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CONGRATULATIONS TB NETBALL CLUB SUB-JUNIORS!



COVER: Team Photo - Alaina Shepherd, Izzabella Stewart, Pia Hansen (C), Tennessee Wells, Everly Krueger, Lauren Clark, Halle Downs, Sophie King and Kayce McGrath. Coach Leah Kowald, Assistant Coach Jessie King and Umpire Taylor Gilding (Missing from photo Maddison Bromley)

Tailem Bend Sub-Junior netballers took to the courts playing six games throughout the day, gaining valuable match experience, developing their skills and enjoying a great day of netball. Well done to all the players for their efforts!



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Congratulations TB Netball Club Sub-Juniors 3!

Editorial by Progress Association, images provided by Tailem Bend Netball Club.

On Sunday, 23 August, the Tailem Bend Netball Club's Sub-Junior girls took part in the Sub-Junior 3 Carnival, hosted by Mannum Netball Club and proudly sponsored by Swan Group.

The day began with thick morning fog, but it soon cleared to reveal a beautiful sunny day, perfect for netball. The girls played six games throughout the day, showing plenty of enthusiasm and determination. Congratulations to Alaina Shepherd, Halle Downs, Sophie King, Lauren Clark, Pia Hansen (Captain), Kayce McGrath, Izzabella Stewart, Tennessee Wells, Everly Krueger and Maddison Bromley for giving every game their best and continuing to develop their skills. It was another huge effort from the team, with the girls pushing through even as they began to tire. The improvement shown by all the players from their first carnival through to Sunday has been fantastic. It was wonderful to see their confidence and skills grow throughout the season.

A special thank you goes to coach Leah Kowald for her dedication and guidance throughout the year. Leah has a long and proud history with Tailem Bend Netball Club, having started playing for TBNC in 1997 and going on to play more than 300 games. She has also served on the club committee and is a Life Member of RBNC and a Player Life Member of RMNA. Leah began coaching in 2008 and has since coached more than 60 games. Her experience, knowledge and passion for netball have been a wonderful contribution to the girls and the club.

Special thanks also goes to Jessie King for all her help throughout the year, and to Shana for stepping in as team manager when needed. Thank you to Georgia Wheatley for supporting the girls at the carnival and helping at Thursday night training, Shelyn for being the weekly umpire, and Taylor Gilding for umpiring at the carnivals.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Sub-Junior girls showing their team spirit before taking to the court at the Mannum Carnival. A great day of fun, friendship and netball!

A huge thank you to Kylie for her support throughout the season, including providing blankets and fruit for the girls each week. We also appreciate all the parents who helped with scoring and timing duties throughout the year. The day finished with presentations, with the girls delighted to receive a trophy recognising their participation in the carnival.

What a great way to end the season! We are so pleased all the girls could make it to the carnival. Thank you to all the parents for their wonderful support throughout the year.

Good luck to Maddison, whose team will play in the finals, and thank you for being part of our carnival teams this season. We hope the girls have enjoyed the journey as much as we have.



ABOVE: (L to R) Izzabella Stewart, Pia Hansen (C), Tennessee Wells, Everly Krueger, Lauren Clark, Halle Downs, Sophie King, Maddison Bromley and Kayce McGrath. (Missing from photo Alaina Shepherd)

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Vena Energy Named Clean Energy Council

Editorial and images by Kylie Sully.

Vena Energy, a leading green energy solutions provider across the Asia-Pacific region, has been recognised as a finalist in the 2026 Clean Energy Council Awards, announced at the Australian Clean Energy Summit Gala Dinner in Sydney on 28 July.

The Community Value and Impact Award attracted a record number of submissions this year, with Vena Energy named one of three finalists in recognition of its community engagement initiatives in South Australia's Coorong District.

The initiatives included Vena Energy's Construction Ready Training Program, the Engineering Tomorrow school program, and the Community Sponsorship Program, which were delivered alongside the development of the company's Taillem Bend green energy projects. Together, these initiatives have equipped local residents with skills and training to access employment opportunities, introduced renewable energy education into a local primary school, and supported community-led projects focused on environmental conservation, wellbeing and local infrastructure.

"This recognition reflects years of consistent, on-the-ground effort to deliver meaningful outcomes for our host communities," said Owen Sela, Head of Australia at Vena Energy. "None of it would have been possible without the trust and partnership of the people we work alongside, and that's what this achievement truly celebrates."

Recipients of the Community Sponsorship Program have included the Taillem Bend Football Club, which has received support on two occasions. In 2024, Vena Energy funded the installation of a 75-panel solar energy system to power the club's change rooms and facilities, followed by a battery storage upgrade in 2025 to store renewable energy for use during peak demand periods and evening matches.

Terry Connolly, Facility Project Manager at the Taillem Bend Football Club, says the support has made a genuine difference to the club. *"Vena Energy's support for our solar and battery systems means the money we used to spend on electricity now goes straight back into junior development and our facilities, and that kind of partnership makes a real difference to a community club like ours."*



ABOVE: Taillem Bend Football Club players in front of their solar-powered clubhouse.



ABOVE: Taillem Bend Primary School Principal Travis Schenke and students with their new Trotec laser cutter, funded through Vena Energy's Community Sponsorship Program.

Other community initiatives supported through the program have included funding a hot water system upgrade for the Taillem Bend RSL, improving accessibility at the Taillem Bend Community Centre's historic Station Master's House, providing a laser cutter for Taillem Bend Primary School's design and technology curriculum, and supporting the Raukkan Football and Netball Club, which is home to more than 100 Ngarrindjeri players.

Vena Energy has been operating in the Coorong District since 2019, when it commissioned its first solar farm in Australia at Taillem Bend. Since then, the precinct has expanded to include a hybrid solar and battery energy storage project, with construction now underway on the 408 MW Taillem Bend 3 Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), which is scheduled for commissioning in 2027.



ABOVE: Vena Energy staff visit Taillem Bend Primary School to teach students about clean energy as part of the Engineering Tomorrow program.

The History of Football in Tailem Bend Has Arrived!

Editorial courtesy of Terry Connolly.

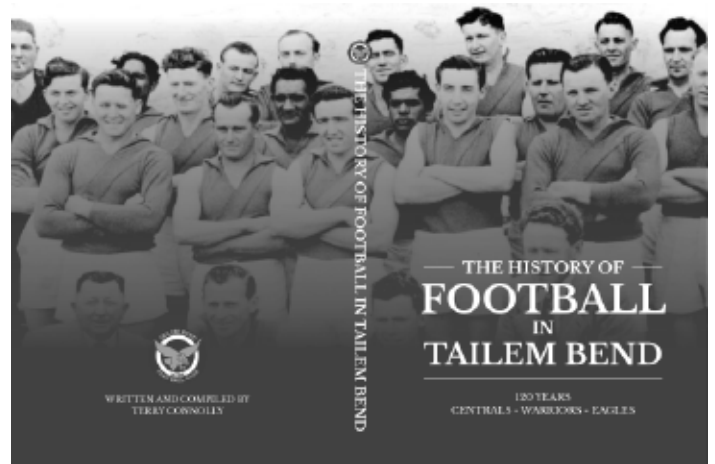
After countless hours of research, writing, searching through archives and collecting photographs, it is incredibly rewarding to finally see The History of Football in Tailem Bend in print.

This is the first comprehensive history of football in Tailem Bend, tracing more than 120 years of the game, from its early beginnings through to the modern era. The book captures not only the premierships, players and memorable moments, but also the volunteers, supporters, families and community members who have helped make football such an important part of Tailem Bend's identity.

Established in 1905, the Tailem Bend Football Club has stood at the heart of the community for more than a century. Through generations, football has provided a place where passion, commitment, friendship and belonging have brought people together, both on and off the field. While premierships and memorable victories have helped shape the club's proud history, its greatest strength has always been its people.

