

Milang Community News

A journal of the Milang & District Community Association

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March 2023



FROM THE EDITOR

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

It's hard to believe that it is a year since Russia invaded Ukraine. A lot of us thought that the war would be over quickly, how wrong we were! My heart goes out to all of the people who are suffering through this terrible and senseless war. On page 8 I have made a small image tribute which I hope you enjoy.

Generally I would say that I am not a person who is 'out & about' much, other than the usual shopping trip or catch up with friends, BUT I have contracted Covid yet again and I have no idea where I got it from. So please do not be too 'blase' when it comes to Covid safety, it is definitely still out there in our community.

It was great to see the mosaic that tells the Ngarrindjeri story of Milang and Lake Alexandrina get laid into its final resting place.

Please see the article on the next page by Jean McCormick aka my 'Roving Reporter'.

I can't believe that summer is technically over. Apart from a few 'scorching days' it was a very cool (cold) season. Lets hope we still get some nice warm days and evenings over the coming Autumn.

Have a great month...stay safe!!

Cathy Fish

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International Women's Day 2023 campaign theme: #EmbraceEquity



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MILANG NGARRINDJERI DREAMING MOSAIC

On Thursday 2nd February, on an unusually cold 'Summer' morning, things of an artistic nature were taking place on the Milang Foreshore. A small crowd began to gather and watched in awe as things unfolded.

The huge mosaic was transported on the back of a trailer, had to be turned upside down and slid into the precise position in the designate spot. (No room for error or movement!) The frequent showers didn't help!

Local artists and designers of the mosaic Cedric Varcoe, Mike Tye, with John Bradford and his crew of volunteers studied logistics and various manoeuvres to exactly place the almost finished mosaic. The mosaic tells the Ngarrindjeri story of Milang, Lake Alexandrina denoted by the waves on the outer edge of the circle, two Ngarrindjeri fishermen in their boats fishing, the wetlands indicated in blue and the birds, fish and sun in the centre.

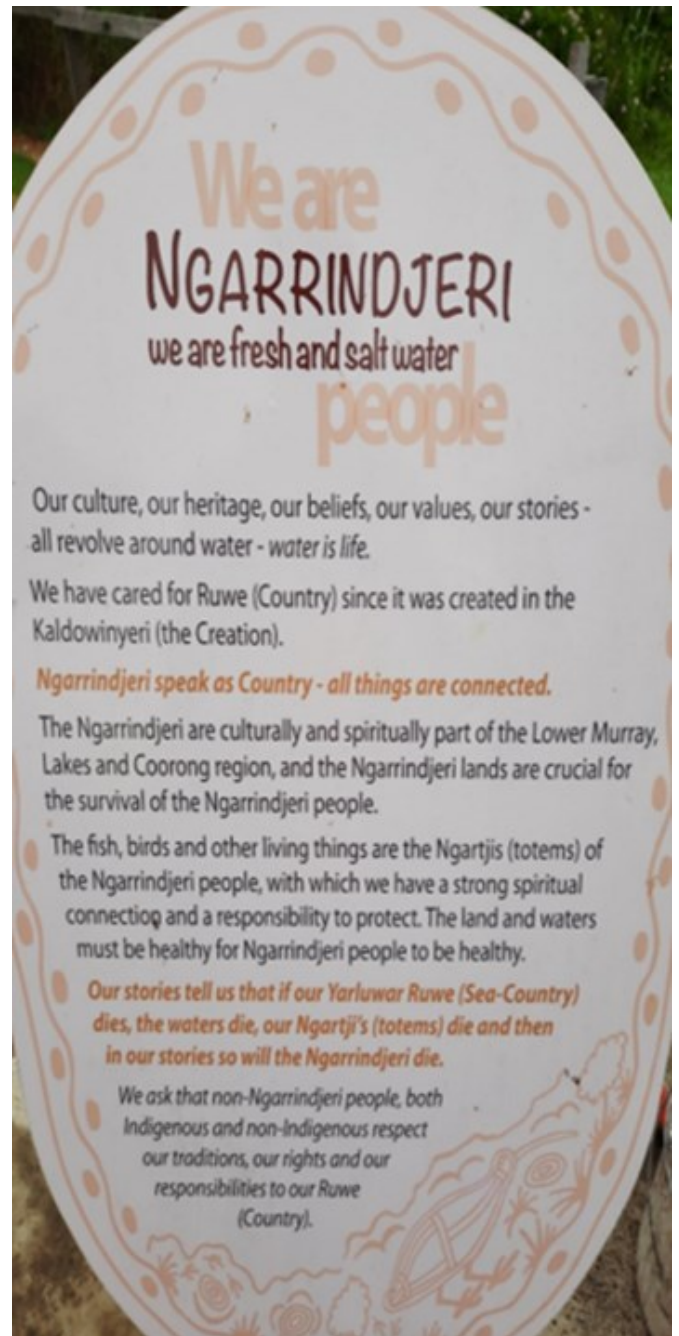
This mosaic is unique in that you can view it from any angle and still see the whole story depicted in triplicate.



Pictured R-L are John Bradford, Cedric Varcoe, Karyn Bradford, Mike Tye and Neil Johnson discussing the management of the move.

This plaque (installed some time ago) explains the mosaic and Ngarrindjeri connection to water. Take time-out, check it out and ponder on the Ngarrindjeri Dreaming in a time long before Milang became a busy riverport.

JM





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.

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



MILANG MARKET

10AM TO 3PM

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

Change of Day!!!

Friday Feast is now on the 1st Friday of the month



Friday Feast in the

Ace Space

Thanks to our marvelous volunteers

Friday 3rd March

Please call 8537 0687 to book by the previous

Wednesday

Cost \$9.00 for a 2 course meal

Tai Chi

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

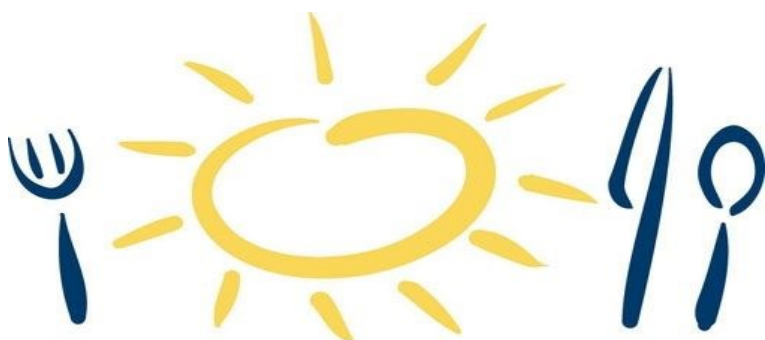
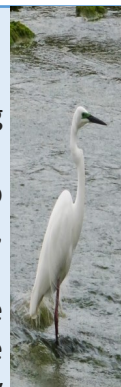
Tai Chi provides us with the opportunity to release tension, to listen to our internal body, to move gently within our capacity.

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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Gimme Chocolate

Veronica Cookson

My habit is inherited —
you could expect little else if father
pandered to mother's pregnancy cravings
with a block of Caramello, every day
for seven months, at least.

