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## TALES OF A LEGENDARY POSTIE



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Guests and members at August's Tailem Bend Historians' General Meeting, were captivated by the tales of Allen "Burtie" Burt, the town's legendary postie with over 50 years of dedicated service under his belt. Tailem Bend Primary School, Friday, August 2, 2024.

Launching his postal journey in January 1974, Allen shared how he began as an Assistant Postal Officer or more humbly, a Telegram Boy, performing general duties in the Southern Division of the Postmaster General. (PMG)

One of his first roles involved working as the Telephone Night Boy, managing the Tailem Bend manual exchange. This was a fascinating experience for Allen, whose family had never owned a phone, marking his introduction to the marvels of modern communication.

Taking over from Harold Robinson, a World War II veteran, Allen embarked on his first mail run, which included a hefty 20 kilograms of mail on a push bike, taking four hours to complete. The volume of mail was staggering, with around a thousand letters daily during the Christmas period in the '70s and '80s. Today, the workload has shifted to parcels, with Allen delivering up to 170 parcels a day, in busy times.

Allen delivered mail for 24 years on his trusty push bike and recalled the changes over the decades. He noted how stamps, which were 10 cents in 1974, now cost \$1.50. The telephone exchange, manual until 1981, had five switchboards and fifteen staff before it went automatic. In 1998, the Post Office was sold to Maxine and Nigel Kiddie, with Allen being contracted to continue his regular duties with the new owners.



ABOVE: John and Leanne McLean of Wellington East.



ABOVE: Kathleen and Harry Kromwyk, of Tailem Bend.

Beyond his regular mail deliveries, Allen was sometimes commandeered to help residents with a few odd tasks - from rolling a rusted tar drum for an old gentleman, changing a light globe for an elderly woman, pulling down blinds in the middle summer, to delivering groceries for someone who was house-bound. Over the years, his postal deliveries have included everything from tractor radiators and ladders to rotary clotheslines and gaming chairs, and now, numerous boxes of wine. Regardless of the weather, mail in Tailem Bend is delivered five days a week to approximately 720 houses.

For Allen, the best part of being a postie is the deep connection with the community, knowing everyone and being a vital part of their lives. He is now delivering to the grandchildren and even the great-grandchildren of his original customers. He recounted a memorable incident where a lady, who always knitted on her front porch and waved to him daily, was frantically waving to him on one particular day. Busy and with no mail for her, "Burtie" sped past on his motorbike. The next day, she called him over and revealed that she had had a four-foot brown snake under her chair and needed his help!

The members of the Tailem Bend Historians were enthralled by "Burtie's" stories, providing a vivid snapshot of how much has changed at the local Post Office and, within the community over the years. The group eagerly anticipates their next mystery speaker. For more details about the Tailem Bend Historians, contact Kathleen Kromwyk on 0428 233 100.

COVER IMAGE: Allen 'Burtie' Burt, Tailem Bend's legendary postie - sharing his entertaining tales of 50 years as a Postie.

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# ABBA 50th Anniversary Waterloo Show

Article submitted by Stephen Lee.

**The Flaming Sambucas return to Murray Bridge Performing Arts + Function Centre with their nationally acclaimed Abba Gold Show, on Saturday, November 9 at 2pm and 8pm.**

This exciting show takes you back to the start - 50 years ago when ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with Waterloo.

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Re-live the years and the songs that will make you want to sing and smile. This show is presented in an original story-telling way and is guaranteed to lift your spirits and touch your emotions.



ABOVE: ABBA GOLD

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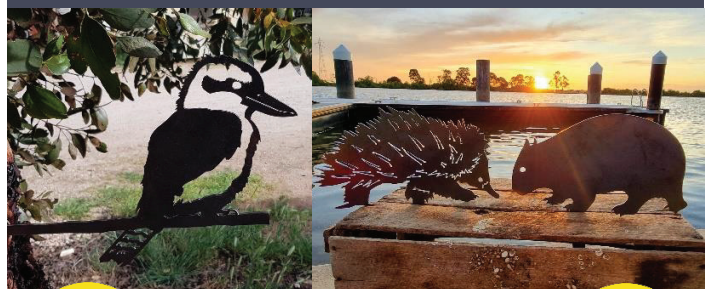
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# Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Doug Holmes, President T.B Lions Club.

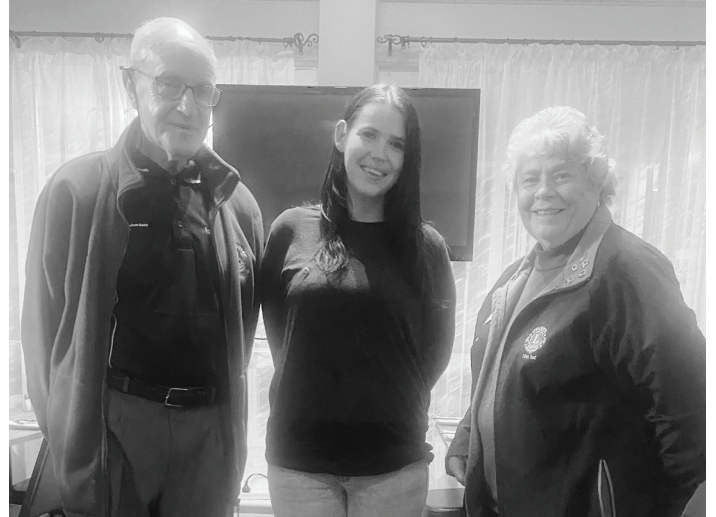
The Tailem Bend Lions Club would like to congratulate our local identity, Josephine McGrath. Josephine was inducted at our club's dinner meeting on Tuesday 13th August by Zone Chairperson Joyce Holmes. She was welcomed by all members, now reaching a total of 22.

President Doug received a CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION for our club's participation in the 2024 Coorong District Council's NAIDOC celebrations in which our members were delighted to participate.

Another 'Clearing Sale' was conducted by our club this August at a property located on Mannum Road. Our online auction resulted in our vendors being very pleased. We congratulate all members for their tremendous efforts.

The Tailem Bend Lions is funding an exciting day of fun for the Special Needs Group of 28 including nine staff, who along with Life Members of the Tailem Bend Lions Ian and Margaret Eckermann, will visit and tour Monarto Safari Park on September 4th.

The club received the first report on a new venture, a mobile B.B.Q trailer. This exciting proposal would allow the Lions to serve our community's needs at local events. Watch this space for updates! **IS THERE SOMEONE IN TAILEM BEND** who could put some flashing around the chimney at the Lion's Den. **It is leaking water** whenever it rains. If you could help, please phone Ian Eckermann on 08 8572 3850 - it would be much appreciated.



ABOVE: (left) Bruce Harris, (Middle) Josephine McGrath, (Right) Joyce Holmes.