The book celebrates the club's early years, its entry into the River Murray Football League in 1946 and 80 years of competition in the RMFL. It brings together the defining moments, remarkable achievements and unforgettable personalities that have shaped the proud history of the Eagles.

This is not simply the story of a football club. It is a tribute to every generation that proudly represented Tailem Bend Centrals, Tailem Bend Warriors and, today, the Tailem Bend Eagles. While the names and guernseys may have changed over the years, the spirit, determination and community pride that underpin football in Tailem Bend have remained constant.



ABOVE: *The History of Football in Tailem Bend Has Arrived!*

Priced at \$50 per copy, the book is a wonderful keepsake for current and past players, supporters, families and anyone with a connection to the Tailem Bend Football Club or the town.

Importantly, every dollar of profit from the book will go directly back to the Tailem Bend Football Club, helping support future infrastructure projects and the continued development of junior football.

I hope the book brings back many special memories and reminds readers of the people, teams and moments that have made Tailem Bend football what it is today.

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A Peace This World Cannot Give

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

Peace can mean many different things for us. It can be the quiet after a noisy day, it can be our body or mind at rest or it can even be the absence of conflict. The peace of this world is an escape from that which swirls around us and closes in on us. But the truth is, the peace of this world is flimsy and volatile and dependent on so many changing factors. One thing changes and peace no longer exists.

The disruption of peace happened in the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve first disobeyed God, (sinned) which bought turmoil into a once ordered, peaceful creation. It created separation from God the Father and separation from Him bought turmoil. The same is still true today. The further we are away from God (in relationship), the greater access turmoil has in our lives. We try many different ways to get peace, but anything other than handing it over to Jesus will only give us temporary relief, a band-aid fix.

How can Jesus help? Firstly, Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and He gives us His peace.

But we can't receive if we never ask Him for it and we can't

receive if we are filled up with what the world offers as peace.

Jesus, fully God and fully man, took on Himself all the disobedience (sin) of us and the punishment that came with it. He sacrificed Himself for us, dying on the cross so that we would no longer be separated from Father God eternally and we would no longer be punished. Jesus was raised to life and went to heaven where He waits for us to join Him. Eternal life possible by His great love for us. Because Jesus rose from the dead, He stands in victory over disobedience (sin), death and every evil.

Jesus tells us that He gives us a peace that is not of this world. In Mark 4:39 Jesus commands a raging storm "Peace, be still!" And it stilled! His peace is not of this world. And that is peace that we have access to. Peace is not the absence of turmoil, peace is what our heart and mind and eyes are on in it. If we focus on the turmoil, on the fear, on the what if's, it will consume us. If we focus on Jesus, the turmoil has no power over us. The peace from Him is free, all it requires is asking Him - *Jesus I release all my turmoil to You. Come, live in my heart and release Your peace in me.*

Tailem Bend GP Services Update

MEDIA RELEASE - Coorong District Council

More than 100 residents filled the Tailem Bend Town Hall on Tuesday night to hear the latest update on the future of local GP services, following confirmation that the Murraylands Medical Centre – the town's only general practice – will close on 14 October 2026.

The community meeting brought together representatives from Coorong District Council, the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) and the Coorong Health Service Health Advisory Council (HAC) to provide residents with the most current information available and outline the work being undertaken to secure ongoing healthcare services for the community.

Speaking at the meeting were the Council's Acting Mayor Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch, RMCLHN Chief Executive Officer Wayne Champion PSM and Coorong Health Service Health Advisory Council Presiding Member Julie Barrie. The meeting provided an opportunity for residents to hear directly from those involved in ongoing discussions and advocacy efforts aimed at ensuring continuity of primary healthcare services in Tailem Bend.

While the spokespersons had hoped to be able to confirm a replacement provider on the night, no final outcome was available at the time of the meeting. Acting Mayor Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch acknowledged the disappointment felt by many residents but reinforced that significant work continues behind the scenes.

"We understand the level of concern within our community and share the community's desire to secure a long-term solution as quickly as possible," says Cr. Pietzsch.

"While we were unable to provide definitive news on Tuesday evening, Council, RMCLHN and our healthcare partners remain committed to finding a pathway forward and ensuring residents continue to have access to the healthcare services they need."

Residents were reassured that the Tailem Bend District Hospital, including its emergency department and aged care services, will continue to operate as normal and are not affected by the closure of the Murraylands Medical Centre. Existing telehealth services and Bridge Clinic arrangements will continue to support healthcare delivery in the district.



ABOVE: Coorong Health Service Health Advisory Council (HAC) Presiding Member Julie Barrie, Coorong District Council Acting Mayor Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch and Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) CEO Wayne Champion PSM presenting an update to the Tailem Bend community.

RMCLHN Chief Executive Officer Wayne Champion PSM confirmed that extensive efforts have been underway to identify and engage potential providers.

"The Local Health Network has approached several nearby medical providers to explore opportunities for continued GP services in Tailem Bend," says Mr Champion. *"While many of those discussions have not progressed, one interested provider is actively considering the opportunity, with a decision expected following a board meeting this week."*

At the community meeting residents were also assured that hospital, emergency department and aged care medical coverage will continue regardless of the GP clinic closure through existing RMCLHN and telehealth arrangements.

The Council and RMCLHN have committed to continuing to work urgently on a solution over the coming weeks.

If no pathway for continuity of care is identified by mid-October, the Council and RMCLHN will escalate their advocacy efforts. The Hon. Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Health and Wellbeing, has also been apprised of the situation and is expected to visit the district, although a date has not yet been confirmed.

Coorong Health Service Health Advisory Council Presiding Member Julie Barrie said the Health Advisory Council would continue to advocate strongly for local healthcare outcomes and keep the community informed as developments occur. All parties have reiterated their commitment to working collaboratively to achieve the best possible outcome for Tailem Bend residents and expressed optimism that positive news may be available in the coming weeks.

Residents who were unable to attend the meeting or wish to view it again, can watch a recording of the meeting on the Coorong District Council's YouTube channel.

The Council will continue to provide updates to the community as further information becomes available.

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Tailem Bend Lions Serving Our Community

Report submitted by Lions members Joyce Holmes.

The Lions Club would like to thank the Coorong Council for updating and replacing the map at the Information Bay at the Northern Entrance to the town. We would also like to thank them for repairing the leaking roof around the chimney of the Lion's Den.

Skin Scanning Results

Report from the Skin Cancer Unit who were in Tailem Bend on the 4th and 5th August result from the screening was 16% being referred to their own Doctor which is a pleasing result as when we had the Screening Unit previously referrals were around 25%.

Tree Planting

Sunday 23rd of August the morning was spent planting trees around the perimeter of the Lion's Den, with grateful thanks to the members of the Progress Association who assisted us in this project also Council for supplying the trees.

Guest Speaker

At our recent meeting at the Riverside Hotel a very interesting guest speaker in Kia Martin who has recently run the Lavender Federation Trail over 3 days (325 Km) raising approx. \$50,000 for Local Domestic Violence Support Services and also ran 500 laps of Sturt Reserve over 5 Days approx. 1.7 km per loop also raising a further \$50,000. Kia was honoured as Murray Bridge Citizen of the Year Australia Day 2026.

Alteration to Meeting Times

The Lion's Club is holding afternoon meetings for the 4th Tuesday of the month. We are starting at 1.30pm so members do not have to come out on these cold evenings. If you would like to come and see us in the afternoon, please pop in to see us.

If your organization would like assistance, please contact the Lions Club.



ABOVE: Guest speaker Kia Martin shared his inspiring fundraising journey, raising around \$100,000 through two incredible running challenges for local domestic violence support services. Kia was also named Murray Bridge Citizen of the Year 2026.

