

Milang Community News

A journal of the Milang & District Community Association

Servicing the communities of Milang, Ashbourne, Clayton Bay, Finniss, Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek



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Cost \$2.50

February 2023

Please support us by purchasing a copy.



May you follow the light in 2023 and may you find peace along the way, Christine Danton

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the February 2023 edition of the Milang Community News.

It has been 2 years now that I have been editor and I have to admit that I really enjoy bringing the publication to life each month and I am certainly learning a lot about Milang which is great.

Since I took over as editor I have never cried when typing up an article but I did this month with Greg Hopgoods article on the passing of his dog 'Reilly', please see the story on page 21 and have some tissues handy.

Thankfully the recent flooding is subsiding and there are a number of photos throughout the issue. It was great to see so many people helping out with the sandbagging, what a great team effort Milang!!!

January also saw the opening of 'Already Read Books' at the Butter Factory and wow what an opening they had, raising \$760 in the first weekend, well done team, please see the story on page 11.

I know that I have mentioned this before but the amount of volunteering that goes into the running of MOSHCC and the related activities is amazing, if you want to be part of the team please contact MOSHCC.

Have a great month...stay safe!!

Cathy Fish

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Contributions to the Milang Community News

The Editor eagerly looks forward to receiving articles and welcomes suggestions from community members for stories and photographs.

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Feel Good February



Feel Good February is having the intention and taking the time to make others feel good during February and beyond.

Do a kind deed for a stranger.

Front Cover - 6.30am New Years Morning from Lake Alexandrina

Photo courtesy of Christine Danton

Milang Community News is online

Download a pdf version at <http://milang.org.au>

Update from the meeting held at

The Regatta Club Milang

at 6pm on 5th January 2023

Attendees:- David Basham - MP Finnis, Adrian Pederick - MP Strathalbyn, Keith Parkes - Mayor for Alexandrina Council, Andrew Baker - Operations Manager Alexandrina Council, Joanna - Hydrologist River Murray Commission, SES Flood Senior Manager and SA Power Networks.

The SES Flood Senior Manager opened the meeting with a description of the Lower Lakes situation in regard to the Milang Shack's which are now slowly being inundated with flood water seepage. Joanna explained that they have been caught out with a prolonged southerly wind above 30 k.p.h. along with "King Tides". She went on to explain that the water height at Milang is currently 1.1 metres and that over the next two weeks it could rise to 1.3 metres in Milang.

SA Power Networks explained that for safety reasons the power would be cut off at the shacks as many shacks had water heater systems that were now under water.

He explained that the water now had power running through it and was totally unsafe for anyone to be in the location. He explained that each residence would be required to have an electrician issue a certificate of safety prior to the electricity being switched on.

SA Power believe that at this stage it should only be off for a maximum of two weeks. Shack owners criticised them for turning the power off without any notice, but they explained that this happened suddenly and that already some shacks had power contacting water which meant that anyone coming into contact to the water would be electrocuted.

SES also issued a warning about snakes being forced from swamp-lands due to water inundation. They have issued a list of snake catchers which they will pay for.

Lake Height at Milang now is 1.1 metres and flow is 190 Gigalitres per day and maximum over the next two weeks is not expected to exceed 1.3 metres.

Provided by John Whyte

Some of the recent sandbagging efforts

at Milang (well done TEAM)!!

With the impending threat of flooding to the Milang shacks an urgent call went out for help to sandbag the new Youth Groups Hub at 9am in the morning.



By 11am a group of about 25 people and youths busied themselves in the sand-bagging. Once again the people of Milang jumped to the volunteering and quickly not only sand-bagged the youth hub but also a large portion of the front shacks.



Thankfully only a few shacks were effected by the water but the water was kept at bay by the fantastic work of volunteers,



Once again thankyou to the volunteers of Milang.





Card Afternoons

This is an open invitation to anyone who may be interested in coming to our card afternoons every Tuesday at the Community Centre.

Time is from 1pm to 4 pm with a cuppa and cake included at a cost of \$2.50. The games played are Crib, Canasta and Jonola, but could include Euchre and Rummy.

Those wishing to learn will be given free tuition. Come along for a fun couple of hours.

For more information, phone Pauline on 0427 370 050.



MILANG MARKET

10AM TO 3PM



~~FEBRUARY 11TH~~ CANCELLED

MARCH 11TH

MILANG INSTITUTE

COXE STREET MILANG

If you are interested in having a stall, ring Lyn on 0407 370 079 or go online markets@milangbutterfactory.org.au

Calling all Knitters/Crocheters,

ex & wannabe

Knitters /Crocheters!!

Or



Anyone who would like to be part of the 'Just Yarning Group' group, please call Lyn on 0407 370 079.

We meet at 10.30 on Thursday mornings at the

Milang Mini Mart Café and Providore

to knit squares to be sewn together to make rugs that will be distributed locally to those in need.

Donations of 8ply wool would be greatly appreciated and can be left at (MOSHCC) Milang Community Centre.

If you are interested or have any queries,

Please contact Lyn - 0407 370 079

Change of Day!!!

Friday Feast will now be on the 1st Friday of the month



Friday Feast in the

Ace Space

Thanks to our marvelous volunteers

Friday 3rd February

Please call 8537 0687 to book by the previous Wednesday

Cost \$9.00 for a 2 course meal

**Some more images of the flooding at the shacks,
kindly provided by Christine Danton**



Sunset

by Amanda Solly

When pastel hues of peach and pearl
Embrace the fading twilight world
And softened mists of blue and grey
Melt over gaudiness of day
I close my eyes and breathe in deep
And let the colours slowly seep
My cluttered mind begins to shift
Each sunset natures precious gift.



Ants

Mavis Lang

Ants stitch in straight lines,
their black thread
trailing over my table,
then fraying
in the sugar bowl.

Like a progressive dance
the homeward bound
stop to briefly touch
the new arrivals:
hello and goodbye
in the blink of an eye.

At these insect intersections,
do the leaving tell the coming
of my snowy pond of sweetness,
of its purity, taste and quality?

Are we like ants,
as we line up at the carnival
for a cinnamon donut
gawking as others leave
sugar-faced?
Mmm that looks good.



Old Woman

Vivien Wade

When I'm an old woman
I'll not dress in black.
I'll start on my bucket list
and will never look back.
I'll jump from a plane
and float through the skies,
and not worry one bit
should my blood pressure rise.

I'll visit the countries
where fine chocolate is made
not caring at all
about high prices paid.

My bucket list says
to cruise the Pacific,
in first class of course
which will be terrific.

What an adventure
I'll have, once I escape
from this nursing home,
which now holds my fate.

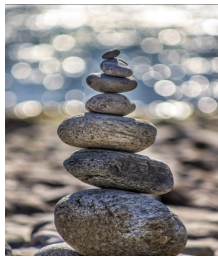
My plans are all laid,
no one will catch me,
as I open the window
and climb down a tree.

I have booked a taxi
to be waiting for me,
then to the airport I'll go
fly away and be free.

Now I'm an old woman
who's not dressed in black.
I've started my bucket list
and will never look back.