There are those who don't like chocolate.
Not for them the delicious quandary
whether to, suck slowly or scoff
Peppermint Crisp or Flake, Mars Bar or Snickers.
Nor for them, a shape of comfortable curves
from too many Polly Waffles and Curly Wurllys.

But for an addict with caramel in their veins
anything less than total indulgence is tough
and I know about the perils of withdrawal.
So, till I find strength to face my demons,
there's comfort in a jumbo packet of Smarties.

Last Glimpse at a Sunset

by Jules Leigh Koch

here at the edge of my sight
the day is closing

with only a lip smear
of burnt orange

left
above the horizon line
and a scoop of egg yolk
moments before

setting
finishing with a paper weight
of clouds

snuffing out the last breath of light
then a few stars are stencilled in.

POETS CORNER

Aunt Violet

by Mavis Lang

Most lives are end-
stopped
but some just seem to
wander on forever.

A floral scarf, that musky pink overcoat
and you floated through time like the moon
never forceful or bright, just smiling
through Coty powder and Kodak prints.

At a certain age, you gave up men
for luncheons with eccentric friends,
bridge nights, fortunetellers, and little
flutters at the local club. You sold plants
from your rampant garden, no doubt
increasing Adelaide's weeds tenfold.

You never wed. Your house, a web of lace
where cushions bred. You did not age;
but smile lines deepened as nephews
and nieces grew into friends. And you had
your last wish: a white coffin and a wild wake
with Paul Robeson singing you over.



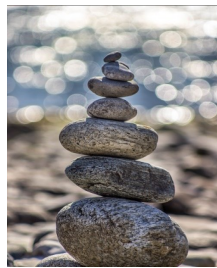
Halley's Comet

by Helen Hutton

1986 we linked arms to watch the sky
ready for the tail to light up the night —
that piece of rock drew quite a crowd.
In the end the stars shone brighter
hope faded
optimism dispersed
until it was just you and me
arms linked waiting
for the sun to rise.



*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 Sue 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:
March 7th &
March 21st (workshop)

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.



From the President



Well Christmas is well and truly behind us and we now look forward to Easter.

MADCA has had an extremely busy year with all of its many activities. We launched a new Youth Hub at the Old Regatta Club and the group will meet every Friday evening for the coming future, although it may change as we move forward. We have two Youth Coordinators Andrew from Reclink who will provide kayaks and other water equipment and Lyle who has many years' experience as a youth officer.

My aspiration for this group is that it will grow to provide an energetic range of activities to assist the youth in our region, provide a positive experience for them, and give them a sense of belonging.

The Butter Factory is now taking shape and the subcommittee is now busy working on what attractions to feature in the project. Some of the committee had a very fruitful meeting with the Ngarrindjeri people's last Friday to develop a plan to display their culture and art works. The next major task is to develop a detailed business plan and then to seek sponsorship money to finalise the project. This has been a huge under-taking to restore this building and it is planned to be a major draw card attracting tourist to our region. I point out that this is owned by the residents of Milang and is for the people of Milang. Once again I would like to thank the large number of volunteers who drive this project and donate many hours for this development.

I also pay respect to the great work our Lakes Home Care team are doing in the community, which in a space of 3 years has grown the number of Home Care Packages from 12 to 62 as at the end of last week, with also about 98 Commonwealth Home Support clients. They have become a large employer to the community with about 20 paid workers and around 20 volunteers who drive seniors to medical appointments, shopping and other activities. The team at Lakes Home Care are professional and offer the very best of service for our seniors who choose to stay at home instead of going into care.

MADCA is also working on other areas such as affordable social housing, where we have a working committee who are looking at a sustainable solution that will be affordable to renters but also provide support for renters to keep the property in good order.

From a personal prospective I would like to pay my respect's to the community as we have so many Volunteers who tirelessly give their time to help others. I could go on and on about individuals who give so much but instead just say that we are always seeking volunteers particularly from managerial backgrounds and youth activity volunteers. Please feel free to give me a call for a no obligation chat on 0431 601 850 about becoming a volunteer.

John Whyte



Community Visitors Scheme

Lakes Home Care is looking to formulate a Community Visitors Scheme for our Volunteers.

This is an Australian Government initiated scheme and would be wonderful to introduce into our community.

The Community Visitor Scheme protects and promotes the well-being, dignity, safety, and rights of people.

The Community Visitors Scheme coordinates friendly volunteers to visit older people at risk of social isolation in their homes. Volunteers call & visit for about an hour each fortnight, and visits may include sharing activities, such as board games, movies, music, or just a cuppa and a chat.

If anyone is interested in participating, please email lakeshomecare@moshcc.com.au or call and talk to



Country Music Butter Factory Fundraiser Review

Brian Letton in Concert - 4th February 2023

One of the best shows ever, that was the audience comments after the show. Brian Letton showed why he is one of Australia's favourite country music artists, well supported by Cactus Martin.

Thanks first to Karyn and Ray for helping with the BBQ at short notice and also J.B. To Susan, Jean, Glenis and Lorraine who served tea, coffee and cakes and the BBQ.

June on the ticket desk, Lyn selling raffle tickets and Mike on the memorabilia table. Without the help of these wonderful volunteers, these shows would not be possible.

A substantial profit was handed over to the Butter Factory coffers, the best ever.

Our next show on Saturday 13th May will feature

'The Sulli-Vans' and this show will probably book out, so get in early.

Norm 0428 222 942

Glenis 0401 638 464

Thanks for your continued support.

Norm & Glen

THE SULLI-VANS

AS SEEN ON THE VOICE!

200 AUSTRALIAN SHOWS

KEVIN SULLIVAN

DON'T MISS A SHOW AUSTRALIA IS TALKING ABOUT WITH THE SULLI-VANS HARMONIC VOICES

MILANG COMMUNITY HALL

SATURDAY 13 MAY 2023

\$25 PP - BBQ AT 11.30 - SHOW AT 1PM

BOOKINGS - GLEN 0401 638 464 / NORM 0428 222 942



PEACE!



The Bradfords and the Butter Factory Bangers!!



Karyn, Chef / Manager of the Egg & Bacon Stuff and John, knows his Onions and his Bangers, in control of the Butter Factory Concert BBQ.



Delicious cheesecake, coconut cake and Boysen -berry tart as usual donated by Susan Bagley. Muffins & carrot cake courtesy of Karyn. Apricot nectar cheesecake thanks to Lorraine & lemon Cheesecake from Glenis. Yummy in the tummy!!

Due to sickness and/or holidays the BBQ crew were short on helpers on 4th February.

How lucky were we that Karyn Bradford pulled on the rubber gloves and John put on his pinny and saved our day.. Thanks guys..

And thanks to the generous donations of foodstuff for the cake stall, the Cordon Bleu Egg & Bacon Sandwiches and Bangers & Onions Butty, the Butter Factory Cake and BBQ stall boosted the coffers of the fundraising by over \$700. Thanks to everyone for your generous support.

