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TB Under 18 Eagles Claim Three Premierships

Editorial and images supplied by Jodie Jarvis.

The Tailem Bend Under 18 Eagles have achieved an incredible milestone, securing their third consecutive premiership and completing a remarkable three-peat across 2024, 2025 and 2026.

After another outstanding season, the young Eagles produced an impressive Grand Final performance to claim the 2026 flag and continue a period of remarkable success for the Tailem Bend Football Club.

Under the guidance of coach Alfie Gollan, the team has continued to build on its strong foundations, with the players demonstrating the qualities needed to succeed both on and off the field. Talent, resilience, commitment, selflessness and belief in one another have been central to the team's success. The latest premiership adds to an extraordinary record, with the Under 18s now having secured five premierships in seven years. For the players, families, coaches and supporters, the achievement represents years of dedication and hard work.

The Grand Final was a memorable occasion, with the Eagles recording scores of 15-5 and 5-7. Samuel Jarvis was named Best on Ground, producing an outstanding individual performance with an impressive seven goals.



ABOVE: Samuel Jarvis BOG.

While the players take centre stage on Grand Final day, the achievement is also a reflection of the many people who support the team throughout the season. Coaches, volunteers, parents, families and supporters all play an important role in helping these young players reach their potential. A huge congratulations goes to Alfie Gollan, his coaching staff, the players, parents, supporters and everyone behind the scenes who has contributed to the team's remarkable journey.



ABOVE: Coach Alfie Gollan and Co Captains Tyler White and Max Attrill.



ABOVE: Team Photo.

Three premierships in three years is an achievement that will be remembered with pride by the Tailem Bend Football Club and the wider community.

Congratulations to the 2026 Tailem Bend Under 18 Eagles – premiers once again!

COVER: Team Photo.

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The Importance of Veteran Connection

Editorial courtesy of Glenn Power.

For many veterans, leaving the Australian Defence Force doesn't necessarily mean leaving the habits and conditioning behind.

The military teaches members to *"hurry up and wait"*—to be ready at a moment's notice, respond quickly and maintain a *"sense of urgency"*. Those qualities are essential in service, but they can sometimes remain long after leaving Defence.

For some veterans, anxiety, restless dreams and years of conditioning can make adjusting to everyday life, years after discharging, difficult. The effects can sometimes be felt at home with family, in relationships, and in workplace situations.

Glenn Power of Tailem Bend, a participant in Murray Bridge's Proactive Health's Veterans Program, explains, *"Your mind can remain switched on, dreams can cause anxiety, even when there's no longer anything you need to respond to."* *"The dreams are ridiculous, about ridiculous things, yet you wake up, jump out of bed, anxious about nothing important."*

He has also found that talking with other veterans at the gym has revealed something important—he isn't alone. Many veterans attending the Proactive Health Veterans Program have developed friendships and connections through the program. There is a shared understanding that doesn't always require words, and a recognition that many are dealing with similar challenges from their years of service.

The gym has therefore become much more than a place to exercise. It has become a place where veterans can connect, communicate, support each other, and look after their physical and mental wellbeing.



ABOVE: Matt and Jo Carman of Proactive Health, at the opening of their new premises in Murray Bridge. (Image by Jacob Jennings)

The Proactive Health support, funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) at Murray Bridge, is widely appreciated by the Murraylands veterans who attend. For many, the relationships developed through the program are just as valuable as physical exercise. *"Sometimes just being around people who understand where you've come from can make an enormous difference."*

"That's why asking for help is so important; it is not a weakness, it is not admitting defeat," Glenn said. *"It's about having the strength to slow down, the strength to talk, the strength to connect, and sometimes, the strength to ask for help."*

"Because we have left the Defence Force, the Defence Force may not have completely left us - I feel the first step forward isn't trying to do everything alone," Glenn said. *"Sometimes, it's simply walking through the door and joining others who understand."*



ABOVE: 3rd Combat Engineer Regiment (3CER) veteran, Glenn Power of Tailem Bend. (Image Barbara Power)

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The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #167

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

In this month's memories,
we look at the stories of 'Hands Off Our Hospital'.

Hands Off Our Hospital

M/V Standard: February 1988

Tailem Bend – The local community will not stand for any change in status, including a reduction in bed numbers, at what they consider 'their' hospital.

This was indicated yesterday by four people, two of them involved directly with the hospital, and one who headed the fundraising committee for four years. Their comments followed Saturday's announcement that the hospital could lose beds in lieu of accommodation for the frail aged.

But board chairman Mr Bert Wellman said he didn't expect the hospital would lose any of its existing 34 beds.

"We'll be fighting just as hard as any of the other hospitals mentioned to keep what we've got," he said. "They (the Government and the SA Health Commission) want to turn this into a convalescent/geriatric hospital, as recommended by the Sachs Report about four or five years ago. That means we'd lose our doctor and our chemist, and that's definitely not on." "The town will fight its hardest to maintain the hospital as it is. We'll fight all the way."

Mr Wellman said he was so confident of the support from other board members that he believed the Health Commission would have to sack the board before any changes could be made. Hospital administrator Mr Doug Howell said people had worked long and hard to 'get' the hospital. *"Why should they have it taken away if it's up to standard, as it is?"* he said.

A petition was signed by 1,480 people in October 1986, asking that the hospital be maintained 'as is', and copies were sent to Dr Cornwall (**State Health Minister**), the Health Commission and Mr Peter Lewis (**member for Murray-Mallee**).

Mr John Schwerdt, who spent four years as chairman of the Tailem Bend Hospital Supporters Club, said a lot of people would be unhappy and 'most irate' if the hospital was downgraded.

"I remember the hours and hours we put into fundraising," he said. "We ran a canteen at the saleyards, there were queen competitions and blanket appeals, and the women's auxiliary did a tremendous job too." "We had to raise one-third of £125,000, and I'm sure we sent everyone in the district broke in the effort. It looked an impossible task, but we did it."



