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# Community Gathers to Honour ANZACs



Submitted by Kylie Moloney, Treasurer for the RSL. Images submitted by Glenn Power, MBN.

This morning's ANZAC Day service was held in beautiful conditions, with a light breeze adding to the calm and reflective atmosphere as the community gathered to honour those who have served and sacrificed.

MC Sue Morgan opened the ceremony before inviting Tyler Wilson to deliver the Welcome to Country, acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land and their enduring connection to Country.

The service then moved to the Soldier Roll Call, read with care by Ruby Duke, followed by the raising of the flags by Zain Martin, Lucas and Riley Dumesny.

Pastor Bing led the Lord's Prayer, after which Peta delivered a heartfelt performance of the Australian National Anthem. Following the anthem, Brooke Clark read the iconic poem In Flanders Fields, adding depth and poignancy to the morning's reflections.

The ceremony continued with the laying of wreaths, as individuals, families, community groups, and organisations paid tribute to the fallen and honoured the legacy of the ANZACs.

After the formalities, attendees gathered at the RSL for a traditional gunfire breakfast, choosing between an egg and bacon roll or the popular Lot Burger.



ABOVE: Ashleigh Moloney of Tailem Bend collecting orders at the Gunfire Breakfast,



ABOVE: Rows of crosses stand in quiet tribute, honouring those who served and sacrificed.

A warm thank you goes to all volunteers and the Students from Tailem Bend Primary School whose efforts ensured the service ran smoothly. Appreciation is also extended to the generous local businesses who supported the event through raffle donations:

- Balhannah Butchery
- Murray Bridge Meats
- Riverside Hotel, Tailem Bend

**Their contributions helped create a welcoming, community focused morning of remembrance.**

COVER: Archie Patterson, a Year 11 student at Unity College and a resident of Coomandook, lays a wreath on behalf of the school. Image submitted by Annie Patterson.

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# A FRIGHTFULLY FESTIVE NIGHT

# HOG Motorbike Club Enjoys Warm Welcome at Old Tailem Town

Article and image submitted by the Tailem Bend Lions Club.

**Last Sunday, 19 April, Old Tailem Town came alive with the sound of Harley engines as members of the HOG (Harley Owners Group) Motorbike Club gathered for a well-earned lunch stop during their regional ride.**

Riders travelled from both Adelaide and Mount Gambier, taking in scenic routes including the iconic Devil's Elbow back roads, before continuing through Mt Barker and Strathalbyn, and on toward Wellington. The group arrived at Old Tailem Town around 11:30am, greeted by improving weather that shifted from a foggy morning to a beautiful sunny afternoon.

The riders were warmly welcomed by proprietors Danny and Tina Squires, with catering expertly handled by members of the Tailem Bend Lions Club. Lunch was served at midday and featured a classic Aussie spread, including a barbecue, fresh salads, drinks, and a sweet finish with Cornetto ice creams.

Guests enjoyed a relaxed sit-down meal in the Old Tailem Town dining room, taking the opportunity to unwind and connect after their morning ride. The atmosphere was friendly and appreciative, with many riders commenting on the quality of the food and the welcoming service.

Following the event, organisers received a message of thanks from the group, expressing their gratitude for the *“great meal and friendly service.”* President David of the HOG riders club also shared his appreciation, describing the lunch as *“scrumptious, warming, and beautifully prepared,”* and noting that the group looks forward to returning in the future.

The day was a great example of local hospitality at its best, with community groups and local businesses coming together to create a memorable experience for visitors passing through the region.



ABOVE: Raylene Thomas enjoying a moment in the saddle on a classic Harley-Davidson motorcycle during the HOG riders' visit to Old Tailem Town.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Lions Club members and HOG riders gather for a group photo at Old Tailem Town, proudly displaying the Adelaide Chapter HOG South Australia sign after a fantastic day of riding and hospitality.

# Celebrations Planned for Small Town Newspaper

Article submitted by Marianne Cunneen.

**The newspaper in Meningie, The Lakelander will celebrate its fiftieth birthday in June 2026. Plans are well on the way for an afternoon tea at the Meningie Bowling Club on Saturday, 6th June at 2pm.**

Coordinator of the event and volunteer for around four decades, Marianne Cunneen says that everyone can help by letting people know far and wide, so they can keep the date free and plan to travel back to Meningie for the event.

She added that everyone is invited to celebrate the milestone, and it would be great to see as many volunteers as possible from those fifty years attend. There have been many hundreds of volunteers over the five decades, some of which are still volunteering. Every copy of the publication has been kept, stored in The Lakelander office. The publications have been a great source of information for research over the years.

The Lakelander's beginnings were created by volunteers and teaching staff at Meningie Area School in 1976. The first issues were compiled in a historic old stone bakery at the back of Wadmore House and printed in the old school building on North Terrace. School children took on the folding and distribution of the publication.

The official opening of The Lakelander was held in conjunction with the opening ceremony of the Melaleuca Arts and Crafts Centre at Wadmore House and the first issue was distributed that week.

Some years later the whole production of the publication, including printing and folding, was moved to Wadmore House and school children were no longer involved with the folding.

In 2016 on the fortieth birthday of The Lakelander, it came runner-up in Junction Australia Community Connection Category of the South Australian Community Service Awards. At the time the list of volunteers involved counted to more than fifty.

Nine years ago, in 2017 The Lakelander moved to the Meningie Information Hub in the Coorong District Council building. While it took three or more days to compile, print and distribute the publication in 1976, it now takes less than a day.

The publication was produced every week excluding school holidays for the first twenty-five years, then it began printing every week. Since 2024 however, the publication has moved to fortnightly issues.

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# Tailem Bend Lions Serving Our Community

Report submitted by Lions members Judy, Bruce and Jo.

## TAILEM BEND LIONS CLUB – APRIL REPORT.

The Tailem Bend Lions Club has had another active month, with strong community support across a range of activities and initiatives.