JM

ALREADY READ BOOKS

Milang Lakeside Butter Factory

Open Dates:

MARCH

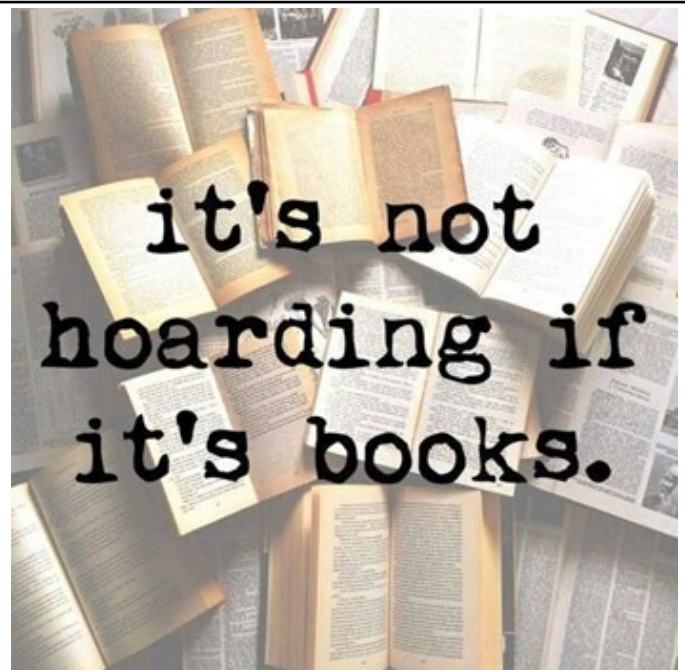
Saturday 11th 10am to 3pm
 Sunday 12th 10am to 3pm
 Saturday 25th 10am to 3pm
 Sunday 26th 10am to 3pm

APRIL

Saturday 8th 10am to 3pm (Easter)
 Sunday 9th 10am to 3pm (Easter)
 Monday 10th 10am to 3pm (Easter)
 Saturday 22nd 10am to 3pm
 Sunday 23rd 10am to 3pm

MAY

Saturday 6th 10am to 3pm
 Sunday 7th 10am to 3pm



TRIVIA



Answers Page 20

By Jude Aquilina

1. What is a Rhode Island red?
2. In which state is Australia's tallest waterfall?
3. How old was tennis star Ash Barty when she retired?
4. Which cake is known as Australia's national cake?
5. Which Australian city is closest to Antarctica?
6. In total, how many toes does a cat have?
7. Name Australia's largest cattle station.
8. If you are Pat Malone, what are you?
9. Which planet is the biggest?
10. Which Australian animal is on the five-cent coin?

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



March 2023

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| 6 th | Stephanie Blackwell
Thomas Evans |
| 7 th | Mark O'Driscoll |
| 8 th | Rosemary Evans |
| 9 th | Sarah Evans |
| 10 th | Jake Rodgers |
| 11 th | Trevor Evans
Kymberlee Hopgood |
| 14 th | Jodie Dolling
R. J. Harvey |
| 17 th | Brett Steele
Todd Saltmarsh
Denise Quinn |
| 23 rd | Pauline Perry |
| 24 th | Angas Smith
Kirk Ferguson |
| 27 th | Georgie O'Driscoll |
| 28 th | Vicki Schmooch |
| 29 th | Jennifer McLean
Maxx Falzon |



Happy Anniversary!

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| 13 th | Denise & William Quinn |
| 24 th | Jennifer & Trevor McLean |

Justices of the Peace

Please ring for an appointment

Mr L.F. O'Driscoll 8537 0051

Karyn Bradford 8537 0067

Hi Everyone,

Sophie Thomson is coming to town. Sophie, who is one of the ABC's Gardening Australia team, is coming to Clayton Bay to talk to us about native bees. As you all know, insects are important pollinators and there is world-wide concern, they are disappearing. They are vital for our gardens, the environment and agriculture. Native bees are part of the insect world and are important pollinators so if you want to know how to encourage them, come along to hear Sophie talk and she'll also show you how to make a bee hotel to take home.

You need to register at Eventbrite via the following link:

http://All_about_native_bees.eventbrite.com.au

Attendance to the talk is free. You can make a gold coin donation if you like.

The talk is sponsored by GWLAP and Green Adelaide and hosted by the Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group (CBNEG).

Peter Mirtschin

All about Native Bees

Saturday 4th March
10am - 12 noon
Clayton Bay Community Hall
Gold coin donation

- Learn about native bees
- How to make a bee hotel
- Bee friendly habitats

Join Sophie Thomson to understand more about the important role bees play in our gardens and how to attract bees and improve biodiversity at home

Bookings via:

https://All_about_native_bees.eventbrite.com.au



Look how big the swans are now. All five are there and present thanks to the magnificent parenting skills of their mum and dad. Photo courtesy of Christine Danton.



Letter (Email) to the Editor

Hello Milang Community. I'm Richard a temporary resident for several weeks. I try to empower others to comfortably & free from worry, go on vacation, go into hospital, FIFO work or reunite with Covid separated family by caring for their furry, feathered & scaled family members. I therefore travel quite a bit in Victoria & have just ventured out of into SA following the horrors of 2 years of lockdowns.

The first thing that I like to do is learn about the local community I'm temporarily residing amongst. Here in Milang, I learnt firstly through the Milang Community News of the centre & its people. Compared to supposed community magazines in other places I was delighted to read that Milang's is not as most others that I've encountered that focus on business, profit and selling adverts or someone's specific hobby horse or belief but **yours is about & for you the people of Milang!**

In an ever increasingly selfish self-indulgent corrupt world, you really are fortunate to have those in your midst who have set up the Milang Community Centre, its activities, this wonderful magazine and ensured the succession of contribution to a community asset more valuable than mere gold.

On a personal level I wish to place on the record my thanks to the two great group leaders, Cheryl & Ingrid, at the Tuesday Gentle Exercise group at the centre & the Thursday Over 50's group at the Institute, together with the very amicable laughter loving attendees.

If you are by now wondering why I highlight these issues, I'll explain. Some years ago, by serendipity, I learnt of the now dead Professor Carlo Cipolla & his "5 Basic Laws of Human Stupidity". In amongst them is a definition of what being intelligent entails, "Intelligent people contribute to society and leverage their contributions into personal benefits". I suggest to you that your magazine editor, staff, their predecessors and the group leaders are all examples of people behaving intelligently. I thank you for it.

Trying to be intelligent & avoid stupid people.
Stay safe & may the companions of Peace, Health & Fulfilment travel with you.

Richard 'Petcarer'

For further information regarding Professor Carlo Cipolla please refer to: [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlo M. Cipolla](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlo_M._Cipolla)

Rainfall for February 2023



Thursday	2nd	2
Friday	3rd	11
Saturday	4th	2
Saturday	25th	10

February 2023 Total 25

Rainfall figures kindly supplied by Ray Perry



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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

'Just Yarning' from The Hills



Yarns are rolling in from everywhere. Thanks to all our donors, we are forever grateful for all the beautiful yarns and squares that have been donated recently. We will be forever yarning...

However, help is always at hand, and pictured above a special delivery from Hahndorf where Peg, bless her knitted socks, has been yarning and getting on with the job of making squares.

Delivered to us recently, she has lovingly knitted 41 (yes, forty one) colourful squares and donated lots of yarn ready to be transformed into warm cuddly blankets.

