attend, the stronger our message will be — that this is a project Tailem Bend truly wants and supports.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and wear bright colours if you can so we create a vibrant and eye-catching display from above. This playground is about giving our children a space to connect, play and grow, and your presence will help demonstrate that their voices matter.

Let's come together and show Council that Tailem Bend is ready to back a new playground for our community's future.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!



LET'S BUILD A PLAYGROUND TAILEM BEND CAN BE PROUD OF

Help advocate for a safe, inclusive playground for **ALL** abilities in our community.

If you or your young person are interested in being apart of our community based project, including being apart of an advocating video that will be presented to council, please reach out on the below email.

childrensvoicecommittee@outlook.com

Revamped Newsagency a Delight for Locals

Submitted by Cherie, Taillem Bend Resident.

My name is Cherie and, as a proud resident of Taillem Bend, I would love to know how many locals have had the chance to visit our newly revamped and restocked Newsagency.

Sharon and Robert the owners have worked incredibly hard to breathe new life into the shop, and what an achievement it is. Their dedication and enthusiasm shine through in every corner of the store. Not only have they refreshed the space, but they have transformed it into an extraordinary gift shop filled with an amazing variety of products — all beautifully displayed and reasonably priced.



ABOVE: Beautifully restocked shelves showcase the Newsagency's fresh new look, with an impressive range of gifts and treasures now on display for the Taillem Bend community to enjoy.



ABOVE: Mango the dog.

Adding to the charm of the shop is its four legged “star”, Mango, their delightful Poodle. Mango can often be seen popping her head up from behind the counter, as if she’s ready to serve customers herself! She certainly brings a smile to visitors’ faces and adds a warm, welcoming touch to the experience.

It’s wonderful to see new energy and friendly faces contributing to our community. If you haven’t yet visited the renewed Newsagency, make sure you drop in — **it’s a real treat.**

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Roar & More – Lions News March

Report submitted by Lions members Judy, Bruce and Josephine.

Congratulations and thank you so much is the theme for the TB Lions News this month.

At our Den meeting on 27th January, President Doug congratulated our Life Member and Board Member, Rueben Gurney, who received cheers and acclamation from members and friends in attendance as he celebrated his 80th birthday. Well done, Rueben!

At the dinner meeting, President Doug advised that Mr Nick McBride MP has informed our Club that our grant application has been successful, which again brought acclamation from the meeting. The application was prepared and submitted by our newest Club member, Josephine McGrath. All our members thank you so much for the time, effort, and the explicit and meticulous detail you provided so professionally.

Coming up!

Tailem Bend Online Clearing Sale to be conducted by our Club. The online auction sale will be held on 25th March 2026. For our readers' interest, we can advise that the auction will include a lifelong collection of motor vehicles, artefacts and collectibles, workshop items, and engineering equipment, with some lots in very good condition

Our Thanks!!!

Our thanks to the residents who have donated items recently. We can advise that our Den is once again overflowing with goods for sale at bargain-basement prices.

Membership Drive!

Membership remains the order of the day – President Doug's common denominator. He said: *"Opening our Club to new members means opening our minds to new ideas and new ways to serve, and this results in supporting our ever-growing community."* "We would love to hear from you if you would like to join us for a meeting or two. We look forward to hearing from you." Regards, President Doug.

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ABOVE: Happy 80th Birthday to our wonderful Lions member, Reuben! Here's to many more happy years ahead!

Lions Cancer Screening Unit

The Tailem Bend Lions Club has secured the Lions Cancer Screening Unit, which will be located at the TB Gardens on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th August 2026.

It will be necessary for community members to make an appointment – further details will be announced. Due to the high interest and popularity of this unit, we will be unable to accept walk-in patients.

Honey is available from Lions Members:

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



PLEASE DO NOT DROP ITEMS AT THE DEN IF UNATTENDED!!



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

The Changing Face of Taillem Bend #160

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

In this month's memories we have just one article –
Roads Cut and Homes Flooded as District is Deluged.

Roads Cut, Homes Flood. As District Is Deluged

MV Standard February 8th 1973. (Price 5c – 20 pages.)

Monday's deluge, which produced between 2½ in. to more than 3½ in. of rain in Lower Murray and Murray Plains towns, caused widespread havoc. District and main roads were cut, many gardens and some houses were flooded and business was brought to a standstill. Taillem Bend gets 3½ inches.

Taillem Bend, which recorded just over 3½ inches in the 24 hours to 9am Tuesday, was one of the hardest hit by the flash flooding. Stormwater bores could not cope with the volume. The town's main street (Railway Terrace) was barricaded off as water edged up to the doorways of shops.

One resident of Seymour Terrace told the "Standard" on Tuesday his home had two feet of water through it, and he and his family had spent the night in a caravan. Near Murray Bridge, Rocky Gully Creek spilled across the Monarto, Palmer, Mannum and Mypolonga roads. The Mannum and Palmer roads had to be closed to traffic for several hours. All District Council gangs were busy on Tuesday repairing badly scoured roads. There were some severe washaways near the Mannum Waterfalls.

Taillem Bend Post Office recorded nearly 3 in. of rain in the six hours to 3pm on Monday.