Poets are encouraged to submit their poems for Poets Corner to:
PO Box 251 Milang 5256 or jude_poet@yahoo.com.au



'Stepping On'

Keep Active ... Stay Strong

Strength and Balance

Tuesdays from 10—11am at
The ACE SPACE at the MOSHCC

A weekly one-hour exercise class using gentle and controlled movements to improve strength, balance, flexibility and coordination in a fun and supportive environment.

Small group, suitable for all abilities, (priority given to CHSP clients), EMAA (Easy Moves for Active Ageing) Trained Instructor.

Good balance is needed to keep us moving about confidently and safely.

Please speak to **Cheryl** at the Milang Community Centre

Phone: 8537 0687

Cost: Gold Coin Donation



**MILANG
MERMAIDS
WOMEN
SUPPORTING
WOMEN**

**On our journey as women we are often called upon to support others.
This group will endeavor to support you.**

As women we learn so much from all generations and there is always so much more to learn. Within this group we provide a safe place where we can share and care for each other along this journey called life.

CONTACT DETAILS

Colleen on 0499 373 148

colleen@growinglifeconnections.com.au

**Next meetings:
February 7th and 21st**

Please contact Colleen if you are interested in attending



Toe Nail Cutting & Grooming



Are you finding it hard to cut your own toe-nails??

Let us help!!

Our Enrolled Nurse Valerie is willing to assist.

All you do is make a booking on 85370687, we will have a list of dates and times available.

So just register, the fee will be \$10.00 and you will need to bring along a small hand towel.

Over 50's Keep Fit Class

Milang Institute Hall

Thursday 10am-11am

All Welcome

For info call MOSHCC 8537 0687

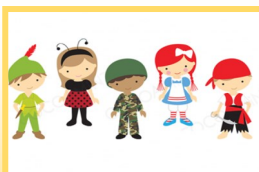


We won't let our body succumb to old age.

Therefore, we try to prevent that by strength and stretch movements (and laughs and giggles)

Every Thursday between 10 and 11 o'clock.

So do your body a favour and join us.



Milang Playgroup are looking for 'Dress Up' costumes.

If you have any costumes your kids or grandkids have grown out of, we would love to take them off your hands.

Please drop off at the Milang Campus front office.

Learn about Mosquitoes



With the high river flows we've experienced and expected flooding, as you all know, we've had a great season for mosquitoes. They have been in abundance and have hung around for much longer and we are still seeing a few now. CBNEG has decided to put on an information session for everyone. It's free. We have an expert speaker, Professor Craig Williams from UniSA to talk to us. He is very entertaining.

It's being held on Friday 10th February 2023
10.00am—12.00at the Clayton Bay Hall.

You need to book your seat at:

See: https://Learn_about_Mosquitoes.eventbrite.com.au

Come and learn about all the different types of mosquitoes and the threats they pose. Bring along your questions.

Tea and coffee will be served.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

See you there.

[Peter Mirtschin, Toxinologist and Conservationist](#)



How fantastic is the community of Milang



How fantastic is the community of Milang. Within a few minutes of this damsel in distress (well I was a damsel once around 7 decades ago!) phoning Betty Beythien from the caravan park, she had organised a whole team of friendly, smiling volunteers to come and sand bag my shack on the foreshore.



Over the Christmas break several front row shacks were flooded following strong S/E winds blowing water into the shack area. Mine survived that, but there is a lot more water there now and with easterly winds predicted over the weekend sand bagging is necessary for some or at the least advisable.

The SES were there today, I believe mapping out a strategic plan on how best to deal with the possibility of more flooding in the area.

I am very grateful for the help I received from this friendly bunch and my heartfelt thanks going out to each and every one of you. Bless xxx

*By Christine Danton
Early January 2023*



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Justices of the Peace

Please ring for an appointment

Mr L.F. O'Driscoll 8537 0051

Karyn Bradford 8537 0067

Country Music Fundraiser for the Butter Factory Restoration

Saturday 4th February

Brian Letton, Australian bush balladeer and crooner, also guest artist Cactus Martin. This will be one of our best shows—don't miss it.

BBQ from 11.30—12.30

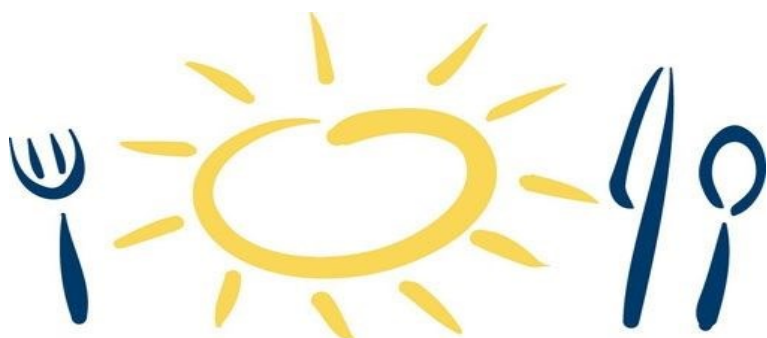
Show starts at 1pm

Tickets \$25.00

Bookings :

Glenis—0401 638 46

Norm—0428 222 942



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Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

Meetings every Sunday at 5pm
Reg Sissons Day Care Centre, High St Strathalbyn
Contact 24 hours (08) 8221 6999

Tai Chi

Tai Chi resumes at 1pm Wednesdays in the Milang Institute supper room.

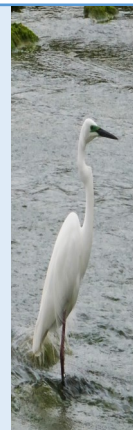
Welcome to a New Year! The energy of a new year sometimes encourages us to make changes - if we don't do anything different nothing changes. Tai Chi provides us with the opportunity to release tension, to listen to our internal body, to move gently within our capacity.

Tai Chi is an ancient art, we gradually cultivate an inner awareness that helps improve balance, loosens tightness, relaxes our body and mind.

Tai Chi is not a quick fix, it takes time to release tensions and stresses that have built up over decades. Your personal discoveries will help you enjoy better health and wellbeing for the years ahead. You only have one body - it has to last a lifetime!

Come and try. See if it suits you. First session is complementary.

Contact Jen 0412 595 102 if you want more information. Leave a message or sms and I will get back to you.



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TOWN HALL - MILANG

SATURDAY: 4TH FEBRUARY, 1 PM

Enquiries: Tel - 0428 222 942

TICKETS: \$25.00.

0401638464

www.brianletton.com.au

TRIVIA



Answers Page 18

By Jude Aquilina

1. In which city did Australia's parliament meet for the first time?
2. What is the fastest breed of dog?
3. What does the scar on Harry Potter's forehead resemble?
4. Who was the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia?
5. According to legend, at whom did Peeping Tom peep?
6. Who was Australia's first indigenous person to be knighted?
7. Proverbially, what is the dish best served cold?
8. What is a whale's penis called?
9. What is the American word for a baby's nappy?
10. Which animal has the largest ears?

MOSHCC is seeking Volunteers

Do you have you some spare time on your hands ?



