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# Students Explore Innovation and Industry During Tech Week

Editorial and images submitted by Travis Schenke, Principal.

Students at Tailem Bend Primary School have been busy exploring the exciting worlds of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) as part of this year's Tech Week celebrations.

Through a partnership with Vena Energy, a renewable energy company with a solar and battery precinct at Tailem Bend, students in the Year 3/4, Year 4/5 and Year 6 classes participated in the Engineering Tomorrow program, where Vena Energy staff visited the classroom to lead hands-on workshops on clean energy concepts.

Throughout the sessions, students designed and built battery-powered and wind-powered vehicles, testing and refining their creations while learning about the scientific principles behind their designs. Students also explored hydrogen energy and discovered how emerging technologies are helping shape a more sustainable future.

The workshops encouraged students to think critically, collaborate with their peers and develop problem-solving skills in a practical and engaging environment. As part of Tech Week, students in the Year 4/5 and Year 6 classes also travelled to Air Radiators in Adelaide for a behind-the-scenes look at advanced manufacturing and engineering in action.



ABOVE: Students put their engineering skills to the test as they designed and built battery-powered and wind-powered vehicles during the Engineering Tomorrow workshops.



ABOVE: Students discovered how hydrogen energy and other emerging technologies could help create a more sustainable future.

Students were given the opportunity to tour the facility, and see firsthand how engineering concepts are applied in real-world settings. The excursion provided a valuable connection between classroom learning and future opportunities. To top off a fantastic day, students were treated to a free lunch and received a goodie bag to take home, adding to what was already an exciting and memorable experience.

Tailem Bend Primary School Principal, Travis Schenke, said opportunities such as these are invaluable for students.

*"Experiences like these help students see the relevance of science, technology and engineering in everyday life. It was wonderful to see our students so engaged, asking thoughtful questions and showing great creativity throughout the week. We want our students to dream big and understand the wide range of opportunities that exist for them in the future."*

The school would like to thank Vena Energy and Air Radiators for their generosity, support and commitment to inspiring the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers and industry leaders. The activities form part of the school's ongoing commitment to providing authentic learning opportunities that inspire curiosity, innovation and a love of learning.

COVER: Students from Tailem Bend Primary School's Year 4/5 and Year 6 classes enjoyed a memorable Tech Week experience

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

**For local blacksmith Daniel Davis, volunteering at Old Tailem Town is about far more than preserving an old trade. It is a way of staying connected to the woman who helped raise him and whose influence continues to shape his life.**

Daniel spent much of his childhood in Tailem Bend with his grandmother, Sheila Hill, who he describes as being like a second mother. Born in Riverton, Sheila became a well-known member of the Tailem Bend community through her ownership of the Karoonda Road General Store, which opened in 1959 and served local families for many years.

*"My nana spent a lot of time with me growing up, and I spent a lot of time here in Tailem Bend,"* Daniel said.

Those years created a deep connection to the town and its history. Sheila's commitment to community, along with her stories and strong work ethic, left a lasting impression on her grandson. Following her passing in January 2026, Daniel found himself drawn even more strongly to the places and traditions that reminded him of her.

That journey led him to blacksmithing and to Old Tailem Town, where he now volunteers every second weekend demonstrating a craft that was once essential to everyday life.



ABOVE: Local blacksmith Daniel Davis.

His fascination with traditional trades began through a desire to understand how things were made in earlier times. After learning from experienced blacksmiths and studying the craft, he developed the skills he now shares with visitors.

For Daniel, every demonstration is about more than shaping hot steel. It is about preserving history, honouring family, and keeping alive the values, his nana embodied. Through the sound of hammer on anvil, he continues a connection to both his loved nana and the Tailem Bend community she loved so dearly.

## Scholtzia laxiflora in Bloom

Submitted by Kaye Bartlett.

**Pangarinda Botanic Garden has three species of Scholtzia growing successfully.**

Scholtzias are small to medium-sized shrubs, confined to the south-west of Western Australia. They are similar in form and habit to Thryptomene, with fine foliage and delicate seasonal flowering.

*Scholtzia laxiflora* is a medium, spreading shrub that in early winter becomes covered in a profuse display of small, deep pink flowers with reddish centres. The massed flowering can be so dense that it almost hides the fine, small leaves beneath.



ABOVE: *Scholtzia laxiflora* puts on a brilliant display of deep pink flowers at Pangarinda Botanic Garden each winter.



ABOVE: *Scholtzia laxiflora* brightens the garden with its delicate pink winter blooms.

At Pangarinda Botanic Garden, *Scholtzia laxiflora* is one of the species successfully regenerating and establishing well in the sandy soils. These small, self-sown seedlings are often easy to miss when weeding, blending in naturally with surrounding vegetation until they begin to flower.

# Walking Football Bringing Community Together in Tailem Bend

Article submitted by the Tailem Topics Editor.

A growing number of local residents are discovering the benefits of Walking Football, a fun, social, and inclusive activity held every Monday from 10:00am to 11:00am at Tailem Bend Primary School.

Supported by the Tailem Bend Community Centre, Walking Football is free for community members and has been running successfully since October last year. The program welcomes people of all ages, abilities, and fitness levels, creating a friendly environment where everyone can participate and enjoy the game.

Unlike traditional football, Walking Football is designed to be low impact, making it ideal for seniors and those returning to physical activity. Players walk rather than run, and everyone is given the time and space to control the ball, make passes, and take shots at goal. There is no pressure to have previous football experience, and newcomers are always welcome. Participants say the activity provides much more than exercise. It offers an opportunity to stay active, improve mobility, build confidence, and enjoy regular social interaction with others in the community. The inclusive nature of the game has attracted both men and women, with participants ranging across different age groups and backgrounds.



ABOVE: Players of all ages and abilities are discovering the benefits of Walking Football in Tailem Bend.