\$300 Damage

Mr Ron Davies of Seymour Terrace said on Tuesday about 2 ft. of water was still through his house. He estimated about \$300 of damage to furnishings and he and his family had to move to a caravan. He had pulled out the wall-to-wall carpeting before the water had entered. He had sandbagged the back door, but the water came through ventilators about 2 ft. above ground level. Other houses nearby had water lapping at the back doors.

The main cause of Mr Davies' problem was a blocked bore on the footpath in front of his home. It had been cleaned out on Friday, but the weekend rain had washed debris into it before the deluge.

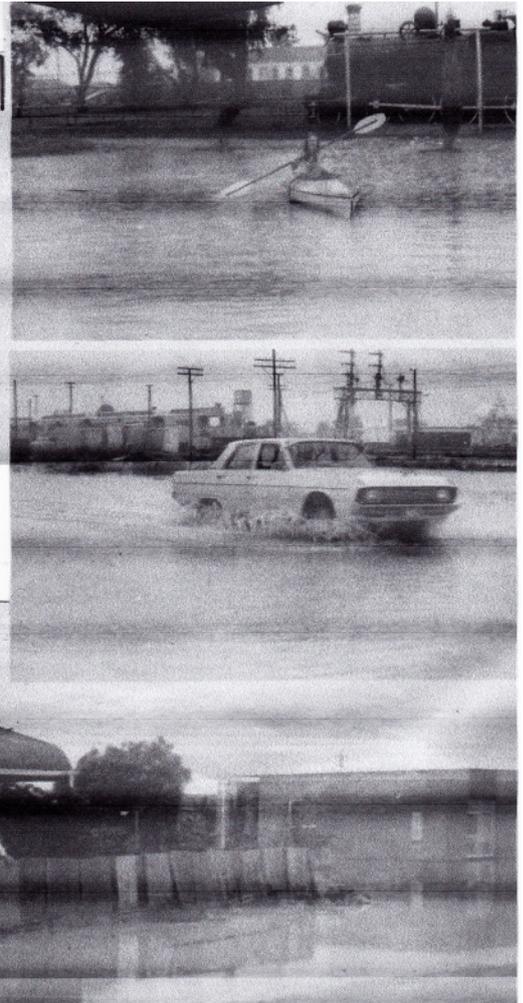
Meningie District Councillor Ron Bannon told the "Standard" on Wednesday about four of Taillem Bend's eight bores had not been functioning during the flooding. The bore near Seymour Terrace, which had been cleaned on

© TAILLEM BEND was one of the hardest-hit Lower Murray towns during Monday's downpour, with floodwaters covering wide areas, particularly in the north-east sector.

ABOVE RIGHT: a canoe and a locomotive, an unusual combination. The scene was the Rotary playground.

RIGHT: The roads were difficult to find at times, but this motorist managed to get through.

BELOW: Mr. M. Crouch surveys the waterlogged scene in Seymour Terrace. The house next door became an island, and water several feet deep passed through.



ABOVE: Taillem Bend was one of the hardest hit Lower Murray towns during Monday's downpour, with floodwater covering wide areas, particularly in north-east sector.

Friday, had evidently been blocked after silt from adjacent roadworks was washed down it during rain over the week-end. Even cleared bores had been slow in taking the large volume of water. Much of the flooding in the eastern end of the town had been a result of water running off Race-course Hill. If this water could be diverted, there would be little trouble in that section of the town.

Boring contractors from Mount Barker were clearing out blocked bores on Wednesday. The bore at Seymour Terrace had been cleaned out and the contractors were expected to clear all blocked bores by Wednesday.

80 ft. Deep

The bores in the town were about 80 ft. deep but apparently this was not deep enough as there was more absorbent rock about 15 ft. further down. The contractors had already drilled another 15 ft. down in the bore on Seymour Terrace and it was expected they would do the same with all other bores. It was hoped this would lessen the problem of flooding, but the matter would be raised at the next meeting of the Meningie District Council.

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #160

In Murray Bridge, low-lying areas and gardens were under water most of the day. The Amanda Street pondage area and Johnstone Park dam overflowed and there were reports of water up to the foundations of nearby houses. Parts of the Olympic Pool grounds and Adelaide Road were also covered and on Tuesday the swamp and former rubbish dump areas at Sturt Reserve had been turned into instant lakes.

The Weigall area was heavily hit. A bore in the park blocked and water filled a deep ditch surrounding the drain. Water to a depth of about five feet covered the 30-yard-wide ditch during the day. Nearby residents had to create run-off ditches on their properties as the water threatened to spill from the park.

The grounds of several homes in Musgrave Avenue, however, were flooded as water flowed in from higher surrounding areas. Water was about six inches high in the grounds of one resident's home and his newly planted lawn was nearly knee-deep in mud. Water under the house almost reached the floorboards. The resident had recently put in \$300.00 worth of carpets. The grounds and tennis courts of an adjoining home were flooded, and water almost reached the top of the back steps. The resident said it would take several days before the water under the house dried out.

“Bridges”

Murray Bridge Primary School students had to erect makeshift bridges to enter their classrooms after water flooded the quadrangle of the main building. Water about six inches deep covered the quadrangle after gutters on the building blocked during downpours in the morning.

Teachers and children at the school placed long forms and benches in line across the quadrangle to the building's entrance. Children had to spend recess and lunchtime in the main building. Headmaster Mr T. Smale said later the water poured into school grounds from Mannum Road, past the dental clinic and into the school oval.

