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The Bend Classic - Outstanding Weekend

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

Photos Peter Blacket of Wynarka. (Member Murraylands Community Photography Club)

The Bend Classic has once again proven itself as one of the region's standout events, attracting thousands of people to Shell V-Power Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend over the weekend.

Despite chilly weather, crowds turned out in force for three days of classic motorsport, country music, entertainment and family fun.

The event delivered plenty of action on and off the track, with historic and vintage racing, Nostalgia Drags, Hillclimb action and classic speedway demonstrations providing plenty for motorsport fans to enjoy.

But The Bend Classic is about much more than racing. Across the weekend, visitors could enjoy country music across three stages, camping across five precincts and a host of activities creating a real festival atmosphere.

Sam Shahin announced that *"The Bend Classic is fast becoming the Southern Hemispheres equivalent to the renowned Goodwood Festival of Speed in West Sussex, England."*

Friday night featured a rodeo under lights, with \$19,000 in prize money up for grabs, while Saturday's entertainment included country music performances from Australian favorites Lee Kernaghan and James Johnston. Food was also a major attraction, with a barbecue competition offering a \$20,000 prize pool and the chance to qualify for the 2027 world championships.

One of the weekend's more unusual challenges was an attempt to bring more than 800 people together for a mass line-dancing record. **(Numbers yet to be confirmed, but rumors have it at between 824 to 1,000 dancers)**



ABOVE: The Bend Classic's BIG STAGE, none stop, entertainment!



ABOVE: Day time Bend Classic Rodeo.

With two racetracks operating and entertainment continuing well into the evening, there was something happening almost everywhere visitors looked.

For locals, The Bend Classic has become much more than a motorsport meeting. It is now a major event on the Tailem Bend calendar, bringing visitors, families, competitors and entertainers from across the state and beyond.

The weather may have been on the chilly side, but it certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm.

Once again, The Bend Classic delivered a memorable weekend — and judging by the crowds and atmosphere, locals are already looking forward to seeing what comes next.

It just keeps getting better!

COVER: The Bend Classic Friday Night Rodeo under lights.

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Native Beauty at Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Article submitted by Kaye Bartlett.

A striking example of native plant adaptation can be found at Pangarinda Botanic Garden, where *Banksia undata* continues to thrive without supplementary watering.

Previously known as *Dryandra praemorsa*, the plant was renamed following the reclassification of all *Dryandra* species into the genus *Banksia*.

This 12-year-old shrub has grown to approximately two metres tall, producing bright yellow flowers in spring. Native to Western Australia, it originates from a higher-rainfall region stretching between Northam and Collie. Despite the difference in rainfall, the plant has established itself successfully at Pangarinda without additional watering.

Seedlings have also grown naturally around the parent plant. These have been transplanted to other areas of the garden, helping to establish more of this attractive species throughout the collection.

Maintaining Pangarinda's landscape also requires careful management of the surrounding vegetation. Paul Bartlett is pictured inspecting the next area scheduled for brush cutting. While some vegetation needs to be managed to maintain the garden, Veldt grass must be retained in selected areas to help stabilise the sandy soil and prevent sand drift.

This balance between plant management and soil conservation is an important part of caring for Pangarinda Botanic Garden and its unique landscape.



ABOVE: *Banksia undata*, formerly known as *Dryandra praemorsa*, produces bright yellow flowers in spring at Pangarinda Botanic Garden.



ABOVE: This 12-year-old, two-metre-high *Banksia undata* has grown at Pangarinda without supplementary watering, despite originating from a higher-rainfall region of Western Australia.



ABOVE: Paul Bartlett inspects the next area for brush cutting. Selected areas of Veldt grass are retained to help stabilise the sand and prevent sand drift.

When Ghanaian Rhythms Meet Mannum

Editorial and images courtesy of Zhen Pu.

Did you know Mannum is now home to a traditional King and Queen from Ghana?

King Stone and Queen Bezza are originally from Accra Ghana and now call Mannum home. King Stone & Queen Bezza are traditional leaders of the NUNGUA Ga tribe, belonging to the Borkwei-We clan. But behind their African royal titles are two down-to-earth people with warm hearts, big smiles and a great sense of humour.

Stone is an honest, hardworking man who works as a stone mason five days a week. He is always ready with a gentle smile, and Queen Bezza is just as warm, humble and full of fun. Spending time with them is a reminder that you don't need to be formal or fancy to make people feel welcome.

On Sunday, 11 October, I joined King Stone and Queen Bezza for an African Drumming and Dance Workshop in Adelaide, and what a day it was!

Around 30 people attended, with about 25 taking part in workshops led by Ghanaian musicians Tuza Afutu and Ezekiel "Ezi" Bortei, who are relatives of the King and Queen.

We immersed ourselves in traditional Ghanaian rhythms through djembe and Kpanlogo drumming and African dance. The room was buzzing with energy as music brought people together regardless of their backgrounds or experience.

And guess what? King Stone himself volunteered to be our Uber driver! Forget five-star service — we got TEN-STAR ROYAL SERVICE! Who needs a chauffeur when you have your very own King driving you around? Big smile, no royal fuss, just the best driver in town!

I also discovered an interesting connection through the colours we wore that day. King Stone was dressed in blue, while Tuza and Ezi wore green. King Stone explained that he belongs to the blue family in Ghana, while Tuza and Ezi belong to the green family. And guess what? By pure coincidence, I turned up wearing green too!



ABOVE: From left to right: King Stone, Queen Bezza, Ghanaian musician Ezekiel "Ezi" Bortei, and Zhen at the African Drumming and Dance Workshop in Adelaide.

Tuza and Ezi share a passion for introducing people to Ghanaian music and dance. Through workshops like this, they hope to build stronger connections between Ghana and South Australia, one beat at a time.

King Stone and Queen Bezza also hope to organise more regular workshops so people across South Australia can continue to experience Ghanaian culture through music and dance.

The day was full of rhythm, dancing, laughter and new discoveries. But what made it special was seeing how music could bring people from different cultures together so naturally.

King Stone and Queen Bezza are already helping build a cultural bridge between Ghana and South Australia, starting with music, dance and friendship. And here in Mannum, we already have Riverbeats Drumming bringing people together every Saturday.

