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*A dedicated Tailem Bend local has been recognised alongside a community group on Australia Day 2025.*



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Story by Liana Webster, Murray Bridge News.  
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**A Tailem Bend woman's dedication to her community has earned her recognition as one of the Coorong district's citizens of the year.**

Raelene Varga was named one of two award recipients at Tailem Bend's Australia Day event on Sunday 25th of January. She was recognised for her multiple volunteer roles within the community, including with the Tailem Topics, Tailem Bend Football Club, the Friends of the Tailem Bend Hospital and the former Tailem Bend Music Hall. Perhaps where she spends most of her time, though, is as the Tailem Bend RSL's bar manager. RSL president Chris Taylor said Ms Varga was the kind of person who did something because she wanted to, not because she had been asked.

*"Her unwavering love for Tailem Bend is evident on the daily ... if you ever wondered who keeps the town tidy, picking up rubbish as she come across it, it's Raelene,"* Mr Taylor said.

Ms Varga said she was deeply honoured to receive the citizen of the year title for 2025. *"Volunteering ... allows me to serve people with a warm welcome and friendly conversation,"* she said. She mostly enjoys assisting in the monthly karaoke sessions held by the RSL, and possibly singing the odd song here and there. *"I would also like to acknowledge the other volunteers as we all have our own special jobs, we are a good team,"* she said.



ABOVE: 2025 Community Project of the Year.

*The Enchanted Encounter by the Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc*  
Photo: Provided by the Coorong District Council.



ABOVE: Raelene Varga is named Tailem Bend's citizen of the Year for 2025.  
Photo: Liana Webster, Murray Bridge News.

## Enchanting Experience is named project of the year!

The team behind the Enchanted Encounter exhibit was also recognised on the day for bringing joy, connection and festive cheer to the community. In the lead-up to Christmas in 2023, the Communities for Children team from the Tailem Bend Community Centre created a magical experience using low- or no-cost resources.

Over 15 days the Enchanted Encounter was attended by more than 600 members of the community who got to experience the free event. Individuals of all ages were able to visit, including children, families, and the elderly, with a focus on making the season special for disadvantaged children and their families.

Judy Bagg, who accepted the award on behalf of the community centre, said the Enchanted Experience was a true reflection of the heart and soul of the community. *"It was designed to create an escape, a sense of wonder and moments of social connection,"* she said. The success of the Enchanted event inspired the team to create another display last year, this time Inside-out themed.

*"This display highlighted the importance of emotional intelligence and fostering genuine connections during the festive season, reminding us all of the beauty in our shared humanity,"* Ms Bagg said. She thank everyone who visited the experience, the volunteers for making it happen and those who embraced the magic.

COVER: Raelene Varga is named Tailem Bend's citizen of the Year for 2025.  
Photo: Provided by the Coorong District Council.

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# Welcome to 2025

Submitted by Rosemary Tierney.

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year period – and managed to spend quality time with family and friends. I am certainly back refreshed and ready to tackle the year!

As you may know – the state electorate of MacKillop takes in more than 34,000 square kilometres. It includes towns like Tailem Bend in the north – across to Pinnaroo and Lameroo, then down to Bordertown, Naracoorte, Penola and Kalangadoo, and across to Millicent, Robe, Kingston and Meningie. As your elected representative, that's a lot of travel to meet with constituents and communities - and keep updated on the issues affecting you. There is nothing better than seeing and hearing from you firsthand!

My electorate office is in Naracoorte, which makes it difficult for those in the north of my electorate who prefer to meet with me in person. So, this year, I'm holding a series of drop-in sessions at Tailem Bend. My first session will be held on Friday 21st February at the Tailem Bend Community Centre between midday and 3pm.

I urge you to come along and have a chat with me about any issues that I may be able to assist you with. As your elected representative, I can advocate to Government on a wide range of topics, including roads, health care, the environment, or mobile connectivity issues.

So please, mark the 21st February in your diary and come along to the Tailem Bend Community Centre which have kindly offered a space for me to use. Depending on the demand, I will try and keep discussions to a 10-minute maximum but will also have a staff member with me to assist with any enquiries.

*I am Always Here for MacKillop and look forward to continuing to work as your representative*

## A Letter From a Far...

Submitted by Jeanne Phipps. Photos by Mayoress.

### Happy New Year to everyone in Tailem Bend.

This January I (*Jeanne Phipps from Kingswinford England*) spent time on a cruise to the Caribbean while spending my Christmas at a hotel in Torquay. I will return from the cruise on the 1st of February and plan to start making arrangements to return to Tailem Bend sometime this year.

I look forward to seeing Doreen Lutz (*resident of Tailem Bend*) who I met at secondary school at age 11.



ABOVE: Left - Jeanne Phipps and friend Tina waiting for 500 swimmers to enter cold sea.



# NICK McBRIDE MP

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ABOVE: At Teignmouth waiting for 500 swimmers to enter cold sea for the traditional New Year's Day dips!

*Submitted by Peri Strathearn. - www.murraybridge.news*

**It was challenging for many small businesses last year in the Murraylands, including for Murray Bridge News. But as I sat at home reflecting on 2024, I found myself thankful for the year we've had.**

Murray Bridge News welcomed a new journalist, Liana Webster, thanks to a grant from the Walkley Foundation; we moved to a new web platform; and we published more than 750 stories –we'll look back at the best of them in the coming days. I haven't told you this yet, but we recently earned accreditation as a social enterprise, too, recognising that this for-profit business has a community focus. On a personal note, I've been pleased to learn a few things at industry events in Port Douglas and Sydney, and to be re-elected to the board of the Local and Independent News Association.

**More recently, as you know, we've appealed for more support from local advertisers. We needed to find 11 regular advertising clients, I said, or we wouldn't be able to keep this year.**

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I am hopeful that a federal News Media Relief Program, announced the day after our appeal, might buy us enough time to find those extra advertisers if our application is successful. Everything is still up in the air and disaster is never too far away, but that has been my experience of the media industry for about 10 years now, so we've decided to press on. After all, you said such nice things about us in our reader survey.

**Let's look forward to some excitement in 2025, then:**

- For the first time, we hope to expand our coverage to a broader area
- We'll take a citizens' agenda approach to reporting on the federal election, putting the issues you want discussed in front of all the candidates
- Most excitingly, we'll be announcing a major new event for the Murraylands

## Free Inside-Out Static Display

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

**The Tailem Bend Community Centre has once again impressed with its latest exhibition, the Inside-Out Static Display, a vibrant and interactive experience designed to explore emotions and feelings.**

This outstanding display, prepared by the dedicated staff and volunteers of the Tailem Bend Community Centre, is a perfect reflection of the Centre's commitment to creativity and community engagement. The concept of Inside-Out encourages visitors to take time to reflect on their inner thoughts while enjoying the beautifully curated setup. A highlight is the Fluorescent Room, where visitors can try on various glowing items, immersing themselves in the captivating ambiance. Much of the creativity in this space comes from the students of Tailem Bend Primary School, who contributed to the fun and colourful atmosphere.

Adding to the interactive nature, the woodworking men of the community crafted special interactive displays that encourage hands-on participation, inviting people of all ages to engage thoughtfully and playfully. Visitors can capture memories at the photo booth, adding an extra layer of enjoyment to their visit. Best of all, the exhibit is free and open to the public, showcasing the incredible community spirit fostered by the Tailem Bend Community Centre.



*ABOVE: Barbie Power, Tailem Bend Community Centre, Volunteer, getting into the spirit of the interactive Inside-Out Static Display. The displays consisted of several colourful Fluorescent Rooms.*

With its blend of art, creativity, and engagement, the Inside-Out Static Display is a must-see attraction, celebrating the talent and collaboration within the Tailem Bend region.

# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #148

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

## **This Month we look at the memories of Neville Gotch and the School Gym.**

### **Neville Farewells 21-Year Routine**

**It will take a trek across the Simpson Desert to help Tailem Bend primary School's principal ease into retirement, breaking a 21-year-old routine is not something you do every day.**

*"I have no doubts I am going to miss it—and in particular the Kids" said Neville. Neville Gotch will take many memories with him when he steps down from his position of principal this Friday. While the desert trip is something he has wanted to do for quite a while, it will take his mind off the beginning of term three and the fact that it won't find him teaching. "I've thoroughly enjoyed myself here, that's made it hard to make the retirement decision." "I'm lucky I've been enjoying where I am and what I'm doing - it's a good school, good staff, and a great community to work with. I have no doubts I'm going to miss it, and particular the Kids, who I've enjoyed working with," he said.*

Mr Gotch began as a principal at Tailem Bend in 1976 and has been through many experiences at the school, including the establishment of the administration block, the opening of the library to the community, changes to student enrolment numbers and 1984, and the loss of six classrooms to fire. *"That was a pretty traumatic experience for all those involved, but the positive side of it was the community support. The whole community really came together and held a fire appeal." "I think that situation was an indication of community concern for the school; their involvement and interest has continued," he said.*

Mr Gotch said further proof of this support, has been seen in the community's fundraising efforts for a gymnasium -- \$120,000 has been raised in two and a half years. On Thursday Mr Gotch will meet with the State Loans Advisory Council for approval for financing of the gym, which he said would be the culmination of a *"bit of a dream."* *"If you've got to go out, it's nice to go out on a good note. I hope to still be involved in fund-raising and remain on the committee if the new principal agrees 'Mike Innes, of Mannum Primary School' will take over as acting principal from Mr Gotch, who will remain living in Murray Bridge."*

I've always been a community person and I can see myself driving for Meals On Wheels and things like that in the future. But first I want to relax and do a few things of my own!"



ABOVE: Tailem Bend Primary School's Neville Gotch will retire this week after 21 years as principal.

### **Tailem Gym Opened**

**Tailem Bend's school and community gymnasium is now officially open. In a ceremony at the school on Friday, former principal Neville Gotch, Gymnasium committee chairman Mike Kozikowski, and student representative Alisha Mcloughlin cut a ribbon to mark the occasion.**

More than 200 community and school committee members attended the event, including six past principals, and present- Monica Williams, Noel Kneebone, Joan Fabbian, Neville Gotch John Hackett, and Mike Innes. Also there were District superintendent of education Trevor Radtoff, Peter Roberts representing the Department of Education Training and Employment, Member for Hammond Peter Lewis, and Barry Featherston, representing the Department of Recreation and Sport. Former principal Neville Gotch said the gymnasium showed that dreams do come true. It was a dream when talked about in 1991-1992 and in 1993 a public meeting was called and a steering committee formed. A target of \$120,000 in almost unprecedented effort of community enthusiasm and dedication this money was raised. *"It was a tremendous effort" he said.*

The gymnasium was testament to the community of Tailem Bend and something of which they could be really proud. Mr Gotch said the facility was already being well used but there was scope for much greater use – from kinder gym to seniors' citizens' indoor bowling and everything in between. Gymnasium committee chairman since its inception Mike Kozikowski said the multi- function facility was a *"magnificent stadium for our kids and our community to enjoy."* He said that by the time the committee was required to pay the bill, the committee had raised about \$140,000. The gymnasium was a *"magnificent testament"* to the Tailem Bend community. Speakers also included Dylan Hogarth = Sweetman and Alisha Mcloughlin, representing the student representative council.

# The Changing Face of Tailem Bend #148



ABOVE: Principals past and present at the official opening of the Tailem Bend School and Community Gymnasium on Friday- (from left) Monica Williams, Noel Kneebone Joan Fabbian, Neville Gotch, John Hackett and Mike Innes.



ABOVE: The cutting of the ribbon to officially open the facility. (from Left) Past principal Neville Gotch, student representative, council representative Alisha Mcloughlin and the chairman of the gymnasium committee since its inception, Mike Kozikowski.

## Quote for the Month...

If you can't yet do great things, do small things in a great way. - Napoleon Hill

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



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## Fundraiser for Community Gym.

A small but enthusiastic, group of parents and friends turned out at Tailem Bend Primary School on Sunday for the school's special "pork and port" lunch. The event was a fund-raiser for Tailem's much needed gym.

About \$500.00 was raised from the lunch, and while school acting Principal Andrew Caire said they would have like to raise more money, it was not a bad effort for the number of people who turned up. The "pork and port" theme saw a group of about 70 enjoy roasted pig, donated by Don Parker, plus a complimentary glass of port. Patrons were also treated to a skipping demonstration, courtesy of the school's jump rope for heart team, and student work was on display in the school's foyer. Various activities and competitions kept the children amused during the afternoon, with Melissa Leckie and Aleks each winning a basketball in a basket throwing competition.

"It was a very relaxing afternoon," Mr Caire said. "Those who did come really enjoyed themselves. They hung around until about 6.30pm. We were hoping to finish up at 4pm but they were having such a good time." Mr Caire said because the school had received positive feedback from those at Sunday's event, they would possibly stage another some-time during the year. The next Fund-raising event for the community gym will be a dinner dance in the town hall on Saturday July 23rd Tickets, at \$25 per head, are available at the school.

M/V Standard 1994



ABOVE: Tailem Bend community gymnasium committee chairman Mike Kosikowski watches local school teacher Kaye Laredo (left) and committee member Gwen Owens tend the pig-on-a-spit at Sunday's pork and port fundraiser lunch at the school.

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## FEBRUARY 2025



### CEO UPDATE

#### Unleash Your Creativity: Share Your Class Ideas with TBCC!

Taillem Bend Community Centre is your community hub for learning, creativity, and connection, and we are always looking for ways to grow and improve our offerings. That's why we want to hear from YOU!

Do you have an idea for a new class or workshop that you'd love to see in our lineup? Whether it's a hobby, a skill, or a passion you'd like to explore, your suggestions could be the next big hit at TBCC. From arts and crafts to fitness, cooking, technology, or something entirely unique—there's no limit to the possibilities.

We're also on the lookout for talented and enthusiastic tutors who are passionate about sharing their knowledge and skills with the community. If you have expertise in a specific area and enjoy teaching, we'd love to hear from you!

At TBCC, we strive to offer activities that engage, inspire, and connect people of all ages and backgrounds. Your input can help us create a program that truly reflects the diverse interests and needs of our community.

#### How to Share Your Ideas or Express Interest in Tutoring:

Call us at 08 8572 3513  
Email us at [info@tbcc.org.au](mailto:info@tbcc.org.au)  
Drop by the Centre at 141 Railway Terrace for a chat

Let's work together to make TBCC a place where everyone can learn, grow, and thrive. We can't wait to hear your ideas and welcome new tutors to our vibrant team!

Get involved today and help shape the future of TBCC!

#### MMCPN Under-65 Funding Tender

The Department of Human Services (DHS), under-65 funding tender, rebranded as Community Transport SA (CTSA), opened in October 2024 and closed in January 2025. Successful supplier(s) will be notified in April 2025, with new CTSA agreements commencing on 1 September 2025. This timeline ensures a smooth transition period for uninterrupted service delivery.

TBCC Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network (MMCPN) has tendered for CTSA funding. If successful, this will significantly expand TBCC's service footprint, enabling us to continue to deliver integrated transport services across both under-65 and over-65 age groups offering a seamless and efficient experience for all consumers. TBCC strongly advocates for a unified approach, as it ensures service viability and minimizes confusion for consumers. The MMCPN over 65 years transport is funded by the Department of Health and Aged Care (DOHAC) through the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP).

In the event the CTSA tender is unsuccessful, TBCC will continue to provide transport services for over-65 consumers under the current federal contract until it concludes in June 2027, with a possibility of renewed funding. Regardless of the outcome, TBCC remains committed to advocating for and delivering a best-practice transport model that prioritises the needs of the community.

#### Australian Service Excellence Accreditation (ASES)

Standards Assurance assessors will be visiting the TBCC Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 March 2025, for our 3-year Australian Service Excellence Accreditation (ASES) review. TBCC is proud to have achieved ASES Certificate Level in 2012 and upgraded to Award Level in 2022, placing us among just six providers nationwide to reach this prestigious level of excellence. This review highlights our ongoing commitment to best practice service, ensuring we continue to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

#### Station Master's House

One of the treasures of our community is the historic Station Master's House, a landmark that encapsulates Taillem Bend's rich heritage. Its story begins with the opening of the Intercolonial Railway on 1 May 1886, connecting Adelaide to the Victorian border and sparking the birth of Taillem Bend. Over the years, this vital junction shaped our township's rail and agricultural legacy.