Would you like to assist in one of our many community projects?

In particular we are currently looking for people who would like to work in Reception and also we are in need of people who would like to drive clients to and from appointments (vehicles are provided).

You will find a very friendly bunch of people and make new friends very quickly. You will find it very rewarding to be involved with such a great group of people.

Call MOSHCC on 8537 0687 and ask for Vivienne



February 2023

1 st	Greg Saltmarsh
3 rd	Barnaby McLean
4 th	Chloe Chaplin
5 th	Mervyn Hopgood
	Marj Pethick
6 th	Barry Gabell
	Rob Webb
10 th	Jane Sorrell
11 th	Elva Potts
	Margaret Boyce
13 th	Grant Blackwell
15 th	Joan Evans
18 th	Val Turner
20 th	Katherine Saltmarsh
	Asha Jones
23 rd	John Bradford

Rainfall for January 2023



Wednesday	18th	5.5
Thursday	19th	1
Tuesday	24th	5.5
Sunday	29th	7
January 2023 Total		19

Rainfall figures kindly supplied by Ray Perry

Already Read & Open for Business!



Cutting the Golden Ribbon



By hook or by crook, I'll be the first to buy a book



Wow what a weekend on the 14th & 15th January! Many proud moments for the **Already Read Books and Butter Factory Volunteers** who put so much time and effort into preparing the new venue for the book sales.

Lyn officially opened **Already Read Books** by cutting the golden ribbon to commence business for the day. Within minutes our first customer arrived and the rest of the day buzzed with excitement with lots of encouraging comments as people came to check us out and

take a peek at the Butter Factory restoration where, John Bradford or Norm Foster were there to answer any questions.

It all happened again on Sunday (except the cutting of the golden ribbon) and the generosity and goodwill of people again was amazing. When we closed the shop on Sunday afternoon, almost **100 visitors** had passed through, some having already donated (already read) books and with promises of more to come.

A tidy sum of approx. **\$760** had been donated to the fund. **THANK YOU** to our visitors, supporters and community for your amazing generosity and encouragement.

JM

ALREADY READ BOOKS

Will be open on Saturday 11TH February

from 10am

Drop in, buy a book
and take a peek



Australia Day Breakfast at Clayton Bay

Each year Clayton Bay hold their annual Australia Day Breakfast which is one of the major fundraisers for the Clayton Bay CFS.

Irrespective of what your beliefs are in relation to Australia Day and the 26th January, the purpose of the event is to raise much needed funds for our local CFS and this enables them to purchase items they need.

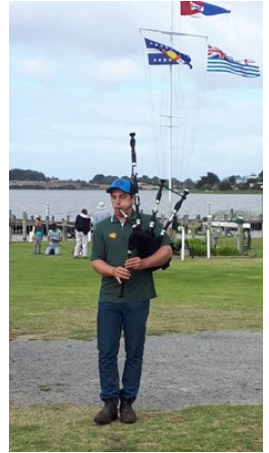
The breakfast was very well attended (approximately 150+ people) and I believe that over \$1600 was raised - well done Clayton Bay!

It doesn't matter where you live, events like this just don't happen without volunteers and a HUGE thankyou goes out to everyone who helped on the day, setting up, cooking, serving, taking money, donating to the raffle, selling the raffle tickets, playing the bagpipes, in the kitchen, cleaning up and so on.

THANKYOU!



Chris, Captain of the Clayton Bay Brigade



WELLBEING EXPO

WHERE: Strathalbyn Show Hall, Coronation Road Strathalbyn SA

WHEN: Thursday 23rd March, 10am—3pm

Drop in and have a look at our showcase of Wellbeing services available in our community

FREE public EXPO

For more information contact

Vivienne at

MOSHCC 8537 0687

vivienne@growinglifeconnections.com.au



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**DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD**



**EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF**



**TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED**



**REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY**



SUMMER FUN DAY

& Milang Youth Hub Launch

An event for young people & their families



Sunday 5 February
11am – 3pm



Milang Institute
23 Coxe Street, Milang



Gold coin donation for BBQ lunch



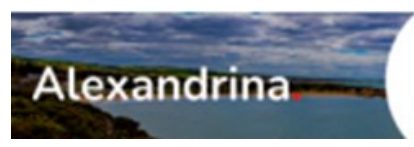
Get your FREE tickets now
Book at [Humanitix](#) or phone Alexandrina Council 8555 7086

THE ACTIVITIES

- Laser Skirmish
- Water Bomb Games
- Table Tennis
- Art Activities
- VR Games

Find out about the Youth Hub and how young people can get involved.

This event is subject to natural/weather events. Updates will be posted on MOSHCC Facebook page, Instagram @milangyouthhub and ticketholders will be emailed.



MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

Milang Easter Market Fair

9am to 3pm, Easter Saturday 8th April 2023

at the Milang Railway Station

Free Train Rides all day & drive a Simulator, live music, 50 stores including food, brick-a-brack and a whole lot more

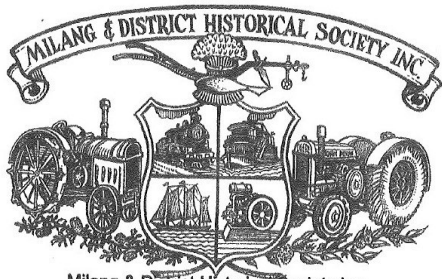


Stall reservations now being taken

Contact Vivienne Maher on 8537 0687

Leave a message or email to

vivienne@growinglifeconnections.com.au



Milang & District Historical Society Inc
P.O. Box 297, Milang, S.A. 5256

(Including the Port Milang Museum, Lakeside Men's Shed &
the South Australian Fire Fighting Vehicles & Equipment Museum)

Yesterday's Power Rally

The Yesterday's Power Rally has come and gone for another year. Despite the very hot weather conditions on Saturday the Rally was a great success. Sunday's attendance was as good as ever with plenty to entertain our visitors, including the popular Tractor Pull, the Heavy Horses and many stalls, chaff cutting demonstration, 2 person chainsaw demonstration, the Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club, Chapter 30, display and the best display yet of vintage and classic motor cycles. Many Veteran and Classic Cars were on display on the Milang Oval. The Tractor Pull drew enthusiasts from Yorke Peninsular, Mid North, Riverland, Bordertown as well as locals.

We would like to thank our major sponsor, Alexandrina Council for their support and for supplying rubble for the Tractor Pull track as well as watering the track prior to the Rally.

Thank you to Mayor Keith Parkes and the Member for Finnis, David Basham for presenting the Trophies. We would also like to thank the following people, who helped to make the Rally a success:-

* Garry Vivian for watering the Milang Oval during the week prior to the Rally and for slashing surrounding areas.

*John Michelmore from Michcon Earthmovers for bringing along his large water tanker for not only the Tractor Pull track but also for water in the Engine compounds.

*Richard Miller for his truck and water tank and pump for use on the tractor dynamometer.

*G. & J. East, Strathalbyn provided a new Massey Ferguson Tractor for pulling the Sled back and a large forklift for unloading and loading large items.