“It turned the oval into a quagmire,” he said. But by Tuesday the bulk of the water had drained away.

RAA Calls

Murray Bridge RAA answered 18 calls to assist stranded motorists during the downpour. A spokesman said later most of the calls were from motorists whose cars had electrical faults due to dampness. The service had also answered two calls to vehicles bogged in the mud.

At a call to a truck bogged in Government Road, between Mulgundawa and Swanport, E and WS labourers working on the roadway assisted.



ABOVE: Boats became the fashion in many flooded areas during Monday after noon. Pictured left, is a rare scene, a canoe being paddled along Tailem Bend's main street, Tailway terrace, shortly after the peak of flooding. The canoeist is Miss Oatricia Searle, of Tailem Bend, paddling in water several inches deep at the eastern end of Railway terrace.

E and WS workmen used a grader to help tow the heavily laden hatchery truck out of difficulty on the newly surfaced road.

Several roads in the Mannum District Council area were badly damaged, according to the District Clerk (Mr Reed). Worst hit was the Waterfalls Road, which was “torn to pieces,” Mr Reed said. Water coming down from the hilly areas had washed away stretches of up to three feet wide. The Long Gully Road, about miles west of the town, had been cut in many places.

Cut 10 Times

The Long Gully Creek cut the road about 10 times. About 120 cubic yards of stone was needed to repair one particularly hard-hit section. Water had been particularly high in a section of private property between Berriman Avenue and King George Street. There had been no reports of flooding at private homes, however.

Mr Reed said there was a terrific amount of water pouring down Adelaide Road. “It was the most water I have ever seen after heavy rain during my 17 years in Mannum,” he said.

A Karoonda report said 282 points were recorded between 9am and 4pm Monday, and there was minor flooding in the town and on district roads.

Quote for the month:

*“The purpose of our lives is to be happy”
— Dalai Lama.*

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



Make a Difference – FREE Epilepsy Workshop

Submitted by Glenn Power.

Want to make a real difference for someone living with epilepsy? The Murraylands community is invited to a free Epilepsy Awareness Workshop, proudly hosted by The Epilepsy Centre, Adelaide and Genuine Support Services Australia (GSSA) of Murray Bridge.

Led by Leeanne Gaskin, a registered nurse and educator, the workshop will touch on how to recognise seizures, provide safe care, and understand behavioural changes that can affect people with epilepsy. “The workshops are perfect for medical students, doctors, nurses, neurologists, or anyone who wants to support family or friends living with epilepsy,” Leeanne said.

“We will be exploring all the epilepsy classifications, the causes, and potential treatments for epilepsy,” Leanne explained. “Everyone will definitely leave the workshop with some practical, life-saving skills - and it will all be happening in the welcoming, supportive environment of GSSA at 6 Third Street, Murray Bridge, on Thursday, March 26th, from 1.30 pm to 3 pm.”



ABOVE: Leeanne Gaskin of The Epilepsy Centre, Adelaide.

The session is free, voluntary, and open to everyone, but seats are limited, so early booking is essential - reserve your spot today by calling Jessica on 81 66 75 77.

Don't miss this chance to learn, connect, and support people living with epilepsy in our community – it could truly make a difference.

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Wellington East Marina Community Gathers

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

With more than 48 residents packing into the Tailem Bend Community Library for the first of the Wellington East Marina Community Group meetings, the gathering shone as a direct reflection of the passion of this community.

The turnout on Monday, February 16, highlighted the growing momentum to formally establish the Wellington East Marina Community Group as an incorporated body. The meeting was led by long-term resident Angie Tomkinson of Wellington East, who has called the marina home for 15 years.

"In those 15 years, a lot has changed," Angie said.

"But it's still such a peaceful place — you see beautiful sunsets and the bird song in the mornings is memorable."

She noted that holiday periods bring a livelier atmosphere, with boats and jet skis on the water. Laughter filled the room when she mentioned the well-known local B&B where the owner is famous for his late-night Elvis impersonations. The purpose of the meeting was clear: to create a united, incorporated body that can advocate effectively to council and local government, particularly with elections approaching. Residents discussed priorities including safer roads, improved street lighting and signage, and the creation of a shared community gathering space — an idea that drew strong support.



ABOVE: Tammy O'Malley from the Coorong District Council with Angie Tomkinson of Wellington East, leading the charge for the first of many Wellington East Marina Community Group meetings.

Guest speaker Tammy O'Malley from the Coorong District Council outlined the steps required to form an incorporated association and explained how this would open opportunities to apply for community grants after a 12-month period or so.

Although unable to attend, resident Ian Crane expressed strong support through the gathering and is keen to initiate regular "coffee and chat" mornings to maintain community engagement.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, likely to be held at the Tailem Bend Primary School Library, with alternative venue options also being explored.



ABOVE: Wellington East Marina Community Group fills the Tailem Bend Library

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Noise generating activities at Dragway at The Bend will include the following:

- *Saturday 28 March – 10.00AM racing starts, 8.00PM racing finishes, post racing activities including fireworks should conclude by 8.30PM*
- *Sunday 29 March – 8.30AM racing starts, 5.00PM finishes, post racing activities may conclude as late as 6.30PM*

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

In addition, we bring the following to your attention:

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

Please refer to our website for further information,
or for complaints, please contact 8165 5780.

We sincerely hope to see you at the event.