While we appreciate donations of goods for our den sales,  
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## Honey is available from Lions Members:

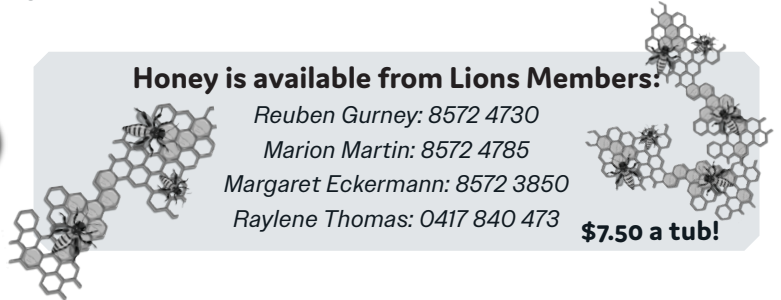
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**tailembendlions@mail.com**

## 100 Years of Webb ST, Celebrations!

Article submitted by Sandra Douglas.

### SAVE THE DATE 25 – 27TH APRIL 2025

Do you have family or friends that have lived in Webb Street over the last 100 years?

We would love to hear from all past and present residents of the 26 railway cottages in Webb Street, to celebrate its 100-years.

- **Are you willing to share your family history?**
- **Do you have stories of your life in the street?**
- **How about some great photos of the houses and people that have lived here over the years?**
- **Are there people you can contact that have lived in the Street?**



We know it will be nearly impossible to find a lot of the original tenants, as the houses were owned by the Railways and tenanted to their employees until the 70's/80's before being sold, let us know your story.

**Contact: Sandra Douglas – 0411 649 418**

**Email: sandy\_douglas21@hotmail.com**



# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #144

*It is a long-running series, submitted by Peter Connolly.*

**This month we look at a member of the Roffey family and The Willochra Carriage.**

## Country Loss is Gain For City

**Tailem Bend, The teenage drain from country to city will be felt especially in Tailem Bend with the departure of Desmond Roffey, 17, to join the Police force. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Roffey.**

In the athletic field, Des is above average. When his father was stationed by the SA Railways at Peterborough, he attended the Peterborough Primary School, where he won the under-11 running championships and was awarded an athletic certificate. He captained the school cricket team and received an athletic certificate for cricket. Des played in the North-Eastern zone SA schools cricket carnival and the premiership team of the Peterborough International Rules Basketball Association.

## No Trouble

As a long-distance swimmer, he had no trouble crossing the 440 yards of River Murray at Tailem Bend several times. Since his parents returned to Tailem Bend in 1963 his sporting performances have been outstanding. Des captained the Murray Bridge High School A-grade cricket team and opened their attack as a fast bowler. As an all-rounder he claimed many wickets and made numerous runs.

## Best Game

He played in the high school A grade football team either as a ruckman or centre half-forward. His best performance as a centre half-forward was against Oakbank Area School in 1967 when he kicked 10 goals and 2 points. In the Murray Towns Cricket Association at 13, he made his first appearance for the Tailem Bend A Grade team. In his first over Des bowled Mypolonga's captain and opening bat, Eric Burrett.



ABOVE: "The boys"

## Selection

At the age of 15, he was selected to play for the Murray Towns Association against the Kensington Cricket Club. This team included one test and five Sheffield Shield players. In the 1966 – 67 season Des captained the Tailem Bend A grade cricket team. His tally of wickets for this team exceeds 100. Des began his football career with the Tailem Bend junior colts team in 1961. He was promoted to senior colts in 1963 and was a member of the Tailem Bend undefeated senior colts in the River Murray Football League in 1964. He was selected in the River Murray in the Love-Lock Shield competition in 1965.

## Trophy

He won the best player player's trophy in the SA State school boys' competition in 1966. In 1967 he captained the Tailem Bend senior colts team and was selected to play in five A Grade games in the same season. Finding no suitable employment at Tailem Bend Des decided to make a career in the SA Police Force, which he joined. But sport is not being cast aside. In his spare time, Des is working for the day when he hopes he will be wearing the red and black colours of the West Adelaide Football Club.

MV Standard 1967



ABOVE: Des Roffey receives the Tailem Bend Football Club Senior Colts trophy for being fairest and best player. Presenting the award is his coach, Peter Connolly.



ABOVE: "The Girls"



# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #144

## New Life for Old Carriage

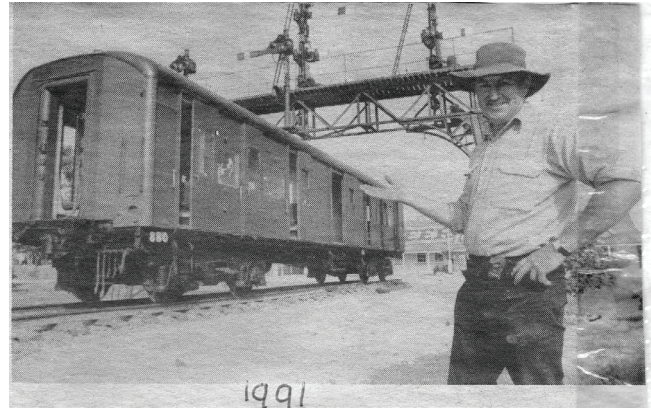
A place of the state's railway history, the former vice-regal railway carriage The Willochra, left the region last week. For the last nine years, the carriage has been among examples of railway memorabilia at Old Tailem Town.

Proprietor Mr Peter Squires has agreed to a request from the Port Dock Railway Museum, at Port Adelaide, to swap the carriage for a Red Hen railway carriage he said was told was built in about 1945. The Willochra, which Mr Squires claims is the oldest broad gauge carriage in South Australia, is in near original but deteriorated condition. "It's been out in the weather and I didn't have time to either restore it or put it under cover," Mr Squires said.

**"I decided to let the Port Dock Railway Museum have it because I consider it a State treasure."**

According to Mr Squires the Port Dock Museum will restore the carriage and keep it under cover. Mr Squires said the Willochra was built as one of three mobile post offices that were used at towns along the Adelaide – Melbourne line, where people could post and collect their mail.

It was taken out of commission around 1895. By then Post Offices had been built at most towns, along or near the line. It was then reputedly turned into a vice – regal carriage, and made ready for the 1899 trip from Adelaide to Melbourne by Sir Edmund Barton, Australia's first Prime Minister (1901-1903), who was on his way to the east to draw up the Australian Constitution, prior to Federation in 1901. From there it was used as a vice- regal carriage until 1925, when it was involved in an accident and a new one was built. At the time. It was called The Murray – a name Mr Squires said was traditionally given to vice-regal carriages. When the vice-regal carriage was built, the old one was re- named The Willochra and continued to be used as the Railway Commissioner's carriage until 1966, when it was sold to Mr Nicholls, of Jabuk. According to Mr Squires, Mr Nicholls used it as a shearer's quarters, until Mr Squires bought it in 1982 and put it back on a set of bogies (wheel Assemblies) he (Mr Squires) bought from Australia National. Over the years, the old carriage was also used as an enquiry van at rail accident sites, and was also a mobile centre for what was then the Mothers and Babies Health Association, which used it as a centre for immunisation against polio. The Red Hen carriage, which Mr Squires said was in 'fairly good condition' was placed on a short length of track under the arch near to the entrance to Old Tailem Town.