*Barry Potts for supplying a large forklift for lifting the weights for the sled.

*Nigel Schultz for mosquito control around the Oval.

*Mick Samuels who removed a fallen tree limb near the gate of the Oval during the Rally.

*The Milang Vintage Machinery Club Members who spent the week prior to the Rally, setting up and packing up after, and their many duties during the Event.

*The Federation of Historic Motor Vehicles for their assistance in staging the Rally.

Special thanks to all businesses and individuals who helped by way of sponsorship and thank you to all those people that came to the Rally and supported Milang's annual Community event.

Keep this date free for next year's 27th Rally on the 20th & 21st January, 2024. The feature products will be British Trucks, British Cars, Douglas Motorcycles, David Brown Tractors and New Way Engines.

Allan McInnes & Dianne Potter

On behalf of the Milang Vintage Machinery Club.



Allan McGrice cutting chaff with the Museum's 1920 Salmon Chaff Cutter and 1918 Fuller and Johnson 7HP engine



At right, 1952 Holden owned by George McInnes

At left, 1923 Studebaker



Heavy Horses demonstration



Vincent HRD



1950 Jaguar XK 120—EX SA Fire Brigade



Some more great photo's taken at the event by Richard Pruza



1989 Landrover 110 6x6 and 2 axle cargo trailer both made in Australia



Grant Harvey driving his twin D2 Caterpillar in the Tractor Pull



When one door opens — Another door closes



By Vivienne Maher

The famous saying, “when one door closes, another door opens,” is a famous quote by Alexander Graham Bell. The quote ends with “but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us.”

A closed door is a metaphor for an opportunity disappearing, while an open door is a metaphor for an opportunity being presented.

Alexander Graham Bell was suggesting that when an opportunity vanishes, one or several more appear at the same time.

Indeed, that tends to be the way it goes in anyone’s life, provided they see their failures from the right perspective.

The second part of the quote suggests that people are too busy mourning their missed opportunities to notice new opportunities in front of them.

Basically, it’s a motivational quote which aims to inspire people to keep moving forward with a positive attitude after a setback.

Some lessons we can learn from this idea of “when one door closes another door opens.”

1. Learn From Your Mistakes

When you learn from an experience, is it really a loss? Is it really a bad experience? With time, you’ll usually see it as an opportunity to grow and do better next time.



2. You Don’t See An Open Door Without A Good Attitude

If you’re too busy being disappointed about the past, you won’t see a new opportunity arise in the present. There are possibilities for you to do so much in this world, but you must believe that before you can see them.

3. Failure Can Be A Great Catalyst

You could have been walking the safe but unfulfilling path for years. Deep down, you knew you wanted to try something riskier, but the path you were on was too comfortable. When the doors to that comfortable path close, it can give you the motivation to finally follow your dreams and do what you truly desire. Eventually, you’ll see it as a blessing in disguise.

4. A New Path Can Be Exciting

Not all change is bad. Sometimes your new path will be more exciting than your past one.

5. Abundance Vs Scarcity

When you first stumbled upon the closed door, you might have feared there were no more doors to lead you to happiness. That’s a scarce mindset. Eventually in life, you’ll discover there are plenty of doors for you. This is a more positive [abundant mindset](#). The world is full of possibilities once you’re ready to see them.

6. A Closed Door Reveals Your True Capabilities

In the face of adversity, we realise our true strength. You’re a strong person who will find a way to overcome this setback and thrive in the future.

7. A Closed Door Can Bring You Peace

Sometimes, you find yourself in a situation so great that you’re terrified of the door closing. But when you finally lose that precious thing, it can bring a strange sense of peace. You’re now free from the fear.

8. A Closed Door Can Reveal Who You Really Are

Some people try to find meaning in the things that make them happy. Their careers, their relationships, their hobbies, their social status. Often, their identity becomes wrapped up in these things. When this door to happiness closes, you’ll realise that you are not your career, you are not your status, you are not your hobby. In this moment, you’ll be given the opportunity to search inside and discover who you really are.

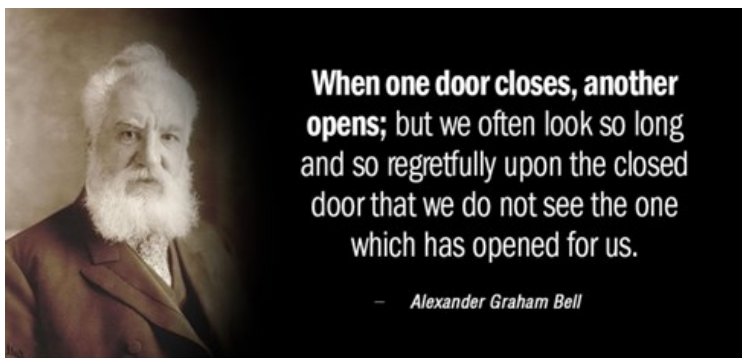
9. You Find Out Who Your Real Friends Are

When you lose something appealing, you'll often discover you didn't have as many friends as you thought. Some people just wanted the appealing thing. But your real friends will stick by you through thick and thin – and there's a subtle joy in discovering who these people are.

Every Door Closes

Once you learn to accept that, life becomes a lot more peaceful (especially once you're aware that more doors will open soon).

When you lose something good, see it as a sign from the universe to pursue something better.



Lifeline 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

TRIVIA ANSWERS

From Page 10

By Jude Aquilina



1. Melbourne
2. Greyhound
3. A lightning bolt
4. Amy Johnson
5. Lady Godiva
6. Sir Douglas Nicholls
7. Revenge
8. A dork
9. A diaper
10. The African Elephant



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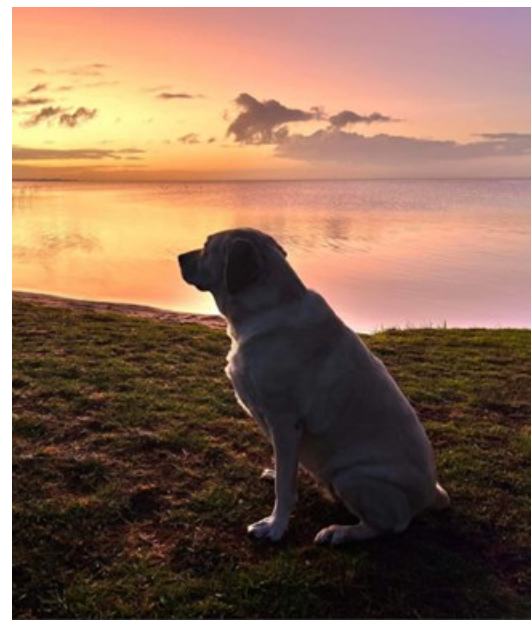
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006 OP K9 “Reilly”

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This is not easy writing about the passing of Reilly but speaking about her gives me great happy memories and helped me through a difficult stage in my life.