ABOVE: Participants enjoy a friendly game of Walking Football at Tailem Bend Primary School.

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The success of the program reflects the importance of accessible community activities that promote both physical and mental wellbeing. Whether you're looking to improve your fitness, meet new people, or simply have some fun in a supportive environment, Walking Football could be the perfect activity for you.

Walking Football takes place every Monday from 10:00am to 11:00am at Tailem Bend Primary School. New participants are encouraged to come along, give it a try, and see what all the excitement is about.

# Vena Energy Brings Clean Energy Back to the Classroom

Article submitted by Krystal Dean, Senior Associate, Stakeholder Engagement.

**For the second year running, Vena Energy has taken the Engineering Tomorrow program into Tailem Bend Primary School, giving students a hands-on introduction to the clean energy technologies shaping their community's future.**

Vena Energy has operated in the Tailem Bend region since 2019, when it commissioned its first utility-scale solar project in Australia. The company's Tailem Bend precinct now includes two solar farms with a combined capacity of 245MWdc and a 41.5MWh battery energy storage system, with a second 408MWh battery currently under construction.

Engineering Tomorrow is an international non-profit program designed to connect students with real-world engineering in fields like renewable energy. Through partnerships with companies like Vena Energy, the program places industry professionals directly in the classroom, giving students the chance to learn from people working in the field. Students work through real engineering challenges, applying scientific concepts to build and test their own wind, battery and solar models, developing the problem-solving skills that drive the renewable energy industry.

Owen Sela, Vena Energy's Head of Australia, said supporting local students is one of the most rewarding parts of the company's community engagement work.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Primary School students take a closer look at renewable energy infrastructure during a visit as part of Vena Energy's Engineering Tomorrow program, learning about the technologies helping power the future.

*"We've been part of the Tailem Bend community for over six years, and one of the best ways we can invest in the community is through its young people. We hope programs like Engineering Tomorrow spark curiosity about the exciting career opportunities in this industry."*

To learn more about Vena Energy's community initiatives in Tailem Bend and the Coorong District, visit [www.venaenergy.com.au](http://www.venaenergy.com.au) or contact the team at [AU-CSR@venaenergy.com](mailto:AU-CSR@venaenergy.com).

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## A Tailem Bend - Golden North Connection

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

**For many people in Tailem Bend, the name Kozikowski is instantly familiar. It is a family name that has been woven into the fabric of the community for generations, and today, Rick Kozikowski is proudly continuing that connection while helping write a new chapter for one of South Australia's most loved brands.**

Raised in Tailem Bend, Rick attended the local primary school before High School in Murray Bridge and Uni in Adelaide. He and his wife Cassie have raised their own two children in the town, and his parents still call Tailem Bend home. The Kozikowski family has long been known throughout the district. Rick's father, Kozi, was well known through his music shop in Tailem Bend, a place that many locals remember fondly, while his mother, Jeanette, spent years working at Tailem Bend Primary School, becoming a familiar and trusted face to generations of students and families.

*"Tailem Bend has always been home," Rick said. "My family has strong connections here and I'm proud to still be part of the community."*

Those local roots have shaped a career spent supporting South Australian industries.

After working in finance roles with George Weston Foods and the local pork industry, Rick moved into the dairy sector in 2005 and has remained there ever since. Today, he is Business Services Manager with Golden North, the iconic South Australian ice cream maker that recently relocated from Laura to Murray Bridge.

For Rick, the move is about much more than numbers and reports. *"Golden North is a South Australian company with a long history,"* he said. *"It's a brand that people know and trust. Bringing production to Murray Bridge means local jobs, support for local suppliers and opportunities for the region."*

Golden North's story stretches back more than a century in Laura, where generations of South Australians grew up with its famous ice cream. Now, as the company establishes itself in Murray Bridge, Rick is excited to help build its future. *"We're looking forward to making ice cream at the new factory,"* he said. *"It's a big challenge, but it's also a great opportunity."*

For a man whose family name has become part of Tailem Bend's story, helping a proud South Australian brand find a new home just down the road feels like a natural fit. After all, community, tradition and looking to the future are values that both the Kozikowski family and Golden North share.



# Tailem Bend Lions Serving Our Community

Report submitted by Lions members Judy, Bruce and Jo.

## TAILEM BEND LIONS CLUB – MAY REPORT.

Our President, Lion Doug Holmes, confirmed at our Den meeting last week that our Handover Luncheon will be held at the Tailem Bend Bowling Club on Sunday, 5 July. Vice District Governor Lion Simon Westwood will induct the new office bearers for the ensuing 12 months. Invitations have been sent out.

Our club is delighted to take up sponsorship of the 2026 Tailem Bend Christmas Parade.

Our Zone Chair, Lion Joyce Holmes, congratulated long-standing active member Lion Bevan Jaensch on achieving his 40-Year Monarch Award. Bevan has held numerous positions within our club over the years and has been a dedicated contributor to Lions service.

Our hard-working Secretary, Lion Raylene Thomas, was also presented with her 10-Year Monarch Award, together with her son, Lion Dwayne Thomas, who also received his 10-Year Monarch Award.

### Den Sale Update

Receipts from the recent Den Sale were above average. Thank you to all our community supporters who donate goods and treasures to be stored in the Den, and to those who come along and purchase these items at very reasonable prices. Your support helps us continue serving our community.

### 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.

For more information about joining Lions, please contact Lion Doug Holmes on 0401 239 630.