Constructed in 1916 by Mr. William Dick under the architectural guidance of Mr. Alfred Bonython, the Station Master's House stands as a testament to dedication and resilience, exemplified by Stationmaster Mr. Ambrose Sieben. Today, it continues to highlight our railway heritage and the enduring spirit of our community.

On Friday, 31 January 2025, TBCC proudly celebrated the opening of a sustainability garden to promote food security at the Station Master's House, officiated by the Hon. Minister for Human Services and Aged Care, Nat Cook. A centrepiece of the event was the unveiling of an extraordinary art installation—an animated talking tree named Pinar (pronounced Pea-nar), which means "Tree" in Ngarrindjeri. Pinar shares captivating stories, wisdom, and insights about our community and the stunning Murray River, Lakes, and Coorong region. With regularly updated recordings, Pinar promises to encourage repeat visits and greater community engagement with the garden and the centre.

Since taking ownership on 31 October 2024, TBCC has envisioned transforming the Station Master's House into a dynamic hub of community engagement and economic growth. Plans include a social enterprise retail space and training facility. This multifaceted destination will serve as a unique attraction for locals and visitors alike, fostering connection, creativity, and opportunity. Importantly, TBCC will retain its current building, expanding its footprint to accommodate growing needs and ensure the community continues to be well-supported.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to the local tradespeople who have generously contributed their time, skills, and expertise to achieve Stage One improvements. Their invaluable support has brought this vision closer to reality. Looking ahead, further development will rely on securing additional grant funding, and we are committed to pursuing every opportunity to make this dream a reality.

Generously designed plans by Michael Holliday are available for viewing at TBCC. We warmly welcome your feedback and suggestions at [info@tbcc.org.au](mailto:info@tbcc.org.au)

Join us in shaping the future of this iconic space and experiencing the magic of Pinar!



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## CND / BSO UPDATE

### Paint and Sip Workshop

The Paint and Sip evening was a joyful night had by all. Thank you to everyone involved in the event for making it such a great success. Keep your eyes out for the next one.



## C4C UPDATE

The Communities for Children team welcomes you to 2025! We look forward to seeing what this year will hold and sharing the new year with you all!

We have been busy planning for upcoming events for Term 1 including the Easter craft session in April, and Mother's Day Craft on 9th May. Further events will be planned for the April school holidays so keep your eye out on our Facebook page for details.

## PCMG

Parent Child Mother Goose invites parents and carers to cuddle, communicate and connect with their child through Songs, Rhymes, and Stories. Our PCMG sessions are held each week during the school term, see below for days and times:

**Tuesday** – Mannum Library – 9.30am

**Wednesday** – Meningie Kindergarten – 11am

**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.

See the flyer on our Facebook Page or call our Communities for Children team for further details.

This term we have been lucky enough to participate in an intergenerational visit in each location. Intergenerational sessions promote social connection, emotional well-being and cognitive stimulation for all involved and are a lot of fun and full of heart-warming moments!

## MMCPN UPDATE

We need YOUR help to keep making a difference in our community!

By offering your time and skills, you play a crucial role in ensuring that essential services, deliveries, and events run smoothly for those who rely on our support. Whether it is helping people get to important appointments, or simply spreading some kindness on the road, your efforts matter more than you know.

We understand that volunteering your time can be a big commitment, but rest assured, every drive and every hour you contribute is a vital part of a larger mission to help those in need. As a volunteer driver, you'll experience the satisfaction of knowing that you're directly improving the lives of individuals who depend on your assistance.

**If you're ready to help, we invite you to join us!**

Together, we can continue to make a positive impact. Contact Mel on 8572 3513 and become a part of this incredible community effort!

Thank you for considering giving back and driving with purpose!

**Don't miss out on the upcoming training / events at the centre:**



### First Aid Training / CPR Training / First Aid in Education Care Setting

- Wednesday 12th February 2025
- Thursday 24th April 2025

### Bookings can be made through:

MediTactix 1300 156 645 or [operations@meditacix.com.au](mailto:operations@meditacix.com.au)

### Fire Training

- Friday 14th March 2025

See flyer below

If you are part of a sporting or service club, these courses are a fantastic opportunity to ensure your club is meeting insurance and safety obligations by having trained first aiders.

**FIRE TRAINING**

Ever wondered what to do when an emergency occurs. Its easy to say lets just evacuate, but where do you go, what has happened, is evacuation the best option?

Dealing with the emergency is just one component, what about the preparation of ensuring an effective emergency plan is in place or what happens post the emergency?

Ever spill a small amount of product and wondered what is the correct way to contain it, clean it up or dispose of it?

**TBCC are holding the following training sessions:**

- ECO / WARDEN TRAINING
- CHIEF WARDEN TRAINING
- FIRE AWARENESS & EXTINGUISHER TRAINING
- SPILL KIT AWARENESS TRAINING
- EVACUATION EXERCISE

**Location:** Tailem Bend Community Centre | 141 Railway Terrace, TAILLEM BEND  
**Date:** Friday 14th March 2025  
**Time:** 8:30am - 5:15pm  
**Cost:** \$210.00 \*includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

Bookings are essential.

Contact Di at TBCC on 08) 8572 3513 or email [info@tbcc.org.au](mailto:info@tbcc.org.au) to secure your seat

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## CHSP UPDATE

### UPCOMING MUSICALS / EVENTS

#### 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 book your seat. Limited seats available.



#### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST MUSICAL

We proudly invite you to 'Be Our Guest' at Disney's brand-new production of Beauty and the Beast the Musical!

This enchanting and timeless tale has been brought to life in a reimaged production boasting all the spectacle and grandeur audiences know and love.

Members of the original creative team have reunited on this breathtaking musical featuring all of the spellbinding songs of Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice including Belle, Gaston, Human Again and Be Our Guest. Beauty and the Beast is a much-loved classic that will fill the hearts of a new generation.

Contact TBCC on 8572 3513 to book your seat.

### 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 TBCC 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.

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

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### GOLDIES LUNCH

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28 January - 11 April



Classes are open to all ages.

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<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>SCRAPBOOKING / CARD MAKING   10AM - 12PM Make your Memories into Art CHSP \$1.10   Non CHSP \$2.20 Booking is required   Venue: TBCC ART and Lifestyle shed</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>PILATES WITH URSULA   5:30PM - 6:20PM Strengthen and stretch with Ursula CHSP \$5.50   Non CHSP \$11.00 Booking is required   Venue: TBCC Function Room</p>
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<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>SEWING CLASS   9AM - 12:00PM Work on individual sewing projects. CHSP \$5.50   Non CHSP \$11.00 Booking is required   Venue: TBCC Function Room</p> <p>GOLDEN GO GETTERS   10:30AM - 11:30AM Help strengthen your muscles in a safe and supported environment. CHSP \$5.50   Non CHSP \$11.00 Booking is required   Venue: Tailem Bend Town Hall</p> <p>COLOURFUL CREATORS   1PM - 3PM Join this group to discover the benefits of colouring, painting &amp; creating. Relax and improve your focus and skills. CHSP \$1.10   Non CHSP \$2.20 Booking is required   Venue: TBCC Meeting Room</p> <p>MURRAY BRIDGE POOL &amp; SHOPPING BUS Two options for Tailem Bend consumers: either the HD heated pool or MS Marketplace, but not both. The bus will drop off at the pool and then go on to the Marketplace. Cost: \$5 per person.   Booking is essential on 8572 3513</p> <p>WOODWORK TUTOR REQUIRED TBA - Prices are subject to Tutor/Student</p>	<p><b>C4C</b></p> <p>PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE SESSIONS Create, Communicate, Connect. Using songs, rhymes, and stories to support connection between child and parent.</p> <p>TUESDAY Murray Library   9:30AM - 10:15AM</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Mackenzie Kindergarten   11AM - 11:45AM</p> <p>THURSDAY Tailem Bend Primary School   9:30AM - 10:15AM</p> <p>Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30pm 141 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend SA 5260</p> <p>Tel: 8572 3513   W: <a href="http://tbcc.org.au">tbcc.org.au</a> E: <a href="mailto:info@tbcc.org.au">info@tbcc.org.au</a></p> <p>*Classes run during school terms only. No classes during school holidays.</p>

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates on new events and classes or pop into the center for a 2025 calendar.