Reilly was born in a litter of 8, 4 females and 4 males (the “R” litter). All of the pups went onto become Guide Dogs and Assistance Dogs on their completion through the Royal Society for the Blind (RSB). A 100% success rate that hasn’t been achieved before. The Operation K9 program was born that year also and employed a young lady ‘Anne Spader’ from the United States. Anne had completed her university degree in Dog Psychology and Training and soon was employed to train dogs for Veterans in the US. Anne was employed for 3 years by the RSB with an apprentice and the OP K9 program was off the ground and helping veterans here in Australia.

The very first day I got to see Reilly was when I was in Fullerton Hospital undergoing treatment for Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from my service in Somalia. Anne had arranged for me to meet her at Victoria Park Racecourse down the road and it was a very surreal moment, a very happy Reilly, very confident and loveable Labrador. We spent nearly an hour on our 1st visit and she soon made it clear to me that I was to leave that hospital and start the 2 week bonding course and get to know all of Reilly’s commands. I left that hospital very quickly to start the new program.

Before I knew it I was starting my training with Reilly at the Gilles Plains RSB and it never occurred to me that it was the start of a fantastic relationship with both Reilly and the RSB. Jane Reilly, the public figure here in SA had name sake for one of the “R” litters and called one female pup Reilly. I got to meet Jane and she would always keep progress on her training. By September 2015 I was matched with Reilly and we graduated together at a ceremony at Torrens Parade ground. Plenty of gifts, speeches and a lunch was provided with plenty of photo’s taken.

From now on and for the next 8 years, Reilly never left my side and she spent time relaxing with my parents where she grew a strong bond as well. Reilly had a good routine in assisting me when my mind would stray and cause me anxiety. She soon knew how to retrieve my wallet, keys and phone when I had misplaced them (virtually 3 times a day). She loved this task and had her tail wagging almost all of the time.

Reilly soon took to the lake, this would be one of her favourite places from chasing balls, jetty jumping, sailing and kayaking , she simply loved the lake. Reilly and I would travel now and again from Milang to QLD, NSW and VIC and all around SA. Mainly I travelled alone with the company of Reilly, she was just simply the best companion to travel with. Reilly would take all of the stress away.

Reilly enabled me to march on ANZAC Day confidently and we first marched together on ANZAC Day 2016 in Sydney in front of tens of thousands of people. Reilly made me re-engage with long lost veteran friends and I was unaware of how much of an impact she was having on my life.

We have been through every moment together and they have been the most joyous moments. Reilly has made me avoid some very dark memories and taught me that PTSD is not something to be afraid of or embarrassed about. She has definitely made me more confident in social environments where before I faked it in social gatherings. We also attended formal dinners’, breakfasts etc that required suits and tie with the RSB.

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I quite simply could keep writing about the times I had with Reilly, but I cannot say or fit it in the magazine, there would not be enough room. Together we have been on an amazing journey and that has been the best journey of my life, full of happiness and she was always there for me. I just couldn't imagine my life if she was not a part of it.

Reilly's health deteriorated very rapidly within 3 days, but she always remained happy, wagging her tail, chasing ball and sleeping alongside me which she did all of her life. Reilly was to go in for surgery to remove a small lump. After X-rays before her operation the Veterinarian told me she has malignant aggressive cancer and it was throughout her whole body. She was given 24 hours to live. I certainly did not want her to go through any pain, so myself and the RSB made the decision to put Reilly to sleep. After spending 3 hours of our last quality time together and her wagging her tail, my best friend fell asleep in my arms while kissing the top of her head. I was a mess, I simply could not stop my tears, 4 weeks later and I am still crying.

These are not tears of trauma, these are tears of how Reilly impacted my life and had shown me feelings that were lost years ago in Africa. Reilly has never left me, she left a huge legacy behind with me that a lot of people never got to see. The RSB journey has been life changing and hopefully shortly I will continue that journey that Reilly left.

NEVER FORGOTTEN

Lots of love, Greg & family



23rd February

By Christine Danton

23rd February is marked in my diary. Why? Because another one of my photos is being published on 7pm ABC news/weather.

I thought I would tell you the process and emotion that goes into creating a photo. I hope you enjoy reading it.

I was at my Milang shack and it was going into the evening light when the birds have their little end of day routines.

I had been following the progress of a pair of black swans and their 5 babies photographing them and so on. Anyway in the evening they, along with a group of pelicans and sometimes a couple of other species of water bird all take their positions on the grass by the lake, resting in a safe place at the end of the day in that special pre-evening bliss. Grey nomads would probably call it happy hour as they chilled out together enjoying the fruits of their day.

When I took this photo, I thought I was in the Garden of Eden and had died and gone to heaven, it was so idyllic.

I am really missing my wetlands wilderness where much of my photography was done. It was in my soul and I feel I have lost part of that since selling my farm. I want to recreate a way I can express that again in some new way. Nothing replaces the solitude of the wetlands wilderness I was in, just living alone in the breast of nature with all the beautiful creatures around including snakes. That was my Garden of Eden.

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Southern Districts Flying Club

Several of our members have been taking regular flights along the river watching the water rise and rise. It has been truly amazing to see such an incredible amount of water flowing down the river. Sad to see homes, shacks and infrastructure disappear under the water but an amazing sight nonetheless.



River Murray in Flood, photos taken by Cat flying overhead in her Gyroplane.



The club has recently received a community grant for some upgrades to our clubrooms. We are using this money to insulate the roof and to add air conditioning. Our air conditioner was installed late January and should now make our clubrooms a much more comfortable venue for all the seminars and social activities we host there. We will have a number of working bees throughout the year to continue with maintenance and upgrading of our facilities at Strathalbyn Airfield.

Just for a change of scenery we have decided to hold our February meeting at the Pirate Life Brewery (Port Adelaide). We will have lunch at the brewery before spending the afternoon at the Aviation Museum. Should be a fun day and hopefully a good turn out of members.

Membership to Southern Districts Flying Club is open to anyone with an interest in aviation. If you would like to be involved you can find information and membership details on our web site: www.sdfc.org.au

The opening times for The Cheer Up Hut when our Flag is flying: -

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The small stall by the oval entrance has a selection of Books, DVD's, Plants & Toys etc. A donation Box is available at the stall.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support for the Red Cross, however we need more volunteers. If interested, please Contact Bec or Tracy on the above Numbers.

Doris Lambert

Publicity Officer



Milang Environmental Centre

Serving our community

The Milang Environmental Centre is a community run organisation and an asset to the residents of Milang.

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MEC NEWS - February 2023

MILANG ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

corner of Weeroona Drive and Jupiter Street Milang.

P O Box 338 Milang SA 5256 Ph:85370201

Email: mecinc@adam.com.au

Open 10 AM – 4 PM / Wednesday & Saturday

MEC volunteers returned on 7th January and have been remarkably busy as holiday season recycling items are brought in by local community members who continue to assist by pre-sorting into distinct types; cans, bottles, cartons.

The Milang Environment Centre is entirely volunteer operated and provides a valuable community service paying deposit for drink containers, accepting green garden organics, glass, and metal waste for modest fees. Most MEC volunteers are senior citizens aka “dinosaurs” and the group would welcome help from anyone interested in learning about recycling, volunteering at the centre and having fun meeting residents. If interested in being a volunteer, please contact MEC by phone or email or call in personally Wednesday or Saturday.