ABOVE: Old Tailem Town Proprietor Mr Peter Squires proudly displays the set-up on which adorns the entrance to the attraction – consisting of the signal gantry that encompasses his latest acquisition, a Red Hen carriage.'

The carriage replaced an older type carriage, Willochra, which was the show piece of the attraction, and one of the first pieces of memorabilia obtained for Old Tailem Town."Willochra' will now be on display at the Port Dock Museum, and Mr Squires said," we let go of our most prized possession in the interest of South Australian heritage."




## Quote for the Month...

*Either you run the day or the day runs you. - Jim Rohn.*



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*The stories keep coming from the pens of our Chief Editor Jo and Doris Connolly.  
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Article and image submitted by Elizabeth Nicholls.

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This unique event will give people the opportunity to experience and share in the love of astronomy. Cambrai is located in the heart of the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve (RMIDSR) and, consequently, enjoys some of the darkest skies in Australia. In addition to the star party format, there will be a workshop on astrophotography using smart phone cameras.

The Star Party will be held at the Cambrai Primary School on Saturday, 7 September. Although it is being held at a school, people of all ages are very welcome to participate. Entry is free but registration is required. Hot food and drink will be for sale at subsidised prices.

**To see the program and book tickets, see [shorturl.at/CMc0p](https://shorturl.at/CMc0p).  
For further information contact [cambrai@assa.org.au](mailto:cambrai@assa.org.au).**

The Star Party is proudly being hosted by the Astronomical Society of South Australia in conjunction with Cambrai Primary School. The generous support of Inspiring Australia, Skywatcher Australia and Big Bad Wolf Catering is gratefully acknowledged.

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# Resin Art Gaining Popularity

Story and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News,  
Tailem Bend Correspondent. [www.murraybridge.news](http://www.murraybridge.news)

**The Tailem Bend Community Centre was alive with creativity, as participants from around the region gathered for another successful Resin Art workshop, led by Graham Nancarrow of Murray Bridge, Saturday, August 17, 2024.**

Among those present at the workshop were Margaret Stewart of Meningie, Sharon and David Partington of Strathalbyn, and Rhonda Lanson of Mypolonga - an advanced resin artist. Krystal List of the Tailem Bend Community Centre and her daughter, Reigan, were also on hand to offer her support and guidance to the group. Krystal found that newcomers to the Resin Art workshops really enjoyed making their own colourful serving trays. *"There are two levels of students here, beginners to advanced," she explained. "Today, the students are doing a basic pour, while some of the more advanced ones are moving on to a beach scene pour, incorporating sand and small beach pebbles."*

Krystal described how transformative Resin Art has been for her personally. *"Resin Art is wonderful therapy for all of us," she said. "It gives us a real sense of coming together and allowing us to feel safe in showing our creative selves." Personally, I am not that creative, but Resin Art has been a true game changer for me - I can create a masterpiece just like the next person."*

Reigan Hermann, an enthusiastic Centre volunteer, was thrilled to witness the impact of the workshop on the community. *"It's amazing to see people come out of their shells and express themselves creatively through resin art," she said.*



ABOVE: Reigan Hermann, a new volunteer at TBCC, with her mother, Krystal List of the Tailem Bend Community Centre – enjoyed the Resin Art workshop.

Rhonda Lanson, one of the advanced students in the group, shared her passion for the medium. *"I love Resin art. I have made so many things—clock faces, trays, and I am about to finish a clear resin coating on my outdoor table serving board."*

*"Resin Art is unpredictable; it changes as it warms up and moves around. It is like it has a mind of its own," Rhonda explained. "I try to shape things in the way I do with my own life, but in the end, the final product is colourful, and unique, just like everyone in our class."*

The Tailem Bend Community Centre offers numerous creative therapy opportunities, fostering a spirit of inclusiveness and an opportunity for people to express themselves creatively within their local community.

## Meningie Hospital Turns 55

Article and images submitted by Julie Barrie.

**To celebrate 55 years of Meningie and District Memorial Hospital operating from its current site an afternoon tea is being held on Sunday 6th October 2-5pm at the Meningie Bowling Clubrooms.**

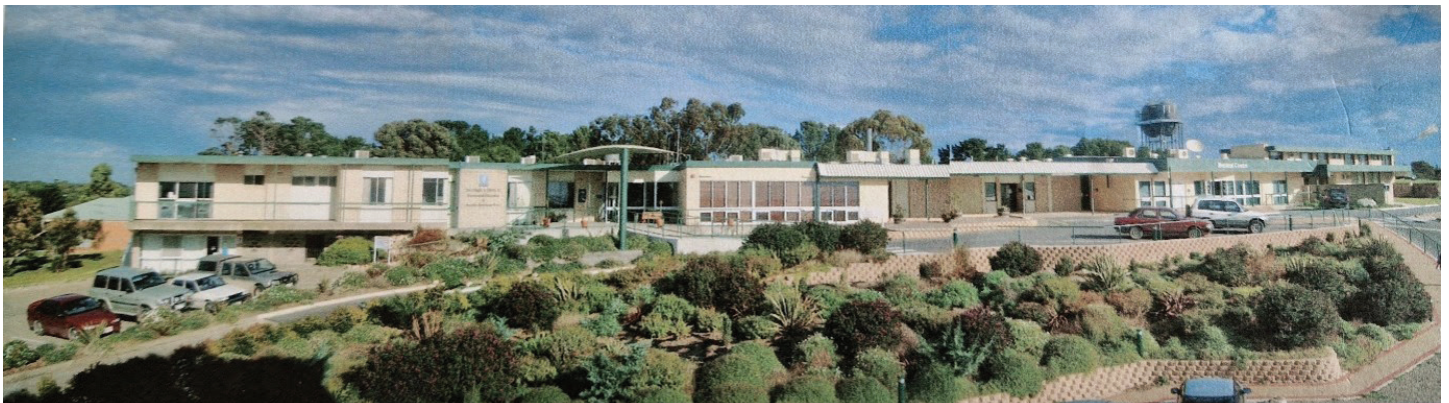
All past staff, patients and volunteer contributors connected to the hospital and former Coonalpyn Downs Health Service are welcome to attend and reconnect with old acquaintances and share their stories.

A separate invitation has been included in this newsletter.

An RSVP would greatly assist with catering so please contact either Jenny on 0409 095 925 or Joy on 0428 751 244 if you are planning to attend.

Photo boards and a rolling slide show will highlight many aspects of the hospital's history.

If you are a former staff member or volunteer contributor and are unable to attend, please let us know your name, contact details, role, dates of service and favorite memory of your experience. This will help gather details for archival records for the future.