### STOP PRESS – "VERY RARE" OPPORTUNITY

Early announcement regarding an upcoming large online clearing sale located in Coonalpyn, SA. Our club has accepted a nomination by the vendor to be in attendance to service our community. This clearing sale will be conducted online and briefly features 29 years of precious collections of very rare vintage tractors and associated workshop equipment. For further information, please contact Ian Eckermann on 8572 3850

**Inspection Day: Saturday, 18 July -  
Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**



ABOVE: Lion Raylene Thomas and Lion Dwayne Thomas were presented with their 10 Years of Lions Service Awards by Zone Chairperson Lion Joyce Holmes in recognition of their dedicated service to Lions.



ABOVE: Lion Bevan Jaensch was present with his 40 years Lions Service Pin by Lion Zone Person Lion Joyce Holmes.

### Free Lions Cancer Skin Screening Bus Coming to Tailem Bend

The Tailem Bend Lions Club has secured the Lions Cancer Screening Unit, which will be located at the Lions Den, Trevena Road, Tailem Bend, on Tuesday, 4 August, and Wednesday, 5 August. This free community service provides skin cancer screenings and is an excellent opportunity to have your skin checked by trained professionals.

Bookings are essential. To make an appointment or for further information, contact Karen on 0400 310 131.

### 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. Anyone able to assist is encouraged to contact Life Member Lion Ian Eckermann on 8572 3850.



### 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.

### Honey is available from Lions Members:

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

# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #164

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

**In this month's memories, we look back at the Railwaymen, the Craft Shop, Millie Lokan, and Sister Kerry.**

## Railwaymen Notch Up 300 Years of Service

*M/V Standard, 1983–1988.*

**Eleven railway workers with a combined total of more than 300 years of service were presented with awards at Tailem Bend on April 8. Two of the recipients, Messrs John Place and Les Baker, had each completed 40 years of service, while the other nine received 25-year awards.**

Mr Place, now Area Station Supervisor at Tailem Bend — a position previously designated as Station Master — joined the railways at Wudinna on the West Coast on December 18, 1948, as a junior porter. He transferred to Port Lincoln the following February as a junior clerk and spent six months there before moving to Cummins, where he remained for three years.

In June 1952, he was transferred to Keith and was appointed Station Master at Mount Bryan in January 1957. Two years later, he returned to Keith as a freight clerk before resuming duties as Station Master, this time at Hamley Bridge, in October 1964.

His furthest transfer came in October 1966 when he moved to Rawlinna in Western Australia, where he remained until his appointment to Tailem Bend in January. Mr Place said the West Coast had been a busy region during his time there and for some years afterward.

*"But things have changed dramatically since then, and we are still in a period of rationalisation," he said. "The concept has changed from a service organisation to a commercial enterprise. That's what we are today."*



*ABOVE: Australian National area manager Mr Colin Chamberlain (far left) and AN operation manager Mr Ron Robertson (far right) present 40-year service awards to Tailem Bend railwaymen Messrs John Place (centre left) and Les Baker.*



*ABOVE: Tailem Bend railwaymen who received 25-year service awards (rear, from left) Messrs Richard Druszcz, Malcolm Maywald, Frank Mussger, John Howell, Milton Schiller, (front) Tony Roccisano, Ray Swansson, Hugo Broese and Don Giddings.*

Mr Place had yet to decide whether to retire in four or nine years, depending on whether he chose to finish at 60 or 65 years of age. He said he was still learning and cited as an example a week-long problem-solving course he was attending at Goolwa with 14 other railwaymen. Mr Baker joined the railways at Tailem Bend on July 28, 1944, as a youth recorder in the sub-foreman's office at the locomotive roundhouse. He transferred to running staff in 1949 as a trainee engineman after qualifying as a steam locomotive engineman.

In September 1953, he was transferred to Peterborough, working on lines out to Quorn, Cockburn and Port Pirie. It was around the time he returned to Tailem Bend in 1955 that steam locomotives were giving way to diesel-powered engines.

Mr Baker qualified as a diesel locomotive driver in the early 1960s and had been driving diesels ever since, working on the Adelaide, Paringa, Pinnaroo and Mount Gambier lines, as well as driving the Overland as far as Wolseley.

He said he could not begin to estimate how many thousands — or even millions — of kilometres he had travelled during his career.

Mr Baker considered himself fortunate not to have been involved in any major level-crossing accidents. The incidents he had experienced resulted in only minor injuries.

*"Just a few scratches and bruises," he said. He had also been involved in a few derailments, none of which resulted in injury. "The job has been good to me, and I've always had a regular pay packet," he said.*

If he stayed until retirement at age 65, Mr Baker would have completed 49 years of railway service. The awards were presented by Messrs Colin Chamberlain, AN Area

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Manager Country, and Ron Roberson, AN Operations Manager. Recipients of the 25-year awards were Messrs Richard Druszez, Malcolm Maywald, Frank Mussger, John Howell, Milton Schiller, Tony Roccisano, Ray Swansson, Hugo Broede and Don Giddings.

## Craft Shop Delivers Vital Hospital Funds - *M/V Standard, 1983-1988*

The history of Taillem Bend Pharmacy dates back to 1925. One of the early – possibly the first – chemists was a Mr Manning. Long-time locals would, however, probably associate the name Jeff Nottage with the pharmacy more than any other.

He owned and operated the pharmacy for more than 25 years and, according to current manager Peter Green and staff, Mr Nottage enjoyed a good rapport with local people.

Mr Nottage sold the pharmacy to Ray Willatt eight years ago, who then sold it three years later to James Cameron and John Alexandrou, who operate in the Chemplus group.



ABOVE: Friendly funds: Mallee Gateway Craft has donated \$500 to the Friends of the Taillem Bend Hospital. Pictured are Mallee Gateway Craft vice president Ted Julian, Friends of the Hospital vice president Eileen Hattam, Friends of the Hospital president Gwenda Zadow and MGC president Jeff Beacham.