MEC Treasurer and “Boss Dinosaur” Don Boyce, a Milang resident for 30 years has been a volunteer for over 25 years. Don is familiar with much of the history of the area and the community services that have developed and evolved. Don first volunteered in what was a garden centre with Trevor Taylor at the now MEC site. Don also volunteered long-term with the Milang Progress Association, Milang District Association, the Art Group, and the start-up period of the Historic Railway. Don recalls helping to produce and distribute the early version ‘Community News,’ delivering daily Meals on Wheels and driving a Massey Ferguson tractor to maintain safe local walking trails.

Don was born in Stirling. He declined to say when although admits that he was a difficult individual from the outset forcing his mother to endure a 14-hour delivery labour. MEC volunteers confirm that this ‘difficult’ aspect of Don remains strongly reflected in his preference for routine. The MEC gate opens at precisely 10 am and recyclables processing is proficiently systematic. Don departs for lunch at exactly 12 noon but may quietly reappear suddenly at any time to check and

ensure volunteers are maintaining a high level of efficiency.

Don told “News” that he remembers his family waterfront shack located where the caravan park is now situated was damaged in the 1956 flood. *“We simply opened the windows and the water flowed through.”*

Don also recounted a time when he and another volunteer (Roger) were delivering a big load of cans to Adelaide. They stopped at McLaren Vale to check the load only to discover a bag of 1800 cans missing and not found by backtracking to Milang. At 2 am a voice in his head told him to check the Finnis Road and sure enough he found the bag next day almost hidden up against a farm fence behind trees.

Don Boyce is fine example of the many selfless volunteers who help make the Milang and district community such a wonderful place to live in. Don is highly respected by his volunteer colleagues and popular with MEC customers, particularly Lyla the Cake Lady who regularly presents Don with fresh-baked cakes which he unselfishly shares with other volunteers. Don has seen many changes at what is now MEC, and his continued devotion to ensuring an efficient, safe workplace and volunteer-friendly operating systems for this community service is appreciated and admirable.

PHOTO 1: Don Boyce tries patiently to teach volunteer Geoff Dungey how to count cans



PHOTO 2: MEC ‘Boss Dinosaur’ Don Boyce





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All Aboard—January 2022

On Australia day we were honoured to receive the active communities award for the Strathalbyn area (see photo on the previous page). It recognises the efforts of our 15 volunteers who put a lot of energy, ideas and enthusiasm into the Railway Museum. In the past nine years we have grown from a small community museum to the number two tourist attraction in Milang, after Lake Alexandrina. Visitors love the things we offer. They can drive a diesel locomotive or a steam engine, they can chase the model train, they can climb on locomotives and on Sundays they can go for a free train ride. The community craft shop has proved popular with families. And, on Sundays, the family can have a very economical lunch or Devonshire Tea or just a coffee in our cafeteria car.

Our volunteers have a lot of fun and get a lot of satisfaction out of their involvement. However, we do need more volunteers so if you fancy any of the many roles we can offer then please come along any weekend, between twelve and four, for a chat. We can even teach you be a train driver. No qualifications are needed, we can train you from scratch.

Peter Lucas



From left to right: Roger Miller (President), Stan Woods, Bryce Clark, Phil Smith, Judy Clark (Treasurer), Neville Thomas (Vice President), Ruth Gates, Tony Gates, Fred Wilson, Peter Lucas (Secretary), Allan McInnes, Dianne Potter, Narelle King, Sheila Fellows, Harold Fellows and Norma Faulkner-Hall.

Milang Community Garden

Newsletter - February 2023

Where did last month go? Here we are in February already!

The plants in the garden are beginning to kick along, despite the strange season we are still experiencing. Unfortunately, the fruit trees are having a slow year and we are not seeing the loads of stone fruits that we had last year. Hopefully the plums are looking more promising.

Tomatoes and beans are coming along nicely along with the carrots and other veggies. Zucchini's are slow off the mark, but the cucumbers are holding their own. The pumpkin plants are heading off all over the place and we can see flowers developing well.

There has not been a lot of activity as most of our members have otherwise been engaged with family events, New Year festivities and school holidays, but enough of us have managed to gather together each week, to get into some jobs and enjoy each other's company. Thanks to the boys who have expanded the irrigation system to more beds, making watering over few hot days easier for everyone. We look forward to a more active and productive February 2023.

Membership is strong, but we can always do with more hands and friendly faces, if you would like to contribute to the garden.

Enquiries at MOSHCC or at the garden on Tuesday mornings.



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Enquiries—Peter Wilson 0407 607 638

Sunday Service 9:30am

Friendship & Craft at the Church Hall—Wednesday 10:00am—12:00 Noon

Uniting Church, corner McDonald & Orana Streets, Milang

Enquiries—Nola Deer 8536 4429

Sunday Service 10.00am

Anglican Church—St Marys, corner Luard & Maroo Streets , Milang

Enquiries—Rev. Alex Stone 8537 0630

Sunday Service—8.15am (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)

Lutheran Church

Cnr Commercial Road & North Parade, Strathalbyn

Pastor Matthew Edgecomb 8536 3322

Catholic Church—Good Shepherd, East Terrace, Strathalbyn

Father Richard Morris 8391 1053





Milang CFS News

Jude Aquilina

It has been a busy month for the Milang CFS Brigade, attending callouts for fallen trees, pumping flood waters, assisting SAAS, fighting fires and responding to vehicle accidents.

On January 4th, there was a large grass fire at Clayton Bay. It was a cool but windy day and the fire moved quickly. Three homes came under direct threat, with asset protection undertaken by Milang and Clayton brigades in the early stages. Later, 11 fire appliances and six aircraft worked with local teams to put out the fire. Fortunately, the houses were saved.



On January 14th, CFS members from Milang assisted with a group response to the Montacute fire, which burnt approximately 45 hectares.

Milang Brigade also attended a serious road crash on the Nine Mile Road, and also a rollover on the Clayton Rd.

With Lake Alexandrina water levels recently rising, Milang CFS helped with preparations for local flooding around the shacks. The SES are the lead agency for flooding, but local CFS teams are often called to assist.

Thanks to the Milang Bowling Club for inviting both Milang and Clayton join in on their Christmas party. A great time was had by all.



With many more weeks of hot weather to come, please ensure you are bushfire ready. For information on how to protect yourself and your property, please call 1800 362 361 or visit cfs.sa.gov.au

ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

Change of dates for the Goolwa Regatta Week

Goolwa Regatta Weekend is very proudly organised by the [Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club \(GRYC\)](http://Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club (GRYC)).

The highlight of the weekend, **2023 Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic yacht race, will now be held on Sunday 12th March 2023** due to safety concerns surrounding the recent flood event.

2023 Goolwa Regatta Weekend will include events on and off the water from Friday the 10th of March to Sunday 12th March 2023 and will include also include the Goolwa to Milang Alexandrina Classic. The Goolwa Regatta Weekend provides lots of reasons for yacht racers, casual sailors, families, friends and holiday-makers to spend the weekend in this beautiful part of the world.