With these connections growing, it's exciting to see Ghanaian rhythms and our local drumming community sharing a common beat. It's a wonderful reminder that cultural exchange doesn't have to happen on a grand stage — it can start with a few drums, a dance and people willing to share their culture with others.

And that's a beat worth keeping alive in Mannum!

Want to give African drumming a go without travelling to Adelaide? Riverbeats Drumming runs every Saturday in Mannum, with relaxed, welcoming sessions attracting people from Murray Bridge, Tailem Bend and beyond.

Sessions are currently \$15 each, with five sessions available for \$65 when booked upfront. All funds support the Cans For Kids Project.

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Proposed fee for Narrung Campground

Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal to introduce a **\$10 per site, per night** camping fee at the Narrung Campground.

Narrung Campground is currently free to use, with no formal booking or payment process.

Council is considering a \$10 per site, per night camping fee to help contribute towards a booking system and the ongoing operation and maintenance of the campground.

What do you think about the proposal? Have your say and help inform Council's decision.

View the draft precinct plans and signage, then have your say by:

- **Online** via the QR code or on Council's website
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Feedback closes 8am on Monday, 16 November 2026



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The Changing Face of Taillem Bend #168

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

**In this month's memories,
we look back at the stories of the bush women, Ron Truscott and his wife, Joan, and the lime kiln.**

A New era for the Bush Women

New Idea, 23/11/85

Grandmothers Elizabeth Hunt and Karin Field typify the women of the bush – tough, independent and feminine. They also portray the end of an era, as one of South Australia's historic sheep stations, Wilpena, reverts to bush. The South Australian Government has bought the 145 sq. km station from the Hunt family for \$600,000, and the property has been absorbed into the Flinders Ranges National Park.

Elizabeth Hunt is, in fact, a city girl, who came to the rugged blue ranges as a bride in her 20s, and this was a sad end to 43 'wonderful' years. But it also means an exciting new life with husband George, 76, in a charming 1870s cottage in Inverell, in northern NSW. In the midst of packing and the final shearing at the Wilpena station, Elizabeth remembered her determination to overcome isolation and make the old sandstone building – now 130 years old – a home. *"It took two days to travel up from Adelaide – it now takes about five hours,"* she said. *"It was so isolated, but I was so busy, learning to cope with a young family and a new home, I didn't have time to worry."*

Elizabeth quickly learned the treachery of the ranges' enticing peaks, both from bushfires and from people getting lost.



ABOVE: Shearers cook Karin Field lights the wood stove in the Wilpena quarters for the last time.



ABOVE: Elizabeth and George Hunt take a last look at Wilpena station.

She recalled the search for the 10-year-old brother of the current Premier, John Bannon. *"Two years later, we had a knock at the door. A hiker had discovered some human remains,"* she said. *"In this country, you've got to learn, if you are lost, stay where you are."*

Elizabeth's warning is timely advice for tourists who will wander around the property, used as a location for the movie Robbery Under Arms. The property has Aboriginal rock carvings and numerous historic buildings, including a wattle-and-daub hut used by explorer John McDouall Stuart on his overland walk to the coast. Wilpena station originally stretched over 2,330 sq. km, but was sliced up around the turn of the century. It once employed more than 40 shearers and had 71,000 sheep.

But when Orroroo grandmother Karin Field, 50, lit the ancient wood stove in the shearers' quarters for the last time, she had seven men to feed. Even so, Karin, one of only two women shearers in the state, said the job was a challenge.

"You know you've done well when you get a call from the contractor asking if you will be available for the next shed," she said. *"These boys are like another family to me, but this is definitely not a job for everyone. People are very friendly and the money is good, but you have to get up before dawn, seven days a week, finish after 7.30 pm, and there are no excuses if something is not ready."*

Karin, who migrated from Germany in 1951, has three children and two granddaughters. Husband Stephen is a high-ways department worker in SA's remote north.

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #168

Tailem Couple Hit the Road on Vintage Bike

M/V Standard, year 1988

Tailem Bend – Vintage motorcycle enthusiast Mr Ron Truscott and his wife, Joan, set out this morning on the longest road journey of their lives. Riding on an immaculately restored 1927 Norton sidecar outfit, the couple are travelling from Darwin to Canberra (via Adelaide) in the Australian Bicentennial Castrol World Rally.

Mr Truscott says he has been to most parts of Australia on the bike, which is the same age as he is, but this will be the Norton's longest journey since he bought it 15 years ago. 'And it'll probably be the longest trip for most of the 1,150 vehicles in the rally,' he said. He can't remember where he got the bike, because he had so many (mostly Nortons), because he bought it in pieces. It took him two years to put it together.

The 588cc overhead-valve engine will propel the outfit along at a comfortable cruising speed of 80–90 km/h, although Mr Truscott says he has 'opened it up' to 110 km/h. 'At that speed we can cruise at, we'll be the envy of some at the rally,' he said. For the technically minded, the Norton's engine has a whopping 120 mm stroke, with an exposed valve gear. Front suspension is Druids-type front forks (twin springs). The sidecar is based on a Goulding chassis, but with modern materials, duplicating the original body shape.

The bike was transported to Darwin, where that section of the rally started last Saturday. The Darwin and Perth contingents will merge at Pt Augusta on March 5th and spend two days in Adelaide before resuming on March 9th. The combined Darwin–Perth group is due in Murray Bridge at 10.30 am, where it will do a slow cruise through the town, according to Castrol's publicity manager, Mr John Sawczak.

He said the drivers and the riders would stop at Tailem Bend for lunch, and were expected to travel through Coonalpyn at 3.00 pm and through Tintinara about 3.30 pm. The remainder of the route will be via Bordertown, Bendigo, Ballarat, Beechworth and Tumut. Those starting the rally in SA will also leave on March 9th, but travel via the Barossa Valley, Waikerie, Renmark and Echuca. Vehicles are due in Canberra on either March 15th or 16th.



ABOVE: TAILEM BEND - Vintage motorcycle enthusiast Mr Ron Truscott and his wife, Joan, set out this morning on the longest road journey of their lives.