Meningie & District Memorial Hospital & Health Services Inc. 2003  
Three pictures taken by Rod King from a cherry picker.  
Pictures joined and printed by Eric Jamieson.



# Our Community



ABOVE: Cousin's (Left) Maddie Forge and (Right) Kayce McGrath showing off their costumes at the Tailem Bend Primary School Book Week Parade. Submitted by Teagan Janes.



ABOVE: Exciting news for Tailem Bend! The long-awaited electric charging station has arrived, making it easier for locals and travellers alike to power up their electric vehicles. This new addition highlights South Australia's commitment to sustainability and innovation, providing an eco-friendly option for everyone passing through Tailem Bend.

We understand that the location was selected because of its access to the required infrastructure. What a shame we couldn't have had it the Main Street so waiting travellers could have strolled along our retail precinct. Submitted by Glenn Power.



ABOVE: Exciting News! Tailem Bend's Revival Gallery and Café is now open! Locals and travellers alike are flocking in for the perfect blend of coffee, cake, and creativity. Come and browse stunning works of art by local artists, while enjoying a delicious treat in cozy surroundings. It's the perfect spot to unwind and maybe even make a purchase. Image: Owner, Tammi Schubert.



ABOVE: Now is the time to go in and meet the newest member at the Tailem Bend Newsagency. Her name is Mango, she has a way to make you smile.



ABOVE: Pauline Merritt. Both images submitted by Glenn Power.

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# SNAPSHOT



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Article submitted by Lisa Rowntree.

## AUGUST 2024

In August, Elected Members (EM's) acknowledged a local legend, **Lindy Northcott** (Tintinara) who celebrated 100 laps around the sun on the 4<sup>th</sup> August. What an amazing milestone, congratulations Lindy.

Mayor Simmons & Cr Pietzsch recently did an interview with Murray Valley Standard about **Country Health Connect** services at Coonalpyn and Tintinara. The CEO has written to Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network about EM's dissatisfaction with their response to our questions. **BIG THANKS** to community members who continue to work hard to ensure this matter continues to get attention so that our towns can maintain a decent level of health care.

The Council had about \$500K left over from the Australian Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (phase 4) grant, and EM's agreed to spend it on Stage 2 of the **Hutt Street Upgrade Project** and **Railway Terrace Northern Car Park Upgrade** in Tailem Bend, sealing of the carpark at the **Coonalpyn Swimming Pool precinct** and upgrading the **Tintinara Lions Park**. These are "shovel ready" projects that can commence right away.

Other Capital Projects earmarked for this FY are **Stage 3 of Carcuma Road, Tintinara Town Hall kitchen and amenities** upgrade. Tenders have gone out for the upgrade to the Coonalpyn depot building and for spray sealing services (roads).

**Council's Corporate Credit Card Policy** exists to strengthen the framework around allocation and use of credit cards, while also establishing measures to prevent misuse and fraud. A review of the Policy is underway, and a draft was presented. EM's moved to adjourn this matter until more information and clarification is obtained on certain issues. There was much discussion about the **Procurement Policy** and appropriate weighting to providers who reside in our region. The Council acknowledges the vital role of local businesses in strengthening our district and will give appropriate weighting to businesses within our region wherever possible, where all other factors are equal.

The **Unbreakable Farmer** event was a great success with many people attending one of four locations. Peake (37+), Coonalpyn (90+), Meningie (53) and The Bend MSP (25+). Well done to all involved.

The Audit and Risk Committee reported that they are pleased that as of 30 June 2024, only 4% of Council employees had the equivalent of eight weeks or more of **annual leave entitlement** compared to 14% the year before. This has been a positive step by our CEO to get this area under control.

The popularity of the **Coonalpyn SM Caravan Park** continues to grow. In July last year there were 180 bookings compared to 243 bookings in July this year. I moved a motion to explore an additional 5 powered sites at the Park. This was supported and will be done in conjunction with exploring powered sites for the **Narrung Caravan Park**. The **Changing Places** toilet facility will go ahead at **Coonalpyn**. Draft drawings have been submitted along with a Development Application. The funding for this project is expected at the end of the year with construction to commence shortly afterwards. The **Salt Creek toilets** (which are in the hands of DIT) are meandering along slowly, despite weekly phone calls from Council staff chasing this up. DIT appear to still be committed to having this toilet built by Christmas 2024. Fingers crossed.

There has been some progress around **Wadmore House** (Meningie) with the Minister advising that the encumbrance on the building can be changed to suit the community's needs, or it can be returned to the Minister. This conversation is still ongoing, and a briefing will be provided to EM's soon.

The **EV station at Tailem Bend** is now operational. Council have plans underway to beautify the area next to the station with sealing, picnic tables, cover and best of all, signage, which will highlight the businesses in the town. In March this year 28 community submissions were received with over 70% of people supporting EV stations and their locations. (read March 2024 Agenda on Council's website)

I questioned the full cost of **NAIDOC week activities** as I believe there are other ways to create meaningful engagement with the community. Council will hold a workshop around this topic and hopefully EM's can share their ideas about how to improve this event. A motion from Cr Pietzsch was passed, to explore urgently needed safety options for the high-risk intersection on **Tynan Road/Kulkawurra Road**, where they intersect with the Mallee Hwy.

## Tammy Broadley Hairdressing

All aspects of men's, ladies, and children's hairdressing.



L to R - Tammy Broadley, Chantelle Anderson, Hairdressers.



L to R - Ivory Borel, Salon Assistant. Ebony Hock, Beauty Therapist.

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# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

## CEO UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that our recent Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Audit in mid July has resulted in TBCC achieving 100% met outcomes. This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our entire team. I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the Board of Management, staff, volunteers and consumers for their invaluable contributions and commitment prior and during the audit. Their efforts have made this success possible, and we are grateful for their support and dedication.

## JACOB JENNINGS VIDEOGRAPHY

We have received the draft promotional video Jacob has created for TBCC and MMCPN. We have just a few small tweaks before it can be finalised. We are hoping it will be useful for funding applications, informing the wider community about our activities, and increasing the exposure of our community services. We would like to thank everyone for their participation in the video and we cannot wait to share it with everyone.

## GROW FREE CART

We express our appreciation and thanks to the Lions of Tailem Bend who provided financial support to the staff and volunteers, who go out of their way to collect surplus bakery items from Coles, Murray Bridge. These surplus items are placed on the Grow Free Cart for those in need. For the 2023/2024 financial year Coles has kindly donated the following:

- 324kg of fruit and vegetables
- 8,611kg of bakery items

We thank everyone involved for their continued support in providing this much needed service in the community.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: HELP US COMBAT LONELINESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

TBCC has long been a pillar of support for our community, providing essential services and fostering connections among residents. One of our vital initiatives, the Wellbeing Calls program, is in urgent need of volunteers. With a growing list of 1,500 people awaiting a friendly voice, we need your help to bridge the gap.

In the 2022-23 financial year, our dedicated volunteers made an impressive 1,020 wellbeing calls. Unfortunately, last year, the number dropped to just 559. With only two volunteers currently on board, we are struggling to keep up with the demand, leaving many individuals feeling isolated and alone.