BUTTER FACTORY REPORT

January 2023

Happy New Year to all, this is the year we really get to the pointy end of the project, hopefully by the end of September. We had a committee meeting earlier in the month and Mike Galea our project manager presented our works timeline, it's busy but exciting.

First of all, finishing off last year, the gate was installed between the fodder store and shed 2, so nice not having to lump the big old one around. With the impending flood levels that could affect the shack area combined with the intended use of The Old Regatta Club for the Youth Project it was decided to move the Butter Factory items back home so to speak.

Now that the can washing shed has been all but completed, we made space up the northern end and stowed our gear. This gave Already Read Books the rest of the shed for their displays and sales area. At the last working bee for the year, we had a BBQ lunch to thank all those who helped on the project during the year.

The start of 2023 had the 'book girls' and willing helpers set up their great little store just in time for the Power Rally weekend, all books and fittings have been donated, with a wonderful result achieved, for more details see the article in this magazine.

Our side fence with its impressive sliding gate has been completed. With the jobs and timeline for work to be carried out by both contractors and volunteers in place, we set to work on the first working bee of the year jack-hammering a trench along the concrete in the pergola so as not to upset the old brick drain.

We need to install drainage and a water supply to the reception area so we can plumb a sink for hand washing etc. All the concrete in the pergola is very cracked and has large sections missing so it will be removed hopefully by mechanical means and re-laid.

We have been experimenting with various paints/ sealers for making good the chalky calcimine paint and other problems in the old section, we may have found a solution, more on that later.

Norm is still going on his crazy paving and its looking good. We hope to see our contractors back in early February for an extended stay and meanwhile the volunteers have plenty to do.

Cheers

John Bradford
Site Manager.



Norm doing some touch up work on the stage plinth



2 photo's showing our work on the trench



NO 59 - CREAM AND MILK SUPPLIERS TO MILANG BUTTER FACTORY – THE MATHERSONS

By Alwyn Hopgood

Mr Hugh I C Matherson came from Ros Shire, Scotland in 1854 to manage a property for Donald Gollan. I believe he sailed in a ship called the *Oregon*. Hugh Matherson then settled on Section 2800 at Angas Plains. Their dairying business was well attended to, and their cream and milk delivered to the Milang Butter Factory was of a high standard.

Hugh Matherson's three single daughters were all school teachers, and taught for many years in and around the Milang area. Margaret taught at Point Sturt, Bletchley, Lake Plains and Mines Flat, Isabella at Lake Plains for 18 years and May taught at Ashbourne.

In 1903, Hugh's son, Alexander, purchased Block No 48 in the *Watson Park* subdivision, which was opened up by the SA government under the Closer Settlement Legislation.

In 1915, the Milang Agricultural Bureau, with five other members, presented papers for 1914-1915 period at their second AGM.

Later, Alexander's son Alistair left the dairying industry to become the secretary of the South Australian Country Party, a political party which was formed in 1917 and dissolved in 1932.

The Mathersons were a highly respected family and always supported Milang functions and local organisations.

Hugh Matherson died in 1915 and Alexander continued farming Section 2800 Angas Plains until the property was sold in 1947 to Donald and Margaret Warren.

Mrs J Matherson is standing second of right)



The Strathalbyn Handspinners of Wool in July 1977. The group has been strongly supported by ladies from the Milang District. Standing: Mollie Jenkins (Lake Plains), Mesdames Campbell, O'Connor, Hector, A. Foreman (Milang), J. Matheson, E. Cross (Belvidere). Sitting: Marjorie McInnes (Milang), M. Cross (Belvidere), B. Pethick, E. Landseer (Milang), Ruth Esterhuizen (Milang)

Empower People to Save Wildlife

(Part 2)

Closer to home, a partnership between FAME and the Department of Environment SA, western quolls, absent for over 100 years from the Flinders ranges, have been successfully reintroduced and are contributing to the local biodiversity and should, in the future, benefit local farmers by controlling rabbits.



Western Quoll

In the Alexandrina and Victor Harbor precincts, it is estimated, there are 160 threatened native animals (*Threatened species of the Lower Lakes and Coorong and Natural History of Strathalbyn & Goolwa Districts Strathalbyn Naturalist Club Inc. 2000*). This number may vary with different sources, however, it would be widely acknowledged to be precariously high and unsustainable and it would be impossible to reverse using existing strategies. If we don't try something else, we will inevitably lose species.

For many of those species, recovery is hampered and prevented by the existence of foxes and cats within the environment. If we are again to share our homes with species like the eastern quolls, bettongs, southern brown bandicoots, potoroos, phascogales, heath goannas, bilby's and magpie geese, we have to ensure there are suitable safe habitats for them in our area.



Magpie goose



Bettong

Fortunately, we have had successful landscape vegetation rehabilitation projects working away in our midst for many years and some progress has been made to improve plant biodiversity. Unfortunately, apart from

some isolated fenced habitats, and despite the constant publicity about the impact of foxes and cats, over many years, very little has been done to reduce their influence across the wider environment. In the north, where dingoes are allowed to reassemble their social structures, cats and foxes are controlled in most places. South of the dingo fence however, apart from the odd cull of cats and foxes, they are still one of the most important drivers of extinction. There is very little chance for successful reintroduction of many of our native mammals, birds and reptiles whilst these two mesopredators continue to overwhelm our fauna.

Reversing this catastrophic impact can be achieved by involving the general human population to contain cats and foxes to a level that can be tolerated by wildlife. To control cats and foxes, we humans have to adopt the role of dingoes like north of the dingo fence. Ordinary people, with guidance and supervision, can be involved with trapping, shooting and poisoning these 2 feral predators. The successful reintroduction of the western quoll, from Western Australia, into the Flinders ranges, has been largely due to the control of foxes and cats. This has been one of the first successful translocations of native mammals into an unfenced environment. With everyone's involvement, we can reproduce the same thing in our local precincts, by involving ordinary people, with the help of local, state and the federal governments. The advantages for wildlife, humans and primary industry stock, are many.

The benefits of controlling foxes and cats will be immediately felt. There will be direct population increases of a range of smaller wildlife which still exist but are currently depressed and threatened by cats and foxes. There will also be indirect benefits for soil biodiversity and plant diversity as well as public health which will improve resulting from a more liveable environment and less incidence of human depression.

Sharing our homes with nature will be so rewarding. Reductions in cat numbers resulting from human cooperation, will lessen the risk of human Toxoplasmosis spread by cats. Cat-dependent diseases cost Australia AU\$6 billion per year through impacts on human health and livestock production ([Legge et al, 2020](#)). Alarmingly, currently 30-66% of people in Australia carry the *Toxoplasma gondii* parasite. Reducing cat numbers will reduce transmission of the *T. gondii* parasite ([Smith and Furtado 2022](#)).