### Den Sale Update

The April Den Sale was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The Club encourages residents to keep an eye on upcoming notices in the paper for details of the May Den Sale.

### 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.

### Clearing Sale Success

President Doug reported a very successful clearing sale held in Tailem Bend, with both vendors and the Club pleased with the outcome. The event drew great support from the community, with many attendees picking up a bargain. The Club extends its thanks to everyone who participated.

### Lions Cancer Screening Unit

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

Community members will be required to make an appointment, with further details to be announced soon. Due to the high level of interest and popularity of this service, walk-in patients will not be accepted.

Next month, the Club will advise the community on the booking process for this free and important service.



### Donation Reminder

The Club kindly reminds the community **not to leave items** such as mattresses or bedding at the Lions Den, as disposal costs must be covered by the Club.

If you have items to donate, please contact Lion Ian on 8572 3850 or Lion Bruce on 0401 106 010 to arrange collection if suitable.

### Hay Run Update

Following enquiries regarding last month's report, Lion Ray Akers, who coordinated the hay run for the Tarragon Lions Club in Victoria, has advised that the planned deliveries to Peterborough and Ceduna were cancelled. The New South Wales Government stepped in to secure the hay for immediate distribution to flood-affected farmers in New South Wales – a very deserving outcome.

### Community Callout – Lions Den Repairs

The Club is seeking assistance from the community to repair a leaking roof around the chimney at the Lions Den. As many members are no longer able to undertake roof work, help from a qualified or capable person would be greatly appreciated. Anyone able to assist is encouraged to contact Life Member Lion Ian Eckermann on 8572 3850.

### Mobile Barbecue Trailer

The Club would like to thank the community for its help in sourcing a spare wheel for the mobile barbecue trailer. A suitable replacement has now been found, once again highlighting the generosity and support of the local community.

### AED Unit Expansion

The Lions Club has approved the addition of a second Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for community use. This unit will accompany the mobile barbecue at events and will be carried in Lion Bruce and Judy's vehicle, clearly marked for easy identification. In an emergency, assistance may be available by calling 0401 106 010 or 0438 821 301.

*The Tailem Bend Lions Club sincerely thanks the community for its ongoing support. If your club or organisation needs help with funds, write to Tailem Bend Lions Box 141 Tailem Bend or email: tailembendlions@mail.com*

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# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #162

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

**In this month's memories, we have three articles:  
Des Zander, Coorong Council and RSL.**

## **Des Zander 'Another Legend'**

Lawn Bowls by 'Peter Connolly'

*M/V Standard year 1999–2000.*

Another Tailem Bend bowler whose contribution to his club and bowls in general is Des Zander. Zander has been an icon among the bowling fraternity for many years, and his record as a player, administrator and greenkeeper is impeccable. His consistency on the Tailem Bend green is of a high standard, and giving his time voluntarily is of untold benefit to the club. Zander's playing ability is unquestionable, with his championship wins bringing prestige to the Tailem Bend club, making him an ideal role model for both experienced and aspiring bowlers.

Before moving to Tailem Bend, Zander was a committee member of the Robertstown Bowling Club for four years, a selector for a similar period, and greenkeeper for six years. He won the club's singles championship once and represented the Barossa and Light Association four times.

He transferred to the Tailem Bend club in the 1971–72 season, where he has been a committee member for 17 years, selector and delegate to the Lower Murray Bowling Association for 16 years, on the greens committee for 14 years, and greens manager for 12 years, and on the social and tournament committees for seven years. He was secretary for four years, spent the same period as senior vice-president, and president for two years. Zander has been a voluntary club bowling instructor for eight years and has held an umpire's badge since 1970.

The club awarded him life membership on May 7, 1998. He has been on the Lower Murray Bowling Association central executive for two years, was a selector for two years, and a weather adjudicator for four years.

On the green, he has been club singles champion eight times, club pairs champion nine times, club triples champion once, and club fours champion four times. He has won the club's handicap singles three times, the 100 Up singles five times, the Legacy pairs five times, the set play singles twice, and the two-bowl singles once. He has played in seven Division One premierships as skipper.

He has won the Lower Murray Champion of Champions singles and Legacy pairs once each. He has also won the Eastern Division Champion of Champions singles once, and has played seven games in the Eastern Division Round Robin team.



*ABOVE: Des Zander, nominated by Tailem Bend Bowling Club for the Australian Sports Medal 2000.*

He, like Olive Leckie, has also been nominated for the Australian Sports Medal. Acceptance of both nominations would be a fitting reward in return for their unequalled dedication to their sport.

## **Tailem Bend trio in Mallee Ward Five**

*M/V Standard year 1999–2000*

Three Tailem Bend people have been elected or re-elected to Coorong Council following the completion of local government elections last week. They are Brenton Qualmann, Evonne Whibley and Neville Jaensch – all elected in Mallee Ward along with Paul Simmons and Dianne Woidt.

Brenton Qualmann said he had gone into the election feeling a little confident, having had good feedback from the electors. It was pleasing to be given the opportunity to serve again, as Tailem Bend had a lot of ongoing projects with which he had been involved and which he would like to see through to completion. These included the Tailem railway site, public reserves, and major roadworks at Tailem Bend.

Mr Qualmann said he was eager to take up anything of benefit to Tailem Bend and the area, with particular interest in potential business and employment benefits. This would be his second term in office. He said the first term had involved something of a learning curve, was beneficial, and gave more confidence towards the second term.

Evonne Whibley will be serving as a councillor for the first time and said she was thrilled to be elected. It would be a learning process for her, and she looked forward to serving the district as a whole. She also looked forward to the challenge of the new role.

# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #162

Neville Jaensch returns to the council after having served almost ten years—more than six years with the former Meningie Council and three years with the Coorong Council. He believed there were major challenges that the council and community had to take on for change.