Standing in defence of their hospital, (from left) administrator Mr Doug Howell, board chairman Mr Bert Wellman, and Mr John Schwerdt, four-year chair of the former Hospital Supporters' Club.

Mr Schwerdt said a lot of people believed the present move would not have been made if Tailem Bend had been able to attract a second doctor. Mr Howell said the hospital had done all in its power by advertising for a second doctor. Prominent local identity Mr Ross Jaensch said local people quite rightfully and justifiably regarded the hospital as their own. *"If the board hadn't done what it had, the hospital would have been downgraded years ago,"* he said. *"We don't have sufficient services; that's been the problem. If we can get the hospital to three-quarters capacity, we can save it. Therefore, we need the appropriate medical practitioners."* Mr Wellman said the town needed a second doctor and explained how the board was trying to attract another one.

Dr Phil Gooden agreed that a second doctor was needed and that he had been trying to attract another one. *"I have no idea why the young doctors we've had have left,"* he said. *"They haven't told me why, and I don't think they've told anyone else." "It's not Tailem Bend, and I don't think it is me. It's a country doctor problem, and it's political. Half the West Coast hasn't got a doctor, Pt Lincoln is advertising for one, and Murray Bridge wants another doctor." "If the Health Commission keeps going the way it is, the shortage of country doctors will continue."*

In answer to a question, Dr Gooden said Murray Bridge hoped to call another doctor and had 'flatly refused' his request to come and help. The meeting carried, without dissent, a motion that 'this meeting adopt the board's suggestion that the role of the hospital remains unchanged, and that the meeting totally reject both options as given by Health Minister Dr John Cornwall'.

The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #167

Mr Wellman said the board hoped to call another meeting and would invite Dr Cornwall to attend – “if he’s game”.

Mr Wellman urged people to write to Dr Cornwall, objecting to any downgrading of the hospital and asking for a reply. He said letters to government ministers carried more weight than petitions. Dr Cornwall had, according to Mr Wellman, been quoted in the Adelaide media as saying that no changes would be made to country hospitals without community approval.



ABOVE: Part of the large crowd, estimated at around 600, at last night's public meeting, in Tailem Bend Town Hall, called to discuss the local hospital's future.

‘Secret’ Hospital Protest Blocks Traffic By Elizabeth Main

M/V Standard: June 1988

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

About 1,500 country residents took their protest against country hospital changes to the streets yesterday – and blocked a major highway for 25 minutes. Organisers said the Tailem Bend rally was the first of a series of ‘secret’ actions planned for Adelaide and country areas.

The country residents are angry at the closure of acute facilities at Tailem Bend and Laura. Their protest yesterday caused long-weekend traffic to bank up two kilometres on each side of Tailem Bend on the Princes Highway linking Adelaide with the South-East. Cars were parked across the highway and banner-waving protesters blocked intersections to prevent police diverting traffic past the obstructions.

Police said that while the protesters were calm, motorists became irate at the interruption to their trip home. About 20 police from Tailem Bend, Murray Bridge and the Adelaide traffic section stood by, but allowed the protesters to speak to motorists. The officer-in-charge of the Tailem Bend police station, Sergeant John Wilkinson, said the crowd had co-operated with police and had not been unruly.

Motorists were given pamphlets explaining objections to the closure of acute facilities at the Tailem Bend Lower District Hospital, the Laura and District Hospital in the Upper North and the Blyth Hospital in the Mid North.

Under the plan, residents from three districts would have to travel to hospitals at Murray Bridge, Crystal Brook and Clare for acute care. Most of yesterday's protesters were from Tailem Bend and included delegations from Laura and Blyth. The chairman of the Blyth Hospital, Mr Peter Paterson, said the three hospitals had launched a joint ‘fighting fund’. He had been overwhelmed by state-wide offers of financial support and had already reached \$5,000.

The Lower Murray District Hospital chairman, Mr Bert Wellman, said the people of Tailem Bend would do anything necessary to persuade Dr Cornwall to change his mind. He did not accept Dr Cornwall's statement that he would not reverse the decision. Tailem Bend residents claimed they were unwelcome at the Murray Bridge Hospital and had received better treatment at Tailem Bend.

Dr Cornwall said yesterday his decision had been made after months of discussion and he would not be swayed. He said the changes were part of an overall upgrading of SA rural health. Acute facilities at the Lower Murray and Laura hospitals would be closed on July 1.

Blyth would also lose direct acute facilities, but the future of the hospital was uncertain. “We want to use it as a model for primary health care services in a rural community,” Dr Cornwall said.



ABOVE: Protesters block the Princess Highway at Tailem Bend to signal their displeasure at the impending closure of facilities at three hospitals.

Quote for the Month

“If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves.”— Thomas A. Edison

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.

This last month has been a little quieter for the Lions Club we are just in the process of organizing Christmas Events Which include our Annual Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn on the night of the Tailem Bend Christmas Street Parade, Cake Sales and Christmas get together.

Den Sale

A Den sale was held last weekend of August again doing quite well. We are planning the next Den sale to be held the last Weekend in October. We have new product coming in all the time and once again our Den is nearly full.

Sponsorship

The Lions Club of Tailem Bend Inc. sponsored the Blue Light Disco which was held on the 23/9/26. We will also be sponsoring the Disco that will be held in December.

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. Next meeting is at the Lions Den on Tuesday 13th 1.30pm Trevena Road, Tailem Bend.

Item for sale

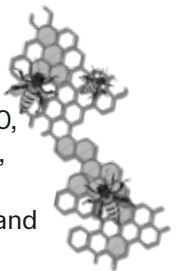
Excellent opportunity. One of our members would like to sell a train which in the past has been used in the Christmas Parade for further details contact Ian Eckermann 85723850.