Peg who is in her 90's, knits every day (as her husband is in a nursing home) to keep herself active. She's had plenty of opportunities to knit, having 25 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. Phew !! Congratulations Peg!

We'd love to see Peg one day at one of our 'Just Yarning' sessions, maybe it can be arranged sometime, I'm sure she would have us in 'stitches'.

THANKS Peg

JM

A new Hairdresser

has come to Milang

May and Co Hair and Beauty, have taken up residence in the Milang Shopping Centre. Alea Cliff has worked for over five and a half years in Sterling and prior to that in Adelaide

She offers Male and female hairdressing, colouring, perming, styling and a full range of advice on the best presentation of your hair.

Alea offers a full wedding styling service and will even travel to the venue to transform you on your big day with the minimum of stress.

Eyelash extensions and facial waxing are coming soon.

Call 0439 177 151 to book an appointment



May and Co

Hair and Beauty

Shop 5, 10-17 Daranda Tce. Milang

Call for an appointment 0439 177 151

- Male and female haircuts
- Hair colouring
- Hair styling
- Eyelash extensions





MEDIA RELEASE

David Basham MP Member for Finniss



Balance is key

Tuesday 21 February 2023

Government does not mean there have to be more laws or rules, it means a desire for the BALANCE of the best laws and rules to see communities thrive.

In the business of Parliament, the focus is on listening to many voices and pulling out the right decision from knowledge and experience to make the electorate of Finniss a better place to live, work and visit.

Every issue and topic has a point of balance.

Summer has looked a little different this year. Stormy weather, Floods in the Riverland/Murraylands, massive flows through the Murray mouth with a freshwater flume, inundation in Milang, piles of fish carcass on usually pristine beaches as some examples. Nature is taking its course, but leaders can intervene, the balancing question is when is the right time and what is the right intervention?

Without doubt the natural event of the floods has been confronting but has been heartening to see communities embracing amazing aerial footage of water where there was land and of the impressive flume of fresh water entering the sea and cutting out the Murray mouth naturally.

The flood waters moving into the Lower Lakes of our region was an expected and natural event. I am proud that the locals talked to me about their knowledge of how wind and tide will affect the levels of the Lower Lakes. When the level was rising, I wrote to the Minister for Environment and Water for mapping to assist with mitigation for Milang. The government didn't listen, so I asked a question in Parliament. The government didn't listen.

After new year, the water level at Milang rose higher than expected. In a good example of government balance and cooperation, I worked closely with the Minister for Emergency Services and was in Milang every day.

Parliament resumed this month after a long break and again it is a challenge to be in opposition, I took the opportunity to ask the Minister for Environment and water a question. It was time to balance working together, whilst holding the government to account.

Mr BASHAM: Thank you, sir. Will the minister apologise to my community? With your leave, sir, I will explain. Leave granted. Mr BASHAM: On 30 November last year, the minister said:...[it] is not going to be of serious consequence for those living close to the Lower Lakes...we expect that the level of the Lower Lakes will remain... about 15 centimetres above the normal operation but does not constitute a flooding event. Then, at the time when the minister was overseas for a month, a warning was issued for flooding in Milang, with water levels reaching 1.4

metres AHD and power and sewerage systems being cut off to about 80 shacks. Members interjecting: The SPEAKER: Order! Mr BASHAM: People in my community took the minister at her word but were let down in the worst possible way. (HANSAARD House of Assembly - 8th February 2023)

In the electorate office this month I have heard from many constituents, which is exactly what I hope and work for. In every interaction there is a question of balance.

I hear a concern, do some research, and consider the consequences or progress that can be made around the issue raised. For every action taken to benefit some, there will be a consequence for others. For every action taken to improve life now, there will be a consequence for the future.

By working together so much can be done, and more constituents helped. The balance is for the best interests of the overall community to be heard and represented and that the Labor government will be held to account.



Volunteering at the station is *fun*



Volunteer Roles

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Restoration

Maintenance

Craft Shop

Junior Volunteers

Do as little as four
hours a month



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www.milangrailway.org.au or 0414 232 060

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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your words,
your presence



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MOVE YOUR HOOD



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EXPERIENCES,
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All Aboard—February 2023

Sound and Light Show

The Railway Museum has received a substantial grant from the history trust of South Australia for the development of a sound and light show at the station. The production will be just six minutes long and will run continuously in the guards van.



Visitors will be able to take a seat in the passenger compartment and enjoy an entertaining walk through the major events in Milang's history.

The screen will show passing countryside with occasional wisps of steam. A soundtrack will play continuously with the clickety clack of the wheels on the rails interspersed with occasional steam locomotive whistles. This part of the video will probably be filmed in the Cockle Train looking sideways out of a window on a day when it is steam hauled. The aim is to make the visitors feel they are in a moving train.

A narration will then start which will describe the major events in Milang's history. At each event, ghostly images will appear in the video screen. Many will be photographs of key people with actors providing their voices. Others will be photographs of objects like the steamboats, the jetty, the bullock trains, etc. Wherever possible, video of actors in period costume will bring life to the show. Many of those actors will be museum volunteers.

Much research and script writing has still to be done. However, at this stage, we would see the events which can be portrayed will be taken from:

- Mr. Landseer, the founder of Milang, telling his story of how he came to Milang and established his business
- The construction of the jetty
- The river boats
- The horse tramway
- The 1867 visit of Prince Alfred and the misfiring cannon
- The 1881 visit of Princes George and Albert and the royal wagon
- Boat building at Milang
- The butter factory
- The railway comes to Milang
- Reuben Coppins, Nuggett and their passing
- How people commuted to Adelaide 70 years ago.

Devonshire Teas at the Station



The Museum is becoming well known for the Devonshire Teas which we serve on Sundays between 12 and 4pm. The scones are huge and are served with fresh cream and jam. The cost is six dollars each with tea or instant coffee and eight dollars with flat white or cappuccino coffee. Lunches and other refreshments are also available, all served by our friendly volunteers.

Regards

Peter Lucas

Secretary Milang Railway Museum

Phone: 0414 232 060

Web site: www.milangrailway.org.au

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 stalls 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

COME AND ENJOY POINT STURT

Whether you are a local or a visitor from afar, there are two lovely (dog friendly) walks to Lake Alexandrina, starting from Point Sturt Road.

The first walk, initiated in 2011 by the Point Sturt Landcare Group, is on the left about 6kms from the Point Sturt Road junction with the Milang-Clayton Bay Road. This 2 km return northerly walk leads to Lake Alexandrina with its spacious view of Mt Barker. It follows along an easement, surveyed in the 1850s, which was originally used to give farmers access to the lake to water their stock. By the early 2000s the access was blocked by weedy trees which had to be removed to create the walking trail. Many of the plants along this route have been given name plates as examples of suitable plants for the soils of this area. Plants were grown by the Milang and Clayton Bay Nurseries, and planted by community groups from Clayton Bay, Milang and Strathalbyn.

Walkers may be interested to know that before European settlement, the Point Sturt area was wooded and was home to the Ngarrindjeri people. Europeans arrived to take up farming blocks and shared a saying: 'If it moves, shoot it; if it grows, chop it down'. Point Sturt was so denuded of vegetation by the late 1970's that people did not think trees could grow there. The formation of Landcare groups in 1989 changed this thinking and much of Point Sturt is now covered in trees.