The Shell V-Power Motorsport Park & Dragway at The Bend





The Tailem Bend Football Club

Article submitted by Terry Connolly.

The Tailem Bend Football Club (TBFC) (Est. 1905) proudly celebrates 80 years in the River Murray Football League (RMFL) and invites all past players, officials, and supporters to join

the festivities on April 18 at 11:30 am.

The club will also honour its proud premierships history: League: 1921, 1926, 1996, Reserves: 1971, 91, 96, 2006, Juniors: 1956, 1996, 2016, 2021.

Organised football in Tailem Bend predates the formal club itself. Newspaper reports from as early as 1895 mention matches being played in the district, and by 1902, the town was fielding a recognised team, the Rock Wallabies. The name captured both the rugged character of the region and the early enthusiasm for Australian Rules football. As the town grew, so too did its football representation. Tailem Bend was, at times, represented by multiple teams, Centrals in Red with a White star, and the Warriors in Black with a Gold horizontal stripe, each reflecting different eras and competitions, yet all carrying the same responsibility of representing the town.

From these modest beginnings, a culture was established. Volunteering was not optional, it was fundamental. Cooperation, resilience, and loyalty became defining traits, values that would sustain the club through decades of change. With the end of the Second World War in 1945, men returned home from service and, in time, found their way back to the football grounds. They came worn but unbroken, shaped by hardship and sacrifice, and helped revive the game across the district. In doing so, they restored far more than teams and fixtures, they rekindled the spirit, camaraderie and unity of communities eager to begin again.



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Front Row : L.D. Head G.R. Robinson L.J. Lynch A.J. Skuse A. Cook

A defining chapter opened in 1946 when the club entered the River Murray Football League, unveiling what would become its enduring identity, the now-iconic Royal Blue jumper with a Gold sash, and the proud moniker of the Tailem Bend Eagles. Just one year later, in 1947, the club secured its first premiership, an achievement that signalled the beginning of a journey marked by success, disappointment, and perseverance in equal measure.

In 1946, those men became the first to represent the club in the RMFL, marking a defining new chapter in its history. It was also a moment of rebirth, as the Tailem Bend Warriors emerged as the TBFC Eagles. Eighty years on, the legacy of that inaugural group endures, their resilience and resolve forming the foundation upon which generations of Eagles have since stood.



It's all About Jesus...

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

What's the deal with Christians at Easter? A man dies on a cross and they are celebrating? What is all the hype? It's all about Jesus and what He has done out of His great love for us.

God's only son Jesus was born into a broken world. He was born, just as we are born, He had a job (a carpenter) just like we have a job. He taught people, He prayed, He was tempted, He was betrayed by a close friend, a friend even denied He knew Him! He was so very human, yet still God, separated from His heavenly Father for 33 years. He knew pain, He knew responsibility and He knew death. Jesus knew that the cross would cost Him His own life, but it would give eternal life to every person who ever believed in Him for evermore. It was the love of our heavenly Father that had Him offer up His one and only Son Jesus to pay the price of our sin. Jesus came down to earth and then rose up to heaven so that we could go up to heaven as well. He made the way. He walked the path for us to follow.

Jesus came to restore our relationship back to Father God. It required a sacrifice, the shedding of blood by one who had no sin, who was spotless, pure and perfect. Holy.

Only the Jesus, the Son of God could fulfill every requirement.

Because of His great love, Jesus died an eternal death that we were destined for, an eternal torment, constant pain beyond our comprehension. Yet because He is God, death could not hold Him. He defeated it by rising back to life. All for us. We are forgiven. That is love. A great sacrificial love that knows no bounds. Death is no longer the final option for us. We have free will to choose. Even when our choices break our heavenly Father's heart. For those who believe in Jesus, a place is prepared in heaven. He went ahead to prepare a place for us! And heaven is so big, there is room enough for everyone! It is the Father God's desire that every one will be saved and with Him in heaven. Ask Him today to show you He is real. Ask Him to make Himself known to you.

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him." John 3:16-17

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Cancer Council SA launches Easy lunchbox Recipes

Media Release - National Lunchbox Week, Cancer Council SA.

This National Lunchbox Week, Cancer Council SA has partnered with KESAB environmental solutions to launch five easy, affordable and nutritious lunchbox recipes that families can make at home with the kids.

Designed to use pantry staples and commonly wasted items such as apples and bananas, the recipes offer healthier alternatives to many pre-packaged snacks, which are often high in fat, salt and sugar and low in fibre. Research shows many products marketed as “lunchbox friendly” do not meet healthy eating guidelines.

Cancer Council SA and KESAB environmental solutions are

proud to support parents with simple options that take 20 minutes or less to prepare, helping to reduce both lunchbox stress and food waste. School waste audits show fruit and vegetables are frequently thrown away, highlighting the need for practical, appealing ideas.

The project was developed with Nutrition Lead Karissa Deutrom (**Cancer Council SA**), Nutrition and Recipe Support Emma Ainsworth (**Cancer Council SA**), and Recipes and Tips by Sarah Bruns (**KESAB environmental solutions**).

Download the free e-book and view the recipes at cancersa.org.au to make healthy, waste-wise lunchboxes easier this school year.

Apple pie bliss balls

Apple pie bliss, this high-fibre snack is perfect for the lunchbox.