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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Tailem Bend Auto Club Members Car Cruise

Editorial and images courtesy of Michael Holliday.

On Sunday, 9th August, the Tailem Bend Auto Club held a members' car cruise, departing from the Tailem Bend Railway Station car park at 9.30 am.

We travelled firstly to Karoonda for a refreshment stop, then continued on to Lameroo via Marama. Our lunch destination was the Lameroo Golf Club, where we enjoyed burgers, salad and chips, along with an assortment of cakes and biscuits for lunch, all paid for by the Tailem Bend Auto Club.

We also held a closest-to-the-pin putting competition, with five lucky winners receiving \$50 each. Two members also managed to score a hole-in-one!

We then set off for our final stop of the day at Jabuk to view a private collection of cars. Five more lucky members won \$50 raffle prizes, which were drawn at Jabuk.

Although the day started off cold and wet, it finished with fine weather.

A big thank you to the organisers and the Lameroo Golf Club for such a fun and enjoyable day.



ABOVE: Jabuk private car collection.



ABOVE: Lameroo Golf Club putting competition.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We conducted our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 1st September, during which we officially introduced and appointed the Board of Management for the 2026/2027 term, thanked retiring BOM members: Tim Overett, Trevor Coombe, Jeanette Gower and Trudy Stanley and recognised TBCC Volunteers for their Years of Service.



CHSP UPDATE

Keeping Our Community Connected: Volunteer Drivers Needed

We are pleased to share that Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) funding has been extended until June 2029, providing greater certainty for older Australians and the essential services that help them remain independent, connected and active in their communities.

Goldies Christmas Lunch (Bookings Essential)

Friday, 4 December 2026, 12pm - 2pm

CHSP: \$25 - Non CHSP \$30

Wellington Hotel

Social Surprise Trips for the remainder of 2026 (Bookings Essential)

Tailem Bend

Thurs 22 October

Thurs 26 November

Murray Bridge

Thurs 12th November

Meningie

Thurs 15 October

Thurs 19 November

2027 monthly minibus trips – new concepts and ideas, watch out for the 2027 calendar.

Day trips to Monarto Zoo, sweet treats day, historical building day, garden days, op shop days, lunch at the beach & much more.

CTSA UPDATE

Our community transport fleet is looking brighter than ever, with new signage now installed on most of our vehicles. The fresh branding makes our vehicles easier to recognise and proudly showcases the Tailem Bend Community Centre's role in delivering community transport services across our funded regions.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Oz Signs for their excellent work on the new vehicle signage. Their support has helped create a professional, consistent and highly visible fleet that reflects the vital role community transport plays in keeping people connected to essential services and their communities.

We are also pleased to report that our volunteer program is continuing to grow across both the Limestone Coast and Riverland regions. Volunteers are the backbone of this service, and their generosity, dedication and commitment help ensure transport support remains available to those who need it most.

As the service expands, vehicles will be based in towns where data identifies the greatest level of need. This targeted approach will help ensure resources are positioned where they can make the biggest difference, supporting community members to access medical appointments, essential services and other important commitments.

Looking ahead to the Christmas and New Year period, the Coorong Coaches Medical Bus is expected to pause services from Monday, 21 December 2026, with services resuming on Monday, 4 January 2027. This temporary interruption will cover the holiday period and is expected to last approximately two weeks.

During this time, our community transport vehicles will continue operating where possible, subject to volunteer availability over the holiday period. We encourage anyone who may require transport assistance during this time to plan ahead. Further information will be shared as soon as its confirmed.



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👉 Donations help cover fuel costs and keep the cart stocked for everyone. Without enough support, we may have to reduce or cancel collection runs. 😞

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Thank you for helping us keep the Grow Free Cart growing and giving! 🌱❤️

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C4C UPDATE

CELEBRATE CONNECTION UPCOMING EVENTS School Holiday Fun and Festive Events Ahead!

Our October School Holiday Activities, including our Old Tailern Town Adventure and Dairy Experience, have now sold out. Thank you to everyone who registered. We're looking forward to two fantastic days of fun, learning and adventure! There is still plenty to look forward to over the coming months.

The TBCC team will also once again be joining the festive spirit at the Murray Bridge, Meningie, Mannum and Tailern Bend Christmas Pageants. If you see us along the route, be sure to give us a wave and say hello!

We look forward to connecting with children, young people and families across our communities over the summer holidays.



SAVE THE DATE

Venue and time to be confirmed

Bring your towel, suncream, hat, picnic rug and snacks

Bookings and registration essential
Children to be accompanied with an adult

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Communities for Children Team

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Did You Know?

Did you know that TBCC delivers evidence-based emotional wellbeing programs for children, young people and families across our region?

These workshops are designed to help children build confidence, resilience, emotional regulation skills and positive coping strategies, while providing parents and carers with practical tools to support their child's social and emotional development. Delivered in a supportive and engaging environment, our programs are based on proven approaches that help children understand their feelings, strengthen relationships and navigate life's challenges.

Whether your child is learning to manage big emotions, build friendships or develop confidence, our workshops provide valuable skills that can last a lifetime.

Want to know more? Contact the TBCC team to learn about upcoming programs and how your family can get involved.

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CHRISTMAS PARADE DATES 2026

MURRAY BRIDGE: 4PM SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER
MENINGIE: 5PM SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER
MANNUM: 6PM SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER
TAILERN BEND: 4:30PM SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER
LAMEROO: 5PM FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER
PINNAROO: 7PM FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER
KAROONDA: 4PM SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER

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UPCOMING EVENTS



PAINT & SIP EVENING

*Sip Happens...
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Friday, 30 October 2026

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Taillem Bend Community Centre

Cost

\$30 CHSP \$50 Non CHSP

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- Take home your very own masterpiece
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Booking essential

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Payment due at time of booking

Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) is funded by Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DohDA). Community and Neighbourhood Development Program (CND) is funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS).