The second walk, a further 2.5 kms along the Point Sturt Road, is on the right-hand side of the road. This walk, about 1km return, is still being developed.



It goes downhill to the south-easterly cliffs of Point Sturt and has extensive and magnificent water views facing towards the Coorong.

Come along and enjoy the relaxation, spaciousness and visual pleasures this area offers.

This Reserve development was initiated in 2011 by the Point Sturt & District Landcare Group, Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association and the Alexandrina Council in collaboration with the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority and the Coorong, Lower Lakes & Murray Mouth Recovery Project.

Anne Hartnett

Some stunning sunset images courtesy of Christine Danton





Firstly, Red Cross Milang would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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

Wednesday and Saturday 9am until Midday

We have a large array of Men's, Women's and Children's clothes, Bedlinen, Children's Books and Assorted Toys, all are welcome to come and browse.

If anyone in need of clothing at any time, please Contact Bec on 0402244804 or Tracy on 0417299391. Discretion is assured.

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 support for the Red Cross at the Yesteryears Power Rally in January, however we need more volunteers. If interested, please Contact Bec or Tracy on the above No's.

Doris Lambert

Publicity Officer



WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (MHFA) TRAINING

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Approximately 20% of Australian adults experience a common mental illness each year. Completing a MHFA Course will help you to develop the skills to support a friend, family member or co-worker.

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MHFA courses are based on evidence of what is best practice mental health first aid to support someone who has a mental health problem or is experiencing a mental health crisis.

RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT MHFA TRAINING IS ASSOCIATED WITH:

- ◇ KNOWLEDGE
Improved knowledge of mental illnesses, their treatments and appropriate first aid strategies.
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- ◇ DE-STIGMATISING
Decreases in stigmatising attitudes.
- ◇ INCREASED SUPPORT
Increases in the amount and type of support provided to others.

MOSHCC will be offering MHFA to anyone in the community that would like to do it in the near future. Keep an eye on our newsletter and Facebook pages.

Contact Vivienne at MOSHCC for further details

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TRIVIA ANSWERS



From Page 10

By Jude Aquilina

1. A chicken
2. Queensland (Wallaman Falls)
3. Ash retired at 25
4. The lamington
5. Hobart
6. 18 toes (five on front feet, four on the back)
7. Anna Creek Station
8. Alone
9. Jupiter (11 times wider than Earth)
10. Echidna

What is 'Self-care' and why is it important?

By Vivienne Maher



Selfcare is something you do when you take the time to do things that help you live well and improve both your physical health and mental health.

When it comes to your mental health, selfcare can help you manage stress, lower your risk of illness, and increase your energy. Even small acts of selfcare in your daily life can have a big impact.

Selfcare is an ongoing commitment to look after yourself through helpful behaviours that protect your health during periods of stress.

Selfcare is not being selfish. Selfcare means taking care of yourself so that you can be healthy, you can be well, you can do your job, you can help and care for others and you can do all the things you need to and want to accomplish in a day.

It is important to make sure you take good care of your body, mind, and soul every day, not just when you get sick. Learning how to eat right, reduce stress, exercise regularly, and take a time-out when you need it are important to help you stay healthy, happy, and resilient.

Selfcare can be anything that puts a smile on your face, anything that makes you feel cared for, even if it's you are caring for yourself.

Personally, I have a long list of things I have discovered over the years that helps me care for myself, I love going to the gym, walking along the beach with my feet in the water, listening to music (really loud), reading a book (often an old favourite), sitting at a café with friends and watching the world go by, getting a pedicure and a massage or soaking in the spa with a drink. All these things help lower my stress levels and help me make better decisions in my life.

Practicing self-care isn't always easy and selfcare is different for everyone as we all have different likes. Try new things and make a list of what works for you. Look for small ways you can incorporate it into everyday life; for example, you might wake up 15 minutes earlier to sit with a cup of tea and practice deep breathing before the chaos of the day begins, or you might take a walk around the block on your lunch break. The more you can work self-care time into your schedule, the better you'll be able to grow, enjoy your life, and thrive.

When we are regularly taking care of ourselves, we are better able to react to the things that go on in our lives in a much healthier way.

Lifeline 13 11 14
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PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

(“Sock it to you” workshop)

Come and join us to create a sock work of art.

Tuesday 21st March 2023

10:30am – 3:00pm

ACE Space – Milang Old School House Community Centre.

Morning tea & lunch provided for a gold coin donation.

Register by 15th March

MOSHCC Reception 8537 0687

(Please tell us about any food allergies)

Irene Pearce – community artist will lead us in a day of fun – creating a 3D display made from socks. Irene has many years of experience in working with people to express self and community.

Bring some socks with you – coloured, large, small and also expressions of self (beads, ribbon, lace, buttons, twine etc)

This workshop is sponsored by the Milang Mermaids (a group assisting women to connect & find support.



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at the oval

BBQ every Thursday (*donation*)

From 12:00 noon

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Take the opportunity to check out the Men's Shed facilities and current projects.

The Lakeside Men's Shed is working to assist in men's mental health issues and is supported by SA Health and the local community.



Southern Districts Flying Club

Our February meeting was held at the Pirate Life Brewery (Port Adelaide), followed by lunch and then onto the Aviation Museum. It was the first time we have held our general meeting somewhere other than our clubrooms and although the venue was a little noisy at times it served us well. Our next meeting will be back in our clubrooms however we will look at doing another offsite meeting later in the year.

Saturday 18th of February saw members gather at Strathalbyn Airfield for an early morning flight. Thirteen aircraft joined the flight up to Callington for a quick stopover before flying back to Strathalbyn and sparking up the BBQ for an eggs & bacon breakfast.

After breakfast it was up on the roof of the clubrooms to remove the sheets of iron to allow the fitting of insulation. It was a big job and with the help of many hands we managed to get the work done and the roof back on by days end. The insulation was part of our recently awarded community grant from Alexandrina Council that has allowed for both insulation and the fitting of air conditioning to the clubrooms. Great to get this work completed just before the heat wave that came our way the end of February.



The first week of March will see some of our members heading off to fly into Avalon (Geelong) for Australia's biggest International airshow. It is a busy airshow with military, commercial, general and recreational aircraft attending. Hopefully the weather is kind allowing our members a relaxed and enjoyable flight there and back.

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

My Favourite Recipes

Pauline Perry

This month we have a cheap and cheerful Sausage Hotpot and the other is a cake recipe which has been popular with my family over many years, Pauline.

Sausage Hot Pot

- 6 pork sausages
- 1 large onion sliced
- 1 tin baked beans
- 1 tin diced tomatoes
- 1 oxo cube
- 1 cup water

Place all ingredients in a large casserole dish and cook in the oven at 180° for 90 minutes.

Serve with crusty bread, a jacket potato, hot chips or steamed rice.

Thrifty Cinnamon Cake

- 1 heaped tbsp butter
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ cup milk
- ½ level tsp carb soda
- 1 cup SR Flour
- 1 heaped tsp cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar, add egg and beat well.