All applications must be received either by email or mail direct to the Lions Club. Lions Club email is tailembend-lions@mail.com or by post to Lions Club of Tailem Bend, PO Box 141, Tailem Bend SA 5260

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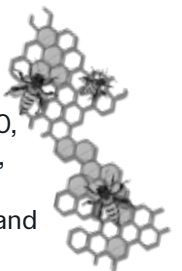
The Lions Club of Tailem Bend is proud to Sponsor the Blue Light Disco for the coming year.

Acknowledgement

The Lions Club of Tailem Bend acknowledge the passing of Charter Member Peter Squires OAM. Peter was Charter Secretary and held the office of President. Later due to work commitments, Peter resigned. Since resigning from the club, he has been a great supporter of Lions.

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The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #166

A long running series, submitted on behalf of the late Peter Connolly.

**In this month's memories,
we look back at the stories of Bob Simcock, Jack Jaensch's
family Bible and Tailem Bend history.**

Bob Will Ride for the Flying Doctor

M/V Standard, year: 1983–1985

Tailem Bend – A chance meeting while on holidays has led local man Mr Bob Simcock to take part in next month's Bicentennial Ride for the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

About 15 people will ride the 600km from Port Augusta to William Creek between March 1 and 26 to raise funds for a new aircraft for the RFDS. Mr Simcock met the organiser, Mr Murray Francis, in the Barmera Hotel while holidaying at the caravan park last month.

"We got talking over a beer or two, and things just developed from there." But Mr Simcock will be on horseback only for a small part of the trek – *"if and when some of the others get a bit saddle-sore,"* he said. The rest of the time he will drive his water truck.

"There's not a lot of watering places along the route, and the horses will need water every couple of hours," he said.

At night, the riders – who include Riverland country music personality Rocky Page – will give concerts at hotels along the way to raise money for the RFDS. Another **'star'** of the trek will be **'Big Ben'**, a Clydesdale known to many people for his charity work during the past two years for Adelaide Children's Hospital. He will be pulling a covered wagon.

Mr Simcock said the schedule he had been given showed that the riders planned to cover up to 45km a day, with the longest stretch between Hawker and Moralana Siding. The longest section would be the 130km between Marree and Coward Springs, expected to take three days.

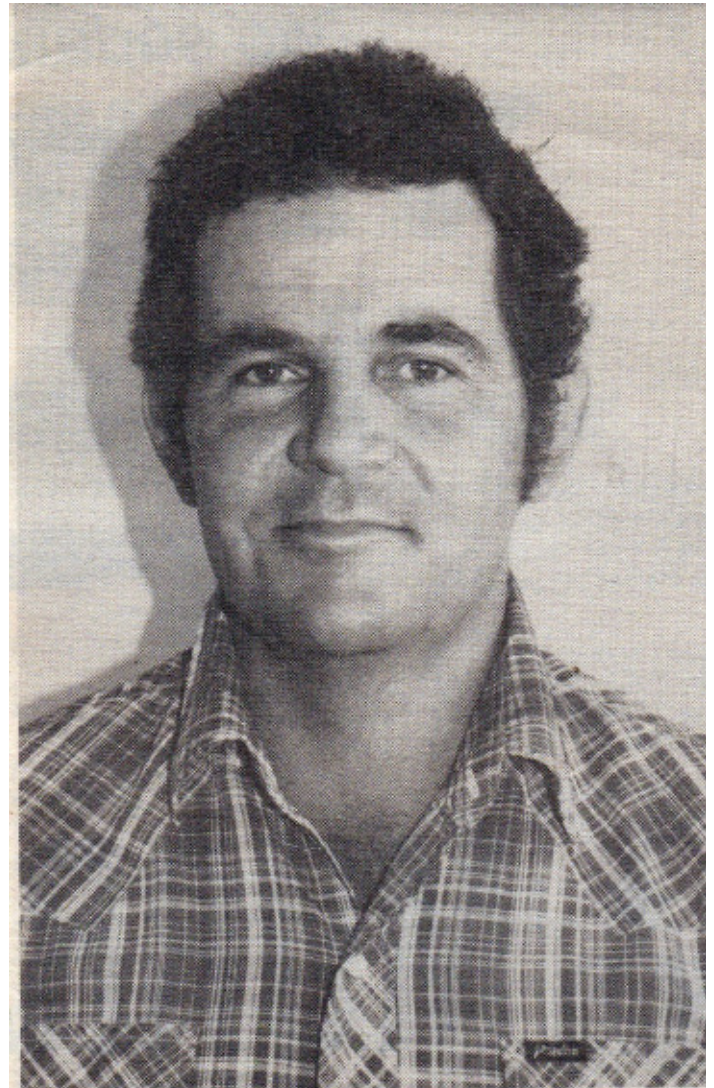
"We believe the William Creek Gymkhana will be held on the weekend of March 26 and 27, so the starting date has been set so that our itinerary will allow us to be there for the gymkhana."

Mr Simcock appealed to Lower Murray people to support the ride and send donations for the Royal Flying Doctors Service either to him or directly to the RFDS at Port Augusta.

Old Bible for Police Museum

M/V Standard, year: 1983–1988

Murray Bridge man Mr Jack Jaensch donated a family Bible, estimated to be 150 years old, to the Police Historical Society.



ABOVE: Mr Bob Simcock, of Tailem Bend ... in next month's outback ride for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The Bible, in three volumes, was handed over last Friday to Sgt Wayne Bristow of Murray Bridge Police. It will be included in the Police Historical Museum, due to be opened in Adelaide in April.

The Bible was brought to Australia in 1841 by Mr Jaensch's great-great-grandfather, then Police Corporal George E. Mason. Exactly how old the books are is not known, although Mr Mason wrote his name in one of them, together with the year 1848.

The books were printed by Fisher, Son and Co., The Caxton Press, Newgate Stand, Angel St, London – but the year of printing is not included. Mr Jaensch said Mr Mason was caretaker at Morphett's Crossing and lived on the site of what is now the historic Wellington Courthouse. Mr Mason was later appointed Sub-Protector of Aborigines and helped with Tolmer's gold escorts.

The Bible apparently has no police significance other than the fact that it belonged to a policeman. It was handed down through the generations from Mason's daughter, Margaret.

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Mr Jaensch said the size of the volumes made them difficult for him to store where he lived, at the Murray Heights Retirement Village. He had thought about donating the books to the Wellington Courthouse, but was concerned that they might deteriorate from being handled by visitors.

Someone then suggested the Police Museum, and Mr Jaensch was assured the books would be preserved there. Sgt Bristow said the books were generally in very good condition, although it was unfortunate that the pages were coming loose in one of the books.



ABOVE: Mr Jack Jaensch and Sgt Wayne Bristow, of Murray Bridge, look through the Bible Mr Jaensch donated last Friday to the police historical society.

Railway Station, 1913

(5 October 2013 – Station's Centenary Commemoration Mayoral Speech)

The station was commissioned by the South Australian Railways (S.A.R.) in early 1913 and was opened on 7 October of that year.

The station served the local and surrounding communities, both for passenger travel and the transportation of freight, for 83 years before the station was decommissioned in 1996.

"Just imagine if every train that passed this station over the past 100 years could speak. I'm sure they'd have a story to tell. There would have been trains full of students going to Murray Bridge High School, carriages on the Overland heading to Melbourne, countless tonnes of grain carted to and from the silos, heavy-laden freight trains and commuter trains transporting railway workers to neighbouring towns along the line, such as Coonalpyn and Tintinara. Overall, the station has served as a major transport intermodal for not just the district, but the nation."



ABOVE: Railway Works.



ABOVE: Railway Cottages.

Rotunda, c. 1927

The Tailem Bend Rotunda was built by Jack Rodgers. Sadly, he passed away on the night of the Rotunda opening. There is a room beneath the Rotunda where the Tailem Bend bands would rehearse. Now its entrance is covered.