*"We have to pick up our speed. We have been slow on some things, but now in this term of council—having had three years since amalgamation—we have no excuse not to make the hard decisions."*

Mr Jaensch said councillors and council were the ideas people for the community, *"and we need to listen to the community and whether they want the ideas or not."*

He felt the five councillors of the Mallee Ward—among the total of 12—would work very closely to ensure the district is seen as a whole and not in isolated pockets.

*"We represent the entire area and are responsible to everyone in the district,"* he said.

He was looking forward to working in a council which would have a gender balance of four women and eight men, which he believed was healthy for council. All three said they were grateful for the support they had received in the election.



ABOVE: Three of the councillors for Coorong council's Mallee Ward, following the close of local government election voting last week. - Brenton Qualmann, returned for a second term, Evonne Whibley, who is a new councillor, and Neville Jaensch, who has served almost 10 years with the former Meningie and present Coorong councils.



## Quote for the month



*"The road to success and the road to failure are almost exactly the same." — Colin R. Davis.*

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

## RSL Welcomes a Safer Place to Remember - M/V Standard year 2004

Tailem Bend Returned League's wish for the town's war memorial to be shifted from its "unsafe" location has been granted. Currently near the hospital on the Dukes Highway, the memorial has been deemed "unsafe" because people have to cross the highway to get there.

Following last week's Coorong District Council meeting, the new location will be outside the Tailem Town Hall—not only a safer position but also a more central area where it can be better appreciated by the public.

RSL president Jim Williams said the only concern they had was vandalism, but he hoped the town would respect the importance of the memorial and refrain from it. He said now that the Tailem Bend Primary School was involved in the memorial services, it was dangerous to have them crossing the highway.

*"We had to bring the police in last time to hold up the traffic,"* Mr Williams said. Currently, the Tailem Bend RSL is waiting to hear back from the Department of Veterans' Affairs about a grant of \$4000, which would pay for relocation of the memorial and the rehabilitation of the area on Dukes Highway.

According to Coorong District technical services manager Trevor Gordon, the majority of the memorial will be constructed at ground level, with the exception of the obelisk, which will stand upright in the centre of the memorial.



ABOVE - Inspection: Jim Tobiasen, Peter Verrell, Martin Cox and (front) president Jim Williams inspect the new site.



# The Taillem Bend Football Club

Article and Images submitted by Terry Connolly.

**The TBFC 80th Anniversary, Past Players and Volunteers Day was a tremendous celebration of the club's rich history and enduring spirit.**

It was exceptionally well attended, with past players, volunteers, and supporters travelling from far and wide to reconnect, reminisce, and honour the generations who have shaped the club. The atmosphere was one of pride and camaraderie, as stories were shared and lifelong bonds rekindled, reinforcing the deep sense of community that defines TBFC.

A particularly special highlight was the presence of 1945 and 1946 player Len Lawson, whose attendance added a powerful link to the club's earliest triumphs. Len was fittingly presented with a commemorative memento to acknowledge his place in TBFC history. The day also recognised outstanding contributions across eras, with Michael Langcake honoured for his continuous service to the club, and Gary "Guru" Peach, coach of the 1996 premiership team, also receiving a past players memento. Together, these acknowledgements reflected the breadth of commitment and success that continues to drive TBFC forward.



ABOVE: Terry Connolly, Len Lawson and Clinton Allen.

## Taillem Bend Football Club A Grade 1946



**Back Row :** K. Norman L. Lawson M.B. Miller A. Gower R. Croucher R. Sutton  
**Middle Row :** B.K. Jaensch R. Wilson D. Kropinyeri R.T. Davies R. Gower K. Both  
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Miller 5,  
Kropinyeri 4,  
Lawson 1,  
Campbell 1,  
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# The Tailem Bend Football Club

The Tailem Bend Football Club is proud to announce the forthcoming publication of a premium book, The History of Football in Tailem Bend, a lasting tribute to the people, stories and proud traditions that have shaped our club and community.

Importantly, this is not merely a compilation of statistics, but a rich and engaging narrative that captures the characters, personalities and moments that have shaped the club into what it is today. This significant publication will serve as a treasured record, preserving the heritage of football in Tailem Bend for current supporters and future generations alike.



ABOVE: Bill Jaensch, Robert Lokan, Hughie Allen and Terry Connolly.



ABOVE: Clinton Allen and Garry Peach.

The project also presents a unique opportunity for local businesses and families to be recognised within a keepsake that will be proudly displayed, shared and remembered for years to come.

Sponsorship opportunities are now open. Any profits generated from the book will be directed back into Tailem Bend Football Club infrastructure, helping to build a strong and enduring legacy for the future.



## Tailem Bend Football Club History Book Your Place in the Publication

In celebration of 80 years in the River Murray Football League, the Tailem Bend Football Club is producing a premium commemorative book documenting the history of football in Tailem Bend.

This publication will capture the stories, people, premierships and milestones that have shaped football in our town since its beginnings in 1905, honouring generations who have contributed to its rich history.

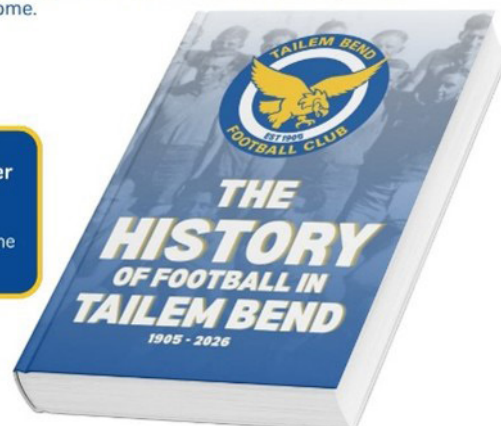
Professionally printed in full colour with a premium finish, the book is intended to serve as a lasting historical record for the community.