Stir in the milk mixed with the carb soda and lastly add sifted flour and cinnamon.

Bake in a log tin in moderate oven for about 30 minutes.

Ice with chocolate icing.



MEC NEWS - February 2023

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Open 10 AM – 4 PM / Wednesday & Saturday



This month MEC News focus is on long-serving volunteer Geoff Dungey.

*MEC volunteer since 2016,
Geoff Dungey*

Like his other volunteer colleagues Geoff is a genuine “dinosaur”, but it does not stop him giving two days each week to actively support the community recycle service.

Geoff lived in Darwin 2003 to 2006 then moved to Victor Harbour before happily settling in Milang in 2009, first buying an old stone cottage on Story Street then building and moving to a new home. MEC was delighted to first welcome Geoff as a volunteer in 2016 where he is an important, respected, and popular contributing board member.

Geoff has a strong adventurous streak. As a young man he loved to compete in reserve trials motorcycle riding, and also earned a private pilot licence. Geoff Dungey started his professional working life as an electrician and admitted to Milang Community News it was a prudent step to learn a trade as he “was not very good at school”. Nevertheless, Clipsal saw potential and chose Geoff as a Sales & Marketing Manager, a 20- year role which earned him an exciting three-year international posting as Sales & Marketing Director. Geoff has lots of stories from that experience as his work required extensive travel servicing the South African Clipsal agency network. He particularly enjoyed trips to Mauritius.

The competitive trait saw Geoff as a member of a Division 3 championship winning team at Milang Bowling Club in 2018, where he also twice served as

President. He likes a punt and regularly attends the Strathalbyn races but admits to not having much success as a racehorse owner. Whilst visiting his daughter in Darwin, Geoff suffered a broken neck in a nasty E-Scooter accident on the 15 September 2021. He was sorely missed by the MEC volunteer team before doctors eventually allowed him to resume “light duties” (see ‘Wanted’ poster).

Geoff’s gradual rehabilitation has been supported by lovely wife Pam. It has been a frustrating, slow and at times painful process, but his volunteer colleagues told Milang Community News that Geoff readily does more administrative work to offset some of the physical work he should no longer attempt.



When asked for his perspective on MEC as a community service organisation he was quite forthright in response, stating that “MEC does the best it can with limited resources, and successfully provides efficient, friendly service to appreciative local community members.” Geoff Dungey says that MEC definitely needs more active volunteers;

“Although the team we have are terrific, and a lot of fun to work with their numbers are insufficient, and that means most are doing two days each week which is a big commitment, especially for those who have other volunteer roles such as CFS. MEC needs more volunteers to enable it to schedule two teams with each doing a one day per week shift, Wednesday or Saturday. In fact, MEC is very busy for a volunteer operated organisation. We are now mostly focused on accepting recyclable drink containers, green waste, scrap metal and providing mulch. Unfortunately, MEC cannot accept electrical and some other items the community wants to bring in. We have an interesting, diverse team at MEC and would welcome new volunteers”.

The Milang Environment Centre is entirely volunteer operated providing a valuable community service paying for deposit drink containers, accepting green garden organics, glass, and metal waste for modest fees. Most MEC volunteers are senior citizens aka “dinosaurs”, but the group would welcome help from anyone interested in learning about recycling, volunteering at the centre and having fun meeting local residents.

If interested in being a volunteer, please contact MEC by phone or email or call in personally Wednesday or Saturday.



Geoff Dungey in the shed he is converting into a “man-cave”



Milang Environmental Centre Serving our community

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

Ph **Don 0423 105 261 or Chris 0411 474 529**



Services:

- Recycling depot for glass, plastics, metal and garden organics.
- Bottles and cans deposit paid.
- Recycled items for sale.
- Electronics, household and garden wastes incur a fee.

Hours: Wednesday and Saturday 10am - 4pm

Corner of Weeroona Drive and Jupiter Street MILANG



Milang Cottage Garden Club monthly outing report

Hi fellow gardener's

What topsy turvey weather we are having, one day hot the next cool to cold, it is little wonder the plants in the garden do not know what to do.

Members of the Milang Cottage Garden Club met on the 8th February at the home of Jeff and Anne for lunch and to plan for the coming year, both Anne and June still have a year to go as secretary and president so there was only the planning to do.

We have a full program for the coming year with new places to go together with old favourites.

One of our old favourites is first on the list our visit to Raywood. This has still to be confirmed as it is their day for closing but they have opened for us in the past, so we will see. We will also be visiting various nurseries in and around Victor Harbour and Goolwa leaving the Institute at 9.00am returning about 3.00 to 4.00pm, please let me know if you would like to go on 85370453. You will need a drink your lunch and an item for the raffle box.

Anne Feast

If the earth laughs in flowers...



...then my garden
is hysterical!



SA GOVERNMENT MUST PRESS HARDER ON THE MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN

Rebekha Sharkie MP has called on the Malinauskas Government to make strong representation to the Federal Government to ensure the outcomes of the Murray Darling Basin Plan are achieved and South Australia's vital interests protected.

Ms Sharkie's call is prompted by a Freedom of Information decision that reveals the State Minister for Water has not sent a letter, or even an email, to her federal counterpart.

"I'm surprised and frankly disappointed that the Water Minister has not written to the Federal Government formally laying out South Australia's position on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan as the Plan approaches its conclusion date. The Weatherill Government was very strong on protecting the River, and I want to see the Malinauskas Government follow the former Premier's lead and step up the advocacy."

"Who can forget Minister Hunter in 2016 storming out of an Adelaide restaurant where water ministers were dining? Who can forget the valuable and sobering work carried out by the Weatherill appointed Royal Commissioner into the Murray-Darling Basin. But there's been very little from the Malinauskas Government."

Only about half of the 605 GL reduction to sustainable diversion limits will be achieved under the 13-billion-dollar plan. Nine years into the plan and only 4.5 gigitalitres of the 450 GL 'efficiency measures' have been recovered – about 1%. The 450 GL 'efficiency measure' element of the plan was designed to return 450 gigitalitres to the Lower Lakes, the Coorong and the Mouth of the Murray. Even the most optimistic view is that we'll now receive a mere 10% of the 450 GL.

"I understand that the State Government has been reacting to a river in flood, and their response has been greatly appreciated in the community, but that does not excuse them from ignoring the long-term sustainability of the river. I understand that the Minister may have made representation at the Murray-Darling Ministerial

Council, but Governments have to formally follow up representation on important issues. That's what is needed to give matters priority and to get bureaucrats moving, especially when intergovernmental relations are involved. Yet, according to an FOI request, there has been silence on the formal front”.

“It’s inevitable that we’ll experience another drought in the coming years, and that’s what we should be thinking about while there are high flows. I suspect the next drought will be worse than the millennium drought - the worst drought on record - on account of decreased in-flows caused by climate change and still far too much extraction going on.”

\$1.575 billion was set aside to spend from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2024 to recover this extra 450 gigalitres. There’s one year left until the plan ends, with 99% of recovery still to be achieved and \$1.3 billion dollars basically sitting idle.