Railway Cottages, Early 1920s

In the early 1900s, the marshalling yards that were in Murray Bridge were transferred to Tailem Bend, along with all of their workers. The line was laid and opened in 1906.

A total of 250 homes were constructed in Tailem Bend for railway workers. The cottages were built in 1926 for railway workers under the Railway Housing Scheme. The picture below is the first row of these homes. The street was named after the Commissioner of the South Australian Railways from 1922–1930, Alfred Webb.

These were cement cottages that were poured into moulds. Webb Street was, and remains, known as 'Gun Alley'. A gunshot went off one day and someone asked, 'What?! Where did that come from?' The response was, 'Down the alley!' At number 217 Webb Street, the Connolly family raised 15 children.

Quote for the Month

*"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear."
— George Addair*

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

My Art, My Way Celebrates Creativity in the Coorong

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

The Coorong District Council's Chambers Gallery in Tailem Bend came alive with colour, creativity and community spirit on Friday, 31 July, as ten local artists showcased their work in the SALA exhibition My Art, My Way.

The exhibition highlighted the diversity of artistic talent across the region, featuring artists of all experience levels and backgrounds. From emerging young artists displaying their work alongside established creatives, the exhibition embodied the inclusive spirit that has become a hallmark of the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival.

SALA is one of Australia's largest visual arts festivals, with thousands of artists exhibiting works across hundreds of venues throughout South Australia each year. The festival plays a vital role in bringing art to regional communities and providing opportunities for local artists to share their creativity with wider audiences.

Coorong District Council Volunteer Management Officer, Patsy Crabb of Tintinara, said the exhibition was a wonderful reflection of the growing arts culture throughout the region. *"The standard of work on display was outstanding, and it was wonderful to see artists of all ages and abilities sharing their creativity with the community,"* Pasty said.

"The arts scene across the Coorong and surrounding regions continues to grow, with local artists producing work that is being recognised and exhibited throughout South Australia. Events like this encourage people to explore their creativity and help build stronger community connections."



ABOVE: Artist, Corina Thomson of the Coorong, standing in front of her creative message about waste.

Visitors enjoyed a diverse collection of paintings, mixed media works and creative expressions, each reflecting the individual style and vision of the artists involved.

The success of My Art, My Way demonstrated the important role SALA continues to play in celebrating regional artists and showcasing the rich creative talent that exists throughout the Coorong district.



ABOVE: Artists, L-R rear, Judith Woolston of Meningie, person's name unavailable, Coleen Cavanagh of Murray Bridge, Catherine Gibbon of Ashville, and Corina Thomson of the Coorong. L-R front Coorong District Council's Volunteer Management Officer, Patsy Crabb of Tintinara, Vallerie Sparrow of Tailem Bend, Pam Gillen of Meningie and Marianne Cunneen of Meningie.



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Coorong Community Health Advancement & Advisory Committee

Community Members Wanted

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We're looking for someone who lives in the Coorong district and has experience using local health services or a passion for improving access to healthcare in our community.

By sharing your insights and lived experience, you'll help identify gaps in local health services and contribute to strategies that support better health outcomes for residents now and into the future.

Expressions of interest are now welcome and close on **Wednesday, 16 September 2026**.

Further information:

View the terms of reference and submit your expression of interest by:

- Visiting the council **website**
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A Life of Adventure, Family and a Deep Love for Tailem Bend

Editorial and image by Glenn Power.

TAILEM BEND, August 17, 2026 — A full house gathered at the Tailem Bend Town Hall to remember Peter George Squires, affectionately known as “Squasher”, whose life was shaped by family, friendship, adventure and an enduring love for his childhood home on the Murray River.

The story of Peter’s remarkable life was shared by Tina and Danny Squires at his memorial service, offering those gathered an opportunity to discover parts of Peter’s story that many may never have known. Peter was born at Parkside Hospital in Adelaide on November 8, 1938, to Nada and Lloyd Squires. He spent his early years at Rose Park, where he formed lifelong friendships.

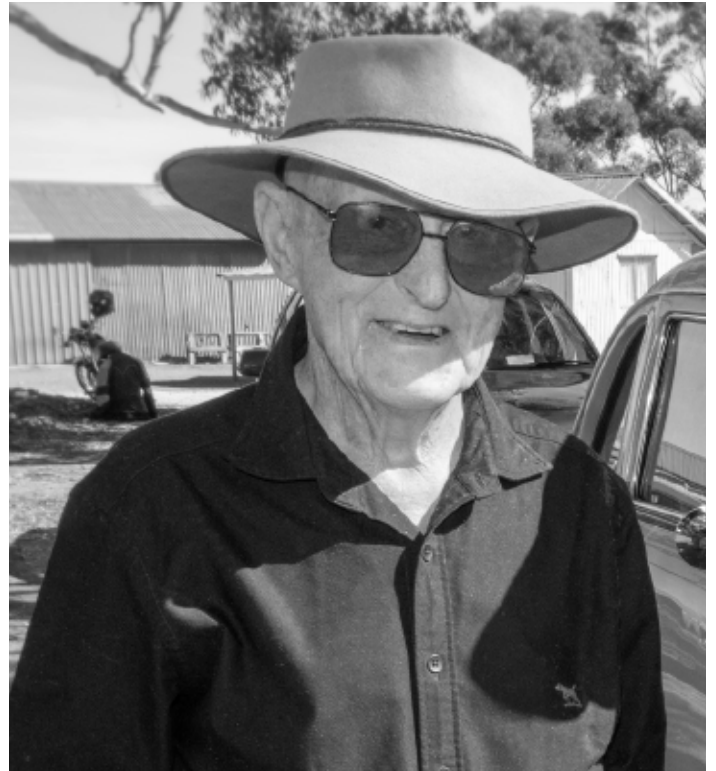
His connection with Tailem Bend began through his grandparents, whose farm stood on the banks of the Murray River. School holidays became an exodus by steam train to Tailem Bend, where Peter and his friends lived, what Tina and Danny described as a *“Huckleberry lifestyle”*. They explored 200 acres of swamp, fished, built rafts, rowed across the river, rolled down cliffs in tyres and soapboxes, and enjoyed adventures on *“Rocket”*, the draught horse and *“Micky”* the Shetland pony. They ventured into the 1,000 acres of scrub, smoked Mallee Roots, built forts and threw bamboo spears using bamboo woomeras.

When Peter was eight, his parents parted company, and he went to live permanently at Tailem Bend with his grandparents, great-uncle and cousins.

Each day, Peter rode three miles to school with his cousin Jenny, who became his foster sister. On frosty mornings they stood on their bicycle pedals, rags wrapped around their hands to prevent chilblains, while watching the steam trains pass. Halfway to school was a fettlers’ camp, where around six families lived in tents with wooden floors and wood stoves. On rainy days Peter and Jenny would shelter there, and the fettlers would give them food. And when they were hungry, they had another solution — two quiet cows named Freisa and Brindle. They would simply help themselves to the milk.

“Pappa George couldn’t work out why some days there was no milk,” Tina and Danny recalled. It was Peter’s relationship with his grandfather, Pappa George, that helped shape his lifelong love of the past and of home. He remembered raking leaves for bonfires while listening to stories of his grandfather’s time in the Northern Territory as a telegraph operator on the Overland Telegraph between 1895 and 1910.

There was also the story of Pappa George’s first motor vehicle. Having previously only ridden horses, he crashed into a fence while pulling back on the steering wheel and saying, *“whoa”*. He never drove it again. Perhaps, the family suggested, Peter inherited something from his grandfather — because many a vehicle Peter drove later ended up with dents from *“unknown sources”*. Among them was a brand-new four-barrel Valiant Pacer, which famously came to grief with a Stobie pole in front of the Railway Institute.



ABOVE: Peter George Squires.