Tiered sponsorship opportunities are available, with supporters recognised within the front pages of the publication, all profits, if any, will go directly towards TBFC infrastructure, creating a lasting legacy for generations to come.

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# Smiley the Steam Train Driver

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

Young creative Cadeyrn Smith is once again bringing imagination to life, supported by the Coorong District Council, and Genuine Support Service Australia's Fresh Perspective Photography, Cadeyrn's second children's book, "Smiley the Steam Train Driver" will soon be available around the Murraylands districts.

With the help of ChatGPT, Kellie Jaensch, and local retired photographer Glenn Power, both of Tailem Bend, Cadeyrn's voice and dreams of sharing his love of storytelling continues. Set around the historic railway hub of Tailem Bend, the story follows a young boy who dreams of becoming a steam train driver. Under the watchful eye of Sir Reginald Pott, the railway overseer, Smiley begins a journey filled with adventure, discovery, and friendship.

From Tailem Bend, Smiley travels along his beloved, now disused, Loxton and Pinnaroo main branch lines, visiting places like Karoonda and exploring the region's rich railway heritage. Along the way, he inspects tracks for safety, visits Tailem Bend's Roundhouse, and learns the stories behind the rails—including time spent at the Tailem Bend Information Station and the dark and mysterious railway master's home at Peake. Smiley is never alone. His loyal engines bring the journey to life—Tomlin the bright blue engine, Edwin the dependable tender, Harold the steady green companion, Grayson the powerful express, and others, each with their own personality and purpose.



*ABOVE: Cadeyrn Smith of Murray Bridge, researching his second children's book at the Tailem Bend Information Station, Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend.*

Beyond the tracks, Smiley finds joy by the river, explores local landmarks, and forms a lifelong bond with "Jack", the mysterious lost railway puppy.

Cadeyrn's heartfelt story celebrates dreams, community, and the enduring spirit of regional rail. With proofreading underway, the book is set for release soon—another proud achievement from a talented Murraylands creator.

*Submitted by Maxine Kiddie.*

Carmel, a resident of Taberefta, asked the Tailem Bend Progress Association for help purchasing compost. The residents enjoy the ambience of nice gardens, but some find the upkeep difficult. Carmel assists them with their gardening.

The Progress Association donated four bags of compost through Tailem Bend Hardware. **Well done, Carmel.**



*ABOVE: Don Wood (TBPA), Jennifer (Tailem Bend Hardware), Carmel, and Frank.*



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# Wendy's Fight Against MS

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

Easter Saturday brought more than just long-weekend cheer, with local Tailem Bend Indoor Bowling resident, Wendy Johnson, turning her Purnong garage into a hub of generosity and hope.

Wendy hosted a community garage sale to raise funds for her upcoming 50-kilometre walk in May as part of her ongoing fight against multiple sclerosis (MS). Thanks to strong local support, the sale has already raised an impressive \$1,100—and counting.

A client of Genuine Support Services Australia, Wendy continues to inspire those around her with her determination and resilience. Despite living with MS, she reports her health as stable and remains focused on staying active.

*"I'm motivated by the generous people who not only have my back, but continue to donate to my cause,"* Wendy said. *"Keeping walking helps not only raise funds but also supports my physical and mental health."*

Wendy draws on a simple but powerful philosophy: *"If you don't use it, you lose it."* It's this mindset that keeps her moving forward—both in her daily life and as she prepares to walk 50 kilometers next month. Her message is clear and heartfelt: *"I won't let the disease beat me."*



ABOVE: Wendy Johnson of Purnong taking a quick break from her weekly Tailem Bend Indoor Bowls, Willow Street Precinct, Tailem Bend, April 9, 2026.

Now a familiar face in the community for her annual fund-raising efforts, Wendy's commitment continues to grow each year, inspiring others to get behind the cause.

With May fast approaching, Wendy is encouraging the community to get involved. *"Please donate and support my 50K walk,"* she said. *"Together, we can help kiss good-bye to MS."*

Wendy Johnson's journey is a powerful reminder of strength, community spirit, and the impact of giving.



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# Hakea Petiolaris in Bloom at Pangarinda



Submitted by Kaye Bartlett.

**Hakea petiolaris** flowering at Pangarinda produces globular mauvish to pinkish flowers that appear on old wood from March to May.

A large, erect shrub growing 2–3 metres tall, it features attractive blue-grey foliage and is very popular in cultivation. It is highly adaptable to a range of soil types and thrives in dry conditions.

It can be seen growing among granite outcrops in the wheatbelt region of Western Australia. With age, it retains its seed capsules on the dead wood.



ABOVE: *Hakea petiolaris* in bloom at Pangarinda, showing its distinctive mauve-pink globular flowers.

## Kids Bake with D-Rake - Recipe from Drakes

Submitted by Tailem Bend Progress Association.

### French Toast Tray Bake

#### Ingredients

- 1 loaf of Wonder Bread
- 6 eggs
- Meadow Lea margarine (to grease)
- 2½ cups milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Cinnamon
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- Dollop of thickened cream (to serve)
- Icing sugar (for dusting)
- Fruit – fresh or frozen (berries, peaches, etc.)

#### Method

1. Have a grown-up preheat your oven to 180°C.
2. Lightly grease a baking dish with butter or margarine and cut the bread into triangles.
3. In a big bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, maple syrup, vanilla extract and cinnamon until smooth and creamy.



4. Place the bread into the baking dish, overlapping slightly.
5. Pour over the mixture and add a few frozen berries or pieces of fruit in between the bread.
6. Cover it up and let it sit for 15 minutes.
7. Bake for 30 minutes, until the egg mixture has set.
8. Let it sit out of the oven for 5 minutes to cool slightly.
9. Dust with icing sugar, cut and serve with extra berries or fruit, a dash of maple syrup and some cream.

*Yum! Enjoy!!*



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# Sharing Our Flood Recovery Story

Article and images supplied by The Print City Team.