## Merit Medal

*M/V Standard, 1983-1988*

**Taillem Bend local Mrs Millie Lokan was presented with a Medal of Merit as a token of the Lions Club's appreciation for the outstanding work she had undertaken for the community over the previous 36 years.**

The presentation, made by First Vice-President Ron Trenowden, coincided with the 50th wedding anniversary of Millie and her husband, Merv. The club voted to award the Medal of Merit after learning that Millie had joined the Red Cross movement at Jervois in 1943. Since then, she had received her Long Service Badge and a 10-year Service Bar.

From 1954 until illness forced her to stop in March 1997, Millie visited hospital patients every Tuesday, distributing books and sweets donated by the Jervois Red Cross. She also served with the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary for some 22 years, including 15 years as a regular helper at the Opportunity Shop. Over the years, Millie made hundreds of cushions which were sold to raise funds for the hospital and, more recently, for the proposed home for the aged. Among her many other honours were the Rotary Club of Taillem Bend Citizen of the Year Award and the Red Cross Hospital Visitation Award.

## Sister Kerry Meets The Don

*M/V Standard, 1983-1988*

**Sister Kerry Keenan of the Taillem Bend Catholic Parish became the envy of cricket lovers everywhere when she met the most famous name in Australian cricket – Sir Donald Bradman.**

Earlier, Sister Kerry had written to Sir Donald asking if he would autograph a cricket bat for the parish's fundraising dinner and auction. He replied that he would be happy to do so and invited her to visit him personally.

*"He is delightful, a really lovely man,"* Sister Kerry said after chatting briefly with the doyen of Australian cricket while he signed the bat. The bat was to be one of the featured items at the parish dinner and auction held at the Parish Centre next to St Vincent de Paul in Taillem Bend on July 30. People wishing to attend could obtain tickets from the Taillem Bend Medical Centre or St Vincent de Paul.



ABOVE: Sister Kerry Keenan with Sir Donald Bradman.

## Quote for the Month

*"The only limit to our realisation of tomorrow will be our doubts of today." – Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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

## MORE THAN A SERVICE: CREATING A PLACE TO BELONG IN THE MURRAYLANDS

Article and Images submitted by Rachael Hawkes.

**For many families, finding a place where their child, teenager or even they themselves feel accepted can be surprisingly difficult.**

For neurodivergent individuals, including those with Autism, ADHD and other neurodivergent traits, opportunities to connect with others, build friendships and participate in community activities can often be limited. Many families report feeling isolated and unsure where to find environments that truly understand their needs. It was this growing need that led to the creation of Nexus Pathways in Murray Bridge.

**Located at Shop 5, 17–19 Adelaide Road,** Nexus Pathways was established to provide a welcoming and inclusive community space where children, young people, adults and families can connect, learn and thrive.

What makes Nexus Pathways unique is that it focuses not only on support, but on creating opportunities for genuine belonging. The organisation offers a range of programs designed to help participants build confidence, develop social connections, learn new skills and engage with their community in meaningful ways.

Current programs include STEM groups, creative arts, social and gaming groups, life skills development, Dungeons & Dragons programs, women's support groups and community participation activities. These programs provide more than just an activity to attend; they create opportunities for friendships, confidence building and personal growth. **At the heart of the space is the Community Sensory Hub,** a purpose-designed environment that supports emotional regulation, sensory exploration and positive social experiences. The hub provides a safe and welcoming space where people of all ages and abilities can relax, connect and participate at their own pace.

Families regularly tell the Nexus Pathways team that one of the most valuable outcomes of attending is seeing their child make a friend, join a group for the first time or simply feel comfortable enough to be themselves. For adults, the benefits are equally important. Participants have found opportunities to build social connections, develop independence and become more involved within their local community.



Nexus Pathways is also passionate about supporting the wellbeing of families. Parents and carers often carry significant responsibilities and can experience isolation themselves. Through support groups, community activities and informal connections, families are able to build supportive networks with others who understand their experiences.

As the organisation continues to grow, its vision remains simple: to create a community where people feel accepted, valued and connected.

### COMMUNITY OPEN DAY – 10TH JULY 2026

Nexus Pathways warmly invites community members, families, carers, educators, service providers and anyone interested in learning more about neurodiversity and community wellbeing to attend our upcoming Open Day.

The Open Day will provide an opportunity to:

- *Tour the Community Sensory Hub*
- *Meet the Nexus Pathways team Learn about current programs and supports*
- *Explore upcoming community initiatives*
- *Connect with other local families and community members*
- *Discover opportunities for involvement and collaboration*

Whether you are seeking support, looking for community connection or simply curious about what Nexus Pathways offers, everyone is welcome.

#### Event Details

Nexus Pathways Community Open Day

 Friday 10 July 2026 11am – 2pm

 Shop 5, 17–19 Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge

#### Contact Details

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 [0408 329 439](tel:0408329439)



# Tailem Bend Bowling Club Update

Report submitted by Steven Gordge, Secretary.

Here is some information about what has been happening at the Tailem Bend Bowling Club over the past few months.

All Club Championship events have now been completed. The Men's Singles Championship was won by Sam Shepherd, who went on to compete in the Champion of Champions event at Murray Bridge RSL. Sam played exceptionally well but was defeated in the final by Paul Smart from the Murray Bridge Bowling Club.

The Men's Pairs Championship was won by Sam Shepherd and Robert Hales. They then represented the club at the Champion of Champions event at Murray Bridge RSL and were successful in winning the title.

The Ladies Singles Championship was won by Glenda Shepherd, while the Ladies Pairs Championship was won by Sandy Gordge and Glenda Shepherd. Both teams represented the club at the Champion of Champions event at Murray Bridge, but unfortunately were not successful on this occasion.

Due to limited space, other club championship events, including the Ladies Triples, Ladies Fours, Men's Fours and Mixed Fours, cannot be detailed individually. Congratulations to all winners, runners-up and participants who competed throughout the season and represented the club with pride.