The Lime Kiln

Submitted by: Geraldine Dickson. Revised, 12-7-12

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A kiln existed in Tailem Bend as early as 1913. There is a possibility that one may have existed prior to this. The first known owners were Frank Miller and his son, Lloyd. In later years, it became "M&L Barrey's Lime Works."

During the time of the Millers' ownership, a spur line was built to connect with the main south rail line. The reason this was done was because the supply was an important source of raw material for the larger "Miller Lime Works" in Adelaide. It is not surprising that, with a large local supply, many of the early homes built in the town were a combination of lime and stone, with little or no cement. Many of the farmers would burn their own lime in self-made kilns in their paddocks.

Prior to its closure in 1964, Barrey's employed nine people. The staff was reduced to three after the company purchased an automatic crusher. However, the workforce did not indicate a reduction in production at that time, but simply a case of technological changes.

Quote for the Month

*"Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground."— Theodore Roosevelt.
The stories keep coming from the pens of the dynamic duo, Chief Editor Jo and Doris Connolly.*





Tailem Bend Lions Serving Our Community

Report submitted by Lions members Joyce Holmes.

Sponsorship

During the month of October the Lions Club of Tailem Bend have sponsored 14 people from Livit Disability Support Plus 6 carers to a day at the Monarto Safari Park, this day out has been a regular event over the last few years and is looked forward to with great anticipation. We also sponsored the last Blue Light Disco which was held in Tailem Bend and we will be sponsoring the next Blue Light disco which is to be held 2nd December. We are also a sponsor of the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade.

Coorong Council

It is pleasing to see our new Lions signage in place at the entrance to Tailem Bend. Thank you to the Coorong Council for their assistance in putting the signs up. We would also like to thank the Coorong Council for supplying the trees that have been planted around the perimeter of the Lions Den and would also like to thank the Coorong Council for their assistance with maintenance work around the den.

Needing New Members

If you are thinking of volunteering, please consider the Lions Club, monies raised in our area go back into the community. For further information contact President Doug on 0421 908 724. Come to a meeting to see what we do, and enjoy our hospitality, no obligation necessary.

Meetings are held regularly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month a 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. 2nd Tuesday is a Dinner meeting held at the Riverside Hotel and the 4th Tuesday is a Den meeting held at the Lions Den Trevena Road again with a 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. New members are needed so that we can continue the valuable work that we do in the community.

Den Sale

A Den Sale was again held on the 31st of October. We would like to thank the community for their support on these days

Kitchen Upgrade

Our Kitchen upgrade is now complete, and makes the area a much nicer space to work in.

Christmas Cakes and Raffle Tickets

We will be selling Christmas Cakes and Raffle Tickets and Honey starting mid November in front of Foodland again this year so look out for us and come and spare a few minutes to stop and chat.



ABOVE: Train that was used in the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade.

Item for sale

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Request for Assistance

If your organization would like assistance, please contact the Lions Club. All applications must be received either by email or mail direct to the Lions Club. Lions Club email is tailembendlions@mail.com or by post to Lions Club of Tailem Bend, PO Box 141, Tailem Bend SA 5260

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2026

About us

Established in 1987, The Taillem Bend Community Centre provides community connections, social support, evidenced based education, and transport for children, families, individuals, and aged care participants across the Murraylands.

Vision statement

The Taillem Bend Community Centre Incorporated will be a self-sustaining enterprise that supports the diverse needs of Murraylands communities.

Our Plan

TBCC is a respected volunteer driven organisation. We are proud of what has been achieved with the help of our committed workforce, efficient leadership, and shared ambition. Our connection to Murraylands communities is strong, we are aware of ever changing needs and challenges and excited by future opportunities.

We will continue to strive for excellence in the next four years, by 2026 we will have reinforced our position as a trusted provider of exemplary, evidence-driven wellbeing and social services. We will be using our best practice influence to drive exceptional, inclusive community services.

Core Values

- Embrace an environment of ethical, equality, empathy, engagement and encouragement - Practice respectful values at all times.
- Contribute to honesty, integrity, and innovation - influence a trusted culture and continuous improvement.
- Support social, cultural and diversity inclusivity - increase participation, cultural awareness, and improve communication.
- Provide professional programs and positive partnerships - collaboratively work as a united team with a 'make it happen' attitude.
- Sustain, safety and security - display a commitment to a safe, confidential environment and strategic independence.



Key Objectives

1

Assist people at risk of social or financial or social disadvantage, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, those living in rural and remote communities, people living with disability or mental illness, newly arrived migrants, older adults, and others disadvantaged by various economic, cultural, social or educational factors.

2

Support for the relief of poverty and distress through the provision of material assistance and the delivery of support services; food and financial assistance referrals.

3

Reduce social isolation for people of all ages by fostering an inclusive environment, for people of all cultural orientations. Encouraging participants to freely express who they are, their own opinions and points of view, fully participate in teaching, learning, work, and social activities within the Centre.

4

Identify new initiatives, maintain existing community development programs, to respond to emerging perceived community needs.

5

Promote and encourage social benefits of volunteering, connections, genuine integration partnerships (with other groups whose objectives are like those of the Centre), to create stronger communities and regional collaboration.

6

Execute an operational excellence framework focusing on efficiencies, productivity, sustainability, social enterprise and continuous improvement.

This document should be used in conjunction with TBCC Annual Business plan which is a live document that will be updated to include changes made in response to community needs.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION



2026-2030

Review the current plan and tell us...

DO THESE PRIORITIES REPRESENT YOUR VIEWS?

- What should continue?
- What could improve?
- What should TBCC focus on next?
- If you think differently, we especially want to hear from you.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Please Tell us:

- ✓ What from the current plan should continue or change
- ✓ What TBCC does well and what we should improve
- ✓ Which services should be prioritised
- ✓ What new programs or partnerships we should explore
- ✓ What TBCC should be known for by 2030
- ✓ What issues we should advocate for on behalf of our communities

Scan the QR code to complete the survey

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/nZ3SHx6qjt>

22 Questions 5-10 minutes to complete

WHAT WE ARE HEARING SO FAR

EMERGING PRIORITIES:

- Cost-of-living pressures
- Access to healthcare
- Transport access
- Support for older people
- Mental health and wellbeing



Survey feedback received to date shows strong support for community transport and supporting older people, alongside growing concern about cost-of-living pressures and access to services.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU



We will share the consultation results and key themes with the community once the survey is complete.