# Local Initiatives Share in Vena Energy Community Sponsorship

Submitted by Kylie Sully from Vena Energy.

**Four Coorong District initiatives have secured funding through Vena Energy's Community Sponsorship Program. Vena Energy, which operates renewable energy projects in Tailem Bend, selected initiatives focused on sustainability, community wellbeing and local infrastructure following an open call for applications last year.**

The Tailem Bend Community Centre secured funding for a new float that appeared in Christmas parades across Tailem Bend, Murray Bridge and Meningie, reaching over ten thousand people while promoting community wellbeing and mental health services.

Tammy Shepherd, CEO of the Tailem Bend Community Centre, said the 'Train of Thought' float, inspired by Disney Pixar's Inside Out, was designed to connect with local families and emphasise the importance of emotional wellbeing. "It was a fun and creative way to remind our community, especially children and families facing challenges, that there are support services available right here in our region," Tammy said.

The Tailem Bend Football Club received funding to install 75 solar panels to power its facilities, cutting energy costs and championing sustainability within the community. Club President Clinton Allen said the funding would be transformational on the club and the broader community. "It's enabling us to significantly reduce our environmental footprint, lower energy costs, and advocate for cleaner energy practices," Clinton said.

In the broader Coorong District, the Coonalpyn Golf Club received a new BBQ to help enrich community gatherings, enhance social events, support fundraisers, and add value to local golf events.

Murray Bridge Pre-school Kindergarten received support

to create an outdoor learning space for 50 children, featuring Ngarrindjeri cultural elements, sensory areas and bush tucker gardens.

*"This outdoor space will provide our children with meaningful connections to the environment, Ngarrindjeri culture and learning, and an understanding of sustainability and Caring for Country. It will also be a quiet space to support children's developmental needs,"* said Shirley Hartman, Director of Murray Bridge Pre-school Kindergarten.

Owen Sela, Head of Australia at Vena Energy, said the Coorong District Community Sponsorship Program aimed to deliver wide-ranging benefits while building stronger connections within Vena Energy's host communities.

*"Strong communities need spaces and facilities that bring people of all ages together. These initiatives create opportunities for connection, learning, and celebration while supporting local organisations that are the backbone of the district,"* Owen said.

*"Whether it's upgrading facilities, supporting local events, or creating new gathering spaces, our goal is to make a lasting positive impact on the Coorong District as it plays a key role in Australia's transition to renewable energy."*

Coorong District Council Mayor Paul Simmons highlighted the significance of Vena Energy's support.

*"Vena Energy is a well-established renewable energy company that is giving back to our community with financial support for sporting and community projects. Council is very grateful for this assistance which helps clubs and organisations achieve their goals and improve facilities and services. It is very refreshing to see the genuine support Vena Energy is providing at a grass roots level."*

**For more information about Vena Energy and its community support, visit [venaenergy.com.au/our-communities](https://venaenergy.com.au/our-communities)**



ABOVE: The Tailem Bend Football Club with new solar panels.



ABOVE: Inside out Float from the 2024 Tailem Bend Christmas Parade.

# Young Tailem Bend Woman Is Rising Into Agriculture Leadership

Story and images by Liana Webster, Murray Bridge News.

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**Jorja Gibbons, a local farmhand, is making moves to further her leadership as a woman in agriculture. She is one out of 15 selected to participate in a professional development program aimed at supporting inspirational South Australian women.**

The program, Stepping into Leadership is run by Women Together Learning (WoTL), an organisation working to grow and inspire women in agribusiness. Ms Gibbons works with around 30,000 sheep at Thornby, a farming property located at Sanderson.

*"I love the industry and I love the animals," she said.*

*"I think I'm really lucky out there because we have quite a big team of women, our whole sheep team is women at the moment."*

Ms Gibbons' boss, Fiona McGorman, was the reason she decided to apply for the program. *"My boss had done it before and she very highly recommended it, so she kind of suggested that we have a go and apply,"* Ms Gibbons said.

*"I really didn't think I was going to get in, but I was like, 'I'll give it a go. I guess the biggest thing was to push myself a bit outside my comfort zone and for some personal development."*



ABOVE: Jorja Gibbons with her childhood pet goat Rosie.

The group will spend the next eight months building their leadership skills through face-to-face professional development, individual coaching, mentoring and webinars.

Since its launch in 2012, the program has supported over 160 women to dive into leadership roles in agriculture associated industries. Ms Gibbons' passion for agriculture and her desire to grow professionally drove her to seize this opportunity.

*"I'm super excited... hopefully I'll get some good skills... that can put me through my career," she said.*

*"I definitely want to stay in agriculture somehow, but*

*I don't know exactly how that looks yet."*

Clare Scriven, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development said she congratulates the 2025 cohort who are excelling in a diverse range of fields.

*"The success of this program has continued to grow each year with graduates going from strength-to-strength. I look forward to watching the journey of the 2025 cohort over the coming years,"* she said.

Submitted by Michael Stask.



## The Jervois Institute Hall Needs Our Help!

Dear Jervois Institute Hall Members, Community and Friends.

The Jervois Institute Hall needs our help. As we approach 100 years since it was established, the Hall really needs the community's help to determine the buildings long term viability, and future use going forward.

We recognise we live in a very busy world, but we invite you, to join the Committee at the Jervois Hall on Friday 21st February 2025 at 6pm, for just one hour to share with us, your memories of the Hall, and your vision and feedback for its ongoing use for the Jervois and wider communities.

**Sausage sizzle and refreshments will be available, please RSVP to this email address by 7/2/25 or contact Malcolm Clayson on 0401 043 382.**

Submitted by Tony Ayles St Lukes Tailem Bend.

## St Lukes Market Free Lottery with prize provided by local businesses

Saint Lukes Anglican Church is delighted to announce that the following local businesses in Tailem Bend are supporting the next market on the 22nd of February. St Lukes uses funds raised from site hire to stall holders as well as from the stalls they conduct themselves to support local families and maintain the church property.

The sponsors have donated vouchers and services to be allocated to the winner in a free lottery. Visitors attending the market can claim a free ticket in the draw which will be drawn at 11 am at the market.

**NOTE:** *The winner must be present at the time of the draw otherwise the draw will continue until a ticket holder is able to collect the prize.*

Thank You the following Tailem Bend Sponsors:

*Tailem Bend Pharmacy, Riverside Hotel Tailem Bend, Revival Makers Gallery Tailem Bend, Evival café Tailem Bend, Tailem Bend Hardware, Nominated Stall Holder.*



# The Tailem Bend Football Club Report

Report submitted by Clinton Allen, President.

**On behalf of everyone at the Tailem Bend Football Club, I am thrilled to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our players, members, and supporters as we embark on what promises to be an incredible season.**

As we enter 2025, we wish you and your families a year filled with happiness, good health, and success. Together, we'll continue building on the strong foundation of camaraderie, passion, and community spirit that makes our club unique.

I am pleased to report that the energy and anticipation around the club are palpable as we gear up for a brand-new season! This year promises to be one of growth, achievement, and unforgettable memories on and off the field. Our players and coaches are united by a shared passion for the game and a commitment to strengthening our club. Whether you're a seasoned player, a rising star, or a dedicated supporter, your involvement fuels our success and defines the spirit of our club. Together, we'll celebrate hard-fought victories, overcome challenges, and continue to grow as a community built on respect, resilience, and teamwork.

We are thrilled to announce an exciting new chapter for our club with the appointment of Tyson Edwards as our League Coach for the upcoming season. A celebrated AFL midfielder, Tyson debuted in 1995 and quickly established himself as one of the competition's most consistent and respected players. A pivotal member of the Adelaide Crows' back-to-back premiership victories in 1997 and 1998, Tyson's illustrious career reached a remarkable milestone in his 300th game against Essendon, where he delivered an outstanding 41 possessions, matching his career best.

Adding to this excitement, Tyson will be joined by his son, Luke, a former West Coast Eagles player. After retiring early due to injury, Luke brings his unique perspective and experience to support his father in this leadership role.