Loneliness is a pervasive issue, and the impact on our community is profound. Many people have told us they hadn't spoken to anyone since our last call. This alarming reality highlights the necessity of our program, and the crucial role volunteers play in reducing isolation.

Take the story of one of our consumers, for instance. This individual had become disengaged from their children



and struggled to find common ground during conversations. Each call ended prematurely, leaving them feeling more disconnected. Our volunteers stepped in, offering support and suggesting topics to keep conversations flowing. They shared community news that he could discuss with his family, giving him the tools to communicate more effectively. Now, he eagerly anticipates our calls, which have become a lifeline, helping him reconnect with his loved ones.

The Wellbeing Calls program has the power to transform lives, but we need your help to continue making a difference. By volunteering just a few hours of your time, you can provide companionship and support to those who need it most. Our volunteers find the experience incredibly rewarding, knowing they are making a tangible impact in someone's life.

If you have a compassionate heart and a desire to help others, please consider joining our team of volunteers. Your efforts will not only reduce loneliness and isolation in our community but also foster a sense of belonging and connection that is so desperately needed.

To volunteer or learn more about the Wellbeing Calls program, please contact TBCC. Together, we can make a difference and ensure no one in our community feels alone.

Help us spread the word by sharing this article with friends, family, and anyone who might be interested in volunteering. Let's come together to support one another and build a stronger, more connected community.

## CND / BSO UPDATE

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Regional Development Australia and Mental Health Partners for providing our community with the opportunity to complete the Standard Mental Health First Aid Course fee free.

The support is invaluable in helping us equip more individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to recognise and respond to mental health issues within our community.

A huge congratulations to the 27 participants who completed this course. Also, a massive shout out to our incredible volunteers who worked hard behind the scenes arranging a delicious assortment of food over the two days of training.



Mental Health First Aid Facilitators and Participants

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# NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2024



### CND / BSO UPDATE

We have the following training sessions and workshops coming up:

- Acrylic and Resin Art - Saturday 17 August
- First Aid and CPR – Tuesday 20 August
- Volunteer Trainer Delivery Skill Set – 1 day per week over 6 weeks through TafeSA.
- Fire Warden - Monday 28 October
- Food Safety Supervisor - Dates TBC
- Resilience Training - Dates TBC

Bookings are essential as seats are limited. Contact Krystle at TBCC for further information on 8572 3513.

### C4C UPDATE

There has been some Changes in the Communities for Children Space with a new funding round taking place. Sadly our team will no longer be delivering Parent Child Mother Goose in Murray Bridge on Mondays, but will continue to deliver in Mannum, Meningie and Tailem Bend during the school term.

Our Term 3 Details are below:

- Tuesday – Mannum Leisure Centre (Senior Citizen room) – 10:00am
- Wednesday – Meningie Kindergarten – 11:00am
- Thursday – Tailem Bend Primary School – 9.30am

We have a Registered Midwife visiting each venue once a term, these visits allow parents/carers the opportunity to have a chat, ask questions and get up-to-date weights and measurements for their child/ren.

Intergenerational sessions for this term include a visit to Aminya Village in Mannum, Jallarah homes in Meningie and a visit to the Tailem Bend Hospital.

Intergenerational sessions promote social connection, emotional wellbeing and cognitive stimulation for all involved, and it is a lot of fun and full of heart-warming moments!



### CELEBRATE CONNECTION

Families were able to join TBCC staff and volunteers to enjoy a fun Pj's and Movie Night in the Tailem Bend Town Hall, we got to rug up, get comfy, eat popcorn and watch a movie called 'bedtime stories' which opens the world of imagination for children and adults alike.



Tailem Bend Community Centre welcomes Christine back to the Communities for Children team working alongside Zoey.



Keep your eye out on our social media pages for upcoming events including some after school fun to celebrate Father's Day.

### MMCPN UPDATE

TBCC is currently working diligently to secure more volunteer drivers. By volunteering your time with us, you would be making a significant impact on the wider community by providing essential medical and social transport services. TBCC assists communities in need by offering transportation to medical appointments and social outings for those who are transport disadvantaged.

To continue providing these vital services, we are looking to expand our dedicated team of drivers. We currently have eight vehicles for drivers to use to provide this service. Three of these vehicles are stationed in Tailem Bend, and one each in Lameroo, Meningie and Murray Bridge.

We have the following accredited drivers across the regions:

- 9 drivers in Karoonda
- 10 drivers in Lameroo
- 6 drivers in Meningie
- 3 drivers in Murray Bridge
- 2 drivers in Pinnaroo
- 17 drivers in Tailem Bend

We have 9 drivers awaiting Volunteer Driver Accreditations.

This is a valuable service that can significantly contribute to someone's sense of independence. Drivers are provided with shirts for use during trips and receive a lunch allowance when driving for more than five hours a day. If you or anyone you know in these communities would like to make a difference in someone's life by joining TBCC as a volunteer driver, or as a support companion for those feeling overwhelmed by hospital visits, please contact Mel at TBCC on 8572 3513.

### TERM TIMETABLES

Refer to the TBCC website and social media page for the latest Timetable - <https://www.tbcc.org.au/>

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# NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2024



### CHSP UPDATE

#### ILLUMINATE ADELAIDE - FIRE GARDEN

Our consumers enjoyed an evening out having dinner and then attending Illuminate Adelaide. The Botanical Gardens had thousands of handcrafted giant firepots, sculptures, live music and arched pathways bringing warmth and mesmerisation to our consumers.



#### GOLDIES LUNCH

We had another successful Goldies Lunch in June, with a great turn out and company. We were joined by Glenn Power who beautifully captured the day.

Join us at our next Goldies Lunch on Friday 30 August. Bookings are essential as our seats fill up fast.

Cost - CHSP \$10.00 P/P | NON-CHSP \$15 P/P



#### HYDRO POOL & SHOPPING BUS

Every Wednesday the TBCC mini-bus travels from Tailem Bend to Murray Bridge to take consumers to either the Hydro Pool or Marketplace. This is a door to door service, and can assist with groceries.

Bookings are essential. Contact TBCC to secure your seat.

**Times:** Departs Tailem Bend at 8am and arrives back by 11am

**Cost:** \$5.00

#### SOCIAL SURPRISE BUS TRIPS

Each month our amazing volunteers take the Tailem Bend Community Centre mini-bus out to explore new places. The "surprise" is... the destination is unknown by the attendees.

If you want to get in on the action, departures are from Tailem Bend, Meningie, and Murray Bridge. Check our Facebook page or call the centre for departure dates and bookings.



Social Surprise to Bridgewater Inn

Cost - CHSP \$10.00 | Non CHSP \$20.00

Bookings are essential. Contact TBCC to secure your seat.

#### ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVE WORKSHOPS

An Advance Care Directive (ACD) empowers you to make clear legal arrangements for your future health care, end of life, preferred living arrangements, and other personal matters. It allows you to appoint a Substitute Decision Maker to make these decisions on your behalf if you are unable to make them yourself.

**Information workshops in Tailem Bend on Thursday 7 November 2024 and Meningie on Friday 28 February 2025.**

For more information contact TBCC.

#### UPCOMING MUSICALS / EVENTS

##### GREASE THE MUSICAL

9 Oct 2024 | CHSP or CHILD \$110.00\* | NON CHSP \$120.00\*

\*Price includes admission and bus.

##### COMING SOON - MARCH 2025

##### SISTER ACT THE MUSICAL

Based on the film, Sister Act is set to light up our theatres and lift our spirits with its irresistible energy and joy, that only this iconic story can! Starring Casey Donovan, Genevieve Lemon and Rhonda Burchmore.

Contact TBCC on 8572 3513 to express your interest.

##### SA SPRING GARDEN FESTIVAL

21 September 2024  
Bookings at capacity.

##### MELBOURNE CUP

5 November 2024 | TAILEM BEND TOWN HALL | 12 noon CHSP \$20.00 | NON CHSP \$25.00 | Food & Entertainment

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- **Community Event Grants**
- **Community Project Grants**

Visit Council's website for the eligibility criteria, guidelines and a copy of the Community Grants Policy and Procedure.

Apply online at [coorong.sa.gov.au](http://coorong.sa.gov.au)

## Need assistance?

Schedule a time to meet with Council's Community Development Special Projects Officer to discuss your project and application

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**Closes Friday 27 September, 2024**



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# Pangarinda Botanic Garden

Article and images submitted by Kaye and Paul Bartlett.

September the 1st is known as National Wattle Day. The local Golden Wattle *Acacia pycnantha* is Australia's Floral Emblem, with uniforms of green and gold being worn by members of our Olympic team. When in Paris the team was referred to as a sea of green and gold.

Pangarinda Botanic Garden has also been a sea of green and gold from the many species of *Acacia* now blooming. *Acacia pycnantha* one of them. A fast-growing small tree to around 5 to 7 Metres. Living only 10 to 12 years, flowering at 2 to 3 years. Self-germination is common.

*Acacia podalyriifolia* is a tall spreading shrub, with silvery blue-green foliage. The soft hairy oval shaped leaves enhance the racemes of 10 to 20 bright yellow flowers blooming in mid-winter.

Occurring naturally along our East Coast.



ABOVE: *Podalyriifolia* in full bloom.

## Happy 8th Birthday Axel

Story and images by Josephine McGrath.

8-year-old Axel McGrath has fallen in love with the furniture store HuggleCo, and their off-the-wall TV adverts making him smile from ear to ear. Axel celebrated his birthday this August by meeting his hero HuggleCo managing director Adrian Manera, the man behind the screen.

Birthdays can be hard for Axel as he has autism and with it comes difficulty connecting with others. This makes planning a conventional birthday party rather difficult. Axel's only request was to visit HuggleCo (Mt Barker) for his birthday and after a few emails, it was arranged. Axel had an incredible time testing/playing with each sofa and talking to Adrian about the different products and prices, it was like his own personal playground. Axel then received gifts including a bamboo pillow, bedding and his own HuggleCo T-shirt! After we shared cupcakes and everyone wished him a fantastic birthday.

**I want to thank everyone at HuggleCo in Mt Barker for making this possible and a massive thank you to Adrian for coming down and celebrating Axel's birthday with us.**



ABOVE: Adrian enjoying himself at Axels birthday.



ABOVE: (Right) Axel McGrath celebrating his birthday with (left) sister Kayce and (Middle) hero Adrian Manera with yummy cupcakes!



ABOVE: (left) Axel being presented with his birthday gifts.





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is a low impact program only for 50+ aged participants!**

**★ Special Offer: Your registration and first 2 sessions are FREE! ★**

**Whether you're looking to improve your fitness, gain strength, or just  
enjoy a more active lifestyle, our program is perfect for you.**

**To learn more or to register, *contact Amanda on 0414 770 970***

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# What are you Waiting For?

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

**There are different kinds of waiting in our lives. We are usually waiting for someone or something to arrive or waiting for someone or something to pass. And there can be a range of emotions attached to the waiting. Frustration, fear, anger, worry, blame, joy, eagerness, hopefulness, anticipation, happiness. Sometimes the scale of emotions can change quite quickly and other factors such as time weigh heavily on the situation.**

Jesus is waiting as well. He is waiting for us.

Jesus is waiting for believers to join Him in heaven where He has prepared a place for us. Imagine that, Jesus went ahead to prepare a place for us and He is waiting for the time when we can join Him! (*John 14:3*). Jesus is waiting for God the Father to tell Him the time to come and get His faithful believers. (*Matthew 25:13*). Jesus is waiting for believers to gather in His name, for He assures us that He is there amongst them. (*Matthew 18:20*). Jesus is waiting for His believers to gather together to worship Him. (*Hebrews 10:25*). Jesus is waiting for His believers to speak to Him in prayer (*1 John 5:14*). Jesus is waiting for us to say yes to Him, to believe that He is who He says He is, and He does what He says He will do. The Bible is filled with so many accounts of Jesus doing exactly that.

So why believe in someone who died over 2000 years ago? Jesus loves you and died for you and rose from the dead for you. The Son of God who was fully human and fully God at the same time, came down to earth to take the punishment of our sin once and for all. Before Jesus, there was no way for us to be in Heaven, our sin separated us from God. But Jesus' death and resurrection made the way (*John 14:6*). He became human so we as humans could follow Him to heaven one day. Jesus wants eternal life for us with Him in heaven forever.

There is no other god in history who has died so that we may have life. Jesus, true God and true man, did that for us. I can't comprehend the depth of his love, that He willingly went to the cross, an excruciating death, so that our sin which separated us from God the Father, would not be held to us. (*Ephesians 3:16*) Total freedom in the love of Jesus. Total, unrestrained love from Jesus. We gain so much in Jesus. He made the first move and He is waiting for us to respond. What are you waiting for?

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12*

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# COORONG Council News

Aug - Sept 2024

## Welcome to this month's Council update

Throughout July and August Coorong District Council has undertaken a range of activities, attended events and delivered programs across the district.

## Around the District

The **Community Facilities** team have focused on tidying and trimming trees following strong wind events and maintaining community facilities across the district.

The **2024/25 Unsealed Roads Program** has commenced, with 35km scheduled for re-sheeting across the district - Richardson Road, Culburra is the first underway. An additional 13km of Carcuma Road, Tintinara will also be upgraded to a sealed road standard, completing the sealing of the road within the Coorong District.

Rural road users are continuing to be supported through Council's **patrol grading program**, with over 300kms of unsealed roads graded in July - residents can expect to see graders in the Tintinara, Sherlock and Meningie areas in the coming weeks.