By Peter Mirtschin

(Continued in the next edition)

HISTORIC GRAVES IN THE MILANG CEMETERY

No. 22 - KRUSE

By Mervyn Hopgood

Carl Heinrich Ferdinand Kruse married Mary Loney on the 8th June 1857. Carl was born in 1823 and Mary in 1857. Carl died in 1911 and Mary in 1891. The couple had 4 children Mary Christine Catherine, Sabine Charlotte Elizabeth, Heindrich Christian Ferdinand and Honora Martha Johanna. Mary married Henry Hoare and they had 5 children. Mary and Henry are buried in the Milang Cemetery. Sabine's granddaughter Annie Elizabeth died aged 3 months in 1881. Carl and Mary lived on the corner of Coxe and McDonald Streets.

Carl was a captain of the schooner 'Punker' for twenty years until she sank in 1890. He had the schooner Ada and Clara built in 1892. His son Heinrich (Fardie) born in 1864 started with his dad on the Punkeri, was an engineer on the P.S.Jupiter and later a captain.

Carl was a life member of the Regatta Club. Heinrich was chairman of the Council for several years in the 1930's and died while still in office. While (Kardie) Kruse was working on the steamer (Dispatch) as a deck hand, he had the rare experience of talking with Prince George (later King George V) and his brother Prince Albert while the two princes were being taken across the lake in 1881 to join in a Kangaroo hunt at Campbell Park, the property of the Bowman family.

A section of my grandfather's farm was always known as 'Kruses'. It appears that Carl or his son (Fardie) could have applied Tort to his land (under perpetual leasehold), it meant that in order to gain 'Freehold' you had to roll the Mallee, burn it, clear the land of stumps and sow and reap a profitable crop off the block within 5 years. As Carl and his son were 'Rivermen' they would have had no hope of doing this. My grandfather's farm adjoined (Ben Hopgood) and he had the means of doing this with his farm machinery. My grandfather would have rolled and burnt the scrub, carted off the stumps and got it to a cropable stage.



His diary states that in 1913 he put in 28 ½ acres for Kruse and in 1914 he stripped and cleaned the wheat for £41.13.0. In 1914 his diary states, work done for Kruse £33.10.0 and in 1915 work done for Kruse £13.6.0. It is worth remembering that 1914 was the worst drought in South Australia's history and many farmers reaped nothing. Grandfather's idea was to plant the crop thinly, less competition for moisture. It certainly paid off in 1914.

Heinrich (Fardie) Kruse married Kate Miller and the couple had 4 children. Henry Joseph died aged 6 years, Ferdinand Ernest born in 1889 may have had some interest in the Kruse's farm block as his name appears in my grandfather's diary in 1915. Mary Kruse born in 1892 married Ray Perry in the Milang Congregational Church in 1923. They had one son Norman Ray Perry born in 1925 who had a wonderful singing voice and some said he should be trained as an Opera singer. The old Perry home is near the racecourse in Strathalbyn and the farm consisted of several hundred acres.

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Norman married Ramona Sansome and the couple had 3 children, Ian, Heather and Bronwyn. Ian had 6 children, 4 boys and 2 girls, April, Reece, Crystal, Ryan, Rhett and Riley. Two of these boys played junior football and cricket for Milang with my grandsons and later went on to play football for Hahndorf also with my grandsons. Carl and Mary's 4th child was Honora Martha Johanna of whom we know little except that she married George Burgess in 1901.

The old Kruse home at the end of Coxe Street is one of the oldest homes in Milang that is still being lived in. It has changed very little since Captain Kruse and his family lived there in 1889. We have an excellent photo of the home in 1889 with the family pictured outside the front verandah (see below).



A Sunday School group about 1908. Back row: Ruby Pavy (m Ted Burgess), Mary Kruse (m Ray Perry), Annie Schemmel (m Jack Pavy). Centre: Maggie Daniels (m Harry Griffin). Front: Annie Summers (m W. Ahrens), Doris White (Mrs Anderson).



The Punkeri c. 1889 a three masted sailing vessel owned by Captain C. H. F. Kruse. On board when the photo was taken were Miss Kruse, Mrs Kruse, Captain Kruse and George Ross Jr.

An amazing image of lightening captured by Greg Hopgood





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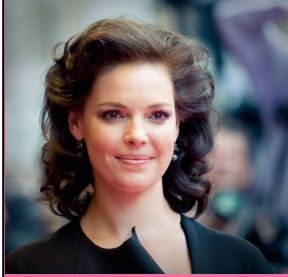
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Saturday	4th	Brian Letton in concert at the Milang Institute. Brian Letton, Australian bush balladeer and crooner, also guest artist Cactus Martin. This will be one of our best shows—don't miss it. BBQ from 11.30—12.30, Show starts at 1pm, Tickets \$25.00, Bookings :Glenis—0401 638 46 or Norm—0428 222 942
		“Brazil Nuts & the 60 Four” will be performing at an outdoor concert at the Tooperang War Memorial Hall. Bar opens 5pm (no BYO please) with dinner served from 6pm. \$75pp for dinner and show – advance booking and payment essential. Contact Jill on 0409 693 748 or clelands@activ8.net.au
Sunday	5th	Summer Fun Day & Youth Club Launch - 11am to 3pm - At the Milang Institute - Gold coin donation for a bbq lunch - Register at Humanitix or phone Alexandrina Council on 8555 7086
		Goolwa Wharf Market - 9am - 2pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct Rehearsed Play Reading Private Lives - Noel Coward. Noel Coward's play Private Lives is one of his most famous and successful comedies first performed in 1930 it is a favourite for all the Coward devotees. Sybil and Elyot had been married then divorced but meet up again whilst honeymooning with their new spouses. With Coward's notorious light touch and witty dialogue Private Lives is a delight from beginning to end. Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa - Time 3pm Duration 75 minutes, no interval Cost Adults \$20, Concession \$15^ Bookings events.alexandrina.com.au or 8555 7000
Saturday	11th	Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Tribute to Sir Elton John. The Flaming Sambucas return to Goolwa, bringing their exciting and visually captivating showcase of musical genius, Sir Elton John. Tiny Dancer, Candle in the Wind, Crocodile Rock, Your Song, Rocket Man and so many more timeless songs. Reflect on Elton's enormous gift to the world and take a journey through this amazing soundtrack of our lives. Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa, Time 7:30pm, Duration 130 minutes, including interval Cost Adults \$40, Concession \$35 Age All ages, Bookings events.alexandrina.com.au or 8555 7000
		Another “Beats & Eats” event will be held at Kimbolton Wines with “Greek in the Creek” with Greek Cuisine and live music by Tommy Tequila. Contact 8537 3002.
Sunday	12th	Vineyard Road Wines will hold another “Laugh, Paint and Sip” from 11am. Enjoy a day of fun while you bring out your inner artist. Get together with friends, or make new ones! All art, paint, canvas and guidance by Kathy Hardy Smith Art. Tickets \$65 include a glass of wine and a delectable Fleurieu Chocolates sample. Bookings limited via www.vineyardroad.com.au or contact 8536 8334.
		Cittaslow Goolwa Market - month 9am - 1pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Wednesday	15th	Strathalbyn Racecourse are holding a mid-week Race Day. Contact 8536 2248.
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Sunday	19th	Goolwa Wharf Market - 9am - 2pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct
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