Peter attended high school at Murray Bridge, travelling with Jenny. Their adventures continued, including clambering aboard the old RX steam train when it stopped at the railway line, hitching rides home along the highway and racing for the train when necessary. At 15, after his mother remarried Aubrey Heynen, known as Aub, Peter began working at the local Eudunda Farmers General Store, weighing sugar, flour and other goods. He later worked for his father Lloyd at his panel-beating business in Eliza Street, Adelaide, followed by two years at Gilbert Motors. But Peter’s heart remained in Tailem Bend.

He returned home to work at Heynen Motors, spending five years helping Aub build a successful Chrysler dealership and Chamberlain business. Then came another chapter. Following a failed young romance, Peter set off to find himself. Four years followed, taking him to New Zealand, where he worked as a barman and panel beater; to South Africa, following a chance meeting that led to work with Sydney Cloe Chrysler in Johannesburg; and eventually to London, where he worked at Barkley Square Motors, selling luxury cars to the rich and famous.

His adventurous spirit took him further still. Peter bought a third share in a trimaran yacht with two mates and sailed from England back to South Africa via the Suez Canal, eventually selling his share in Durban. Renewed and refocused, he returned to Tailem Bend.

There he met his future wife, Betty Mason, who already had two sons, Greg and Terry. Their son Daniel *“Danny”* was later born. Peter returned to work with his stepfather Aub, but after ten years of marriage, Peter and Betty parted ways.

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Tailem Bend Auto Club Midweek Run to Lyndoch

Report submitted by Michael Holliday.

On Thursday, 23 July 2026, Tailem Bend Auto Club members set out from the Murray Bridge railway station car park at 9.30am for their July midweek cruise.

Travelling via Palmer, the group's first stop was the Mount Pleasant Bakery, where they enjoyed coffee, cake and a chat before continuing through the hills to Lyndoch.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Lord of Lyndoch Hotel. Despite a chilly start to the day, the weather turned out beautifully, making it a great day for a cruise through the hills region of our wonderful state.

A big thank you to Steve and Cindy for organising another enjoyable cruise and day out. It was a fantastic opportunity to enjoy good company, great scenery and the open road.



ABOVE: Some of the group enjoying lunch at the Lord of Lyndoch Hotel.



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Peter's love of community also became an important part of his life. He founded the Tailem Bend Lions Club, having previously been a member of Rotary before his frequent travels resulted in him being asked to leave because he missed too many meetings. Peter went on to design the Lions Club banner and spent time serving with St John Ambulance.

After both his grandparents passed away, Peter's childhood dreams finally came true. He purchased the family farm — the place that had been at the heart of so many of his earliest memories. And when he visited Swan Hill Pioneer Village with Danny, another, bigger dream began to take shape. It was a dream born from Peter's memories, his love of history, and his desire to preserve the past.

Today, as family, friends and members of the Tailem Bend community gathered in a packed Town Hall to celebrate his life, those memories painted a picture of a man who was much more than many may have realised.

Peter "Squasher" Squires was a traveller, adventurer, businessman, community man, storyteller, father and friend — but above all, he was a man whose heart always belonged to Tailem Bend and his childhood home that remained part of him throughout his extraordinary life.



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To help community members make an informed choice, Council has prepared an Options Paper that explains the different options available for the Wadmore Precinct.

The Options Paper can be viewed online or picked up from any Council Customer Service Office.

Council has not yet made a final decision about the future of the site. However, it has identified a preferred option and is asking for community feedback to help shape the final decision.



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Who Can Challenge Your Will? South Australia's New Succession Laws May Surprise You

Article submitted by Emma Bevan, Senior Legal Assistant.

Most people believe that once they have signed their Will, their wishes are set in stone. Unfortunately, that is not always the case. In South Australia, recent changes to succession laws have reshaped the landscape of wills and estates, making it more important than ever to ensure your estate planning is carefully considered and regularly reviewed.

The Succession Act 2023 (SA), which came into effect on 1 January 2025, has consolidated and modernised the law relating to wills, deceased estates and family provision claims. While many aspects of the law remain familiar, significant changes have been made to who may have standing to challenge a will and how the courts assess those claims.

A Will can be contested when an eligible person argues that adequate provision has not been made for them from the deceased person's estate. Traditionally, spouses, partners and children were the most common claimants. Under the new legislation, the categories of potential claimants are broader. The legislation has changed to capture additional claimants from blended families. This particularly applies to stepchildren. Stepchildren are no longer required to have maintained the deceased before their death. Stepchildren also include children of a former spouse or domestic partner. Perhaps the most interesting change is that the law now places greater emphasis on the wishes of the Will-Maker.

When determining whether to make provision for an eligible person, the Supreme Court must give primary consideration to the deceased person's intentions, while also weighing the needs and circumstances of the person bringing the claim. There is greater importance placed on clearly expressing your reasons for leaving someone out of your Will.

What does this mean for the public?

Simply put, a homemade Will or a Will that has not been reviewed for years may expose your estate to costly disputes after your death. Family relationships are increasingly complex. Blended families, second marriages, estranged children and dependent relatives can all create circumstances where a disappointed family member may seek a larger share of an estate.

The good news is that careful estate planning can significantly reduce the risk of litigation. A professionally prepared Will, clear explanations for your decisions and regular reviews following major life events can help ensure your wishes are respected and your loved ones avoid unnecessary conflict.

The message is clear: if you have not reviewed your Will recently, now is the time. A few hours spent planning today could save your family years of stress, expense and uncertainty tomorrow.

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Trainees Discover Pangarinda Botanic Garden



Article submitted by Kaye Bartlett and Paul Bartlett.

At the end of July, 10 trainees from Adelaide, Mount Lofty and Wittunga Botanic Gardens joined the volunteers at Pangarinda Botanic Garden for a day of learning, gardening and plenty of laughter.

The third-year trainees had the opportunity to visit Pangarinda and take part in a guided tour of sections of the garden, discovering a range of Australian native plants, many of which they had not seen before.

Following the tour, the trainees joined the volunteers for some hands-on work, helping with weeding and general garden maintenance. It was wonderful to hear the young group of gardeners talking and laughing as they worked alongside the volunteers.

At the end of the day, the trainees left with plenty of new knowledge and were already looking forward to returning to Pangarinda.

Hakea rigida

Hakea rigida belongs to the Sulcata group of *Hakeas*. It is a little-known species in cultivation and is found growing north of Southern Cross in Western Australia.

Growing to around 1.5 metres high and up to 2.5 metres wide, this beautiful, rounded shrub produces an impressive display in late winter, when it becomes covered in racemes of deep pink flowers along its branches.

The flowers contrast beautifully with its terete leaves, which end in sharp points.



ABOVE: *Hakea rigida* in flower, showcasing its striking deep pink blooms and distinctive pointed leaves.



ABOVE: *Hakea rigida* growing as a rounded shrub in the Pangarinda Botanic Garden.



ABOVE: Trainees from Adelaide, Mount Lofty and Wittunga Botanic Gardens enjoying a day of learning, gardening and friendship with the Pangarinda Botanic Garden volunteers.



A Life Well Lived: Kathleen Turns 100!!

Editorial and image by Lynette Maider, with contributions from family.

A century of love, family, laughter and treasured memories

In July 1926, a baby girl was born in a house in Goodwood, South Australia. Her name was Kathleen May Trenwith, née Vokes. One hundred years later, Kathleen is celebrating an extraordinary milestone, surrounded by the family she has loved and nurtured throughout her remarkable life.

Kathleen was one of eight siblings. Growing up, she and her brothers and sisters played cricket in the backyard and spent evenings together playing cards. She lived through the Depression and the war years, experiences that helped shape the strength, resilience and positive outlook she has carried throughout her life.