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Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DohDA). Community Neighbourhood Development Program (CND) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS).

TBCC Office Closure

TBCC will be closed from Friday 18th December 2026. Reopening Monday 11th January 2027.

Staff and limited services will be available during this time.

If you require urgent or essential assistance or have a transport inquiry please ring the doorbell or phone 8572 3513.

Classes, workshops, activities, and events will commence on Monday 1st February 2027.

+ Christmas Eve Day	Closed
Thursday 24th December 2026	
+ Christmas Day	Closed
Friday 25th December 2026	
+ Boxing Day	Closed
Monday 28 December 2026	
+ New Year's Eve Day	Closed
Thursday 31st December 2026	
+ New Year's Day	Closed
Friday 1st January 2027	

Community Transport South Australia (CTSA)

Please note that the Community Transport South Australia will remain in operation during this period, pending driver and car availability.

Phone 8572 3513 and follow the prompts
Coorong Coaches Medical Bus

The Medical Bus will conclude its services for 2026, on Friday 18th December, and will recommence on Monday 4th January 2027.

Merry Christmas

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YOU



SHAZ & TREV

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The friendly faces helping keep our community moving!

This month, we're shining the spotlight on Trev and Shaz, two of our much-loved volunteer drivers who bring warmth, care and plenty of fun to our community transport service. They help people get where they need to go safely, always with a friendly chat along the way.

They are also the wonderful duo behind our shopping bus and social surprise bus, creating outings that are practical, social and enjoyable. Their kindness, humour and dedication make every trip a positive experience, and we're grateful for the difference they make in our community.

How long have you been volunteering?

4½ years.

What inspired you to become volunteer drivers?

Our mum loved TBCC and the services it provides, so volunteering is our way of giving something back in her honour.

Quick Fire Round

🎵 Favourite road trip song: We enjoy all genres of music.

☕ Tea or coffee on the road: Shaz - Tea | Trev - Coffee

🗺️ Dream road trip destination: Western Australia

🍪 Best snack for the road: Lollies

♥️ What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

Knowing our clients enjoy the bus trips and the places we take them. Thank you, Trev and Shaz, for the time, care and kindness you bring to our community. Volunteers like you help keep our community connected and moving.



Ben's 5th Birthday Gets a Revving Surprise!

Editorial and images by Lily Sneath.

Ben celebrated his 5th birthday in style with a special burn-out-themed birthday party, organised by his mum, Lily Sneath.

To make the day extra special, Lily arranged a fantastic car parade featuring members of Murray Bridge Cars & Coffee, the Tailem Bend Auto Club, along with other local car enthusiasts and community members who joined in the celebrations. The impressive line-up of cars certainly made an entrance, bringing plenty of excitement and smiles to Ben's special day.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who took the time to make the trip down and be part of Ben's birthday. Your generosity, time and enthusiasm helped make the celebration something he will remember for years to come.

Happy 5th Birthday, Ben!
We hope your day was filled with cars,
fun, big smiles and plenty of
birthday horsepower!



*ABOVE: A fantastic mix of classic and modern cars came together to help celebrate Ben's 5th birthday!
A huge thank you to everyone who brought their pride and joy along for the special day!*



ABOVE: A very special birthday surprise! (Left) Ben receives a present on his 5th birthday, surrounded by plenty of smiles, excitement and horsepower.



Community Morning Tea

Editorial and image by Michael Holliday.

On Thursday 17th September, Revival City Church in Tailem Bend held its Community Morning Tea.

A big thank you to all the community members who attended and enjoyed the great coffee and yummy food provided by the church. It was a beautiful day weather-wise and there was a real buzz of conversation throughout the morning.

The next Community Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 15th October, from 10am until midday, at Revival City Church, on the corner of Jacob and Pontt Streets, Tailem Bend.

*You and your friends are more
than welcome to join us!*



*ABOVE: Community, coffee and plenty of conversation!
A lovely morning was enjoyed by everyone who came along to Revival City Church's Community Morning Tea.*

Unusual Acacias at Pangarinda

Article submitted by Kaye Bartlett.

September is the month when our wattles are in bloom, so I thought I would share a couple of photos of some unusual Acacias growing at Pangarinda.

Both species originate from the Coolgardie district of Western Australia.

Acacia denticulosa is a rare and unusual Acacia with sandpaper-like, dark green leaves and rich yellow, rod-shaped flowers growing up to 8 cm long.

It is an open, stiff bush that can grow to around 2 metres high.



ABOVE: *Acacia denticulosa*.

Acacia rossei is a small shrub growing to around 1 metre high. It has an unusual formation of round, yellow, ball-shaped flowers that appear at the ends of the branches.



ABOVE: *Acacia rossei* – distinctive round, yellow ball-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches, growing at Pangarinda.

Stargazers set to Explore the Night Sky at Palmer Sculpture Park

Article and image submitted by Glenn Power.

Photography enthusiasts will have the chance to experience the night sky in a very different way when the Murray Bridge Community Photography Club and Murray Bridge International Photography Club join forces for an Astrophotography Night at Palmer Sculpture Park on Sunday, October 11.

The free outing will bring photographers together to explore the spectacular Palmer Sculpture Park, discover its sculptures and installations, and learn more about the exciting world of astrophotography. Some members plan to arrive a little earlier to conduct a reconnaissance of the area, particularly with new installations now appearing at the park. The group will also explore The Gap, an impressive natural landscape that has been likened to a small part of the Flinders Ranges.

For photographer Glenn Power, the outing is about more than simply pointing a camera at the stars.

“By day, the drive out to Palmer is beautiful, with huge gum trees, yakkas and some amazing country. But once the sun goes down, the whole place takes on another character,” Glenn said. *“Astrophotography is exciting because you can capture things our eyes simply can’t see. We’ll be there to help people understand their cameras, their phones and available settings, and to have a go themselves.”*

Whether experienced with a camera or completely new to photographing the night sky, participants are welcome. Phones and cameras are encouraged, while a tripod is recommended.