Shell V-Power Motorsport Park generously donated several items to be raffled at our Open Fours Day, with proceeds intended to support local mental health initiatives. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Open Tournament did not proceed. However, the raffle was still conducted among players attending the club, resulting in \$300 being raised and donated to the Tailem Bend Community Centre. A big thank you to Shell V-Power Motorsport Park for their generous support.



ABOVE: Club President (R) Stuart Rooke donating cheque for \$300.00 to Tailem Bend Community Centre CEO (L) Tammy Shepherd.

The club will be holding a Christmas in July Lunch on 26 July 2026. The cost will be \$25 per person. Further details will be available when flyers are distributed next week. Mark the date in your diary and come along for an enjoyable afternoon. The bowling greens will also be open for anyone wishing to try their hand at bowls, weather permitting.

Although we are now in the off-season, the club remains open on Thursday afternoons from approximately 4.00 pm. Ladies and men are welcome to attend. Our drink prices are very competitive, and the greens remain available for use, weather permitting. The club also has bowls available for anyone who would like to give the sport a try.

## Do Cats Smile?

Article submitted by Jeanne Phipps.

Having been unable to travel to Tailem Bend for my birthday in May, I went by train to stay with my sister in Orpington, Kent.

I saw George at Stourbridge Junction Station, but he had to be turned around for me to take a photo. He gave me quite a glare, as it was 9am and his usual sleep time. While I was buying my ticket, he definitely smiled.



ABOVE: George the cat keeping a watchful eye on proceedings.



ABOVE: Family members gathered together for a happy group photograph during a special get-together.

For my birthday, my sister put on a roast dinner, but I was sad to miss my joint celebration on board the Four Winds on the River Murray with my friend of 69 years, Doreen Lutz.



# Tailem Bend Auto Club Mid-Week Cruise

Report submitted by Michael Holliday.

The Tailem Bend Auto Club set off on its latest mid-week cruise, with the final destination being Verdun for lunch.

Members met at the Swanport Hotel car park for a 10am start on Thursday, 21 May 2026. A total of 13 vehicles took part, comprising a mix of classic and modern cars.

The first stop was the Kanmantoo General Store, where participants enjoyed coffee and snacks before continuing the journey. The convoy then travelled through Nairne, Littlehampton and Balhannah before arriving at the Stanley Bridge Tavern in Verdun for lunch.

The 23 people who took part in the day enjoyed a great meal, plenty of laughter and lively conversation.

A big thank you to Steve and Cindy for organising another wonderful cruise through the sun-drenched and beautiful South Australian countryside.



ABOVE: Part of group at Swanport Hotel Carpark.



ABOVE: TBAC Verdun cruise enjoying lunch at the Stanley Bridge Tavern, Verdun.



ABOVE: Enjoying our coffee stop at the Kanmantoo General Store.



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# Finding Male Role Models

MEDIA RELEASE

**The Men's Table says connection, care and honest conversation are helping Australian men model a healthier version of masculinity.**

At a time when many Australians are asking where the positive male role models are, The Men's Table says the answer may be sitting much closer than we think. They are often in local communities, listening without judgement, checking in, showing care and quietly modelling what healthier masculinity can look like in everyday life.

According to The Men's Table 2025 Impact Report, A Thousand Men's Voices, six years of evidence shows connection is not simply a social benefit, but a practical, scalable and preventative mental health solution. Since launching in 2019 with one Table in Sydney and 12 men, The Men's Table has grown to more than 296 Tables and 2,800 men across Australia, providing safe places for men to have quality, intentional conversations about their lives, health and wellbeing.

The release of the report comes as men's health, wellbeing and connection receive renewed national attention through the Australian Government's National Healthy Men Community Conversations project.

The organisation's latest impact data shows that 93 per cent of surveyed members feel heard, seen and understood at their Table, 85 per cent say the Table supports their mental health and wellbeing, and 76 per cent say that if they were going through a rough time, they could call someone from their Table.

The impact also extends beyond the men themselves, with 68 per cent saying they are better able to model healthy versions of being a man, 60 per cent saying they are more able to care for their families, and 54 per cent saying they are more able to care for their communities.



ABOVE: David Pointon, Co-Founder and CEO of The Men's Table, says positive male role models are often found in local communities through connection, care and honest conversation.

The Men's Table Co-Founder and CEO David Pointon said the national conversation about men and boys often focuses on what is going wrong, but the organisation's data and stories point to a more hopeful and constructive narrative.

*"We often ask where the male role models are, but our experience tells us they are already here - in suburbs, regional towns and communities across Australia," Mr Pointon said. "They are the men who keep showing up, who listen, who learn to be open, who check in on each other, and who are redefining strength as something that includes care, vulnerability and connection. "Connection is a proven, scalable solution, and it is time we treated it like one."*

The 2025 Impact Report found 95 per cent of men agreed that a healthy version of what it means to be a man includes being able to openly express care for themselves, other men, their families and their communities. "A Table is not therapy, and it is not a crisis service," Mr Pointon said.

*"It is a safe, consistent place where men build the relationships and emotional skills that help them navigate life."*

**For more information, visit [www.themenstable.org](http://www.themenstable.org)**

# We Need Your Help Reporting Bridal Veil

MEDIA RELEASE

**We're calling on the Murraylands community to report sightings of bridal veil, a highly invasive weed that threatens native vegetation.**

Bridal veil is a perennial climbing plant and a listed Weed of National Significance, known for invading native habitats and smothering native vegetation.

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# Food and Wine Club - Riverside Hotel

Article submitted by Julie Burridge.

**A smaller group than usual, with 17 members attending, arrived at the Riverside Hotel for the June dinner.**

The table had been decorated with simple elegance. Black tablecloths, colourful napkins, pale flowers and greenery in jars, wine glasses and small candles created a welcoming atmosphere. Against the side wall was another table dressed in black tablecloths, with additional flowers and greenery, a fairy-light bottle and the raffle wines.