Responses are requested by 1 December 2026 so the Strategic Plan can be finalised and published 1 January 2027.

Your voice matters

**YOUR COMMUNITY.
YOUR PRIORITIES.
YOUR STRATEGIC PLAN.**



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Topic 5

Introduction to Email

Build essential communication skills.

- Fri 16 Oct — Tailem Bend, 10:30am
- Tue 20 Oct — Coonalpyn, 10:30am
- Tue 20 Oct — Tintinara, 2pm
- Wed 21 Oct — Coomandook, 10:30am
- Wed 21 Oct — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 6

Government Services Online

Access essential digital government services independently.

- Tue 27 Oct — Coonalpyn, 10:30am
- Tue 27 Oct — Tintinara, 2pm
- Fri 30 Oct — Tailem Bend, 10:30am
- Wed 4 Nov — Coomandook, 10:30am
- Wed 4 Nov — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 7

Introduction to Mobile & Online Banking

Build financial confidence and digital independence.

- Tue 10 Nov — Coonalpyn, 10:30am
- Tue 10 Nov — Tintinara, 2pm
- Fri 13 Nov — Tailem Bend, 10:30am
- Wed 18 Nov — Coomandook, 10:30am
- Wed 18 Nov — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 8

Social Media & Video Calling Essentials

Safely and confidently use video calls and social media to maintain connections and access services.

- Tue 24 Nov — Coonalpyn, 10:30am
- Tue 24 Nov — Tintinara, 2pm
- Fri 27 Nov — Tailem Bend, 10:30am
- Wed 2 Dec — Coomandook, 10:30am
- Wed 2 Dec — Meningie, 2pm

Community Spirit at the Bunnings BBQ

Editorial by Jo – Editor, Taillem Topics & Taillem Bend Progress Association Member.

The Taillem Bend Progress Association hosted a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday, 18 October, and it was a fantastic success!

It was wonderful to see the community come together to support the Progress Association. A big thank you to everyone who stopped by to purchase a sausage or generously volunteered their time to help make the day run smoothly.

Fundraisers like these play an important role in helping the Progress Association continue its work in the community. The funds raised support the association's activities and events throughout the year, including the much-loved Taillem Bend Christmas Parade.



ABOVE: From left to right: Leann McLean, Michael Holiday, Jo McGrath, MP Jason Virgo, Rachael Hawkes and Lyn McDonald.

I also had the pleasure of working alongside MP Jason Virgo during my shift. It was lovely to see him getting involved and showing his support for the Progress Association and its work in our community. As a member of the Progress Association, I'm grateful for the generosity and community spirit shown by everyone involved. It's through the support of local residents, volunteers and businesses that we can continue to organise events and initiatives that bring Taillem Bend together.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to making the BBQ such a successful day. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps the Progress Association continue its work for the benefit of our community.

Tailem Bend Christmas Parade Returns – Made by Community, for Community

Article by Jessica Howe, on behalf of the Tailem Bend Progress Association.

On Saturday 12th December, Railway Terrace and Main Street will once again come alive for the annual Tailem Bend Christmas Parade. Festivities begin at 4:30pm, and the parade starts at 6pm.

This year's event is shaping up to be our best yet, with more food choices than ever before and a fantastic line-up of market stalls you haven't seen before, so come hungry and ready to do some Christmas shopping! There will also be a visit from Santa, a petting zoo, face painting, a jumping castle, balloons and live music, all leading up to the parade itself as it makes its way down the main street.

Calling all floats!

The parade wouldn't be the parade without our wonderful floats, and we want yours! We've already received some great applications that we can't wait for everyone to see, but there's still room for more. Whether you're a business, club, school, community group or just a bunch of friends with a creative idea, get involved and have some fun! Float entries can be submitted here:

<https://forms.gle/9tgQMjA2d9LUzmmG6>

[www.tailembendprogress.com.au/
christmas-parade/](http://www.tailembendprogress.com.au/christmas-parade/)

What many people may not realise is that the Christmas Parade is run entirely by volunteers from the Tailem Bend Progress Association. We're a small group of locals who simply love our town and want to see it thrive. Every stall booked, every sponsor approached, every permit lodged and every float organised is done by volunteers in their own time. Many of us juggle this alongside our jobs, businesses and families, because we believe Tailem Bend deserves events it can be proud of. This year we've also been lucky to welcome some new members to our team. They've brought fresh ideas, helped us modernise many of our processes, and have been a wonderful group of people to get to know.



ABOVE: The Tailem Bend Christmas Parade 2025.



ABOVE: Santa's stage at The Tailem Bend Christmas Parade 2025.

To our new members, thank you for jumping in and making such a difference in 2026. Events like this do not fund themselves. Throughout the year, the Progress Association works hard to raise the money needed to make the parade happen. This year that included our Halloween Cabaret on October 31st, along with Bunnings sausage sizzles and other fundraising efforts. A special shout-out goes to the many locals and businesses who generously donated their time, money and prizes for the cabaret. Your support made the night possible, and we're so grateful. Every ticket sold, raffle entered and sausage bought goes straight back into community events like this one.

We are also incredibly grateful to the local businesses who have come on board as sponsors. Their generosity is what allows us to keep the parade free for everyone to enjoy.

A huge thank you to our platinum & gold sponsors, Thomas Foods International, Riverside Hotel, Rivercity Mechanical, Glow Heating Cooling Electrical, Longridge Olives, Tailem Bend Lions, Vena Energy, Tailem Bend Pharmacy, Efficient Solar & Battery, Tailem Bend Rotary and Zadow Electrical.

Thank you also to our silver and bronze sponsors and supporters, Badem Construction, MM Electrical, Tailem Bend Trading Post, Doecke Electrical, Jim's Mowing Murray Bridge West, Hills & Country Painting, Murray Bridge Septic Solutions, Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village, Jason Virgo MP - Member for MacKillop, and Anderz Property Maintenance.

Last year an estimated 6,000–8,000 people lined our streets, and we would love to see that again this year. So, bring the family, bring your friends, and come and celebrate the season with us. And if you would like to get involved behind the scenes, we'd love to hear from you. Whether it's lending a hand on the night or joining the Progress Association, many hands make light work.