The outing is one of the first combined activities involving the two Murray Bridge photography clubs, reflecting their growing spirit of cooperation and shared interest in photography.

The event is free, but participants must register and be a social member of the Murray Bridge International Photography Club for insurance purposes.

Interested photographers can text

Glenn Power on 0413 640 541 and contact Julie Moulds on 0447 136 853 at the International Photography Club to arrange social membership.

Mad Hatters Tea Party Theme for Old Time Dance

Editorial and images by Angela Thorley.

Old time Dances are held regularly in the Murraylands district. At the recent dance held at the Jervois Hall, the theme was Mad Hatters Tea Party.

The hall was beautifully decorated by Maureen Gibson and guests came dressed in Mad Hatter Tea Party themed outfits. Music was provided by Peter Hutchens and the Hall committee prepared a sumptuous supper. A raffle, lucky chair and a croquet competition entertained the dancers during breaks from dancing.

The evening is a wonderful social occasion and a good way to keep fit. Guests came from near and far. One couple were on a dancing holiday from Queensland starting with the Mt Pleasant ball and then attending dances and balls in Adelaide, Victor Harbor and more, before finishing at Jervois. They stayed in their caravan. Another couple from Adelaide camped overnight in their camper in the grounds at the hall and still another couple came from Robe and stayed in Tailem bend.

Jervois Hall will host another dance on October 31st. This coincides with Halloween so naturally the theme for the dance will be Halloween. Dancers are encouraged to come dressed in Halloween outfits and enjoy the dancing, music and fun competition. Trick and treats will be part of the night with children welcomed to participate. The dance is open to all and more information can be found on the Jervois Hall Facebook page.



ABOVE: A view through the beautifully decorated key hole entry way to the Mad Hatters themed dance.



ABOVE: Samantha Warner and Mum Rosslyn from Willunga Hill prepare supper.



ABOVE: Robert Stevens is the Lucky Chair prize winner and is presented with his prize from Maureen Gibson.

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Until next month's edition, find out what's happening around the Murraylands at www.murraybridge.news.

**MURRAY
BRIDGE
NEWS**

Tailem Bend Food and Wine Club

Editorial and images courtesy of by Julie Burridge.

How lucky are we that Tailem Bend has this fantastic pub - Riverside Hotel – in its community. And how lucky are the Tailem Bend Food and Wine Club, that we are looked after so well at each and every dinner we have had here over the years.

Our September 2026 dinner was no exception. Nothing is too hard to organize, and the quality of food presented to us showcases how creative the Chef's are with a menu, and how efficient the staff are on service.

2 options of Canape were offered, Prawn and Ginger Dumpling, with chilli jam and coriander, and Whipped Ricotta Tart, with rockmelon gel and basil. Each mouthful was brimming with flavour, known and unknown, but absolutely delightful. Plenty of chatter about the ingredients, and the Jacobs Creek Trilogy Sparkling Pinot Noir was a good fit as the pairing for this course.



Members then sat down to wait for the Starter. A Beef Carpaccio was placed on the tables. What a delight to the eye. The beef was very tender, and full of flavour that was only enhanced by the pickled shallot, Dijon, capers and parmesan atop it. The plates were nearly licked clean before being removed. The Kilarni Estates Pinot Noir was a very good fit for this course.

A huge thankyou to the Riversides Chef's and wait staff.

For a young crew, they are showcasing their skills and willingness to make our evenings out a great experience time after time. A special mention to JJ, who has stepped up and is now pairing the wines for our dinners, from the range that the hotel has on hand. It's a win win situation all round.

Next came the Entrée – Potato Gnocchi with Italian Sausage, Gorgonzola, Truffle, Walnut and Crispy Sage. OMG. Never have I had a Gnocchi that I liked as much as this. The sauce they were in was filled with black truffle, gorgonzola blue cheese, cream, garlic, black pepper, walnuts, sage and parmesan. This was my choice for high-light of the night, with the Carpaccio a close second. Nepenthe Altitude Tempranillo was served for this course, and did not disappoint, each mouthful was lovely.

With our tummy's filling up, we still had to make room for the Main course. Chicken, porcini cream, chorizo crumb, potato pave, roast leek and a chicken jus. The chicken was cooked well, and the Porcini cream had a lovely taste. It would be nice to try and replicate this at home, as it was pleasing to the eye when placed in front of us. This wine is enjoyable at any time, and also matched the course.



The end of the night neared, and dessert was served. An Espresso Pana Cotta, with dark chocolate soil, Frangelico caramel, candied hazelnuts and an edible flower. The texture was smooth, loved the candied hazelnuts and Frangelico caramel, and then finished the evening off with a glass of De Bortoli Deen Botrytis Semillon. This was a sweet sticky wine, and so Yum.



ABOVE: Left to right: Leeann and John McLean, volunteers at the Tailem Bend Information Centre, with Brenton Qualmann.