Canapés of shredded beef croquette with romesco, fresh oysters with chilli shallot mignonette, and goat's cheese and chive tarts were served, accompanied by a Solara Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir.



ABOVE: Canapés.

The canapés were absolutely scrumptious, with none left behind, and the Solara complemented them beautifully.

**Starter** – Tuna sashimi with orange, dill, chives and olive oil. Light, colourful and perfectly portioned, yet packed with flavour.



ABOVE: Starter.

The wine for this course was a Knappstein Clare Valley Riesling, which was very crisp on the palate.

**Entrée** – Pork belly with apple purée, pickled fennel and apple gastrique. The pork simply melted in your mouth, and the apple purée was delightful.

The wine for this course was a Coriole Chenin Blanc. Some diners felt this wine and the Riesling should have been served with the opposite courses; however, I enjoyed them both with the dishes they accompanied.

**Main Course** – Kangaroo with parsnip purée, black garlic paste, crispy kale, pickled shallot, and a plum and ginger sauce.

**Wow, wow, wow!**



ABOVE: Main Course.

Once again, the portion size was perfect.

The kangaroo was cooked to perfection, the parsnip purée was full of flavour, and the crispy kale provided a pleasant surprise with its salty taste. The black garlic paste and plum and ginger sauce added an extra dimension to the dish.

Peter Lehmann The Bond Shiraz was an excellent accompaniment to the main course and had a lovely mouthfeel.

**Dessert** – Dark chocolate mousse for all but one diner, who enjoyed a white chocolate mousse. The dessert was served with orange compote, candied orange and Chantilly cream. It was light in texture and thoroughly enjoyable.

In hindsight, perhaps we all should have chosen



ABOVE: Dark Chocolate Mousse.



ABOVE: White Chocolate Mousse.

the white chocolate mousse simply for something different.

The dessert wines were Toi Toi Late Harvest Dessert Wine and d'Arenberg The Noble Botryotinia. The Toi Toi was sweet, while the Botryotinia was slightly richer and stickier. Both paired well with the dessert.

The staff at The Riverside excelled themselves and received a standing ovation from the members. They provided a truly wonderful fine-dining experience for our group.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find venues willing to cater for us, and if it means we continue returning to The Riverside for as long as they will have us, then I am all for it.

The September dinner has already been booked at this establishment.

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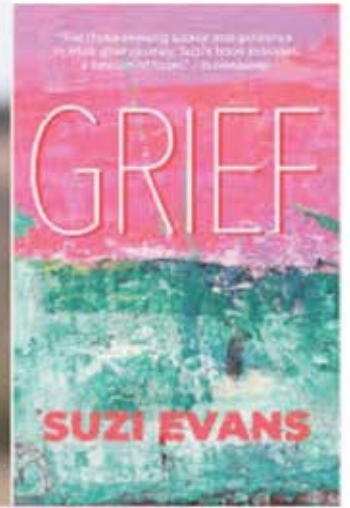



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# AI Data Centre Proposal Sparks Discussion

Article submitted by *Tailem Topics*.

**A proposed artificial intelligence (AI) data centre development in Tailem Bend is drawing strong attention from locals, with many residents asking for clearer details about what the project could mean for the region.**

Technology company Firmus Technologies has acquired land in both Tailem Bend and Port Augusta, with plans to establish large-scale computing facilities designed to support AI workloads. The projects are expected to involve multi-billion-dollar investment and may generate around 400 jobs in each location across construction and ongoing operations.

If approved, the facilities would be among the largest AI infrastructure developments in the country. The company has stated it chose regional South Australia due to its ability to support high energy demands while remaining well separated from residential areas.

However, the scale of the proposal has prompted community discussion, particularly around potential impacts such as electricity usage, water requirements, noise, and pressure on existing infrastructure.

The Coorong District Council has noted community concerns but says it has a limited role in the approval process.

Under planning changes introduced in South Australia in 2025, data centres are now treated as essential infrastructure and assessed through a state-led approval system rather than traditional local council pathways.

Developers must still show that water supply and power network capacity are sufficient before projects can proceed. Firmus Technologies says it intends to work with local communities as planning continues. The company also says it is exploring liquid-cooling systems aimed at reducing water use compared to conventional data centre designs, with environmental assessments still underway.

Across South Australia, AI data centres have become a topic of wider public debate, with an online petition opposing large-scale developments attracting significant support. Concerns have largely focused on water security and resource demand during ongoing dry conditions.

At the same time, another major proposal by IREN Limited for an 800-megawatt AI facility in the Mid North has added to discussion about the state's role in hosting large-scale digital infrastructure.

As plans progress, many residents are calling for more detailed consultation and clearer information about both the benefits and challenges these developments could bring to Tailem Bend and surrounding communities.



## Faith is Believing in the Unseen

Article submitted by *Doreen Lutz*.

**We all find it hard to believe that some things exist when we cannot see them. Things such as Bigfoot, Yeti, the Loch Ness Monster and ghosts. There are people who have seen these things and believe they exist. There are those who have not seen them and do not believe at all; and there are those who wonder and do not know what to believe until they have seen for themselves.**

We know that the sun and moon exist because we see them every day. Even at night when the sun is not seen we have faith that it will return with the morning. It is casting its light somewhere in the world. There are still things we do not know about the sun and the moon because we cannot yet see those things.

We have faith that God exists. We can see His work in the flora and fauna around us. We can know He exists when we experience and recognise His work in our lives. **(Acts 17 v. 24)** Jesus told his disciples about God. They saw God in action through Jesus in the miracles he performed. **(John 12 v. 44-45)**

They, in turn, wrote their Gospels to tell us about God so that we can know Him.