Weed spraying has been carried out on the **Tintinara Aerodrome** runway, and **footpath renewal** (new pavers) will shortly begin on

the corner of Princes Highway and Matson Street in front of the Meningie Post Office.



*Pictured above: Weed spraying on runway, Tintinara Aerodrome*

## Key Decisions

At the 20 August Ordinary meeting, Council resolved to change Ordinary Council meeting start times to 3pm (from 5pm) commencing in September for a six-month trial period.

\$501,813 in funding from Local Roads & Infrastructure Program's Phase 4 were allocated towards several projects, further sealing of Hutt Street, Tailem Bend, upgrade of the Tailem Bend Railway Terrace northern car park to address stormwater issues, sealing of the Coonalpyn Swimming Pool car park and an upgrade of the Tintinara Lions Park.

The 2024/25 - 2033/34 Long Term Financial Plan was also adopted - this plan determines Council's financial sustainability in the medium to long term, while achieving the strategic outcomes set out in the Community Vision Plan 2021-2025.

## Ordinary Council meetings will now commence at 3pm at the Coorong Civic Centre, Tailem Bend



## Community Development

### Community Grants Program Now Open!

Community groups can now **apply for up to \$5,000** in funding to help deliver projects and events through the 2024/25 community grants program.

Groups involved in local sport and recreation, cultural, community development, and social and welfare activities may be eligible to apply for grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 in one of three categories; Small Community Grants, Community Event Grants, and Community Project Grants.

**Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday, 27 September 2024.**

**Apply online at [www.coorong.sa.gov.au](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au)**

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**Strength for Life is now in Tailem Bend!**

IMPAC (Integrated Murraylands Physical Activity Committee) is pleased to be bringing the Strength for Life program to Tailem Bend.

Strength for Life is a popular way for older South Australians aged 50+ to keep active, maintain their physical and mental wellbeing and make friends in a supportive and fun environment.

Sessions are usually undertaken in a group setting where each individual works to a personalised program designed to meet their own fitness level, goals and allowance for any health considerations.

To learn more or to register, call Amanda on 0414 770 970.



# Community Grants **NOW OPEN**

Apply now for up to **\$5,000**

## The Unbreakable Farmer

In partnership with Coorong Conversations Matter, Council was pleased to present one of Australia's leading rural mental health advocates Warren Davies - The Unbreakable Farmer to communities across the Coorong District this August.

Warren's story touched on the impact that life's events can have on your mental health, some of which may not come to the surface to have an effect until years later. His story included schoolyard bullying, family disagreements, and navigating everything from drought to flood as a farmer.

Four events were held in Peake, Coonalpyn, Meningie and Tailem Bend, with over 200 people coming along to hear Warren share his story about his own mental health journey.



*Pictured above: Warren Davies – The Unbreakable Farmer at Meningie, 9th August*



*Pictured above: Cr. Sharon Bland, Warren Davies and Nick McBride MP at Meningie's Unbreakable Farmer even, 9th August*

### Want to read more?

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



# Volunteering with Council

*"Give a little, gain a lot."*



Volunteers play a vital and valuable role in our communities and in the provisions of services to Council.

With a range of programs on offer, volunteering can be a great way to meet new people, gain new skills and enjoy new experiences.

Council is seeking registrations of interest for the following programs

- Tailem Info Station & Rail Museum**
- Meningie Info Hub**
- Pangarinda Botanic Gardens**

For more information please contact Council's Volunteer Coordinator on 1300 785 277

# Tailem Bend Community Library

## New Books September 2024

### ADULT FICTION

- LEATHER Stephen, –Clean Kill: Thriller  
BROWNLOW John, –Assassin Eighteen: Thriller  
BURTON Rachel, –The Mystery of Haverford House: Mystery  
DASHOFY Annette, –Keep Your Family Close; Mystery  
MICHAELS Fern, –On the Line; Mystery  
SAMSON Freya, –Nosy Neighbours; Friendship  
KIM Crystal Hana, –The Stone Home; Family Drama  
REICHS Kathy, –The bone Hacker; Crime mystery  
HANNA Rachel, –Happy Harbor; Romance  
COOPER Tea, –The Talented Mrs Greenway; Aust, Historical  
FRENCH Jackie, –The Sea Captains Wife; Mystery Australian  
CONNELLY Michael, –Resurrection Walk; Crime  
DISHER Garry, –The Sunken Road; Australian Fiction  
LANE Karley, – Wish You Were Here; Rural Saga  
PALMER Fiona, –The Wrong Sister; Family Saga  
KING Stephen, –You Like It Darker; Short Stories  
CALLEN Alissa, –Snowy Mountains Dawn; Aust Rural saga  
KELLERMAN Jonathon, –The Ghost Orchid; Thriller  
STRAWHAN Gavin, –The Call; Thriller  
WHITE S R. –White Ash Ridge; Australian Crime  
JAMES Peter, –They Thought I Was Dead; Crime  
CUSSLER Clive, –The Heist; Adventure  
PATTERSON James, –Eruption; Thriller  
CLANCY Tom, –Act of Defiance; Jack Ryan Mystery  
COMEY James, –Westport; Financial Thriller  
HILL Susan, –The Small Hand; Ghost Saga  
LINNELL Maya, –Wallaby Lane; Rural Saga SA  
LeNAY Louise, –Edenhope Adventure  
DEAVER Jeffery, –The Watchmakers Hand; Thriller  
ELLORY R.J. –The Bell Tower; Thriller  
WALKER Martin, –A Grave in The Woods; Mystery  
McARTHUR Fiona, –Back To Birdsville; Rural Saga  
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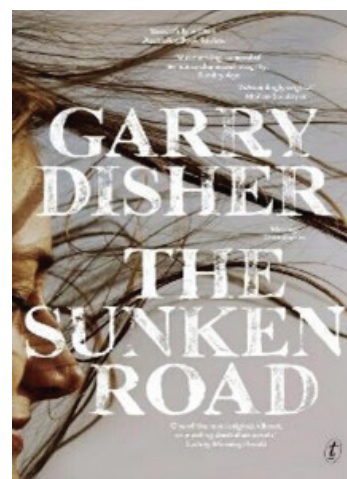


### The Sunken Road

by DISHER Garry

A consummate masterpiece of structure and style, *The Sunken Road* belongs firmly in the bestselling tradition of Carol Shields's *The Stone Diaries*.

Anna's life is the theme as well as the content of this extraordinary novel. Taking the reader from her early years (or before her birth) to her old age, each chapter reworks this theme with a cumulative effect, constantly refining, adding, illuminating and building on what has gone before, leaving the reader hanging on every word, desperate to glean the smallest new fragment of information about Anna. Her life has the flavour of a lover lost in Vietnam, a breakdown, a boring husband, an extramarital affair, a dead child, a lesbian daughter, and gothic relatives at every turn. But the way Disher presents this material transcends its simple content. From the events in Anna's life he derives piercing truths about the nature of regret, the impact of mortality and most importantly about the workings of memory and the nature of time.