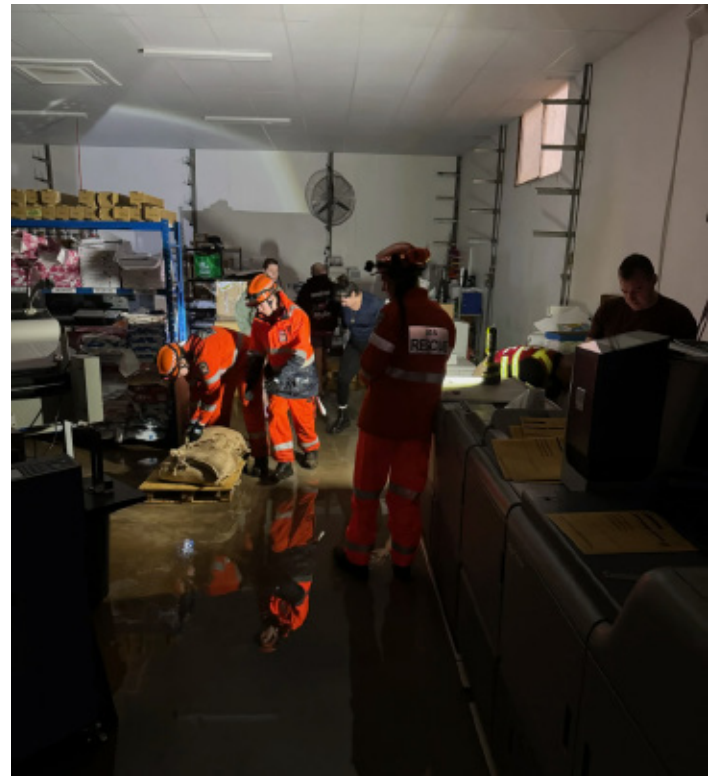
At a recent business networking event at the Murraylands Skills Centre, Print City team member Gemma gave a raw, behind-the-scenes look at what the past few weeks have really looked like.

She spoke to around 50 attendees about arriving that afternoon to a flooded production floor, with muddy water everywhere and SES already on site. It was a confronting moment, and one that could have easily brought operations to a halt.

Instead, the focus quickly shifted to action. From day one, the team has worked to keep jobs moving for customers, setting up new processes and leaning on trusted partners to maintain production while clean-up continues.

It hasn't been easy, but it's been a huge team effort, adapting on the fly, finding solutions and doing whatever it takes to deliver.

*Our team is working hard to keep things moving and minimise disruption wherever possible. If you've got something coming up, feel free to get in touch at [hello@printcity.net.au](mailto:hello@printcity.net.au)*



ABOVE: A tough sight behind the scenes — muddy water across the production floor and work brought to a standstill.

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# Easter Visit Brings Smiles to Residents

Article and images submitted by Tailem Bend Progress Association inc.

**Members of the Tailem Bend Progress Association brought a touch of Easter cheer to the Tailem Bend District Hospital on Easter Saturday, April 4, with a thoughtful visit for patients and staff.**

Armed with chocolate eggs and small packets of biscuits, the group made their way through the hospital, sharing treats and warm smiles. The simple gesture was warmly received, bringing smiles to residents and adding a touch of Easter cheer to their day.

Community spirit was on full display, with volunteers Hailie, Kayce, Maddie, Jo, Skye, and Maxine generously giving their time to support the initiative. Adding to the festive atmosphere was a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, who proved to be a hit with both patients and staff alike.

The visit reflects the ongoing commitment of the Progress Association to fostering connection and kindness within the Tailem Bend community. Occasions like Easter can be particularly challenging for those in hospital, and the group's efforts helped create a sense of celebration and inclusion.



ABOVE: Easter smiles all round as volunteers join resident Eileen Lee for a special visit.

Small acts of kindness, such as this, play an important role in strengthening community bonds and lifting spirits. The Progress Association's visit served as a reminder that even the simplest gestures can make a meaningful difference.

The Tailem Bend Progress Association continues to look for ways to support and engage with the local community, with this Easter visit being another successful and heartfelt contribution.



ABOVE: Volunteers Hailie, Kayce, Maddie, Jo, Skye, Maxine and the Easter Bunny pictured with resident Brenda Benham during the Tailem Bend Progress Association's Easter visit.



# Easter Visit Brings Smiles to Residents



ABOVE: Edith Schulz takes part in the Easter activities during her recent stay at the hospital before returning home.



ABOVE: Margaret Batson with Tailem Bend Progress Association volunteers celebrating Easter together.



ABOVE: Easter goodies prepared and handed out to bring a little extra joy to residents.

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Wednesday 1st July

Disco

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Tailem Bend Town Hall.

THURSDAY 13TH -

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2026.

Tailem Bend Primary School

year 6 Camp at Monarto Zoo

## TERM 3

Wednesday 23rd September

Footy Colours Disco.

Tailem Bend Football Clubrooms.

## TERM 4

Wednesday 2nd December

Christmas Theme Disco

Tailem Bend Town Hall.

# Tailem Bend Community Library

## New Books May 2026

### ADULT FICTION

**McARTHUR FIONA:** Lyrebird Lake Misty ~ Romance  
**McARTHUR FIONA:** Lyrebird Lake Montana ~ Romance  
**FRENCH JACKIE:** The Whisperers War ~ Historical Fiction  
**KELLY JULIA:** Betrayal at Blackthorn Park ~ Mystery  
**RICHARD OSMAN:** We Solve Murders ~ Humorous  
**McTIERNAN DERVLA:** The Urgent Grave ~ Thriller  
**HAMMER CHRIS:** Legacy ~ Australian Crime  
**ADAMS SARAH:** In your Dreams ~ Romance  
**ROBERTS NORA:** The Calhoun Way ~ Romantic Suspense  
**LEE CHILD:** Exit Strategy ~ Suspense Thriller  
**STEEL DANIEL:** Never Say Never ~ Romance  
**GRIFFITHS ELLY:** The Frozen People ~ Crime Fiction  
**SHAW LEEARNA:** A Farm in Golden Clouds ~ Romance  
**BAILEY SARAH:** Click ~ Crime Fiction  
**BALDACCİ DAVID:** Hope Rises ~ Thriller  
**DOUGLAS CLAIRE:** The Family Friend ~ Mystery Suspense  
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**McKENNA MARK:** Return to Uluru  
**MIDDLETON ANT:** Mental Fitness  
**JOBSON ROBERT:** The Windsor Legacy

## MONDAY MEMORIES

Come along to the  
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Monday, 25th May 2026  
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Come along and reminisce  
about the days gone by.