“I also understand that South Australia is contributing to 450 GL through the Marion Water Efficiency Project, but that’s low level. There needs to be strategic representation.”

“The Murray Darling Basin Plan ends in just over a year and we appear to have no strategy beyond that!

“One thing’s for sure though, the South Australian Government can’t remain silent. We must ensure the Federal Government delivers on their election commitment. South Australia, being downstream, has the most to lose if the river system collapses.”

Milang Campus - New Students and Acquaintance Afternoon

Mila and Ziva are our new ‘receptions’ at the Milang Campus.

We have also welcomed 6 new students who have moved into the area.

Our year has started off really well with swimming lessons and an Acquaintance afternoon where we had hot potatoes for tea and a run through the sprinkler.

The potatoes were grown in our garden by the students and they were very proud of them. Parents were taken on a tour of the classroom by their child and the opportunity to have an informal chat to the teacher and meet other parents.





Friday Youth Hang Out

Fridays, 4:30-6pm during school term

- 3 Mar @ ACE Space, MOSHCC
- 10 Mar onwards @ Milang Youth Hub, Paddlesteamer Dr

For more info contact the Reclink Youth Activities Coordinator
 0432 304 166
 lyall.willis@reclink.org

A FREE social program for youth

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 MOSHCC





Summer Fun Day



About 60-70 people attended and from all reports it sounds like the community had a great time being active, creative and connecting through the activities on offer.

A big thank you goes again to all of the marvellous MOSHCC volunteers who worked so hard to make this day happen.

The Friday Youth Hang Out is a free social program for the youth in our area and will be happening on Fridays during the school term from 4.30 to 6pm. Please see the advertisement on page 28.



The 5th February 2023 saw the launch of the 'Summer Fun Day' which was a great start to the upcoming regular meetings of the 'Friday Youth Hang Out' that will be happening at the Milang Youth Hub. Currently the 'hang outs' are being held at the ACE Space at MOSHCC, but from the 10th March they will be held at the Milang Youth Hub, what was previously known as the Old Regatta Club on Paddlesteamer Drive.



Eastern Fleurieu
R-12 School

Milang & Langhorne Creek R-6 Campuses

Our Playgroups cater to families with children from birth to 5 years. Attendance is FREE.

Milang Playgroup is run every Tuesday morning during the school term from 9-11am.

Langhorne Creek Playgroup is run every Friday morning during the school term from 9-11am.

Milang Campus:

**Head of Campus—Susannah Cook
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Langhorne Creek Campus:

**Head of Campus—Les Cameron
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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 0405 084 794

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





The season for 2022/23 has come to a close but at least two of our teams are progressing into the finals. A great effort for the Ladies Division 2 team and Open Pennants Division 6 Blue team. Both finished the home and away season in second place. A great job well done all players. Hopefully their finals campaigns will be successful. Good luck everyone!!!

Our two other teams, Division 3 and Division 6 White finished lower down the ladder but still put in great efforts week after week. Division 6 White had a rough season with several forfeits for various reasons, but we do appreciate the help given to White team by our trusty group of support players without whom we would have had even more forfeits. Thank you so much for your willingness to help out.

The season has been a strange one. We've had cancelled games due to rain, extreme rain, heat and forfeits from covid. We thought it would be a straightforward season but no!! Not so!! Maybe next season??

In January we held an Aussie Open day with 24 teams from around Adelaide taking part. The Club has a reputation for putting on a "good day" and many teams book their places for the next year before they leave. We started with an eggs, bacon, sausage and orange juice breakfast, played bowls, had a huge lunch of cold meats and salad and of course pavlova, played some more bowls then afternoon tea, lamingtons, cheese and salami before the raffle was drawn and prizes awarded to the days winners. Everyone went home very happy and very tired. Another VERY successful day!!

February 20th saw the Club host the Past President's Day with over 45 players taking part in 2 rounds of 12 ends and lunch. Everyone who attended had a great time and a good feed. Another great day.

We've had difficulty this season getting our Club Championships played with delay after delay but we've got there. Our Ladies Fours have made it into the Champion of Champions finals to be played off during March and the Men's Fours missed out by 1 shot making the finals. Congratulations to the Ladies, commiserations to the Men. Well done both teams. Good Luck to all teams and individuals playing off over the next month. You all do our Club proud.

Social Bowls winds up on March 21st for yet another year. Many thanks to the "die hards" who come every week and the many who come for a try. We would love to see many more come out and give bowls a go. Maybe next season??? Starts up again in October.

Friday Night Dinners will keep going during the "off" season. First and third Fridays of the month. Check Bowling Club Facebook page for details on specials etc and Milang Community site also. Many thanks to all our supporters, these keep our Club going.

That's enough for now. Thank you everyone!!! See you on the greens.



Bev Spicer



BUTTER FACTORY REPORT

February 2023

This month things started to move. Mike Tobin and the boys started with some small but important jobs. The top vent has been rebuilt and installed, so no more possums through there.



Our new vent

The heavy duty galv. brackets were fitted to the rafters joining the large load bearing posts in the engine room. We can now look at hanging the paddler in place. The timber for the toilet was delivered last week so the boys prepped the window and will start construction this coming week.

Some more bookshelves and displays were picked up from Goolwa and are now in use in the bookshop, thank -you to the Goolwa Library and Information Centre for these items, the shop is looking rather professional. Also in February a new member of our construction team signed on. Dave Elliott, a builder, has started work on the Cottage. A man of many talents, he has wasted no time in doing a lot of prep work inside and out and will work with Mike Tobin to sort out the footings over the next few weeks, hoping not to find too many surprises.



Side of the cottage looking at the footings

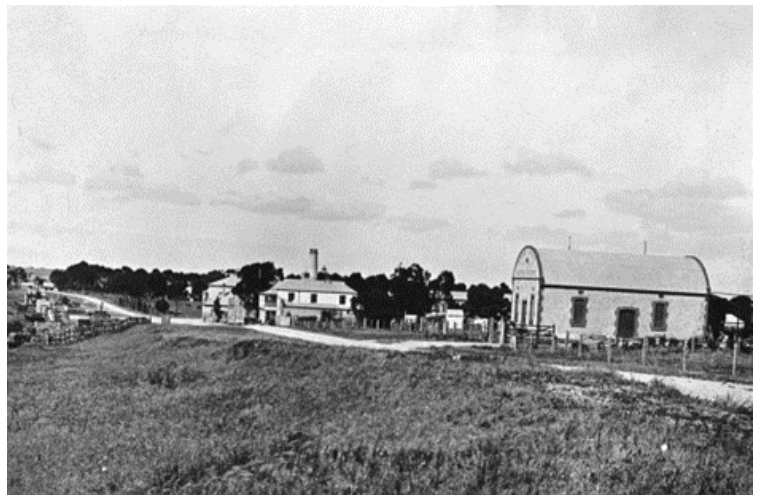
One job that is on the list for a specialist is the removal of the asbestos from the back of the cottage, this will need to be done before we can construct the new toilets and storeroom at the back. John Stratton the earthmoving contractor will be along next Sunday to take out the front verandah floor and remove the concrete in the pergola area ready for a new pad. This pad will have the plumbing installed to the reception area.