## MONDAY MEMORIES

\*23rd September 2024 Note Date Change

*At the Community Library 10am.*

Come and reminisce of the good old days.

ALL WELCOME!



Submitted by Angie Tomkinson.



Story and images by Glenn Power, Murray Bridge News,  
Tailem Bend Correspondent. More images at [www.murraybridge.news](http://www.murraybridge.news)

**The Tailem Bend community was treated to an inspiring afternoon on Sunday, August 11, 2024, as Warren Davies, known as The Unbreakable Farmer, shared his message of resilience and mental health awareness at The Bend's Shell V-Power Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend.**

Thanks to a \$10,000 State Emergency Relief Fund grant secured by the Coorong District Council in partnership with the Suicide Prevention Network, Conversation Matters, the event brought together locals for an engaging and therapeutic experience. Commencing at the Peake Football Club on Wednesday, August 7 with a free community BBQ, then the Coonalpyn Football Club with a schnitzel night, on Thursday August 8, to the Meningie Golf Club with a schnitzel/steak night on Friday, August 9, Warren's Coorong leg of his speaking circuit, ended on Sunday, August 11, at Shell V-Power Motorsport Park, followed by a complimentary afternoon tea. Warren Davies, whose life journey has tested his resilience, persistence, and determination, spoke candidly about the challenges he has faced. From financial hardships to strained family relationships, Warren's life has been anything but easy. Yet, these very struggles have shaped him into The Unbreakable Farmer, a man whose story resonates with many, and whose strategies for managing mental health are both practical and relatable. Guests at the event were not only able to hear Warren's powerful story but were also invited to take part in a unique driving experience around The Bend's Shell V-Power Motorsport Park. This special opportunity was made possible through collaboration with Sarah Davis, co-founder and managing director of Drive Against Depression.

Sarah, who has worked closely with Warren, expressed her excitement about the event, noting the therapeutic benefits of driving. *"There's something incredibly healing about the act of driving," Sarah said. "Whether it's the focus required or the conversations that naturally unfold on a road trip, driving can provide a much-needed escape from the stresses of daily life. It's a moment beyond the walls of your mind, where you can reconnect with yourself and others,"* she said. The day's event highlighted how driving can serve as a form of therapy, particularly for those struggling with mental health issues. For many, the simple act of getting behind the wheel can be a way to break free from the emotional spiral that depression often brings. It's about reconnecting with the world, feeling the unique traits of your vehicle, and finding the headspace to seek further help.

The Bend's contribution to the event was significant, offering the track for guests to drive their own cars in support of Drive Against Depression. Participants donated \$20 each for the chance to experience the racetrack, with all proceeds going towards the



ABOVE: Thanking Warren for a memorable afternoon, Pauline Linke of Sunflowers for Mental Health & Wellbeing, presents "The Unbreakable Farmer" with a symbol of mental health awareness – The Blue Tree, designed and made by the Wicker Family of Regional Profile Cutters, Tailem Bend.

cause. As the afternoon drew to a close, Warren Davies reflected on the importance of community events such as this. *"Mental health struggles can be crippling, but by coming together and sharing our experiences, we can find strength and support,"* he said. *"I've seen firsthand how these conversations and connections can make a difference, and I'm grateful to be a part of it."*

Through his work and the support of organizations like Drive Against Depression, and Anglicare SA's Standby Support after Suicide, Warren Davies continues to make a profound impact on the lives of thousands, reminding us all of the power of resilience and the importance of taking that first step—whether it's getting out of bed, or getting behind the wheel—to reclaim our mental well-being.



ABOVE: Guests were treated to a spin or two, around Shell V-Power Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend.

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# What's Happening in our Community?

## MONDAYS

- **ROTARY CLUB OF TAILEM BEND;** Meet every fortnight on Mondays at 6pm at the Riverside Hotel, Princes Hwy Tailem Bend, **contact Phil Roberts: 0428 305 432.** Please contact Phil to check location.
- **MONDAY MEMORIES!;** Last Monday of the month at the Tailem Bend library at 10am. **All Welcome!**
- **RIVERBEND LADIES INDOOR BOWLS;** Thursdays until the end of October. Fun games 10.30am. Team games 2pm. **Contact R. Ellis: 8572 3252 or L. Jaensch: 8672 4064**
- **TAILEM BEND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION;** JOIN THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION! **More details please contact: Maxine Kiddie: 0439 387 750**

## TUESDAYS

- **SOCIAL TENNIS – ALL WELCOME;** Every Tuesday 9am – 11.30am. Hosted at the lovely new courts at Tailem Bend Oval. Morning Tea provided. \$5.00 per person. **Contact Graeme Melbourne 0429 140 735.**
- **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 8532 4372 or Ian Eckermann 8572 3850.**
- **TAILEM BEND AUTO CLUB;** Tailem Bend Auto Club (TBAC) meeting every Third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Tailem Bend Football Club. Please contact the TBAC Facebook page for more information.
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- **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](http://www.sacwa.org.au)**
- **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**

## THURSDAYS

- **PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE;** Cuddle.. Communicate.. Connect... Using songs, rhymes and stories to support connection between child and parent. 9.30am – 10.15am at the Tailem Bend Primary School.

## SATURDAYS

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# Thought for the Month

Submitted by Peter Connolly - Catholic Parish.

## Hope' Hopeness.

Beauty is useless, superfluous, like all great things in life. Is not the Universe itself a totally firework of divine glory. Useful things have a price. But who can put a price on a poem in dollars and cents. If Gods glory is all that matters then the totally useless is not to be relegated to moments of spare time once in a month of Sundays. As experienced with in us , hope us in a special way related to the future. Hope holds us in a twofold sense for a future in time and for a future in time and for a future beyond time.

The surprise within the surprise of every new discovery is that there is even more to be discovered. Hope holds the present open for an ever fresh future. Let us remember however that it makes no sense to speak of past and future with regard to God.

Before our hope was purified, we expected the best or third best. But pure hope expects the surprise that even the worst, if it happens will be the best.

### *The heart of prayer*

A school teacher, for instance, comes home exhausted from have taken her class to the zoo. She complained she didn't have a moment to pray. Chances are she prayed all day with love for each child with Gods love flowing through her. One can think about God and still do the work well.

*Our eyes for the perfect are the eyes of hope. Hope looks at all things the way a mother looks at her child, with a passion, for the possible. But that way of looking is creative. It creates the space in which perfection can unfold.*

Brother David Steindl - Rast

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## Jokes of the Month

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I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks.

They charged one – and let the other one off.

An archaeologist is the best husband.

The older she gets the more interested he is in her!

Who can drink 20 liters of gas and not get sick?

Jerry can.

It's almost spring time



## Quotes of the Month

"All that we are is the result of what we have thought."

Buddha.

"The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus."

Bruce Lee.

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

If you have something you would like to share in the next Tailem Topics, please email it to Jo the Editor at [tailemtopics@gmail.com](mailto:tailemtopics@gmail.com).

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