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# BOOK REVIEW

## The Unquiet Grave By: Dervla McTIERNEN

The much-anticipated new novel in the Cormac Reilly series, from the no.1 bestselling author of *The Ruin and What Happened to Nina*.

For years the boglands of Northern Europe have given up bodies that are thousands of years old, uncannily preserved. Bodies with strange injuries that suggest ritual torture and human sacrifice.

When a corpse is found in a bog in Galway, Cormac Reilly assumes the find is historical. But closer examination reveals that the dead man is Thaddeus Grey, a local secondary school principal who disappeared two years prior.

At first, progress on the case is frustratingly slow and Cormac struggles to keep his mind on the job. His ex-girlfriend, Emma Sweeney, is in trouble – her new husband has gone missing in Paris, and the French police are refusing to open an investigation into his disappearance.

Cormac is sure that he has found Grey's killer, and is within hours of an arrest, when another mutilated body is discovered on the other side of the country. Two days later, a third body is found. Press attention is intense. Can Cormac find the murderer before they strike again?



## MUSICHALL MEMORIES

Come along to the  
**Tailem Bend Community Library**

Monday, 11th May 2026  
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# COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

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## ■ April 2026 (Edition 79)

Our April Council meeting covered a wide range of important topics, from budgets and long-term planning through to community grants, health services and future projects across the district.

One of the biggest agenda items was the new **2026–2030 Community Vision Plan**. This document helps guide Council’s priorities over the next four years and was shaped by significant community consultation. More than 575 people took part via workshops, surveys and feedback sessions. The themes that came through strongly were around health services, roads, infrastructure, and growth.

The **CEO recruitment** process is continuing, with the final two applicants scheduled to undertake a further round of interviews shortly. We hope to be able to share more information with the community soon.

Elected Members (EM’s) approved the **Draft Long Term Financial Plan**, which maps Council’s finances over the next ten years. While not the most exciting topic on paper, it is one of the most important. It’s about making sure we can maintain roads, buildings, services and community assets without placing unnecessary pressure on future ratepayers. Sensible planning now gives us better options later.

Another positive item was funding support for the **Wellington East Water Supply Project**, with over \$750,000 in State Government funding secured. This is a significant infrastructure project that will improve water supply outcomes for residents.

EM’s agreed to in-kind assistance to the **Peake Sporting Club netball court upgrade** which is exactly the sort of initiative that helps strengthen country communities. Council considered the request for financial support to the **Murray River Study Hub** program and, after discussion, did not believe there was sufficient demonstrated value at this time to justify a direct funding contribution from Coorong ratepayers.

Health continues to be front of mind for many residents, and it was pleasing to be part of the first meeting of the new **Coorong Community Health**

**Advancement & Advisory Committee**. This group is looking at options to ensure that access to doctors, aged care, allied health and basic services are available in our region.

The **Community and Corporate Report** highlighted a range of ongoing work behind the scenes, including customer service delivery, community grants administration, tourism initiatives, planning matters, communications, events support and day-to-day governance responsibilities. Much of this work is not always visible, but it keeps communities supported. I particularly value seeing efforts focused on ensuring community groups receive the support they need to keep operating.

The **Roads and Infrastructure Report** was another important section of the meeting. Across a district the size of Coorong, maintaining roads and assets is a constant challenge. Ongoing road maintenance, resealing programs, drainage works, township presentation, plant management and infrastructure planning all require steady attention. EM’s supported advocacy to the State Government regarding the growing pressure being placed on rural road networks. While the Malinauskas Government is encouraging the greater use of road trains on country roads, the reality is that many of these roads were never designed for that level of heavy vehicle traffic. Increased freight volumes inevitably accelerate road deterioration, create higher maintenance costs and place added safety risks on local communities. These costs are often pushed back onto regional councils that simply do not have the financial capacity to keep pace. EM’s voted to formally lobby the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and the Premier for a fair increase in funding for rural roads, so that country communities are not left carrying the burden of state freight policy without the resources to maintain safe and reliable road networks.

As always, there were also many routine governance matters, policy reviews, committee reports and preparations for the upcoming Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to stay engaged.

Cheers Lisa 😊

# COORONG Council News

Apr - May 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** teams have been busy in Tailem Bend removing graffiti on Cosi's Rhino and other public spaces, re-painting the Tailem Bend bus shelter by the Shell Service Station and tidying up fallen trees along the highway median strip. While in Meningie new signage has been installed at the Information Hub, illegal dumping has been collected, and maintenance on the playground and outdoor equipment has kept the team busy.



Above: New signage installed at the Meningie Information Hub

While in Tintinara has seen new banners installed on the banner poles and tree maintenance and tidy up works undertaken.



Above: New town specific banners installed at Tintinara.

### Unsealed Road Renewal Program

Road renewal works have been completed on **Taunta Hut Road** and crews will shift to **Deepwater Road, Burns Road** and **Pascoe Road** in mid-April.

The 2025/26 program has currently delivered 24.5km of resheeting across the district with 14km forecast for the remainder of the financial year.

### Narrung Road Shoulder Rehabilitation and Renewal Project

Works on Narrung Road continued throughout March, with material carting, top-up and preparation now complete along 8.5 km of the road.