Serves: 12

Preparation time: 20 minutes + 20 minutes to set in the fridge.

Cooking time: 0 minutes

Diet and allergies: Dairy free. Nut free. Vegetarian. Vegan.

Ingredients

- 2 large apples, skin on, grated (older apples are great for this recipe as they don't have too much moisture)
- 1 ½ cups rolled oats
- ¼ cup sultanas, roughly chopped
- 1 tsp cinnamon

Method

1. Grate apples in a bowl and add chopped sultanas.
2. Add the dry ingredients and knead with wet hands. If the mixture is too dry, add 1 tablespoon of water. (Note, mixing with a spoon will not combine ingredients like hands do, so get messy with the kids!)
3. Roll into 12 balls and place them in an airtight container. Set in the fridge for 20 minutes before serving.



Variations

Swap sultanas for currants or dates. You can use essences or other spices if desired. Pear and other firm fruits also work well in this recipe so utilise what you have and adjust according to your taste for no waste.

Desert Gems Thriving at Pangarinda



Submitted by Kaye Bartlett and Paul Bartlett.

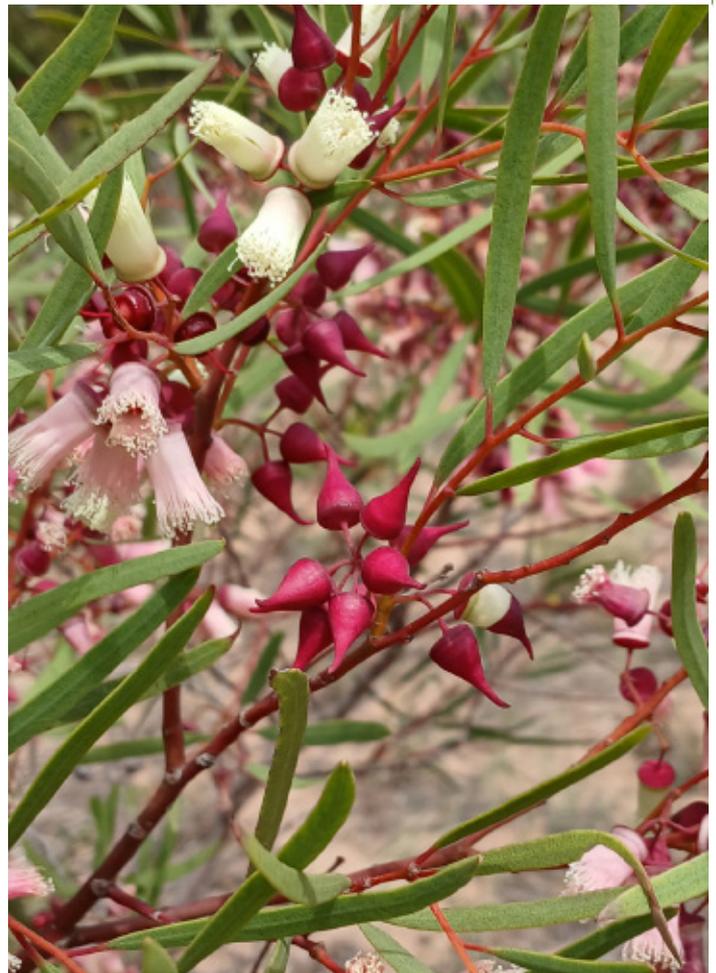
Visitors to Pangarinda Botanic Garden are often surprised at the wide variety of small eucalypts growing there.

Two of them are **Eucalyptus rosacea**, found growing on the yellow sand plains of the Great Victoria Desert. It is enjoying our hot, dry summer.

Eucalyptus kruseana, commonly called Bookleaf Mallee due to its leaf formation, produces yellow-green flowers in autumn that appear amongst the grey, mauve-tinged leaves. Growing 2 to 3 m tall, it is proving to be a popular small garden tree.



ABOVE: *Eucalyptus kruseana*.



ABOVE: *Eucalyptus rosacea*.

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Algal Bloom Summer Plan event

Friday, 6 March

Meningie Lions Jubilee Park 4—8 pm

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Share your feedback.... Community Vision Plan



Council is **inviting the community** to review and provide feedback on the **Draft Community Vision Plan 2026–2030**, a Plan that has been shaped by the voices of those who live, work and contribute to our region.

Your contributions exceeded over 5000 ideas, thoughts and future aspirations and have helped set the foundation for the Plan and has driven the **priorities, focus areas and strategies outlined within it**.

Community members are encouraged to **review the draft Plan and provide feedback** by attending a community workshop, completing an online submission form, or lodging written submissions by mail or in person



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

**Consultation closes 5pm
Friday 13th March 2026**

Share your feedback and join the conversation

Meningie

Tuesday, 24th February @ 3:30pm
Meningie Council Office,
Princes Highway, Meningie

Tintinara

**Wednesday, 25th February @
3:30pm**
Tintinara Council Office,
Becker Terrace, Tintinara

Coonalpyn

Tuesday, 3rd March @ 1:30pm
Coonalpyn Community Hall,
Dukes Hwy, Coonalpyn

Tailem Bend

Tuesday, 10th March @ 5pm
Tailem Bend Council Chambers,
Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend

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MURRAY MALLEE CRIME PREVENTION REPORT

Murray Mallee Police would like to take this opportunity to remind people to lock their vehicles and increase their general vehicle security. Police advise vehicle users to

- Remove all valuables - don't leave any valuables in your vehicle
- Park safely - where possible park off the road, preferably in a locked garage or gated driveway and in a well lit area
- Lock your vehicle - even in a garage, close all windows and sunroofs, and if using a remote locking device still check all doors in case the device has failed

- Secure number plates with tamper-resistant screws. Tamper resistant screws are available at many Police Stations and many vehicle retail outlets.