Together we can keep great things
happening in Tailem Bend.

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

The 2026 Murray Bridge Show, held on Saturday, September 26, 2026, was another outstanding celebration of everything that makes a country show special.

Despite unpredictable weather, the crowds came out in force, with attendance again very similar to last year. Cars filled the streets around the showgrounds; the crowds enjoyed their favourite show food, while free parking proved a popular bonus.

There was something for everyone — rides, showbags, food, entertainment, trade displays, livestock, pavilion competitions, motorcycles and the ever-popular Murray Bridge News Bunyip Trail, which once again had children and families travelling from stand to stand collecting their gifts and enjoying the day together.

The livestock sections showcased the region's agricultural tradition, with Billabong Farms of Woods Point taking out the 2026 Grand Champion dairy cattle honour.

One of the show's highlights was the annual photography competition, convened by Glenn Power, judged by Peter Blacket with assistance setting up from Julie Moulds and Chris Elliott. **(All members of the Murray Bridge Community Photography Club)**

This year's Murray Bridge A&H Society Inc's Grand Champion Photography Exhibit went to 15-year-old Lucia Gray from Ironbark in the Adelaide Hills.



ABOVE: Grand Champion - Photography went to 15-year-old Lucia Gray of Ironbark.



ABOVE: 2026 Murray Bridge A&H Society Inc's Grand Champions - Dairy Cattle went to Billabong Farms of Woods Point. Photo by Mason Mirabito of Mannum.



ABOVE: Photos by Mason Mirabito of Mannum.

Lucia's monochrome photograph was exceptional. It wasn't simply a technically impressive image — it told a story. Strong composition, atmosphere and mood drew the viewer into the photograph and left you wondering about the moment behind the image.

"The Murray Bridge Show is wonderful, my dad and I have had a great time - it's a top day - we'll be back again next year," Lucia said.

Murray Bridge Community Photography Club members, including Bill Simounds of Avoca Dell and Mason Mirabito of Mannum, also roamed the showgrounds, capturing the people, animals and action throughout the day.

As the Ken Wells Pavilion slowly emptied and exhibitors began packing away their displays, it was a strong reminder of just how much work goes on behind the scenes. Volunteers, exhibitors, families and the show committee all played their part.

That is the magic of a country show — the whole community coming together and making something special happen.

**Murray Bridge News Bunyip Trail Photobook images available at the following link; <https://www.murraybridge.news/social-photos-murray-bridge-show-2026/>*

Murraylands Medical Centre Closes, leaving Tailem Bend without a GP clinic

Editorial by Peri Strathearn – This story is free to read.

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Federal Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler is being asked to step in to allow a service to continue in the town. Tailem Bend's only GP clinic has closed its doors, leaving the town of 1700 people without regular access to a doctor.

The owners of the Murraylands Medical Centre had flagged their intention to close back in July, citing problems with staff recruitment and financial sustainability.

Despite their best efforts, the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network, local health advisory council and Coorong council were unable to find a new provider to take over the service. So, on Wednesday afternoon, the last patients left their appointments and the doctors packed their things.

There were silver linings, however, the council advised:

- *Allied health service providers will be able to keep taking appointments at the medical centre*
- *Emergency health care at the Tailem Bend hospital will be provided by GPs from Bridge Clinic in Murray Bridge via video link*
- *Aged care residents at the hospital will be supported by GPs from the Mallee Medical Practice and Renmark Medical Clinic, up to 200 kilometres away*

Going forward, the LHN will continue its efforts to secure an exemption which would allow it to employ doctors itself – something barred by legislation except in the most desperate circumstances.

That decision will be up to federal Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler. In a video posted to social media on Wednesday, acting Coorong Mayor Jonathan Pietzsch called on locals to make their case to the minister in writing.

“The exemption that would enable the local health network to provide doctors out of this building is sitting on his desk, and instead of signing off on it, he’s written back and asked for doctors out of Murray Bridge to give their approval,”

Cr Pietzsch said.

“We don’t think that’s right.

“It’s really important that you write a letter to him to help support our action on this, to ask that this Medicare exemption is approved immediately.”

Meanwhile, the Country SA Primary Health Network – a state body – has launched new research which will aim to identify a sustainable model for health care in regional South Australia, and the Coorong district in particular.

Public workshops will be held in association with that effort in the coming weeks. The Murraylands Medical Centre had previously closed in June 2025, during a disagreement over \$150,000 worth of unpaid rent, but its owners struck a deal which allowed it to reopen the following week. That deal involved wiping the clinic’s debt and offering rent at a reduced rate, according to the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network.

Murray Bridge News has sought comment from Minister Butler, and will share more information as it becomes available.

- Write to Mark Butler: Email minister.butler@health.gov.au.
- Read more: “Fight like hell” at Murray Bridge News.



ABOVE: Scott Reardon and Jonathan Pietzsch lament the closure of Tailem Bend's GP clinic. Image Coorong District Council.

Tailem Bend Lifeline Shop Needs Volunteers!

Editorial and images by Sarah Eccles-Smith - Retail and Marketing Manager.

The Tailem Bend Lifeline Shop is calling on the local community, urgently needing more volunteers. The Lifeline shop plays an important role in Tailem Bend. It offers affordable clothing, household goods and other treasures, gives donated items a second life, and raises vital funds for Lifeline South East. None of this is possible without volunteers, and right now, it needs more helping hands.

Volunteers are at the heart of Lifeline stores. They prepare donations, create displays, stock racks, serve customers and work behind the counter. Just as importantly, they bring warmth, conversation and community spirit to the shop each day.

You do not need retail experience to volunteer with Lifeline. All you need is a little time and a willingness to help.

There are roles to suit many interests and strengths. You might enjoy talking with customers, styling displays, spotting fashion finds, sorting donations or helping behind the scenes. Whatever you are good at, there is likely a place for you at Lifeline.

It's more than just volunteering; joining the team offers plenty of benefits. Volunteering is a great way to meet people, make friends and stay connected with the community. It can add routine and purpose to your week, build confidence, keep you active, and help you learn new skills or use those you already have. Another perk is that all Lifeline South East retail volunteers receive 50% off clothing purchases.