After playing, Tyson further honed his skills as an assistant coach under Ken Hinkley at Port Adelaide from 2012 to 2015. His appointment marks a significant moment for our club, and we are confident his expertise and vision will inspire our players and supporters alike.

With a talented group of juniors rising through the ranks, Tyson's leadership and Luke's support promise to shape a strong foundation for the club's future. Together, they bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to help us create a memorable 2025 season.

We also welcome Paul Downs, a former League premiership player renowned for his skilful, no-nonsense playing style, as our Reserve Coach. Paul Abbott, a dedicated and loyal club man, will strongly support Paul, ensuring a cohesive and dynamic coaching partnership that will significantly enhance the strength and unity of our squad.



## Our junior structure is made up of the following leaders:

*U18: Brendon White and Dylan Hogarth*

*U15.5: Blake Zadow and Naite Chandler (Assistant)*

*U13: Alex Bockman and Anthony Lamb (Assistant)*

Our coaches play a vital role in shaping the youth of our community into skilled footballers and admirable young men. Through their unwavering dedication and inspiring leadership, they instill essential values such as teamwork, discipline, resilience, and respect. These qualities extend far beyond the football field, helping to develop strong, well-rounded individuals ready to face life's challenges both on and off the oval.

In parallel, our club has worked tirelessly to enhance its infrastructure, striving to provide an exceptional experience for players and supporters alike. These upgrades are a testament to our commitment to excellence and our dedication to creating an environment where everyone can thrive and enjoy the very best our club has to offer. Together, these efforts reflect our shared vision of fostering growth, community spirit, and success on and off the field.

Once again, we thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to the Tailem Bend Football Club. Let's make this season one to remember—bring your passion, cheer out loud, and show everyone what our club is about. Here's to an incredible year ahead! Go EAGLES! **\*The year's first event will be Past Players Day on April 12.**

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

**Are you breathing a sigh of relief that Christmas and New Year celebrations are over and the children are back at school? Now you can get into a 'normal' life. What was it all about anyway? Why do we celebrate the birth of a child over 2,000 years after the event? A child who was not born to royal or wealthy parents, but in a stable full of animals.**

We celebrate the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ. He took on human life to experience all that humans experience. He knew how it felt to be a refugee when the family fled from King Herod's attempt to kill any child he thought would grow up to be a rival king. Jesus experienced temptation, anger, sadness, frustration and all the emotions a human life entailed. His death was an agony of crucifixion on a cross. **Jesus came to show us what God was like, (John 12 v.44 – 45), and what heaven is like, (Matthew 13 v 44 – 52).** Jesus showed us God's love and power in his healings and teachings. Most of all Jesus came to suffer and die for our sins; to show us the way back to God. He calls us to repent, be baptized with the Holy Spirit and believe in him. He is, "the way, the truth, and the life", and through him we are forgiven and are made children of God to inherit the kingdom. **This child, born over 2,000 years ago gives us the gift of forgiveness and an eternal life. A free gift from God.**

In the meantime we can live our lives, here on earth, in peace knowing we are under God's protection, in hope of eternal life to come, in joy knowing nothing can separate us from God, without fear knowing that God is always with us no matter what we go through. And in service to others, showing our love for God and his love for us. No wonder we celebrate the birth of a child over 2,000 years ago. May you find that love, peace and joy knowing Christ came to give you eternal life and is with you through this years and always.



# Tailem Bend Lions Club Newsletter

Report submitted by Lion's Judy, Bruce and Jo.

## For the Festive Season in December, the Tailem Bend Lion's club members, partners, and friends put in an astronomical effort to SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

We are still acknowledging the much-appreciated efforts for the LION'S luncheon stop over for the Aussie hay run, 1,000 bales of hay headed for the Mid North DROUGHT devastated farmers in S.A. Our Lions Club have been negotiating with the Heywood Lion's Club in Victoria in an endeavour to prepare for the next Aussie Hay Run of 60 semi-trailer loads of hay bales to be delivered from the Eastern states down through Mildura /Renmark and on to stop over at the township of **FREELING** and distributing to surrounding districts in South Australia which were not serviced by the previous Aussie Hay Run. Ray Akars (Lion's Heywood Coordinator) has just confirmed that they will have 40 semi-trailers return to pick up a further 40 truckloads of hay which are now to be destined for Ceduna in South Australia.

Ray sends his sincerest appreciation for bringing this topic to the attention of our local Federal Member, Mr Tony Pason, who announced on the 19th of December via email that the state government has just approved \$2 million to assist with freight costs of donated fodders. This has now made it possible for the 40 semi-trailer drivers to return to the eastern states and return to Ceduna to assist the drought-stricken farmers. Our sincere appreciation to both our Federal and State members of Parliament for supporting our cause. The Tailem Bend Lions have offered to provide our joint venture Rotary /Lion's Magnificent Mobile barbecue facilities/equipment if required. They are expected over 150 drivers/assistants to be fed dinner and breakfast during this Hay-run.

## Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings.

Our Lion's Secretary Raylene Thomas sends our appreciation to all those who have supported our Lion's Street stall located in front of Tailem Bend Foodland. Thank you for allowing us to use this footpath space. Raylene reported that her team achieved this year's "**record sales**" in the ever so popular Lion's Christmas cakes and Puddings sales.

On December 7th, the Lions Clubs of TB were joined by the Lions Club President Lion Petra Ashton and many members of the Morphett Vale Lion's Club. We commenced the Lions Club Christmas cake walk of our township at 10 am.

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We concluded at approximately 1 pm and enjoyed a pooled lunch, again Raylene announced "**RECORD SALES**" for the day, and congratulated everyone involved.

On December 11th Lions members Raylene, Judy and Bruce attended the TB Primary School's END OF YEAR Presentation/ Musical evening held in Our Town Hall. We had the honour of presenting two SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATES to the value of \$750 each to the male and female students selected by the Principal / Staff from the year 5 class /2024.

On December 13th President Doug and members Joyce with Raylene attended the final Primary School Assembly, to present the TB Lion's Awards to THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS of the Christmas parade.

On 14th December, an inventive Raylene undertook the responsibility of announcing the Christmas raffle winners:

- 1st Prize - large wheelbarrow + goodies: **DON FULLERTON, Tailem Bend**
- 2nd Prize - Air Fryer: **KATRINA MOLNOR, Palmer**
- 3rd Prize - Blender: **HEATHER BAKER, Tailem Bend**
- 4th Prize - Jumbo Brazier: **ANN HUGHES, Murray Bridge**
- 5th Prize - Esky + Goodies: **BRIAN PORMITER, Reynella**

On 14th December at 1pm, the Tailem Bend Lions members commenced to set up our joint venture mobile barbecue facility in readiness for the "**WELCOME TO THE BACK AND BEYOND SPONSORED BARBECUE.**" We aimed to provide a below-cost nourishing meal to those families who could not afford a more expensive dinner.



The four Lions chefs commenced cooking at 3:45 pm and it was continuous to 8:30 pm. They were assisted by seven other Lions members and the President of the Murray Bridge Lions club, Lion Ian Hale who provided us with years of experience in his club's Mobile barbecue engagements. We cooked 70 kg of barbecue meat, consisting of sausages, meat patties, and marinated steak, and 15 kg of onions, together with 35 loaves of bread. So many people commented on how affordable their meals were, and this was the objective of our Principal sponsors, "**BACK AND BEYOND BARBECUE.**"

Due to Australia Day celebrations, The Lion's Den sale will be in the first two weeks of February 2025!

**"OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON AND NEW YEAR WE HAVE A BROAD RANGE OF NEW STOCK FOR SALE WHICH WE MUST CLEAR TO ALLOW LOADS OF OTHER STOCK TO BE BROUGHT IN FOR SALE."**

### Honey is available from Lions Members:

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

**PLEASE DO NOT DROP ITEMS AT THE DEN IF UNATTENDED**



# Happy 98th Birthday Mike Fabbian

Submitted by Sandy Przibilla

Mike Fabbian celebrates his 98th birthday at Wellington Hotel on Tuesday the 14th of January with his family and close friends.



ABOVE: Mike with his partner Betty Redman and longtime school friend Rhonda Mik.



ABOVE: Immediate family, Maria Brion, John Fabbian and Louisa Cazzola.