ABOVE: Brenton Qualmann, Leeann and John McLean with the Roseworthy Ag College 1971 graduation group touring the Tailem Rail station

Tailem Bend Community Library

New Books October 2026

ADULT FICTION

ANDERSON, Kelly: The Wild Beneath ~ Romance
FITZSIMMONS, Whitney: The Rising ~ Thriller
FLOCKTON, Nicole: Home to Bunya Junction ~ Outback Romance
GREEN, Sophie: Lessons in Love at the Seaside Salon ~ Australian Romance
GRULEY, Bryan: River Deep ~ Bitterfrost Series
HANNAH, Kristin: On Mystic Lake ~ Romance
JACKSON, Lisa: Not What it Seems ~ Suspense
JACOBS, Anna: Hope Comes to Eastby End ~ Eastby End Series
KELLY-WHITE, Shannon: Billie King ~ Australian Historical Fiction
KELSALL, Leonie: The Windmill in the Silver Gums ~ Settlers Bridge Series
LOGAN, T.M.: The Weekend ~ Mystery
MARSH, Nicola: The Orchard at Rosevale ~ Australian Romance
MCFADDEN, Freida: Brain Damage ~ Psychological Thriller
NABLE, Matt: Mire ~ Australian Thriller
PARK, Tony: King of Beasts ~ South African Thriller
PATCHETT, Ann: Whistler ~ Family
PATTERSON, James: Delusional ~ Michael Bennett Thriller
SEATON, Annie: Outback Strangers ~ Australian Romance
SEATON, Annie: Under Darling Skies ~ Daughters of the Darling Series
SILVA, Daniel: Ransom ~ Gabriel Allon Thriller
WILGUS, Linda: The Sea Child ~ Romance
WILLIAMS, Lauren: Neighbourhood Watch ~ Thriller
WOLF, Patricia: Hero ~ DS Walker Thriller
WRIGHT, Don: A Distinct and Separate Settlement ~ Norfolk Island Literature

NON FICTION

NEILL, Sam: Did I Ever Tell You This? ~ A Memoir
FROM BULLDUST TO BITUMEN: ~ 25 Years of the Outback Way

MUSICHALL MEMORIES

Come along to the
Tailem Bend Community Library

Monday, 12 October 2026
10 am start.

Come along and reminisce
the 'Musichall' Days in 1989

All welcome

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BOOK REVIEW



MIRE

By: Matt Nable

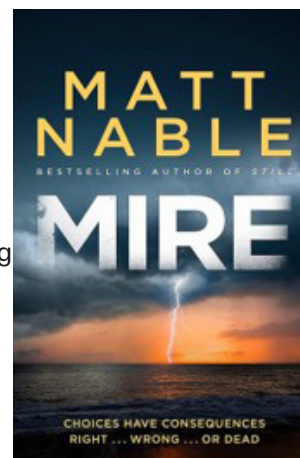
They say your life flashes before your eyes just before you die. For Dan Milligan it isn't his life ... it's memories of his dad.

Dan has spent his whole life chasing something. Fast cars, leggy blondes, the rush of making a lot of money and the cocaine high to celebrate. But as the stock market plummets in 1987, his world comes crashing down.

A new life on the South Coast isn't too bad. Mowing lawns is good, honest work. Most days. But other days, he tells himself he'll get back in the game. He'll get his head together, get his mojo back and master the market again. He just needs some luck. Then one day ... his luck changes. And suddenly he has a choice.

Dan has no idea what he could unleash on his life, himself and his family. Or how far he will go to find a way back.

A page-turning thriller, Mire takes us from the testosterone-fuelled stock market floor in 1980s Sydney to the coastal green hills of the NSW South Coast and onto the Mafia-ruled streets of New York. The body count is high - and the stakes are even higher.



MONDAY MEMORIES

Come along to the
Tailem Bend Community Library

Monday, 26th October 2026
10 am start.

Come along and reminisce
about the days gone by.

All welcome

Phone 8572 3275 for more information.
Please Book.



Submitted by Angie Tomkinson.



COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

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HAPPY SPRING!

Our September meeting was a relatively quiet one with not much on the Agenda, so I'm going to take the opportunity to address concerns raised in chamber by Cr Arthur who advised that based on feedback he received (some) residents questioned why Council would consider purchasing a privately operated medical centre when Council already owns health facilities at Coonalpyn and Tintinara, whether purchasing such a facility is an appropriate use of ratepayers' money or part of Council's core business, and why the matter had not yet been subject to public consultation.

As a member of the Health Committee and as person who attends the Health Advisory Council meetings, I felt this was a good opportunity to provide more information:

Strong towns need strong health services

If we want our towns to grow, attract new families and support local businesses, we must ensure people have access to essential services, and healthcare is one of the most important.

More residents mean more children in our schools, more players for sporting clubs, more workers for farms and local businesses, and more customers for our shops, cafés and restaurants. It also means more ratepayers to share the cost of providing Council services.

With doctors withdrawing from Tailem Bend and Meningie's doctors planning for retirement, we cannot afford to wait until our region is left without adequate medical services. If Council does not help bring the relevant people together and explore possible solutions, who will?

When Council consulted the community, retaining and returning health services was identified as the number-one priority. Council listened and has established a committee to investigate all available options.

One option being explored is the potential purchase of the Dukes Medical Centre in Coonalpyn. Importantly, **Council has not decided to purchase the centre**. The only decision made was to enter into a confidential Memorandum of Understanding with Dr Michael Kerrigan so that discussions and proper investigations could begin.

The way doctors operate has changed. Unlike 30 years ago, many doctors no longer want to invest in bricks and mortar. Providing a suitable, ready-to-use facility may therefore be an

important part of attracting doctors to our district. The Dukes Medical Centre is already fit for purpose and has space for doctors and allied health professionals.

Council currently owns the Coonalpyn Health Centre building, but it stands on Crown land and Council cannot presently sell or redevelop it. The building is also no longer up to the required standard and would need considerable investment. Council is investigating whether the land can be transferred to Council so the property could potentially be sold. Other Council assets are also being reviewed, with any proceeds potentially helping fund a medical facility.

This is not about wasting ratepayers' money or rushing into a purchase. It is about carefully investigating every available option to retain and restore health services in our region.

Strong health services are essential if we want our towns, and the businesses, schools, sporting clubs and families within them, to have a strong future.

Back on other Council news... The Burials on Private Land Policy was tabled and will now go out for public consultation. Personally, I'm happy at where we've landed with the policy and the opportunity it gives for people with a strong connection to their land to be buried on their land.