If you are considering returning to work, volunteering can also provide recent experience in a real retail setting. You can develop skills in customer service, teamwork, communication, merchandising, stock preparation and daily retail operations.

Lifeline South East is also an approved volunteering provider for people aged 55 or over who receive an eligible Centrelink payment and have participation requirements. Eligible participants may be able to complete approved voluntary work with Lifeline as part of those requirements. Please confirm your individual circumstances with Centrelink or your employment services provider.

Like many regional organisations, recruiting volunteers can be very challenging. A strong volunteer team is essential to the Tailem Bend shop. More volunteers means sharing the workload, keeping the shop stocked and welcoming, processing generous donations, and giving customers a great experience.



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Lifeline Shop coordinator Tracey is encouraging community support as the shop seeks new volunteers to help keep this valuable local service running.

Most importantly, a reliable team helps Lifeline South East keep the doors open and continue serving Tailem Bend. Just one day a week can help us make a difference.

Volunteering can be deeply rewarding. You might see a donated item find a new home, help someone discover a bargain, share a laugh with another volunteer, or simply know your time has contributed to a greater purpose.

When you volunteer with Lifeline, you do more than help in an op shop. You support charitable reuse, make affordable goods available locally, reduce waste, and help raise funds for Lifeline's work.

Whether you are retired, semi-retired, looking for work, new to the area, hoping to meet people, or simply have a few spare hours to spend on something meaningful, we would love to hear from you.

Visit the Tailem Bend Lifeline Shop and speak with our coordinator, or contact Lifeline South East on 08 8723 2299 or admin@lifelineses.com.au to learn more.

**Give a little time.
Make a big difference.**

Tailem Bend Lifeline needs volunteers, and we would love you to join us.

Tailem Bend Community Library

New Books November 2026

ADULT FICTION

CLEEVES, Ann: The Dying Light - Mystery
CLIPSTON, Amy: The Lighthouse at the Cove - Romance
DONOVAN, Kerry J: On the Brink – Ryan Kaine Series
FRANCIS, Felix: The Chase – A Dick Francis Novel
HAMMER, Chris: Full Circle - Thriller
HICKEY, Margaret: Cold River – Australian Crime
MATTHEWS, Amy: The Treasure House – Romance
MCINERNEY, Monica: When Sullivan Met Lola – Australian Fiction
MICHAELS, Fern: The Boat House – Twin Lights Series
MORIARTY, Liane: Big Little Truths – Big Little Lies Sequel
PICOULT, Jodi: Hollow Bones – Emotional Fiction
ROBOTHAM, Michael: Tell Me Something True – Australian Mystery
SEARES, Mike: Deep Steal – John Mc-Cready Thriller
STRINGER, Tricia: The Paradise Resort – Australian Fiction
TAYLOR, Lulu: The Forever Summer – Historical Fiction
TIFFANY, Carrie: The Lady with the Dog – Australian Fiction
WARRELL, Lindy: Call Me Marigold – Author Short Stories
WILLIAMS, Pip: The German Ward – WW1 Fiction

MONDAY MEMORIES

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

**Monday, 30th November
2026**

10 am start.

**Come along and reminisce
about the days gone by.**

All welcome

Phone 8572 3275 for more information.



BOOK REVIEW

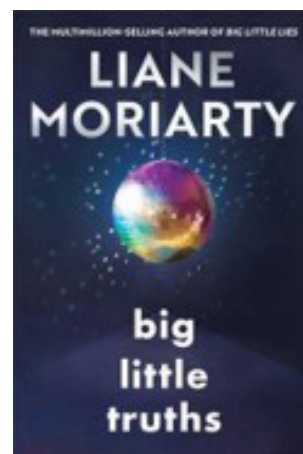
Big Little Truths By: Liane Moriarty

The last time we saw the women of Big Little Lies—Madeline, Celeste, Jane, Renata, and Bonnie—their children were five years old.

If someone wasn't invited to a child's birthday party, feelings were hurt. But ten years have passed, and the kids are now in high school, with all of the drama that accompanies teendom (**goodbye playdates, hello drugs, sex, and alcohol**).

Now, after the principal of the high school receives a severed human finger in the mail, the parents are in an uproar. But Madeline, Celeste, Jane, Renata, and Bonnie have other things to worry about. Celeste's mother-in-law, Mary Louise, is behaving oddly—is it old-age forgetfulness and forthrightness, or something more sinister? Madeline is facing perhaps the biggest challenge of her life, Jane is at a dangerous fork in her marriage, Bonnie has realized there's only so much solace in yoga. And Renata? Renata is living her best life—revenge is sweet.

When a strange man begins lurking around the school asking supposedly innocent questions, this tightly connected group of women must finally face the full repercussions of the big little truths they have and haven't shared with their kids. Because the stakes are now much higher than not being invited to an ice-skating show—and the ice has never been thinner for any of them.



Submitted by Angie Tomkinson.

Tailem Bend Bowling Club

Editorial by Steven Gordge - Secretary, Tailem Bend Bowling Club.

The 2026/27 bowling season is now upon us.

The ladies have completed 4 rounds of games and the men's sides 2 rounds. All have been with mixed successes. Hopefully things will improve with players coming back into the fold to strengthen all sides.

Commencing on Wednesday 4/11/26 we will be holding a 4 week night owls competition. This will be starting at 7.00 pm with will be teams of 3 players with all playing together. The kitties will be sighted by Bowling Club members and they will assist teams whilst playing. There will two games of about 6 ends, depending on time restraints.

The cost is \$5.00 per person and there will be a supper supplied to the players after the games are completed. There is bowls available for players to use

If this competition is successful the Club will assess it and see if it is possible to do the same in February 2027, but there will be more to come on that.

Hope to see as many persons there as possible. Each night will be a different competitions so if you miss the first week, come and have a go the following Wednesday nights.

The Clubhouse is open on Thursday from about 3.30 so if you are interested in playing or have any queries please do not hesitate to come and see somebody.



COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

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On 21 Sept 2026, we were delighted to welcome Scott Reardon as our new CEO. All Elected Members (EMs) look forward to working with him to build a positive future for the Coorong district.