- Secure vehicle keys while at home and don't leave them in an easy reach location near doors or windows, if possible install an immobilizer

If you see anything suspicious or have information relating to any crime in your area please contact Police on 131 444 or you can report anonymously via Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. Please visit www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/crime-prevention-and-security for more crime prevention tips and advice.

Tailem Bend Blue Light Calendar for 2026

TERM 1

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Pool Party

Tailem Bend Primary School Pool.

For students in years 4,5 & 6 Only.

TERM 2

Wednesday 1st July

Disco

SRC to choose the theme.

Tailem Bend Town Hall.

TERM 3

Wednesday 23rd September

Footy Colours Disco.

Tailem Bend Football Clubrooms.

THURSDAY 13TH -

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2026.

Tailem Bend Primary School

year 6 Camp at Monarto Zoo

TERM 4

Wednesday 2nd December

Christmas Theme Disco

Tailem Bend Town Hall.



Tailem Bend Community Library

New Books March 2026

ADULT FICTION

CUSSLER Clive: Ghost Soldier; Adventure
McINERNEY Monica: Lola's Secret; Family Saga
COLEMAN Rowan: Never Tear Us Apart; -Historical Fiction
McINTOSH Fiona: Betrayal; Fantasy
BEAUMONT Jack: Liars Game : Thriller
PATTERSON James: The Invisible Woman; Thriller
CARO Jane – Lyrebird: Mystery Thriller
GOODMAN Alison: The Ladies Road Guide to Utter Ruin
Romance
KELSAL Leonie: The Ironbark Promise ; Rural Romance
REICH Kathy: Evil Bones; thriller
JACOBS Anna: Lavender Lane Family Saga
BLACK Holly: Theft of Night; Fantasy
PARKES Geoff: The First Law of The Bush; Thriller
BURR Shelly: Vanish; Thriller
SPENCER Matthew: Broke Road; Crime Thriller
GILMORE Laurie: The Pumpkin Spice Café; Romance
HARPER Jane Last One Out: Mystery
SIMONS Paulina: The Bell and The Blade- WW2

LARGE PRINT

MAGRO Mandy: Weathering the Storm ; Romance

NON FICTION

TRULY: Lionel Richie ; Biography
THE POWER WITHIN: Travis Boak

MONDAY MEMORIES

**'Monday Memories
23rd March 2026.**

**All Welcome
10 am at the
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BOOK REVIEW

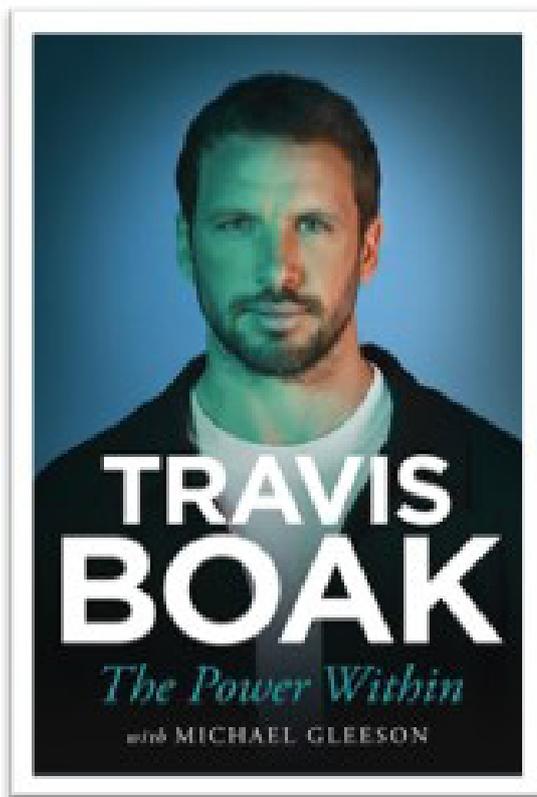


**The Power Within
By: Travis Boak**

Travis Boak is one of the most talented and tenacious AFL players of the era.

Three-time All-Australian and a former Port Adelaide captain, he's renowned for his football IQ and his physical endurance. In 2024 he played his 350th game, cementing his status as an elite champion.

Travis is known as the best trainer and preparer in the AFL, showing the importance of mindset and focus. And this focus on emotional and psychological health has been a hallmark, not just of his football but also his life. After losing his father to cancer at a young age, Travis blindly carried his grief and trauma for far too long. It was not until he was finally able to reckon with this weight that he was able to give life - and football - his all.



From one of the game's most respected and impressive players, this is a story of the hard work of living with vulnerability, and the power it can give us all.

Submitted by Angie Tomkinson.