In 1947, Kathleen met Dean Val Trenwith, a cobbler from Goodwood. They married and welcomed two children, Robert Dean George (**Bob**) and Lynette Kaye (**Lyn**). The family later moved to Christies Beach, which at the time was little more than a small country town. As it grew into a popular residential area, Kathleen and Dean moved to the quieter surrounds of Mount Compass, where Dean later passed away.

At 93, Kathleen moved in with Lyn and her husband George. Following George's passing, Kathleen continued to help the family in every way she could. Remarkably, at 100, she remains active and still helps around the house, including keeping it clean. **When asked what she believes is the secret to a long life, Kathleen simply replied: "I really don't know. Maybe not allowing stress to control you. Be content with what you have. Live a simple life. Enjoy family, nature and don't want everything you see on TV."**

Her daughter Lyn describes her mother as a woman of love, happiness, strength of mind and a willingness to help. *"Mum has always had the ability to turn anything negative into a positive. Regardless of what each day may bring, she'll find something to laugh at, even if it's only lambs at play."*

Lyn says Kathleen has always been a wonderful babysitter and continues to take an interest in everything her grandchildren and great-grandchildren are involved in. Her family remembers the Christmas and birthday celebrations she hosted, where nothing could stop the festivities – not flies, rain or even a heatwave. Kathleen has watched her family grow through two further generations: four grandchildren – Terressa, Tanya, Dwayne and Peter – and six great-grandchildren – Harry, Vicky, Kye, Rain, Nellie and Tilly.

Great-granddaughter Nellie remembers the pre-Christmas celebrations Kathleen hosted at Mount Compass, recalling the love and effort she put into making those days special. She also remembers learning to sew with her great-grandmother and admiring the beautiful creations Kathleen made. Granddaughter Terressa describes Kathleen as *"the backbone of the family."* She remembers her grandmother taking a picnic basket to her horse-riding shows and Kathleen's talent with a sewing machine, which even saw her turn Terressa's blue ribbons into a horse rug.

In her late teens and twenties, Terressa was often surprised with beautiful, shimmery clothes handmade by her grandmother. Kathleen's creativity extended beyond sewing. She also had a deep love of flowers and plants, with a wonderful knowledge of gardening and flower arranging.



ABOVE: Kathleen May Trenwith celebrating her 100th birthday!!

Her granddaughter Tanya describes reaching 100 as a truly remarkable achievement, saying Kathleen continues to amaze the family with how healthy, strong and independent she remains. *"Nana has always had a wonderful talent for craft work and sewing, creating beautiful pieces with incredible skill and much patience. To this day we still receive birthday and Christmas cards personally handmade by Nan with lots of love and attention to detail."*

Tanya also celebrates her grandmother's wonderful sense of humour and quick wit, describing her life as a century of love, laughter, creativity and treasured family memories. Daughter-in-law Caroline says the family has treasured Kathleen's handmade cards and the special Christmas lunches she hosted. She also recalls Kathleen's stories of growing up in the 1930s, including her father walking from Goodwood into Adelaide seeking work and sometimes returning home empty-handed to his large family. *"These stories are part of our family history and we feel very lucky to have heard them from you,"* Caroline says.

The family also remembers Kathleen's petite stature, determination and beautiful blue eyes, qualities they believe have been passed down through the generations. Her son Bob says his mother has always been a source of strength, love and inspiration. *"She taught me to appreciate nature and the simple pleasures life has to offer. She raised my sister and me to be independent and encouraged us to believe in ourselves and face life's challenges with confidence."*

Kathleen celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family, friends, neighbours and loved ones, enjoying good food and a beautiful cake reflecting some of her passions and talents. As her husband Dean once simply described her, Kathleen was *"a good sort."* One hundred years later, those words still seem to capture her perfectly.

Happy 100th Birthday, Kathleen!

Your life is an incredible legacy of love, laughter, strength, creativity and family – and your story will continue to be treasured for generations to come. *With special thanks to Frangipani Cakes for the beautiful cake shared at Kathleen's 100th birthday celebration.*

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Progress Association Thanks Tailem Topics Walkers

Editorial courtesy of Glenn Power.

The Tailem Bend Progress Association and Tailem Topics honoured their dedicated volunteer walkers with an annual thank-you lunch at the Tailem Bend Riverside Hotel on Sunday, 26 July 2026.

Hosted by Brenton Qualmann, the midday gathering recognised the individuals and couples who generously give their time to deliver the iconic Tailem Topics community newspaper to homes throughout Tailem Bend and the Murraylands. The annual luncheon is a small but heartfelt way of recognising the many hours volunteers contribute every time a new edition is published. While each walker covers their own route, the lunch provides a welcome opportunity to catch up with fellow volunteers, share stories and enjoy each other's company away from the streets they regularly walk in service to the community.

For years, Tailem Topics has been a familiar and valued part of life in Tailem Bend. Delivered by local volunteers, the newspaper continues to play an important role in sharing community news, promoting local events and



ABOVE: Jody Hall.

celebrating the people and organisations that make the town such a vibrant place to live.

Speaking on behalf of the Progress Association, Brenton Qualmann expressed sincere appreciation to every volunteer who helps ensure the publication reaches letterboxes across the township. He acknowledged that their quiet dedication often goes unnoticed but is essential to the continued success of the much-loved magazine.

The annual thank-you lunch remains a popular tradition, celebrating not only the volunteers' contribution but also the strong community spirit that has kept Tailem Topics thriving for generations.

Ten Days of Silence: What Vipassana Has Taught Me

Editorial courtesy of By Zhen.

"When life flows like a sweet song, happiness comes easily; the hardest part is when everything falls apart, yet still being able to smile."

This July, I attended my eighth ten-day Vipassana meditation course, having previously completed and served courses in both China and Australia. Although I have become familiar with the routine—waking at 4.15am, retiring at 9.30pm, observing silence and spending long hours without technology—each course has been different.

Looking back, however, I often think about my very first course. Before I began, I wondered whether I could really sit still for hours, whether my mind would ever quieten and whether I could make it through ten days without speaking or using technology. The first four days focused on observing the natural breath. It sounded simple, but I quickly discovered how restless the mind can be. An itch, an ache, a memory or a random thought could become a reason to move or stop.

Gradually, I began noticing things I had never paid attention to before—the subtle sensations around my body and even which nostril I was breathing through. I began to understand how closely the mind and body are connected.

From the fifth day, the practice changed to Vipassana, where the focus is on observing sensations throughout the body without clinging to what feels pleasant or resisting what feels unpleasant. One of the greatest challenges was sitting for a full hour without deliberately moving. At times, the pain in my knees and back felt unbearable. Yet I tried simply to observe it rather than immediately react.

Then something unexpected happened.

The pain disappeared.



ABOVE: Clare Valley Vipassana Meditation Center.

I don't know exactly why, but I will never forget that moment. I realised that experiencing something uncomfortable does not necessarily mean I have to react to it. Sensations change, emotions change, and difficult moments eventually pass.

That lesson has stayed with me long after leaving the meditation centre. The real challenge begins when we return to everyday life. Can I remain calm when someone upsets me? Can I notice anger before reacting? Can I accept change and discomfort without immediately trying to escape it?

My mother especially enjoyed the nightly discourses during my first course. She once said, *"Understanding is easy, but practicing is so difficult!"* She was right.

After eight courses, I am still learning. Vipassana has not removed life's difficulties, but it has taught me to meet them differently—with greater awareness, patience and compassion. For me, this is the real art of living: learning to pause, observe and experience each moment rather than immediately reacting to it.

Sometimes, all we really have is this breath, this moment, and another opportunity to begin again.

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New Books September 2026

ADULT FICTION

BAHR, Dane: The Dead Ringer ~ Modern Western
BUNN, Davis: The Sapphire Sea ~ Romantic Drama
CLANCY, Tom: Rules of Engagement ~ Crime Thriller
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EDWARDS, Martin: Miss Winter in the Library with a Knife ~ British Crime
JANU, Penelope: Out of the Blue ~ Rural Romance
WOOD GERBER, Daryl: Murder in a Lavender Daze ~ Mystery
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LaPLANTE, Lynda: The Governer ~ Detective, Mystery
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BOOK REVIEW

THE LINEUP

By: Nicholas Timms

A killer on the loose.