With the departure of local doctors, securing ongoing GP services in Tailem Bend remains a high priority for Council. A/Mayor Jonathan Pietzsch has been actively advocating for a solution, writing to the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing and following this up with a very positive meeting with the Minister's staff while in Canberra on a self-funded trip last week. His efforts focused on expediting a Section 19(2) exemption to enable an alternative GP service to operate in Tailem Bend. Pleasingly, the Minister has now granted approval for the exemption, which is a big step forward for our community. The formal paperwork is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete, after which further time will be needed to re-establish the medical practice and make it operational. While services will not resume immediately, this is very welcome news and an important step towards restoring local GP services in Tailem Bend.

Weed control continues to be a challenge across the district, with a wetter-than-average season and herbicide resistance adding to the problem. Council is responding with additional mowing, brush cutting and targeted spraying. Bridal creeper, a highly invasive weed, is also being monitored, with biological controls including rust fungus and leafhoppers being introduced. Council will continue monitoring known infestations and undertaking spot spraying where required.

During 2025/26, Council staff spent approximately 270 hours on Little Corella management, monitoring and clean-up. A dedicated budget allocation has been established for 2026/27 to better monitor and manage the resources and expenditure associated with these activities.

The Coonalpyn Pool and Caravan Park Committee held its AGM in September 2026. Congratulations to the newly elected committee: Vicki Jacobs (Chairperson and Roster Coordinator), Marcia Camac (Vice Chair and Carnival Roster Coordinator), Tamsin Rowntree (Secretary), Cass Lutz (Treasurer), Chris Bishop (Canteen Manager), and Katie Dow (Carnival Coordinator). A big thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to keep this wonderful community facility running. The pool will open on 31 October 2026!

Council's graders are currently working in the Malinong area (Meningie grader), Peake area (Tailem Bend grader), and

Richardson and Todd Roads (Coonalpyn grader), with works expected to continue in these locations for approx. 1–3 wks.

Recent traffic counts recorded an average of 26 vehicle movements per day on Pascoe Road (48% heavy vehicles), 5 on Jaeschke Road (39% heavy vehicles) and 31 on Venning Road (8% heavy vehicles). These figures provide valuable information to assist Council with road maintenance planning and priorities.

Council staff have been busy across the district with mowing, slashing and general maintenance in Tailem Bend, Sherlock, Tintinara, Culburra, Coonalpyn, Yumali and Meningie. Tasks have included new community signage on the Princes Highway, fire prevention slashing, public toilet repairs, BBQ maintenance at Hunter Park and Wellington East, and preparations for the upcoming swimming season at the Coonalpyn Soldiers Memorial Swimming Pool.

Infrastructure improvements include new Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) pumps at Wellington East, a SCADA system upgrade in Meningie, progress on the Cooke Plains standpipe installation and relocation of the Tailem Bend RV dump point to the Tailem Bend Oval.

Council is monitoring proposed State Government reforms to short-term rental accommodation, including Airbnb, which could impact planning, compliance and enforcement responsibilities for regional councils.

Plans are progressing for the Meningie Community Library upgrade as part of the State Government's \$10.9 million redevelopment of Meningie AS. Council has received a draft funding agreement outlining its contribution of \$867,579 (ex GST), spread over three financial years from 2026/27 to 2028/29. This funding has been incorporated into Council's budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

Council continues to monitor the H5 Bird Flu situation. Importantly, there is no evidence of infection in poultry or the broader agricultural industry. Residents are advised to report suspected cases to the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888**.

Council is looking to introduce a \$10 per night, per site camping fee at Narrung Campground, which currently operates as a free facility. The proposed fee would help cover maintenance costs and the introduction of a booking system. This matter will now go out for public consultation before Council makes a final decision. Cheers Lisa 😊

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Welcome to this month's Council update

Around the District

There's been plenty happening across our district this month, with Council teams out and about delivering programs, events, projects and important works in our communities.

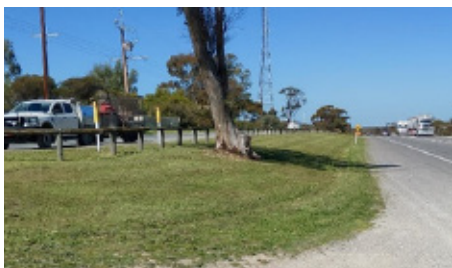
It's been another busy month for our **Community Facilities** team, working across the district to keep our townships, parks and community spaces maintained and ready for everyone to enjoy.

Recent works have included BBQ inspections and cleaning in Meningie and Wellington East, slashing around Tintinara and Culburra, mowing and general maintenance in Meningie, Yumali, Sherlock and Tailem Bend, and weed control in Tailem Bend.



Above: Preparing the Coonalpyn Swimming Pool for the swimming season.

The team has also completed plumbing repairs at the Tailem Bend public toilets, installed community group signage on the Princes Highway at Tailem Bend and begun preparing the Coonalpyn Soldiers Memorial Swimming Pool for the upcoming swimming season.



Above: Mowing and whipper snipping completed at the Yumali township.

Tintinara War Memorial Hall Amenity Upgrade

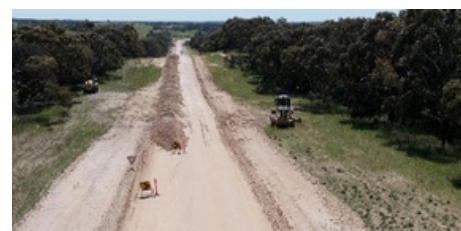
Work is progressing to improve the amenities at the Tintinara War Memorial Hall, which will ensure this valued community facility continues to meet local needs. Demolition and structural works are now complete, with plumbing works underway.



Above: Demolition works completed & plumbing trenching commenced at Tintinara War Memorial Hall

Unsealed Roads Program

Work is continuing to improve unsealed roads across the district, with re-sheeting on Taunta Hut Road progressing towards the Council boundary. Material is being sourced from Safari Road pit to support the remaining works, with around 2km of Taunta Hut Road left to complete.



Above: Re-sheet operations on Taunta Hut Road.

Tailem Bend RV dump point relocated

The Tailem Bend RV Dump Point has moved to the Tailem Bend Football Club grounds, with access now via Granites Road, providing a convenient location for RV and caravan travellers as they travel through town.