While there is a lot we know about God, there is so much that we do not know. The scientists seek answers to their unknowns about the sun and moon.

By seeking answers about God, ourselves, we can get to know more about Him. God reveals himself in His word. We see and know Him at work in each other and in our world. God does come to meet with us in church.

Just as the sun or moon at times are absent from the skies above us, yet still exist; there are times when God can appear absent but we still have faith that He exists. You do not have to see to believe. Let us live life as Jesus wishes us to by loving God with all our heart, and soul and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves. **( Mark 12 v. 30-31)**

### Faith is believing in the unseen.

That faith will be rewarded when Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead, and we receive eternal life with God.

# Tailem Bend Community Library

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JAMES, PETER: *The Hawk is Dead* ~ Crime Mystery  
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MAGRO, MANDY: *Shadow of Wildstone* ~ Australian Romance  
McARTHUR, FIONA: *The Lightning Ridge Ladies* ~ Aus Romance

# BOOK REVIEW

## The Soldiers Daughter By: Fiona MCINTOSH

The heart-stopping new blockbuster by the bestselling author of *The Fallen Woman*.

Violet Nash has grown up in the shadows of her father Charlie's shattered dreams. It's been years since he walked away from the battlefields of France, a WWI hero but his heart in tatters, only to see it broken all over again in the worst way possible.

In search of a new beginning, they set sail for Tasmania, Australia to fulfill his dream of setting up a whisky distillery. Violet shows a rare talent for the fine art of distilling and blending and plans to follow in his footsteps. But some secrets cannot be forgotten, and as the Second World War rages on, Charlie feels a pull once more to play his part and is lured back into action.

It comes as no surprise to Violet when Charlie's footsteps lead him straight back to Champagne, where open arms, future hopes and past ghosts lie waiting. Charlie must prove his bravery in the ultimate act of courage, but it is Violet, the soldier's daughter, who will fight to claim his lasting legacy.



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# COORONG Council News

Jun - Jul 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 assisting the Meningie Lions Club to complete works and relocate a picnic bench at the Lions Walking Track, as well as pressure cleaning our picnic areas, repairing Tintinara's banners, repairing irrigation and plumbing issues, and removing dumped items at both Meningie and Taillem Bend.



Above: Relocated picnic table setting on the Meningie Lions Lookout Track.

### Wellington East SA Water Connection Update

Works are nearing completion to connect residents at Wellington East to the SA Water supply. SA Water has now connected to the existing Council infrastructure, with

water quality testing underway. Residents may note the water appears clearer and cleaner, however SA Water will advise residents once the water is safe to drink. This will occur after SA Water and SA Health have reviewed all water quality results, and SA Health has issued their approval.



Above: SA Water connecting to existing Council infrastructure at Wellington East.

### Coonalpyn Changing Places

The upgrade of the existing public toilet amenities to a Changing Places facility in Coonalpyn is nearing completion, with the bitumen for the accessibility parking and connecting walkway path completed in June. The new facility adds to Coonalpyn's appeal for visitors to break up their drive.



Above: Carpark and footpath works completed at Coonalpyn.

### Fulwood Ave & Northcott Tce Intersection Upgrade, Tintinara

A road realignment at the Fulwood Avenue and Northcott Terrace intersection in Tintinara is well underway, with pavement construction and footpath renewal completed in early June. Shoulder rehabilitation, line-marking and signage installation is expected to be finished by late June to create a safer intersection for all users.



Above: Pavement construction works underway at Fulwood Avenue and Northcott Terrace, Tintinara.

### Footpath Expansion Works on Richards Terrace, Coonalpyn

A new concrete footpath with two accessible pram ramps has been installed along Richards Terrace in Coonalpyn, providing a safer link from the Dukes Highway to the Community Hub, Caravan Park and Swimming Pool.



Above: Concrete footpath and pram ramp completed on Richards Tce, Coonalpyn.

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**Key Decisions**

At the June 2026 Council meeting, Elected Members made a number of key decisions:

- Approved an additional year of funding to the Murray River, Lakes and Coorong Tourism Alliance
- Agreed to commence public consultation on the intention to lease the Tintinara Oval to the Tintinara Oval & Recreation Association Inc.
- Agreed to seek public feedback on the revised Community Engagement Policy and a draft Infrastructure Damage & Reinstatement Policy.

Visit Council's website at [www.coorong.sa.gov.au/letstalk](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/letstalk) over the coming weeks to have your say on these topics.

**2026 SALA Exhibition**

You are invited to come and view the artworks, enjoy afternoon tea and chat to the artists.

**Exhibition opening**

Date: Friday, 31 July 2026

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: Coorong Gallery, Tailm Bend



**Thursday, 9 July 2026  
10am - 3pm  
Meningie Bowling Club**



**Join us for NAIDOC Week**

Coorong District Council invites the community to come together to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2026.

This year's theme, **50 Years of Deadly**, honours the strength, pride and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is a time to recognise culture, community and the stories that continue to shape our future.

A community event will be held in Meningie on Thursday, 9 July 2026, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Meningie Bowling Club.

The day will include a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony (weather permitting), guest speakers, cultural craft activities, Nunga Screen, and a live performance by Ngarrindjeri artist Katie Aspel.

Everyone is welcome to join in celebrating Aboriginal and Ngarrindjeri culture and 50 years of community, culture and connection.

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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.
- **WALKING FOOTBALL (SENIORS);** Every Monday 10am–11am at Tailem Bend Primary School. Free community activity run through the Tailem Bend Community Centre (TBCC). For details, contact Martin (TBCC) or Denise/Tammy at the Tailem Bend Community Centre.
- **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.
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- **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.
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- **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. **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 Ayles 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

Submitted by Doreen Lutz.