A surfer out of his depth.

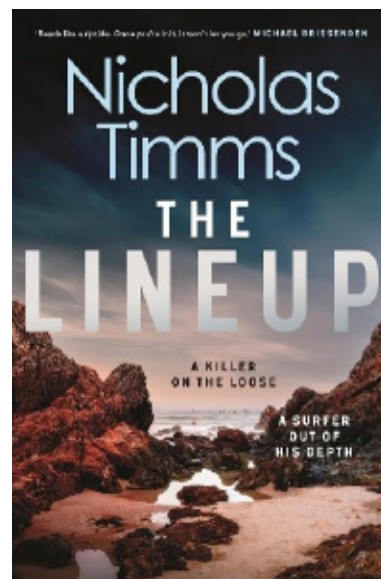
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Bo Curren was once a champion surfer. Now, at twenty-eight, he's all washed up – unable even to set foot near the ocean. Instead, he spends his days alone in his apartment, drowning his sorrows in whiskey and watching surfers on his laptop via the 24-hour surf webcam.

Then one day he sees something he shouldn't. A camera trained on a deserted Byron Bay beach picks up a murder right there on the sand.

The police dismiss his report, and no bodies are found. Yet Bo knows what he saw. And he has a clue: the murderer's distinctive surfboard. If he can track that down, he'll catch the killer.



MONDAY MEMORIES

No Memories this month

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At our August meeting we acknowledged the passing of **Peter Squires OAM**, a well-known Tailem Bend identity and founder of Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village. Peter began developing the village in the early 1980s, collecting and relocating historic buildings to preserve our pioneering heritage. It eventually grew to more than 110 buildings and became one of Australia's largest pioneer villages. Peter was awarded an OAM in 2025 for his service to community history.

Council adopted its Long Term Financial Plan, a 10-year rolling plan that makes sure Council remains financially sustainable and can meet the future needs of the district. We also reviewed the Community Wastewater Management System plans. Staff have done a huge amount of work identifying the expected life of the various components and ensuring future replacement costs are properly budgeted for.

On 18 August, Council held a public meeting about the Tailem Bend Medical Centre and future GP services. Council, the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network and the Coorong Health Service Health Advisory Council provided updates on the work underway, with residents able to ask questions and have their say.

Elected Members also attended workshops on the Tailem Bend Growth Structure Plan, "blue sky" planning, Healthy Coorong Healthy Basin, patrol grading and kerbside waste. We also heard from Chris McArdle from the Department for State Development about how the State Government is managing data centre developments in SA, including the approval process and requirements.

During Farm Safety Week, Council secured funding for the **Suzi Evans 'Meet the Author' Roadshow**, with sessions held in Tintinara, Tailem Bend, Coomandook, Coonalpyn and Meningie. The sessions attracted 69 people and focused on grief, resilience and mental wellbeing.

Pangarinda Botanic Garden has had a spruce-up, with volunteers removing dead and declining plants. In Coonalpyn, the Progress Working Group's restoration of the tractor shed at the highway rest area is nearly finished, with new signage and freshly painted wirework. Lighting the tractor is the next stage.

July was quieter at the Coonalpyn Caravan Park, with 167 powered-site transactions compared with 253 in July last year. Rising fuel costs are a big factor affecting caravan travel, with travellers increasingly opting for shorter trips closer to home.

The Bushfire Resilience Program is now underway and will run until March 2028, working with emergency services, landholders and communities to improve bushfire preparedness, fire water infrastructure and emergency response.

Council's childcare needs and market analysis confirmed a strong need for more childcare services across the district. While there is currently no funding for a Council-led project, it is encouraging to see private operators responding, including a new childcare service being established in Coonalpyn. Council continue to look for grants.

During July, three graders completed around 201km of patrol grading across 33 roads. Crews also carried out pothole patching and repairs on more than 30 roads and streets, using premix and crushed rubble on sealed and unsealed roads.

There were plenty of smaller jobs across our towns as well. In Meningie, works included maintenance around the oval and aerodrome, tree trimming, drainage and tree planting, standpipe works and stormwater repairs. Salt Creek's new public toilets had graffiti removed. In Coonalpyn, water leaks at the caravan park and playground were repaired and a flooding issue at the subway addressed. Tintinara works included aerodrome mowing, Brownie Park maintenance, pruning at the War Memorial Hall and completion of sealing and line marking at Fulwood Avenue and the Health Centre. Tailem Bend saw subsurface irrigation works at the Railway Terrace carpark and maintenance of the lagoon, while the community noticeboard was reinstalled at Wellington East.

Unfortunately, staff have also been cleaning up illegally dumped rubbish around Tailem Bend. Apart from being unfair to ratepayers who ultimately pay for the clean-up, dumping can attract expiation fees of \$210 for up to 50 litres and \$1,000 for 50 litres or more, with much larger penalties if prosecuted. Please dispose of unwanted items properly. On a much better note, an impressive 4.4 tonnes of e-waste was collected at the Tailem Bend Depo through Tech Collect, including 2,446kg of televisions, 1,254kg of IT equipment and 705kg of other e-waste, all diverted from landfill.

Finally, samples have been collected from the Lutze Road rubble pit for testing for potential future use, and construction is underway on 250 metres of new concrete footpath along the Princes Highway in Meningie, with the first pram ramp already completed.

Cheers Lisa 😊

COORONG Council News

Aug-Sept 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 mowing our community spaces including the Tintinara Airfield, repairing irrigation mains in Taillem Bend, installing drip irrigation around the Railway Tce car park in Taillem Bend, removing illegally dumped rubbish in various locations, removed stumps at the Meningie Oval, repaired rabbit scratchings at the Meningie Airfield, removed graffiti at the Salt Creek rest stop, planted trees in Meningie, repaired the pump to remove excess water in the Coonalpyn subway tunnel and tree and shrub pruning across the district.



Above: Tree planting in Meningie

2026/27 Unsealed Roads Program

This year's unsealed road program plans to deliver 47.2km of re-sheeting works. The program will cover works on Cantara Road, Deepwater Road, Taunta Hut Road, Yarindale Road, Nine Mile Road, Westbrook Road, Kielow Road, Two Wells Road, Moonee Hills Road, and Masons Lookout Road.

Re-sheeting works on Taunta Hut Road are expected to begin in early September followed by works on Cantara Road which is currently expected to begin in late October.

Meningie Footpath Expansion, Princes Highway

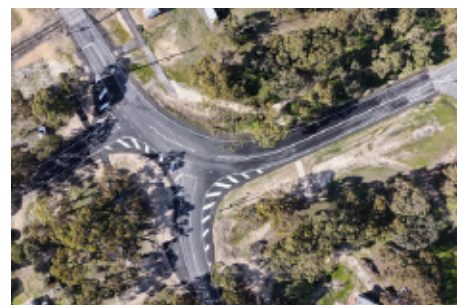
Residents of Meningie may have noticed some recent construction works underway along the Princes Highway. As part of Council's footpath expansion program, a 250-metre concrete footpath is being installed at the southern end of the town, with one pram ramp completed to date.



Above: First completed portion of the concrete footpath works, Meningie.

Fulwood Avenue, Tintinara Intersection Now Complete

The road realignment of the Fulwood Avenue and Northcott Terrace intersection in Tintinara is now completed. These works have significantly improved the safety and traffic flow through the intersection for both locals and larger freight vehicles.