Above: Tailem Bend RV dump point has been relocated to the Tailem Bend Oval.

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Key Decisions

During the ordinary meeting held on 20 October 2026 Elected Members made a number of key decisions:

- Advocacy regarding access to primary healthcare services in Tailm Bend will continue to be supported.
- Authorised a funding agreement for the Meningie Area School Community Library project, with Council contributing up to \$867,579 over three financial years.
- Council agreed to consult on a proposed \$10 per site, per night camping fee at the Narrung Campground.
- A request will be made to DIT to reduce the speed limit on Yumali Road, Meningie (from Dehy Road to Princes Highway) from 80km/h to 50km/h.
- The Council offices and works depots will close from 12 noon on Thursday 24 December 2026 and reopen on Monday 4 January 2027 over the Christmas and New Year period.



Coonalpyn Pool Season opens on 31 October 2026

The Coonalpyn Swimming Pool 2026/27 season opens on Saturday, 31st October 2026.

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

Planning a swim?

During the pool season, opening hours are:

Monday to Friday

7am – 9:30am: Morning personal fitness and lap swimming

4pm – 6pm: General swimming

Weekends, school holidays and public holidays

2 pm – 6pm*

* Don't forget: the pool is closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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

More information at:

coorong.sa.gov.au/coonalpynpool

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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

- **ULYSSES LOWER MURRAY MOTORBIKE CLUB;** A club for motorbike riders over 40 years. If you enjoy riding motorbikes and social gatherings with other motorbike enthusiasts, this is the club for you. It's a great social group : lots of fun. We have rides on Sundays and Thursdays. Come and join in the fun. **For more information call Terry on 0401 320 665**
- **PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE;** Cuddle.. Commu-nicate.. Connect... Using songs, rhymes and stories to support connection between child and parent. 9:30am – 10:15am at the Tailem Bend Primary School.
- **YOGA AT THE JERVOIS HALL;** Every Thursday at 9am during school terms. Just \$15.00 - All welcome, bring your mat with you.
- **8 BALL NIGHT;** Every Thursday at 6-8pm Swanport Hotel, Just \$5 - Join now - call the office on 8166 7577

FRIDAYS

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

Submitted by Pastor Garry Leech – Revival City Church, Tailem Bend.

What would it take to enjoy the rest of your life - not to "just" make it through, but to truly ENJOY LIFE!

What changes do we need to make?

Who do we need around us?

Most people don't enjoy life; we endure it; We think if we could change our situation, get rid of our problems, then life would be great!

"Happiness" comes from the word "happenstance" where we get the word "circumstance" - it depends on happenings.

Joy is internal - happiness is external

The apostle Paul said in Philippians 1:18, *"I rejoice and continue to rejoice."*

He said this despite being shipwrecked, stranded on an island, bitten by a snake, waiting out a winter there, he then continues to Rome, lands in prison to await a trial to be executed.

How could Paul still have the attitude of Joy in his life with all that going on?

Paul had a perspective to live from.

I have discovered that my problem is not my problem. My perspective of my problem is my problem.

Perspective is the way we see things, our point of view, the angle or outlook we have.

Our perspective can make all the difference with what we may be going through.

Paul said in Philippians 1:12 *"I want you to know brothers and sisters, everything that's happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News."*

Paul kept his eyes on God. He lived with a perspective of God being at work in his life and it affected the way he lived. He rejoiced because God was with him, speaking to him, working through him – even in the tough stuff!

Could it be that God has a purpose behind every problem we have?

When we have this perspective, we are on our way to joyful living.

Friend, God has a purpose behind all our problems. He will not let what you are going through be of no value. God has a purpose in all the things we face.

Whatever you are facing today – talk to God about it and ask Him to give you, His perspective. It may just change the way you see things.

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RSL REMEMBRANCE DAY

Submitted by Sandy Przibilla.

The Taillem Bend RSL Remembrance Day,
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REJOICE!, I SAY AGAIN, REJOICE!

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

While watching documentaries on the Roman and Greek Empires, I realised that I was seeing the places where St Paul had established the early Christian communities such as Ephesus and Philippi.

St Paul established Christian congregations across a large area around the Mediterranean through Syria, Turkey, Greece to Rome itself where he was put into prison because of his faith.

Paul was confronted by Jesus on the road to Damascus, (Acts 9). and he then began preaching the Gospel with as much zeal as he had opposed it.

Paul was imprisoned more than once and suffered for his faith in Christ, just as Jesus had told Ananias. (Acts 9 v. 16). However, Paul was not discouraged by imprisonment.

He wrote letters to the congregations he had established showing his joy in being a believer in Christ. In fact he told the church at Philippi, 'I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the Gospel. As a result it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone that I am in chains for Christ.' (Philippians 1 v. 12). He rejoiced in the fact that his circumstances meant that the gospel was being preached. Much as news topics are discussed today.

Paul had no fear of the death sentence he was facing. To him his suffering was sharing in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

He urged his churches to 'stand together, firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the Gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you'. (Phil 1v 27-28).

We also must stand firm in our faith when faced with adversity. And

Anything we suffer on earth we can endure with a firm faith in Christ. He is with us always.

St Paul wrote to Timothy telling him of the life he had led; 'faith, patience, love, endurance, persecution, suffering..... yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus, will be persecuted.

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Disco - Taillem Bend Town Hall.**

**May God be with you in all you do.
Trust in the Lord always.**

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*"I am reading a book about anti-gravity -
It's impossible to put down"*

submitted by Lyn Gooddard.



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“Smiling brightens your face and lights up a room.”

submitted by Lyn Gooddard.

"It's not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It's our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless" **by L. R. Knost.**

Poem of the Month - Strength in Careers

*In the world of careers, strength is a vital force,
Navigating challenges, staying on course.
A journey of growth, where dreams take flight,
With tenacity as our guiding light.
In pursuit of success, we break through the glass,
Pushing boundaries, overcoming obstacles en masse.*

*Resilience fuels our ambition, providing
the drive,
To excel in our fields, where we thrive.
With determination as our ally,
We conquer failures, learning from
each try.
Strength propels us forward, against
the odds,
Defying limitations, we move forward
with a nod.*

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