RIGHT: Mike Fabbian.



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# Tailem Bend Christmas Parade

Submitted by Maxine Kiddie. Images by Jodie Jaensch

Thousands lined the street to watch the 2024 Tailem Bend Christmas Parade on Saturday the 14th of December. What a crowd! And plenty of beautiful market stalls, entertainment, a great selection of food stalls, happy kids and stunning weather.

Father Christmas and his Elves visited the Tailem Bend Hospital in the morning, much to the delight of the residents. Thank you to Kevin Kowald for driving Father Christmas, the reindeer were having a rest. Thank you to Father Christmas's Elves, Tianna, Jeanette, Jules, Hailee and Sophia. From 4.30 the fun began. There was a meet and greet with Father Christmas and a photo opportunity. Children received a gift donated by Drakes.

Free activities for the children, Farmer Darcy's Travelling Farm, slides and bouncing castles, giro 360, face painters and the Man on Stilts.

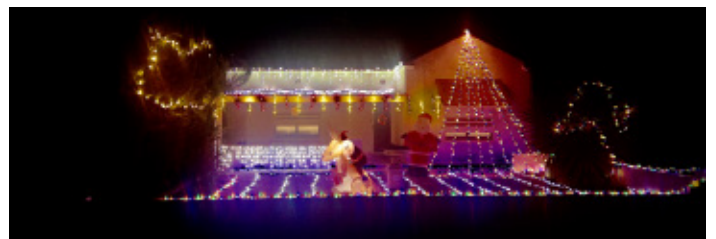
The floats this year in the Parade were exceptional, how was that little steam train? It is always great to have the involvement of the Tailem Bend Auto Club cars. Cracker and Captain Jack are always a delight with their commentary.



ABOVE: Meigel's train such a beauty.



ABOVE: The man himself Father Christmas at the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade 2024, just what the children had been waited for!



ABOVE: What a wonderful light display in First Avenue, Tailem Bend image by Glenn Power.

Our Parade is funded by very generous Sponsors who we could not thank enough and our Cabaret. A special mention to the Tailem Bend Auto Club for their added Sponsorship to the Parade from their Christmas function. To see just so many adults and children enjoying a wonderful night was just **WOW!!!**

At the risk of missing anyone, I'd like to thank the hard-working Committee and crew, Tammy Zander, Annette Burt, Tianna Zadow, Lynne, Jodie Jaensch, Lynton Piggott, Brenton Qualmann, Dani and Darren, Bill Jaensch, Don Wood, David Jaensch, Don Green, Ivan Wood, Jack Hunt and Malcolm and Gen Taylor.

**A huge thank you to you all.  
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# Tailem Bend Christmas Parade



ABOVE: Curtis Lambe and Bella Brumfield the Prince and Princess of the Tailem Bend Parade sponsored by Tailem Bend Lions Club.



ABOVE: Mallee Lutheran Parish.



ABOVE: Garden Class Elves of Tailem Bend Primary School.

ABOVE: Images from Murray Bridge News - Peri Strathearn.

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Monday 10th of March at 6pm - Tailem Bend RSL,  
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Select a committee for the Progress Association and a sub Committee the Christmas Parade. All positions will be up for re election. If you are interested, please attend or if an apology contact Maxine 0439387750 or email tbprogressassociation@gmail.com

Tailem Bend Progress Association produces the Tailem Topics, creates the Tailem Bend Christmas Parade, and has a casual Community Gardening Group.

## TAILEM BEND RSL AGM

Saturday the 22nd February at 9am - Held at the  
Tailem Bend RSL Trevena Road

**All positions vacant!**



## TAILEM BEND TENNIS CLUB AGM

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# Eagles Welcome Tyson Edwards

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

**The Tailem Bend Football Club, a cornerstone of the River Murray Football League since its inception in 1946, has witnessed many ups and downs over the decades. Today, the club is on the verge of something colossal, and excitement is building with the appointment of the club's new head coach, Tyson Edwards.**

For the Tailem Bend Eagles faithful, the arrival of Edwards represents not just the start of a new season, but the dawn of a new era. Tyson, a former AFL legend with 321 games under his belt, has always had a deep connection to the Murraylands, born in the Karoonda Hospital in 1976, Edwards grew up on his families Wynarka share farm with the Mallee and football in his blood.

As a teenager, his commitment was evident. Between the ages of 11 and 15, his mother, Jan, would drive him on a 250km round trip from Wynarka to Adelaide a couple of times a week, to ensure he could train with West Adelaide's junior squads. That dedication paid off when Tyson was recruited by the SANFL, eventually debuting for the Adelaide Crows in 1995.

Over the next 15 years, Edwards became a fan favourite at the Crows. Known for his reliability, composure under pressure, and versatility on the field, he played a key role in two premiership-winning teams. In 2009, he celebrated his 300th AFL game, a testament to his durability and consistent performance. Just four games later, he and close friend Andrew McLeod set a new VFL/AFL record for the most games played together as teammates.



ABOVE: The Tailem Bend Football Club, President, Clinton Allen could not be happier.



ABOVE: Tyson Edwards arrives in Tailem Bend for the clubs opening training session for what is expected to be an exciting 2025 season for the Tailem Bend Football Club.

Though Tyson retired from the AFL in 2010, his passion for the sport has never waned. He transitioned into coaching, spending several years as an assistant coach at Port Adelaide Football Club. Tailem Bend, however, offers something different—a return to his roots, a chance to build something special from the ground up.

*“I have always been interested in returning to grassroots coaching at some stage - when the time was right - and now seems to be the right time,”* Tyson said. *“Coaching my youngest son Brodie, also helped with my decision, along with my brother, and his family’s long-term association with the club. Football clubs are built on community, and that’s something I understand deeply,”* Tyson says. *“We have a unique opportunity here at Tailem Bend to not just compete but to create something lasting. The club’s history is rich, and I want to add to that.”*

It’s not just about the senior team for Edwards, he’s already shown a keen interest in helping develop Tailem Bend’s junior players, recognizing that the future of the club relies on nurturing young talent. *“The juniors are a huge part of our plans,”* Edwards emphasizes. *“We’ve already identified some players who are close to being ready for senior football. My goal is to make the transition from junior football to senior football, as seamless as possible, by playing a consistent style throughout the club.”*

*“My experiences at AFL level have given me some fantastic tools to help teach and grow each player I work with. Anyone wanting to improve their game, will be given the help and the platform to be able to do that.”* Tyson explains.

*“The challenge of building the club back to a very competitive organisation is something I am really looking forward to, and I think that can be a lot of fun and can happen quite quickly.”*

*“Our supporters will enjoy watching the style of football we’ll be playing, and we will be hard to play against.”*

# Tailem Bend Bowling Club

Submitted by Kylie Slattery.

## 9th December 2024

Invitation Christmas Bowls at Langhorne Creek. Naughty Elves won the best costume.



## 18th December 2024

Ladies Xmas Dinner at Tailem Bend Hotel.



## 12th December 2024

Ladies last game for year at Tailem Bend. Unfortunately, we did not win but celebrated together with the Naughty Elves helping. Naughty Elves on the night were Kylie Slattery, Carolyn Wilson, Josie Ross and Pauline Merritt.



# Oh For A Good Rain...

Submitted by Kaye Bartlett.

**Many plants at Pangarinda Botanic Garden are beginning to show stress from lack of rain.**

It is little wonder when rain tallied at the end of 2024 was only 233ml for 12 months, with January the only month receiving a heavy downpour. This is the lowest rainfall measured since we started the Garden in 1993. Over the past 31 years Pangarinda has averaged around 350ml. With no sub moisture volunteers are finding it hard to keep water up to last year's planting as roots haven't been able to establish. Flowering did surprise me during the winter and early spring, how well some flowered as if the dry suited them. Very poor flowering at present.

Visitors still find beauty in the variation in leaf colours and plant forms. With most Bird Lovers pleased with the birds to be seen. The Rainbow Bird is one bird on Bird lovers lists to sight at Pangarinda. Another is the Blue Bonnet Parrot.

Rainbow Birds appeared at their usual time of arrival, first

week in October, numbers were seen, with very few staying to nest. It was too dry for digging their tunnels, or perhaps lack of bees. I sighted 6 birds on the 17th January. They usually leave during the first 2 weeks of February. Should be seeing them feeding their young ready for the flight back to the north of Australia.