Above: Completed seal and line marking of Fulwood Avenue, Tintinara, intersection

Taillem Bend Medical Centre Community Meeting

Over 100 residents attended a community meeting on 18 August to hear updates about the future of medical services in Taillem Bend. Council, the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network and the Coorong Health Advisory Council outlined the work underway to secure a replacement GP provider and reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining healthcare access and continuity of care for the community.

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Key Decisions

During the ordinary meeting held on 18 August 2026 Elected Members made a number of key decisions:

- Adopted the 2026/27 - 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan
- Granted a 21 year lease to the Tintinara Oval & Recreation Association Inc. (TORA) for the Tintinara Oval.
- Agreed to release draft asset management plans for the CWMS and Stormwater asset classes for public consultation in the coming weeks.
- Adopted the Infrastructure Damage & Reinstatement Policy and the Community Engagement Policy following a community engagement period that finished in early August.

Let's Talk..

Council has a few items open for community engagement at the moment. We would love for you to have your say on the following topics currently open for feedback:

Draft Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS) and Draft Stormwater Asset Management Plans

Council manages more than \$34 million of CWMS and stormwater infrastructure on behalf of the community.

The draft Asset Management Plans provide a roadmap for how these assets will be managed over the next ten years.

Council is now inviting community members to review the draft plans and provide feedback.

Sub-lease of railway land to the Tintinara Community Men's Shed

Council is proposing to sub-lease a portion of railway land located at 55 King's Road, Tintinara to the Tintinara Community Men's Shed. The sub-lease will formalise the Men's Shed occupation of railway land and clarify responsibilities. The sub-lease is now open for feedback.

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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;** The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Tailem Bend Hospital Inc will be held on Thursday 10th September at 1.30pm at the Tailem Bend Hotel. The monthly General Meeting will follow the AGM. All welcome to attend.
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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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- **8 BALL NIGHT;** Every Thursday at 6-8pm Swanport Hotel, Just \$5 - Join now - call the office on 8166 7577

FRIDAYS

- **TAILEM BEND COMMUNITY CENTRE – OUR GOLD-IES LUNCHEON;** *Join us for a social lunch and chat, from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. Two course meal from \$10.00 per person, subsidised by the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) for people over 65 years or 50 years Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, or \$15.00 for Non CHSP. Booking is essential, please call 8572 3513 or email chsp@tbcc.org.au for more information.*
- **Tailem Bend RSL SUB-BRANCH;** Open for meals every Friday. **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

Submitted by Ps. Gary Paynter: Church on the verandah.

When is Jesus coming back? The very question asked of the Lord by the disciples. And the topic of discussion ever since His ascension. Scholars, academics & theologians have been dating the event ever since & all have been false in their predictions.

Jesus said; *"I don't know the hour, only the Father does."* Matt 24:36. And if Jesus didn't know when asked, are we able to have any concept of the day\hour!

Trusting in God requires that we believe that eventually God will wipe away every tear and make all things right. *"Though he slay me, I will trust in Him..."* All those who call upon the Lord can trust not only in the unseen good behind unclear appearances (**"all things work together for good"**) but also in a future, where all will one day be clearly evident. We fight the *"good fight"* of faith, which is a worthy struggle that brings us to the blessing in Him. For now, may the Lord God keep us from such depth of mourning that leads to sickness, gloom and anguish!

1 Pet. 1:6-7. God works *"all things together for good,"* and since the exercise of faith is your good, John 6:28-40. *"Then they said to Him, What shall we do that we may work the works of god?"* "Jesus answered & said to them, this is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.

Isa. 55:8. *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD"*

"Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God"

Isa. 50:10. Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His servant? Who walks in darkness & fears no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord & rely upon his God.

I marvel at times on the faith of the blind venturing out in reliance of a white stick, a dog, & their own inability to find their way without guidance. We fight the *"good fight"* of faith, which is a worthy struggle that brings us to the blessing in Him. For now, may the Lord God keep us from such depth of mourning that leads to sickness, gloom and anguish!

Consider the birds of the air; they are alive in the moment, alive in the atmosphere of God's care. What a great blessing to let go of your fear; what sweet relief! Surrender to the truth of your helplessness; rejoice that you are *"poor in spirit,"* and discover that yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.

God promises to be with you to the end, leading you to the place where your heart will forever be satisfied in His love. It's not about you or me, it's all about God in us! I am reminded of the ten virgins in **Matt 25:1-13.** Five were wise & five were foolish. Let us not be so concerned with *"when"* but place our trust\faith in the Lord for our tomorrows & ensure the oil on our lamp is sufficient when we are called to the banquet

"Let your light shine" Matt 5:16.

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CHURCH CELEBRATES 100 YEARS IN TAILEM BEND

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

St Luke's Anglican Church in Tailem Bend celebrated the 100th anniversary of the laying of its foundation stone on Sunday, 9 August 2026, with parishioners, former members, clergy and visitors gathering for a special centenary service.

The milestone recognised a century of faith, worship and community service since the foundation stone was laid by Archdeacon Bussell on 8 August 1926. The present church opened the following year and has since become an important part of Tailem Bend's history. Following the commemorative service, guests gathered at the Riverside Hotel for a shared lunch, where memories, photographs and stories were exchanged. Former parishioners travelled from across South Australia to reconnect with friends and fellow worshippers.

Anglican worship had been established in Tailem Bend before the current building was constructed, supporting the growing railway and river community. Over the past century, St Luke's has been served by many dedicated clergy, including Rev Thomas Osmond Scrutton, Rev Eric William Philpott and Rev Wayne Edward Corker, alongside countless volunteers who helped sustain the parish through changing times.

Today, St Luke's continues its ministry as part of the Murraylands Pastoral District within the Diocese of The Murray. The centenary celebrated more than a historic building. It honoured the generations of people who have worshipped, worked and volunteered at St Luke's, while looking towards its future as a place of faith, friendship and community connection.

Read the full article at Murray Bridge News:

<https://www.murraybridge.news/st-lukes-anglican-church-members-celebrate-100-years-at-tailem-bend/>

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Uniting Church – Meningie

Guest Speaker – Cathy Smith Skylight Mental Health

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**Wednesday 2nd December
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Tailem Bend Town Hall.

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Jokes of the Month

When I was a kid I used to be afraid of the dark.
Now as I pay the electric bill, I am afraid of the lights.

By replacing your morning coffee with green tea, **you can use up to 87% of what little joy you still have left in your life.**

All of us older folks know all about living on the edge, **we used to answer the phone without knowing who it was.**



I bought a smart watch.
It now tells me I'm stressed, tired and haven't exercised enough.
I've never felt so judged by a piece of jewellery.

I love mornings. **I just wish they started later.**

I used to be indecisive.
Now I'm not so sure.

Quotes of the Month

*"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.
It's about learning to dance in the rain."*

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." — Thomas Edison

"I can resist everything except temptation." — Oscar Wilde

Poem of the Month -

Nothing Gold Can Stay By Robert Frost

Nature's first green is gold, Then leaf subsides to leaf.

Her hardest hue to hold. So Eden sank to grief,

Her early leaf's a flower; So dawn goes down to day.

But only so an hour. Nothing gold can stay.

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Let's Talk about....

Draft CWMS and Stormwater Asset Management Plans

Coorong District Council is seeking community feedback on its new Draft CWMS and Stormwater Asset Management Plans.

The draft Asset Management Plans provide a roadmap for how these assets will be managed over the next ten years. They help Council:

- Understand the condition and performance of assets
- Plan maintenance, renewal and replacement works
- Meet legislative and environmental requirements
- Deliver appropriate levels of service to the community
- Inform Council's Long Term Financial Plan
- Ensure infrastructure remains reliable, sustainable and affordable into the future

The plans aim to balance community expectations, asset performance, regulatory requirements and long-term financial sustainability.

Council is inviting community members to review and provide feedback on the draft plans.

Feedback closes at 8am on Friday, 2 October 2026

Feedback can be provided:

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