COUNCIL SNAPSHOT



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■ February 2026 (Edition 77)

Mayor Paul Simmons continues to recover well and has extended his leave until May 2026. In March, Acting Mayor Jonathan Pietzsch will take leave to contest the seat of Mackillop for the National Party. During this time, I will step into the Mayoral role and look forward to serving our community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Community Vision Plan. The strongest themes were access to essential services, particularly healthcare, aged care, housing, transport and business growth. Residents are seeking improved infrastructure, practical leadership and reduced red tape to keep our district vibrant and able to manage issues as they arise. The draft Vision will soon be released for community consultation.

Council supported the LGA’s campaign to increase library funding in line with CPI, as stagnant funding continues to place pressure on councils. Following consultation, sub-lease agreements have been finalised with Tintinara Heart of the Parks for the railway building and Tintinara Action Club for the Lake Indawarra precinct, including management of the RV park.

Elected members discussed introducing a hard waste collection service to tackle the issue of illegal dumping. Various models from other councils were considered.

The Quarrying Policy, which outlines the practice of obtaining rubble or other materials for road construction and maintenance, was ratified by EM’s

The Policy that outlines the operational procedures, membership structure and how a Section 41 committee should function was reviewed and adopted.

We also ratified the Risk Management Policy which provides direction on risk management principles to inform decision making, resource allocation and risk mitigation.

The Coonalpyn Pool Terms of Reference has been finalised, and a new Caravan Park Policy drafted for review. It’s encouraging to see new volunteers stepping

up, with pool volunteers attending “Through Their Eyes” training in on Tuesday March 5th 2026.

The Coonalpyn Soldiers Memorial Caravan Park recorded strong summer usage, with 279 powered site bookings in December and 264 in January. This represents an increase on December 2024 figures and a slight decrease compared to January last year.

Coorong and Tatiara District Councils have secured Disaster Ready Fund Round 3 funding to improve firefighting water access across the region. The project will map water sources, upgrade infrastructure with CFS-compatible fittings, improve signage and site access, and update emergency service platforms to strengthen bushfire preparedness.

Council’s drought special circumstances rates postponement closed on 15 January 2026, with 15 applications approved, deferring \$545,580 across 85 assessments. The Community Resilience and Sustainability Program has been extended for 12 months, with an increased focus on drought support and preparedness.

Seven development applications were received in January 2026, compared to ten in January 2025. A full list of applications is available on the SA Planning Portal.

https://plan.sa.gov.au/development_application_register

During January, approximately 150km of patrol grading was completed, with road patching undertaken on several key roads (Narrung Stud Rd, Gumwell Rd, Old Dukes Highway, Warrengie Drv and McFarlane St). Signage across the district was refreshed, vandalism damage to public toilets repaired, hand weeding completed at Peake Cemetery, and tree trimming carried out.

A two-month trial of larger cardboard skip bins is underway at the Meningie and Taillem Bend Waste Transfer Stations, and the Coonalpyn toilet upgrade project is progressing on schedule.

Cheers Lisa 😊

COORONG Council News

Feb - Mar 2026

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 repaired the roof of the pelican viewing point on Narrung Road in Meningie, repainted runway markers at the Tintinara airfield, cleaned up tree damage from Little Corellas in Taillem Bend and Meningie, cleaned reeds and debris from the stormwater discharge channel in Meningie, repaired vandalism and graffiti in public toilets across the district, and tidied up the Peake cemetery with some weeding by hand.



Above: Meningie pelican viewing point after repairs



Have Your Say on the Draft Community Vision Plan 2026-2030

Our draft Community Vision Plan 2026–2030 is now ready for you to read and we want to know what you think.

More than 575 community members shared over 5,000 ideas with us, helping to shape the four-year Plan. Now we're checking back with the community to make sure we got it right.

- Does the draft reflect what matters most to you?
- Are the priorities on the right track?
- Is anything missing before the Plan is finalised?

You can have your say in the following ways:

Provide feedback online:

Read the draft Plan and submit your feedback via our online form.

Attend a Community Workshop:

Chat with us in person and share your thoughts at one of our upcoming sessions:

- **Meningie:** 24 Feb, 3:30–5pm at the Meningie Council Office
- **Tintinara:** 25 Feb, 3:30–5pm at the Tintinara Council Office
- **Coonalpyn:** 3 Mar, 1:30–2:30pm at the Coonalpyn Community Hall
- **Taillem Bend:** 10 Mar, 5–6:30pm at the Taillem Bend Council Chambers

Feedback closes: 13 March 2026

For more information or take the online survey at:

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Key Decisions

At the February 2026 Council meeting the Elected Members considered a number of reports.

- The Acting Mayor Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch will take a period of leave for most of March while he runs as a candidate at the upcoming State Election, and Cr. Lisa Rowntree has been appointed as the Acting Mayor during this time.
- Sub-leases of railway land in Tintinara were granted to the Tintinara Heart of the Parks and the Tintinara Action Club. The sub-lease to the Tintinara Action Club will also encompass the RV Park and surrounding land near Lake Indawarra with Lake Indawarra itself remaining in Council's care.
- The draft Community Vision Plan 2026-2030 was endorsed for community engagement from Monday, 23 February 2026.
- A second quarter review of both the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan and budget were also completed.

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Coonalpyn Changing Places Toilet update

After the concrete slab was poured in January, and power connected in early February, installation of the prefabricated building has begun. Planning is now underway for suitable car parking and footpath linking to the new facility.



Above: Coonalpyn Changing Places Toilet under construction

Want to read more?

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Coorong gallery
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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**

TUESDAYS

- **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.