The numbers of travellers staying at the Coonalpyn Caravan Park were about 37% lower in August compared to the previous year. The high fuel costs and the fact that August was the fourth-wettest August on record, could have something to do with it, but this is something Council and Elected Members will be looking in to further.

In Coonalpyn the Progress Working Group have now finished restoring the agricultural display near the new toilets. Volunteers at the Wellington East Cemetery continue to meet monthly and tackle maintenance tasks, as do the volunteers who look after the Meningie and Tailem Bend Cemeteries. The weather has been challenging for weed control.

A Council staff report found that, as of 30 June 2026, Council employed 64 people across 58 full-time equivalent positions, with a vacancy rate of around 10%. The average employee age was 48, with women representing 42% of the workforce and men 58%. During 2025/26, Council filled 13 positions, eight through external appointments and five through internal recruitment, balancing new expertise with career progression for existing employees while maintaining merit-based selection.

Cheers Lisa 😊

COORONG Council News

Sep - Oct 2026

Welcome to this month's Council update

Around the District

Throughout the past month Coorong District Council has undertaken a range of activities, events and delivered programs across the district.

The **Community Facilities** team has been busy preparing for the warmer months with weed spraying, tree trimming, weeding and mowing across the district.

Recent improvements include the installation of new baby change tables at the Coonalpyn caravan park and Taillem Bend public toilets, while the timber screening at the Meningie public toilets has been cleaned and refreshed. Gutters have also been cleaned at the Taillem Bend Town Hall and Coonalpyn Pool.

Other maintenance works completed include installing new

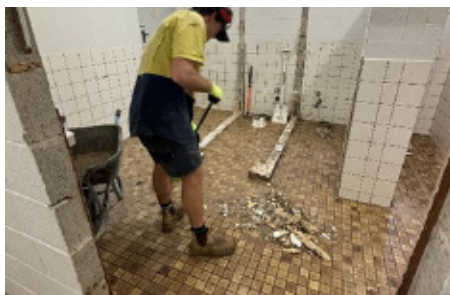
swings at the Taillem Bend Train Park Playground, replacing the windsock at the Tintinara Airfield, repairing the gate at the Tintinara Cemetery, creating a new garden at the Coonalpyn Swimming Pool car park, and replacing damaged decking at the Meningie bird hide.



Above: New plants and gravel installed, Coonalpyn swimming pool car park area.

Tintinara War Memorial Hall Amenity Upgrade

Works are underway on the Tintinara War Memorial Hall amenity upgrade, with the existing toilets currently being demolished. The project will deliver new male, female, ambulant and accessible toilets, along with structural upgrades to support the new layout & improve accessibility for all users.



Above: Demolition of existing toilets in Tintinara War Memorial Hall



Above: Gutter cleaning and tree trimming completed at the Taillem Bend Town Hall.

2026/27 Unsealed Roads Program Begins

Council's unsealed roads program continues to progress, with crushing underway at the Taunta Hut Road pit and 7,000 tonnes of material already produced.

Works have also commenced on the Taunta Hut Road re-sheet project, extending to the Council boundary.

In addition, crushing has begun at a second pit off Taunta Hut Road, where approximately 50,000 tonnes of rubble will be produced to support future works on Taunta Hut Road, Deepwater Road and Cantara Road.



Above: Crushing at rubble pit on Taunta Hut Road.

2027 Citizen of the Year Award Nominations Open!

It's time to celebrate our homegrown heroes!

The Citizen of the Year Awards acknowledge the everyday heroes of our community who through their contributions make our district a better place to live, work or visit.

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These individuals and groups offer outstanding service and enable our communities to be stronger as a result of their tireless efforts.

Nominations are now open for the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Project of the Year

**Nominations close at 5pm on
Wednesday, 28 October 2026**

Download a nomination form
or nominate online at:

www.coorong.sa.gov.au/COTYAwards



Key Decisions

During the ordinary meeting held on 15 September 2026 Elected Members made a number of key decisions:

- Adopted the revised Caretaker Policy to ensure transparent and impartial decision-making during election periods.
- Received an update on the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2025-2029, and Council's ongoing commitment to disability inclusion requirements.

Citizen of the Year Awards

2027

Nominations
Now Open



Nominations Close 5pm, 28 October

- Received a report of activities delivered by the Coonalpyn Community Hub Inc. during 2025-26 under its funding agreement with Council.
- Agreed to release the new draft Burials on Private Land Policy for public consultation in the coming weeks.

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:

Wadmore House Precinct

Council is seeking community feedback on the future of the Wadmore House Precinct.

Five options have been identified for consideration, including Council's preferred option to retain and renovate Wadmore House through a partial land sale and external grant funding.

Before any decisions are made, we want to hear from our community and encouraged you to:

- Read the Wadmore House Precinct Options Paper
- Complete the survey and share your views on the future of the site

Have your say today and help shape the future of this important community asset. Visit our website at www.coorong.sa.gov.au/letstalk to learn more and complete the survey online or at your local Council office before submissions close.



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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.
- **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 - A Cacophony of Voices

Submitted by Pastor Tony Traeger.

We are surrounded by a cacophony of voices competing for attention, vying for what they have to sell, or for something to make you feel good externally as if that is all that matters. At the core and centre is the heart and it is the battle for the heart that is at stake.

There was a man who sold hot dogs. He was hard of hearing, so he didn't have a radio. He had trouble with his eyes, so he didn't read the newspaper and, of course, he didn't watch television. But he made and sold very good hot dogs. They were very popular. He put up signs telling people how good his hot dogs were, and called out to people passing by "Buy a hot dog, Mister?" And the people bought them. Things were going extremely well. He had to make more and more hot dogs, so he increased his orders for meat and buns. He bought a bigger hot dog cart to take care of his trade. He even got his son, home from university on holidays to help him out.