ABOVE: Blue Bonnet Parrot.

# Tailem Bend Community Library

## New Books February 2025

### ADULT FICTION

**BUNN Davis:** The Christmas Cottage- Family & Friendship Saga  
**CAMERON W Bruce:** My Three Dogs-Human/Canine Adventure  
**BATTLE-FELTON Yvonne:** Curdle Creek- Mystery, Mythology  
**POWTER Sara:** Unshackled Lives- Australian Historical  
**GRIFFITHS Elly:** The Last Word- Twisty Crime  
**SULLIVAN J Courtney:** The Cliffs- Entrancing Mystery  
**JACOBS Anna:** The Wishing Well- Family Saga  
**NEALE Kitty:** A Wife's Courage- Family Saga  
**FURNIVALL Kate:** The Crash- Suspense  
**AHERN Cecelia:** Into the Storm- General Gripping Saga  
**HAM Rosalie:** Molly- Comical Saga  
**JOHNS Rachel:** Outback Reunion- Australian Rural Saga  
**BALDACCI David:** To Die For- Thriller  
**NUNN Judy:** Stories from the OTTO BIN EMPIRE- Short Stories  
**BARRIE Sarah:** Endgame- Psychotic Suspense  
**FRASER Darry:** The Night on the Darling River- Aust Historical  
**JANU Penelope:** The Summerfield Saddler- Aust, Rural Saga  
**PATTERSON James:** The House of Cross- Alex Cross Thriller  
**BALDACCI David:** To Die For- Thriller  
**CLANCY Tom:** Defence Protocol- Jack Ryan mystery  
**EVANOVICH Janet:** Now or Never- Stephanie Plum Mystery  
**STEEL Danielle- Trial by Fear:** Mystery  
**LANE Karly:** Twist of Fate- Aust, Rural Romance  
**BARRIE Sarah:** Vendetta – Mystery  
**JACOBS Anna:** Magnolia Gardens- Historical  
**BOX C.J.:** Free Fire- Crime  
**RICHE:** The Search Party- Friendship saga  
**ACKERMAN Sara:** The Maui Effect- Romance  
**CROSS A.J. The Loose End- Suspense**  
**GOODING Tim:** A Workingman's Cemetery- Stories from Hunter Coalfields

### LARGE PRINT

**BLACK Renae:** Breaking Free- Historical Romance  
**APPLEYARD:** The Sea Changers- Australian

### NON FICTION

**Female Factory Female Convicts (Tasmanian Convicts)**

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Last Word by Elly GRIFFITHS

#### THE INSTANT SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

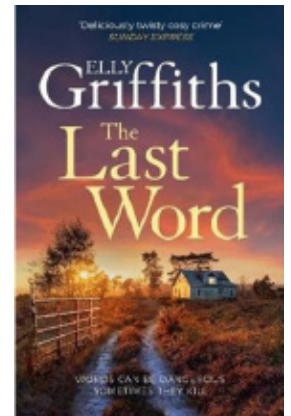
Words can be dangerous. Sometimes they kill...

Natalka and Edwin run a detective agency in Shoreham, Sussex. Despite a steady stream of minor cases, Natalka is frustrated and longs for a big, juicy investigation to come the agency's way.

Then a murder case turns up. Local writer, Melody Chambers, is found dead and her family are convinced it is murder. Edwin, a big fan of the obit pages, thinks there's a link to the writer of Melody's obituary who pre-deceased his subject.

The trail leads them to a slightly sinister writers' retreat. When another writer is found dead, Edwin thinks that the clue lies in the words. Seeking professional help, the amateur investigators turn to their friend, detective Harbinder Kaur, to find that they have stumbled on a plot that is stranger than fiction.

The unmissable new novel from the bestselling author of the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries.



### COLLECTIONS



Come along to the Tailem Bend Community Library  
Monday 10th or  
Friday 14th February 2025  
10 am start.

Getting started with the State Library Website.  
Looking into Trove.

Phone 8572 3275 for more information. Please Book.



### MONDAY MEMORIES

Come along to the Tailem Bend Community Library

Monday, February 24th  
10 am start.

Looking at History Photos of Tailem Bend areas, and the stories they produce.

Phone 8572 3275 for more information. Please Book.



### COME AND VISIT THE LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY

Come along to the Tailem Bend School /Community Library during February and receive a free gift.

**We are more than just books!!**

**Come in and see what we can do for you.**

Phone 8572 3275 for more information.





## Tailem Bend Blue Light help to provide entertainment for the children at the Tailem Bend Primary School, and surrounds.

Each year our small committee put on events for the children such as a Pool Party, Games Night, 4 Discos, 1 for each school term as well as the annual Educational Over Night Camp at Monarto Zoo.

Tailem Bend Blue Light also present the Shining Light Award to a boy and girl student at the Tailem Bend Primary School. The recipients for 2024 – Elliot Backhouse and Yasmeena Karras. Congratulations to these worthy recipients.

To enable us to continue we rely on the generosity of businesses and individuals for support and donations to provide safe, supervised events for the children within our community to enjoy.

## Our grateful thanks go out to:

*Tailem Bend Auto Club*

*Tailem Bend Newsagency,  
for displaying our raffle and assisting with ticket sales*

*Tailem Bend Hardware*

*Tailem Bend Hotel*

*Railway Cafe*

*Tailem Bend Bakery*

*Tailem Bend Blue Light Volunteers*

*Dennis Ackland for supplying eggs for our zoo camp*

**Please support these business's as they support us.  
Please watch out for the 2025 Calendar of Blue Light Events in  
future editions of Tailem Topics.**

## Tailem Bend Police Blue Light

Winners of our Annual Christmas Raffle 2024.

**First Prize** – Don Goodall – Yellow D 44

**Second Prize** – Marie Henderson – Pink R 95 // **Third Prize** – Moof Mayfield Blue A 99

*Congratulations to our lucky winners, and many thanks to the boarder community for supporting our fundraising.*

## Volunteering Expo! Call For Stallholders

*Submitted by Tammy O'Malley.*

**Save The Date! The Coorong District Council are excited to be hosting a Volunteer Expo!**

Planning is currently underway for the Volunteering Expo which will showcase the amazing work of local Volunteer organisations and promote volunteering opportunities. The free event will provide you a chance to exhibit your not-for-profit organisation, gain exposure, provide information to the community on who you are, what you do and why they might like to be involved!

### What to expect as a stallholder:

- Site allocation for you to display flyers, materials, equipment or even vehicles!
- Marketing of event and Stallholders
- Free exposure to community
- Opportunity to drive volunteer recruitment
- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Short info sessions on volunteer recruitment and succession planning
- Children's entertainment

### What to expect as an attendee:

- Visit stalls showcasing a range of volunteer opportunities from local organisations
- Meet like-minded people and expand your community network
- Learn how volunteering can improve your well-being while making a real difference.
- Whether you're new to volunteering or looking for your next role, this expo will showcase local organisations seeking out volunteers
- Succession planning presentation
- Retaining & Recruiting volunteers presentation

**Local not-for-profit organisations, community groups and sporting clubs are encouraged to get involved.**

**When:** Saturday 29th March 2024

Pre-event session: 9.00am - 10.00am

*(Info session on Volunteer Recruitment & Succession Planning)*

**Expo:** 10.00am - 1.00pm

**Location:** Willow Street Tailem Bend & Tailem Bend Town Hall

**Please save the date in your calendar and  
more details will be confirmed in early 2025. [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1330855](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1330855)**

# 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!**

## TUESDAYS

- **SOCIAL TENNIS;** Starting from Tuesday 4th February 6.30pm. **Any enquire: 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.