Shoulder cement stabilisation began in late March and is expected to finish in early April 2026, followed by spray sealing works across the same section.



Above: Shoulder rehabilitation works, Narrung Road

### Railway Terrace Carpark, Tailem Bend Project

Works are continuing at the Railway Terrace Carpark in Tailem Bend, with kerb construction now finished and stormwater spoon drain works underway.

Surface preparation is expected to start in early to mid-April 2026, with the existing pavement reused as part of the carpark rebuild



Above: New stormwater pit construction works at Railway Terrace Carpark, Tailem Bend.

Thank you for your patience while these important improvements are completed.

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## Key Decisions

At the April 2026 Council meeting the Elected Members adopted the 2026-2030 Community Vision Plan.

Following the adoption of this important strategic document Elected Members endorsed the following documents for public consultation between 1 May 2026 and 29 May 2026:

- Draft 2026/27 – 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan,
- Draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan & Budget, and
- Draft 2026/27 Schedule of Fees & Charges

Other reports considered included: Supporting the Peake and District Sporting Club netball court upgrade by providing rubble and covering haulage as an in-kind contribution.

Following community consultation the renaming of Karralta Road, Cooke Plains, to Kurralta Road was authorised to reflect the history of the area.

An update to the Tintinara Residential Units Community Land Management Plan was also reviewed to enable the units to be

leased to a wider range of suitable tenants. Community feedback highlighted the importance of prioritising retirees, and this preference has been retained while still ensuring the units can be occupied when needed and are not constrained by the previous plan's limitations.

## Let's Talk about....

Our community helped shape the 2026–2030 Community Plan, setting a clear vision for the future and the priorities Council will work toward.

This plan is supported by Council's **Annual Business Plan & Budget, Long Term Financial Plan, and Fees & Charges**, which guide what we deliver, how we manage money, and how services are funded.

Together, these plans help balance today's needs with future priorities.

To view the plans and share your feedback visit council's website at [www.coorong.sa.gov.au/letstalk](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/letstalk) or attend a community information session.

## Community Info Sessions

**Meningie:** Wednesday, 13 May at 6:30pm at the Meningie Bowling Club

**Tailem Bend:** Tuesday, 26 May at 6:30pm in the Tailem Bend Council Chambers & live streamed on YouTube.

## Save the Date: National Volunteer Week Lunch

We're excited to celebrate our amazing volunteers during National Volunteer Week 2026.

Local community and sporting organisations are asked to watch for formal invitations, arriving soon, to a lunch in Tintinara on Thursday, 21 May 2026.

## Want to read more?

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



# KEITH ART GROUP Exhibition

An inspiring collection of colorful artworks highlighting the creative talents of the Keith Art Group now on display at the 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;** Meetings held 3rd Monday of every month at the RSL. **Come and join us. For more details please contact: Maxine Kiddie: 0439 387 750**
- **TAILEM BEND CHRISTMAS PARADE MEETING;** We need you! If you would like to see the Christmas Parade in the future please join the Christmas Parade committee. **Contact Maxine Kiddie: 0439 387 750**

## 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](mailto:chsp@tbcc.org.au) for more information.
- **Tailem Bend RSL SUB-BRANCH;** Open for meals every Friday. **TO BOOK MEALS** contact Sandy Przibilla on 0419 856 744. Or visit our FB: @ Tailem Bend RSL for our menu and Specials.

## 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 - Just little white lies? Just lies!

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

**"What is accomplished through lies can assume the mask of truth; what is accomplished through violence can go in the guise of justice, and for a while the hoax may be successful. But soon people realize that lies are lies at bottom, that violence is violence - and that both lies and violence will suffer the destiny history has in store for all that is false." Martin Buber**

"Speaking truth," obliges us to a life in humility, honesty and integrity within ourselves, & toward others. If we are unwilling to be certain of truth, believing with humility in our own mind, & behaviour, while accepting we don't know all things, how can we be truthful in a world full of half-truths & lies that flourish & are promoted in our life through social media & other news sources daily? Speaking truth, is the responsibility to use words and language with integrity and justice. Zech. 8:16 *"These are the things you shall do: speak each man the truth to his neighbour; give judgment in your gates for truth, justice & peace; Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbour; & do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate; says the Lord. (See also: Micah 6:8, Eph.4:17-27, Col. 3:8-17).*

Truth prohibits gossip, sharing worthless\false information, expressing contempt, mockery, outrage & hostility over the viewpoints & considerations of other opinions. An honest person doesn't denigrate with words but understands that communication is a sacred trust. Our words are to be regarded as esteemed, as an expression of truth. In this manner the truth we speak will be the truth, not *"the truth as I would prefer or perceive it to be"*

God has established firm promises, and as much as His word is sacred & true, we should strive to be purified in our speech as well. See Matt. 5:1-16. While pride, evil speech, distortion & corruption within the heart & mind of the world flourishes & accordingly leads people astray with perceived half-truths, lies & fantasies; our capacity to with all humility & faith in Christ Jesus needs be to use language and reason in us & essential for integrity, in revealing the true portrayal of the Lord God & His promise;

*"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"*, in the knowledge that the truth is the truth regardless of popular opinion for the sake of conformity or approval of fashion\factions in the world.

## Church Services

### PEAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

1st and 3rd Sunday at Peake : 10am  
2nd and 4th Sunday at Sherlock : 10am  
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# Community Notice Board



## **CLUB HONORS** **THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC**

Submitted by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News.

**The Murraylands Community Photography Group is preparing for a night where the past comes vividly alive.**

On Thursday, May 21st, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Murray Bridge Library, the group will host an engaging workshop titled History Being Saved by Photos. It's not just an exhibition—it's an invitation to chat and discuss the importance of photography.

Everyone is encouraged to come along and even bring some of their own treasured images on USB sticks, ready to be shared, projected, and explored together in a relaxed, welcoming space.