THURSDAYS

- **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 - Stand Firm!

Submitted by Ps. Gary Paynter, Church on the Verandah.

Are faith & doubt at loggerheads with each other?

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-7. 3:1-13, (3-8 standing fast) I believe in God's provision. I believe God is true to His word in all of His promises. I also believe we get it mixed up at times when we pray believing for things that God hasn't promised & given, of fixed assurances.

If we are not careful we can become lead astray by "popular" psychology & new age thinking.

Often when we discuss faith, it becomes a war between faith & doubt. Faith nullifies doubt\doubt nullifies faith, & they each battle for dominance in our mind. And that is the problem in itself. **(Even within the body of the church)**

James 1:6-8. Our mind is easily confused & we become double minded with our confusion of what is true. Power of positive thinking & Motivational speak! I am because I think I am. **(I think I'm a banana therefore I am a banana).** Get rid of negative thinking & it will work. If I believe it hard enough & say it loud enough it will happen. "If we build it they will come".

Romans 12:3. Measure of faith is given. We are to nurture & progress **(grow)** our faith in God to maturity. We don't get more faith, we have confidence in our God to remain faithful, as we build upon our measure of faith

When we pray & it doesn't have the result we desire, wrong belief will cause us to give up on prayer because it "didn't work" or my faith isn't strong enough or some other reason why we now see failure instead of victory in our life in Christ Jesus. *1John 4:3-11. Hebrews 11:1-16.*

Church Services

PEAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

1st and 3rd Sunday at Peake : 10am
2nd and 4th Sunday at Sherlock : 10am
5th Sunday TBA
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE RSL

Submitted by: Sandy Przibilla.

RSL begins the year with a new committee for 2026. The reopening on February 6th attracts a crowd eager to reconnect and enjoy each other's company after being apart during our holiday break. We continue to look for funds for the ongoing upgrades to our building.

We are open to the public every Friday evening (**except on good Friday**) from 6:00 pm onwards, and membership is not required for attendance. **EVERYONE WELCOME**

Membership renewals for this year are now available.

Become a member and enjoy one complimentary birthday meal for the year, access to exclusive discounts on meals and beverages and automatic entry into our weekly club draw.

Our KARAOKE night has changed to the first Friday night of every month which includes a meat tray raffle. Preparations are now underway for ANZAC DAY and full details will be in the April Edition of the Tailem Topics

TO BOOK MEALS, please get in touch with Sandy Przibilla on 0419 856 744. For further enquiries, contact Dave Morgan (**Chairperson**) on 0419 808 769 or Michael Holliday (**secretary**) on 0403 271 781.

TAILEM BEND TENNIS CLUB HAS COURT HIRE AVAILABLE

Submitted by: Leah Kowald.

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TAILEM BEND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Submitted by: Jessica Howe.

The Annual General Meeting of the Tailem Bend Progress Association will be held on: **Monday 16 March 2026 - 6:00pm - Tailem Bend RSL**. The Tailem Bend Progress Association is a volunteer community committee dedicated



TAILEM BEND HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION

Submitted by: Maxine Kiddie.

At the last meeting of the Tailem Bend Historians Association, held on 13th February, our guest speaker, Dr Anthony Stimson, President of the SA Boer War Assoc, spoke about the Boer War and the eleven soldiers who enlisted from this region. Both horse and soldier had limited training before being sent out to face the enemy.

Eleven horses were also sent from Wellington Lodge Station. Horses suffered during the long sea voyage from Australia, being confined to tight quarters, arriving in South Africa in a weakened state and then finding the local native grass unpalatable.

Dr Stimson also mentioned how difficult it was to identify the Boer fighter who would dress in captured British khaki uniforms. Of the eleven soldiers, two Troopers, Herbert Edgar Prosser and Herbert Taeuber are buried in the Durban Cemetery South Africa and two other soldiers, Troopers John Arthur Skinner and John Rogers are buried in the Tailem Bend Cemetery.

The Tailem Bend Historians Association wish to develop a memorial to honor these soldiers who enlisted in the Boer War 1899.



to supporting and enhancing our local township. Throughout the year, the Association helps organise and support community initiatives including the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade, Easter fundraising activities, community raffles, local events, and other projects that strengthen and connect our town.

All members and interested community members are warmly invited to attend. New members and nominations for committee positions are welcome.

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Jokes of the Month

Apparently you can't use "beef stew" as a password.
It's not stroganoff.

I asked the gym trainer if he could teach me to do the splits. He asked how flexible I was.
I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."

My age doesn't define me.
Unless we're talking about back pain.

Aussie Old Wives' Tales
Put a brown paper bag over your tomatoes and they'll ripen faster.

My brain has too many tabs open.
And one of them is playing music... but I don't know which one.

Quotes of the Month

"May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."

"Luck is believing you're lucky." by Tennessee Williams.

"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover — hard to find and lucky to have."



St Patrick's Day – A Little History



St Patrick's Day is celebrated each year on March 17, honouring Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Though he wasn't Irish — born in Britain and taken to Ireland as a slave at 16 — he later returned as a missionary and helped bring Christianity to the country.

The shamrock is a famous symbol, said to represent the Holy Trinity. Once a religious feast, St Patrick's Day is now celebrated worldwide with parades, festivals, music, and plenty of green — even rivers are dyed for the occasion.

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