## 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](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.

Bookings appreciated but not essential,  
scan QR code or follow the link  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CAVZV>



- **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**
- **FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL;** Friend's of the Hospital monthly meeting held on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm at the Tailem Bend Hospital, All welcome! Details: **Gwenda Zadow 8572 3057**
- **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**

## FRIDAYS

- **TAILEM BEND COMMUNITY CENTRE – OUR GOLDIES LUNCHEON;** Joins 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](mailto:chsp@tbcc.org.au) for more information.
- **Tailem Bend RSL SUB BRANCH;** Open for meals every Friday from 6pm, to book **phone 0466 313 315 or 0419 856 744** Or you can send a message through FB: **@Tailem-BendRSL**

## SATURDAYS

- **ST LUKE'S MARKET DAY;** Held on a Saturdays. For more information please call Tony Aylene 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 Malcolm Clayson on 0401 043 382 for more info. (Every 5th Saturday of the month)
- **MURRAYLANDS BALLROOM DANCE GROUP;** The Murraylands Dance will be held in the Tailem Bend town hall every third Saturday from 8pm to midnight. 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 : STAND IN THE GRACE OF GOD

Submitted by Ps. Gary Paynter.

Our Lord God is the God of all grace. Not because of anything we have earned in this world, (by us thinking we have been good), but because of who He is & who we become in Him. There is no requisite, certainly no spiritual need that God doesn't supply & make available to us. He is the God of all grace, and we are called to stand in His grace in the knowledge we are able to rely on and live as a people under His counsel & promise!

We are to believe (John 6:27-29) to stand, & live under God's covenant of grace. We receive faith through grace, it is God's gift given to us, for us.

**Ephesians 2:4-9. "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, & that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. 9 Not of works, lest anyone should boast." Acts 20:32. "And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."**

As we speak about sanctification we know that children are sanctified by God. We also know that it is our duty to care & nurture the child to that age where they are able to stand for themselves in this world that is so full of violence, hostility & opportunity for shame. Our challenge is to be the people that God has chosen us to be & given us instruction on how to achieve all that He has promised. Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the substance of things hoped for & the evidence of things unseen! For by it the Elders obtained a good testimony 1 Peter 5:2-4 Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

1 Pet. 5:5-14. "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. **Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.

## Church Services

### PEAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

1st and 3rd Sunday at Peake : 10am  
2nd and 4th Sunday at Sherlock : 10am  
5th Sunday TBA  
Pastor Geoff Lohmeyer  
Mobile: 0429 811 515

### MURRAY BRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

32 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge, 5253  
Sunday Service Time : 10am  
Church Pastor Tom Bosman  
Church Office: 8532 2883  
Mobile: 0491 076 888

### ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

47:49 Station Drive, Tailem Bend  
Service: EVERY Sunday at 11am  
Enquiries: Church Warden  
Viktor Sonenko: 0417 812 170

### MURRAY BRIDGE UNITING CHURCH

Narooma Boulevard, Murray Bridge  
Sunday's: 9.30 am  
Rev Darren Lovell: 0466 411 784  
Church Office: 8532 5150

### TAILEM BEND CATHOLIC PARISH

1st and 3rd Sunday: Mass at 9am  
(Priest in Attendance)  
Station Drive Tailem Bend  
Priest Moderator: Fr. Philip Marshall 0419 854 540  
Pastoral Director: Deacon Arturo Jimenea 0413 800 249  
PPC Chairperson: Peter Nearnmy 0407 710 907  
Murray Bridge Office: ph. 08 8531 1669  
Tuesday & Friday 9am to 3pm

### REVIVAL CITY CHURCH

6 Jacob St Tailem Bend  
Every Sunday 10am.  
Pastor Garry and Jane Leech.  
Email: [garry@revivalcity.church](mailto:garry@revivalcity.church)  
Mobile: 0437 905 269

### TRINITY LUTHERAN

10 Seymour Street, Tailem Bend  
Service times as per the Notice Board  
by the front fence.  
Contact Tony Traeger 0421 421 102

# Community Notice Board

## PASIN SUPPORTS MOUNT PLEASANT FARMERS MARKET VOLUNTEERS

Member for Barker Tony Pasin MP has awarded the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market a grant of \$3,000 to support volunteers.

Mr Pasin said the market's social, cultural, and economic importance to the region was a testament to the community volunteers who have donated their time and skills over the past 13 years. "The Mount Pleasant Farmers Market is a community success story like no other. Initiated by community for community and run by a team of dedicated volunteers, the atmosphere here each Saturday morning is really something special. It's no wonder locals and visitors alike return week after week, contributing to the economic and social fabric of Mount Pleasant," Mr Pasin said.

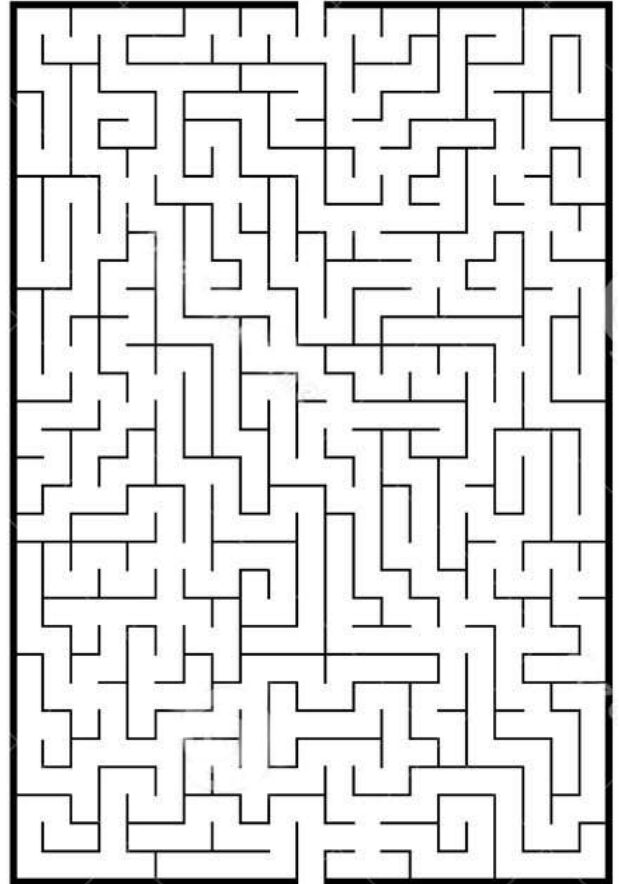
"Volunteers form the backbone of the market, and this grant is a small way in which the Federal Government can support volunteers in the work they do," Mr Pasin said. The grant funding will be used to provide Mount Pleasant Farmers Market volunteers with uniforms, first aid training, police checks, hats and sunscreen as well as assist the organisation with necessary workcover payments.

*Submitted by Charlotte Edmunds.*

## RED BOX SUBMISSIONS

I would like to apologise to everyone who submitted in the REDBOX at the Tailem Bend Post office in January. I have misplaced the envelopes as such won't be able to include the submissions in the February Edition. If you could please submit again, I would really appreciate it.

*Chief Editor Josephine McGrath*



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# Community Notice Board

## Jokes of the Month

Why did the melon jump into the lake?

**It wanted to be a water-melon.**

What do you call a pig that does karate?

**A pork chop.**

If athletes get athlete's foot, what do elves get?

**Mistle-toes.**

Why is Peter Pan always flying?

**He Neverlands.**

What's the most musical part of the chicken?

**The drumstick.**

## Quotes of the Month - By Theodore Roosevelt

*"Believe you can and you're halfway there."*

*"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."*

*"Get action. Seize the moment.  
Man was never intended to become an oyster."*

*"I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do! That is character!"*

*"Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering."*

*"When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it."*

## TAILEM TOPICS SUBMISSION INFORMATION : 2024

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# Community Services

## LOCAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

<b>Garry</b> Hansen	0427 390 626
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<b>Marc</b> Maddaford	8572 4169
<b>Debbie</b> McPherson	8572 4205
<b>Teresa</b> Pickering	0409 284 073
<b>Robert</b> Trezise	8572 3050
<b>Helen</b> Bowering	8572 4530
<b>Barb</b> Williams	0403 535 718

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

<b>Police:</b> Tailem Bend	8572 4210
<b>Ambulance</b>	000
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	000
<b>CFS:</b> Tailem Bend	000
<b>CFS:</b> Jervois	000
<b>Tailem Bend Medical Centre</b>	8572 5897
<b>Poison Information</b>	13 11 26
<b>Parent Helpline</b>	300 364 100
<b>RAA</b>	0429 029 021
<b>Hospital</b>	8572 5800

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<b>Tailem Bend Bakery</b>	8572 3603 / 8572 3604
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