At the heart of the evening is Kevin Lukey, whose remarkable archive of historical photographs tells powerful stories of both the Murraylands and beyond. Among his most treasured pieces are black-and-white images captured by his grandfather, Corporal (CPL) Alfred John "Jack" Gibbons, a military photographer with the 78th Squadron (SQN) in the Pacific during 1944. These photographs don't just document history—they reveal it. Faces, fleeting moments, quiet interactions with local people—each frame holds a human story that still resonates today.

As the images light up the room, conversations will spark image content and composition to name just a few photography skills - memories will surface, and perspectives will shift. Alongside Keven's extraordinary collection, Julie Moulds will treat attendees with the chance to see their own photographs and become part of a shared community experience.

You don't need to be a member to attend—just bring your curiosity, your stories, and perhaps a few images of your own. This free event is about connection, discovery, and celebrating the rich visual history that lives within our communities.



ABOVE: Keven Lukey's Grandfather, CPL Alfred John (Jack) Gibbons of 78 SQN Photographer in the Pacific 1944.



## **BEEN THERE, DONE THAT!**

Submitted by Tracey Woigt on behalf of the Mallee Lutheran Parish

**Often in our lives we can say "Been there, done that!" Having been through, persevered and come out the other side of many situations, we have gained experience.**

We gain an understanding and probably have an opinion about whether we would go through it again. We have a sense of victory at having "survived" a difficult situation. If given a choice, we most likely wouldn't willingly step up to face it all again. We know what we would be in for, what would be involved, what it would cost, what the sacrifice would be.

We have just celebrated Easter and Christians around the world look to the empty tomb where Jesus has literally "been there and done that! Once and for all.

Jesus knew His mission on this earth was one of salvation. He had to walk through some stuff, encounter some people, some institutions, some mindsets, keeping one goal in His mind. The salvation of the world. Jesus' life and ministry was a selfless one filled with love. He knew His journey was death on a cross and He willingly chose to go through with it because of His great love for us all. He could have walked away at any moment and said it was too hard, that there was too much pain, that He didn't want to die - but He knew the plan, He knew the big picture. The love of God would save the people. The death of the Son of God, fully human, conceived by the Holy Spirit, pure, spotless, without sin, became the sin offering for our sin. Crucifixion. Death.

To this point Jesus can seem to be like any other religious leader throughout history. Until we count to 3.

Three days later He rose to life, defeating death once and for all. No other religious leader has risen from the dead and is alive today. No other religious leader can offer and deliver life after death. Jesus is the only one who offers Himself as the sacrifice so that we might receive the gift of life. No strings attached.

Life came from His death. Life for each and every person who believes in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. It is as simple as saying yes to Him in our hearts. Telling Him we are sorry for the bad stuff we do, seeking His truth in the Bible (**His Word**) to live by and praying to Him. He offers life, joy and freedom out of His great love. And it is free. Because He was the one who did the hard yards. He has been there and done that.

*He is not here; He has risen, just as he said.  
Matthew 26:8*

# Community Notice Board

## Jokes of the Month

I told my boss I needed a raise because three companies are after me. **Electricity, gas, and water.**

Why are snails slow?

**Because they're carrying a house on their back.**

What do you call a couple of chimpanzees sharing an Amazon account? **PRIME-mates.**

What do you call a guy who's really loud? **Mike.**

Why was the baby strawberry crying?  
**Because their parents were in a jam.**

## Quotes of the Month

*"Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned"*  
submitted by Lyn Gooddard.

*"Bravery is not the absence of fear,  
but the triumph over it."*

## Poem of the Month - We Will Remember

*In morning light, we gather near,  
To honour those we hold so dear.  
They left their homes, both brave and true,  
For skies unknown and oceans blue.*

*Through fields of war, they stood as one,  
Until their final task was done.  
Their sacrifice will not fade away,  
We remember them this day.*

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*It's why we employ Glenn Power as our Tailem Bend correspondent, to write about local events and take photos of local faces.*

*In fact, it's why journalist Peri Strathearn established Murray Bridge News in 2020: to connect, uplift and empower local people by telling the Murraylands' stories.*

*Until next month's edition, find out what's happening around the Murraylands at [www.murraybridge.news](http://www.murraybridge.news).*

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## Let's Talk about....

- The Annual Business Plan & Budget
- Long Term Financial Plan
- 2026/27 Fees & Charges



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*Your Community, Your Vision, Your Way*

You, the Community have influenced and shaped the 2026 - 2030 Community Plan which sets a clear vision for the future of our district and outlines the key goals and outcomes Council will work toward.

The Community Plan is supported by the:

- **Annual Business Plan & Budget:** what Council plans to deliver in 2026/27
- **Long Term Financial Plan:** How we manage money now and into the future
- **Fees & Charges:** the costs for some Council services

Together, these plans create a strong financial framework. They help Council balance day-to-day services with long-term priorities and make sure community needs are met in a sustainable way.

Come along to a community information session to learn more, or view the plans and share your feedback through the options listed below.

### Feedback can be provided:

- At a **community information session**
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### Community Information

#### Sessions

#### Meningie

Wednesday, 13 May at 6:30pm  
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# Botanic Gardens Week 2026 At Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Join us for a relaxed and creative morning at Pangarinda Botanic Garden to celebrate Botanic Gardens Week!

Come and explore the garden, enjoy morning tea, and try your hand at printmaking in a beautiful botanic setting.

**Wednesday, 20 May 2026**

**9am - Guided Garden Tour**

Join the Volunteers for a guided tour of the gardens where you will learn about the site and the many plants grown there.

**10:30am - Morning Tea**

Please RSVP for catering purposes to Sam on 1300 785 277



*Above: Example of Printmaking designs*

**11:00am – 12:30pm - Printmaking Workshop**

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*Book your spot by contacting Patsy on 1300 785 277*



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