The Lord is my Shepherd,  
**That is relationship.**

I shall not want,  
**That is supply.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
**That is rest.**

He leads me beside still waters,  
**That is refreshment.**

He restores my soul,  
**That is healing.**

He leads me in the paths of righteousness,  
**That is guidance.**

For His names sake,  
**That is purpose.**

Yea though I walk through the valley of death  
**That is testing.**

I will fear no evil,

**That is protection**

For you are with me,  
**That is faithfulness.**

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me,  
**That is discipline.**

You prepare a table in the presence of my ene-  
mies, **That is hope.**

You anoint my head with oil,  
**That is consecration.**

My cup runs over,  
**That is abundance.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of my life,  
**That is blessing.**

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
**That is security.**

Forever.  
**That is eternity.**

## Church Services

### PEAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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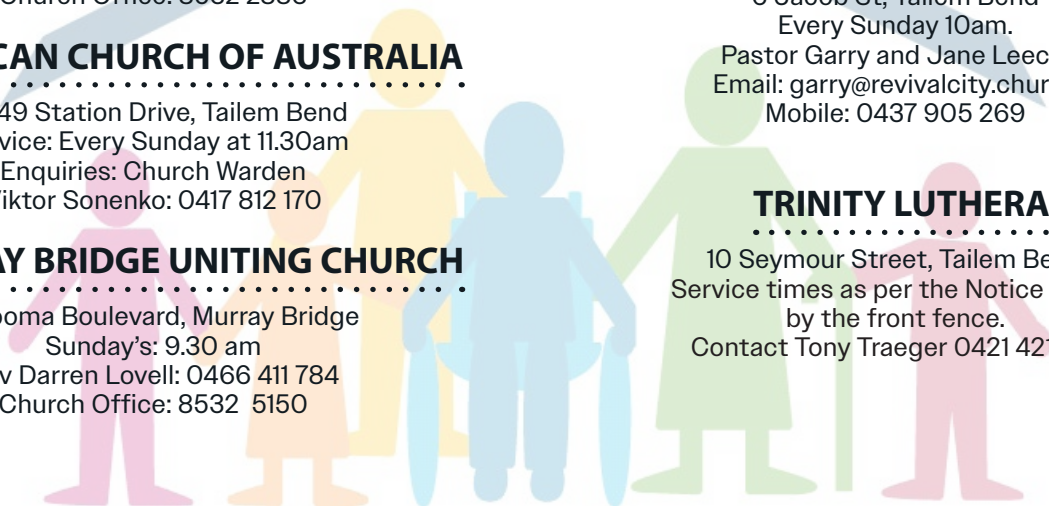
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6 Jacob St, Tailem Bend  
Every Sunday 10am.  
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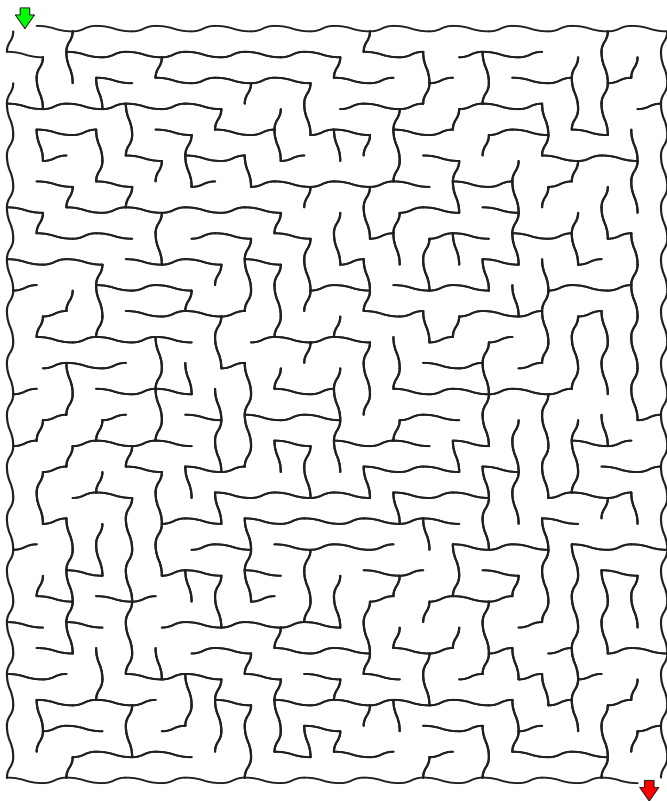
## **TAILEM BEND HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION INC**

**The next ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is  
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## TERM 2

**Wednesday 1st July**

**Disco**

**SRC to choose the theme.**

**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.**

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## Jokes of the Month

"I've been to the dentist many times so I know the drill!"  
submitted by Lyn Gooddard.

I asked the librarian if they had any books on paranoia.  
**She whispered, "They're right behind you."**

Dogs can't perform MRIs.  
**But catscan**

I used to be addicted to soap.  
**I'm clean now.**

I ordered a chicken and an egg online  
**I'll let you know.**

I stayed up all night wondering where the sun went.  
**Then it dawned on me.**

## Quotes of the Month

"A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on."  
Written by Carl Sandburg.

"Children have neither past nor future. They enjoy the present, which very few of us do."  
Written by Jean De La Bruyere.

## Poem of the Month - A Tiny Light Begins

A tiny light, a brand-new start,	clouds and light as air,
A gentle rhythm, a beating heart.	Love arrives and fills the air.
Wrapped in blankets, soft and warm,	Every giggle, every cry,
So small and perfect, safe from harm.	Every moment drifting by.
A yawn, a stretch, a sleepy sigh,	Tiny hands that reach and hold,
Blinking slowly at the world nearby.	A future bright, a heart of gold.
Fingers curl and toes unfold,	Every breath a brand-new day,
A story of wonder yet untold. Soft as	Growing in its own sweet way.

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