His son said to him, "Dad, haven't you been listening to the radio, or reading the newspaper or watching television? There's a big recession coming. The European situation is terrible. The situation in South East Asia is out of control, and at home we've got problems with our economy.

There are riots, fear in the streets, and in our communities, pollution, strikes, minorities, majorities, the rich, the poor, drugs and terrorism."

When he heard this the father thought "Well, my son's been to university. He reads newspapers and watches television and he ought to know." The father cut down on his meat and bun orders. He took down his advertising signs. And he didn't encourage anyone to buy his hot dogs. His sales fell dramatically.

"You're right, son" the father said.
"We certainly are in the middle of a recession."

In spite of everything that's being said, predicted and done around us, we don't have to let it drag us down. There's another voice that we can have the confidence to listen to in amongst the cacophony of voices that seek to attract our attention.

God's voice, His Word in Christ assures us that we can be positive and confident about the future, despite what may be surrounding each and every one of us, when He walks hand in hand with us into the future as Christ has the future.

43 But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.

Isaiah 43:1 New King James Version

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DEAR EDITOR ...

Submitted by Dementia Australia Media.

Dementia is Australia's leading cause of death, but it's not talked about nearly enough.

An estimated 446,500 Australians are living with dementia right now and in 40 years that number is projected to reach more than one million. To see meaningful change, dementia needs a national spotlight. Australia has learned how to talk openly about heart disease, cancer and mental health, and we've seen the difference that can make. Now it's time to bring dementia into everyday conversation.

That's why this Dementia Action Week (21 – 27 September) Dementia Australia is asking every Australian to help create change, one conversation at a time.

This week, we want everyone in Australia to know that help exists. Community exists. Support exists. Information exists. Dementia Australia can connect people to all of it. One conversation about dementia could be what helps someone find their way to us.

To get involved in Dementia Action Week, visit dementia.org.au/dementia-action-week

For dementia support and information contact the National Dementia Helpline any time on 1800 100 500 or visit dementia.org.au. It's free, confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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DO IT AGAIN

Written by Tracey Woitdt on behalf of the Mallee Lutheran Parish.

There are stories in the bible of Jesus healing people. Quite often we ignore them as we either don't believe them or we think it was for back then and it doesn't happen now. The bible tells us in Hebrews 13:8 *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* So He doesn't change, and if He healed people then, He heals them now. So why don't we see the healings and miracles today?

Jesus, fully God and fully man, died and then rose from the dead for us. That means that Jesus is alive and is waiting for us to ask Him for help, to really mean it and to believe. Every sickness and illness is under His feet and He is waiting to be invited into our lives.

I have been to India, Cambodia and places across Australia to pray for people. I have seen Jesus restore hearing to the deaf, sight to the blind, take away a fever of 21 days instantly, cure a woman of a 3 month migraine. I have seen Jesus heal numerous back aches, leg pains, feet pains, stomach pains, shoulder pains and take away addiction. I've seen Him reduce a swollen, infectious spider bite to merely a bump. I've seen Him heal brokenness, take away shame and guilt and restore hearts and hope. In overseas countries the poverty level and remoteness means medical aid is not always accessible. There is a hunger in people who call on Jesus, knowing that He is their only hope. I've seen Jesus do what seems impossible to human eyes. And it changed me. I have a firm belief and expectation that He will do it again. And again, and again. To see the face of a person whom Jesus has healed is also life changing. The moment He becomes real to them, when He becomes the healer whom they can call on at any time because they have seen Him do it once, so how could He not do it again? Jesus loves us so much, He wants us to know ALL of Him. Jesus as healer and Jesus as Saviour.

Revelation 19:10 *"For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."* When we speak out what Jesus has done, we also say *"I've seen you do it before, I've heard you've done it before, I'm calling on you to do it again."* Sickness must yield to the name of Jesus. Do we always see healing? No, but we see a lot of it and more of it, and I pray in faith and expectation that Jesus will heal every single time. I pray that Jesus will do it again.

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Tailem Bend Town Hall.

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Jokes of the Month

What do you call a factory that makes okay products?
A satisfactory!!!

How do lumberjacks know how many trees they've cut down? **They keep a log!**



Quotes of the Month

"Life is short, so make every birthday a celebration worth remembering."

"Live simply, love generously, and make every day matter."

Poem of the Month - Halloween Night



*The moon is bright, the night is dark,
And spooky shadows fill the park.
The witches fly across the sky,
While little bats go fluttering by.*

*With bags to fill with spooky treats.
Some wear masks and some wear capes,
While others make the strangest shapes!*

*The ghosts come out to have some fun,
They dance beneath the spooky moon.
The pumpkins glow beside the door,
And skeletons go knock-knock-knock!
Trick or treaters walk the street,*

*So grab your bucket, don't be late,
There's lots of fun and sweets to get.
Halloween is here tonight—
So have some fun and give a fright!*

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Let's Talk about....

Draft Burials on Private Land Policy

Coorong District Council is seeking community feedback on its Draft Burials on Private Land Policy. The draft policy sets out a clear process for assessing applications for burials on privately owned land, helping ensure private burials are carried out safely, comply with legislation, protect the environment, and are properly recorded for future generations.

Things to know about the draft policy:

- Council approval is required to bury bodily (non-cremated) remains on private land.
- Clarification around cremated remains (ashes) can be buried or scattered on private land without Council approval.
- Approved burial sites would be recorded and permanently identified to help protect their location into the future.
- The policy outlines important considerations if the property is sold, including future access to and management of the burial site.
- The draft policy proposes a maximum of one approved burial site on a property.

Council invites community members to review the draft policy and provide feedback.

Feedback closes at 8am on Friday, 6 November 2026

Feedback can be provided:

- By viewing the policy and completing an online **feedback form** by visiting the **website** or scanning the **QR Code**
- **In person** at one of Council's Customer Service Centres
- **By email** council@coorong.sa.gov.au
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- **Citizen of the Year**

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