We hope to see Grant back on site soon. The wiring of the Cottage can start when the seaweed insulation in the ceiling is removed in the next couple of weeks. I can see lots of power points going in.

The next jobs for the volunteers include stripping the cottage windows ready for paint and cleaning down the walls in the Factory ready for painting, this should keep us busy for a while.

Cheers

John Bradford
Site Manager



NO 8. CREAM AND MILK SUPPLIERS TO MILANG BUTTER FACTORY RIDLEY FRANK WILLIAMS AND HIS WIFE BEATRICE

by Alwyn Hopgood

Mr Ridley Williams originally came from Sydney in about 1915. He took up a small holding of approximately 200 acres fronting the Lake Road, four miles east of Milang, with a frontage on Lake Alexandrina.

Mr Williams had 25 to 30 Jersey cows and was a reliable supplier of cream and milk to the Milang Butter Factory. With the aid of his wife Beatrice and daughter Dorrie, they hand-milked to begin with. Then, in the late 1950s, a milking machine was installed in their new dairy.

Snakes were prominent in that area. Quite a few of the Williams family's cats were bitten, and to save them, a portion on their ears were cut off. The ear bled badly, but, apparently, this action leached the poison from their systems. Several of their cats with only one ear were seen running around, so the method must have been successful!

On one occasion, when the local doctor made a call at their farm house in his black Austin A40, in a hurry to attend his patient, he left the driver's side door of his car open. When the consultation was finished, he returned to his car to find the keys were missing. The Williams's pet goat had taken the keys and swallowed them!

Mr and Mrs Williams and their daughter Dorrie, worked the dairy farm for many years. They eventually retired, after Dorrie built a house in Lang Street in Milang. She looked after her father there for some time.

Dorrie never married, but was an extremely hard worker on the farm. She was a devoted daughter and looked after her parents all their lives. Dorrie was respected for being very honest and for her dedicated achievements within the family.

The Williams's were always interested in Milang's town affairs. They were avid Congregational Church members, and much respected citizens of the Milang area.



Dorrie Williams

Empower People to Save Wildlife

(Part 3 Final)



The staggering amount of fauna extracted from a feral cat gut.

The biggest benefit for the rural sector will be the reconstruction of the rural sector biodiversity. There is an increasing interest among farmers to improve biodiversity on farms and the move to regenerative agriculture is increasing. Environments work better when all the pieces of the natural world are working together and the benefits of native animals for the rural sector, may not be fully realised. Predators, whether they a mammalian, avian, reptilian or invertebrate, all benefit the agriculture sector.

We've seen how spiders and predatory insects are being reintroduced to native vegetation combined with vineyards ([Retallick 2021](#)). Predatory birds, mammals and reptiles are also of significant benefit by controlling pest rodents and have the potential to reduce the intensity and numbers of plagues instead of needing expensive and toxic pesticides which are dangerous and, in the end, exacerbate future plagues by killing and compromising natural predators with toxic non-target exposure.

Kookaburra with mouse



One of the brown snakes with a rat



The aim is to involve people in the recovery of native species. The mammal examples mentioned earlier could be early targets but obtaining them and preparing the environment for them will require some time and planning. The first step should be to establish a mechanism to control cats and foxes which will in itself improve the biodiversity enhancing the environment for the reintroduction of any targeted species. People can immediately be involved in trapping and baiting cats and foxes. This will require continual support and encouragement from Landscape SA and relevant councils. Council will need dedicated personal to provide ongoing public education, avenues to receive trapped cats and foxes for humane processing and possible loan of traps. It needs to be ongoing and enthusiastically pursued and accompanied by continual media releases about its value.

The Department of Environment will need to supervise trapping on reserves as well as conduct baiting and shooting where appropriate and assist in eradication methods outside parks. Involvement of the SA shooters Associations should also be considered.



Keeping of pet cats

Pet cats are cute but need to be contained for their own benefit and the environment.

Cats are popular pets and despite their devastating effects on wildlife, they are still widely kept as pets. Whilst the keeping of cats inevitably leads to introductions into the wild, there are community benefits from keeping them as companion animals. This should continue but with some strict controls in place.

Cats should be kept indoors. All domestic cats kept should be contained and totally restricted to enclosures when outside. This needs to be enacted in local government law with appropriate fines for non-conformity. It could be argued very strongly, that this benefits both cats and the environment. Cats restricted to suitable enclosures are less likely to be bitten by snakes and this obviously reduces the chance of death and high costs to owners in treating them for snake bite.

Over 6,200 domestic animals are bitten by snakes each year ([Mirtschin et al 1998](#)). By restricting pet cats to snake-proof enclosures, also reduces their exposure to feral cats and unsupervised domestic cats where they can be injured through fighting or contract feline diseases.

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HISTORIC GRAVES IN THE MILANG CEMETERY

No. 23— LANDSEER

By Mervyn Hopgood

Albert Henry Landseer (1829-1906) merchant and politician was born on February 10th 1829 in London, only son of Henry Landseer (soldier) and his Canadian wife Lucy (nee Barker). Albert had one sister, Julia Georgiana who married John Tripp. The couple had nine children with at least four dying in infancy. Albert's first wife Rosina Mason born 4th November 1856 died on the 29th April 1871 aged 41 years. Albert and Rosina had six children, four of whom are buried in the Milang Cemetery (namely) Laura, Ada, Maud and Edwin.



Albert Henry Landseer, 1829-1906. Journalists during his lifetime gave him two 'honorary' titles viz 'the Father of the House' because of his long service in the House of Assembly and 'the Duke of Milang' because of his fifty years as Milang's most influential citizen.

Albert Henry's second wife was Harriet Sarah Taylor and the couple were to have six children, all are buried at Milang except the youngest Hilda. The eldest Horace lived at Milang and remained single, the second child Elsie married Arthur Formby who owned "Metala" Vineyards at Langhorne Creek. Laurie Landseer born in 1876 owned the farm "Wooralie" just on from Charlie Landseer's woolshed towards Finniss. When I trapped rabbits there in the 1950's, the homestead (weatherboard I think) was empty, a few outbuildings, stables and a few bits of farm machinery. I think the farm consisted of about 3 thousand acres and ran right down to the old Port Martin Road where massive stands of Banksia's grew on the sandy rises. I think the farm was then owned by Keith Tucker.

The fourth child of Albert and Harriett was Nellie Theresa who married Lewis Richardson. The fifth child of Albert and Harriett was Charles Jessie who went to the First World War and came back with an English bride Ida Lankos. Ida was very 'English', loved her Cricket, especially following the Test Series between England and Australia. She was a long-time supporter of the Milang Red Cross and other organisations in the town, she found it difficult to change gears in the family's cars and it was said you could hear her change gears from quite a distance away.



I worked on the property for several weeks in the 1950's when their workman was ill. Mainly fencing, digging post holes by hand, some of the strainer posts we picked up from the wreckage of the Milang Jetty. We always came up to the homestead for the midday meal, the homestead was built by the Overall Family in the late 1800's when the family farmed there. It was not a very elaborate structure but served its purpose very well.

The Overall children walked into school from there, a distance of about 3 miles. One of the paddocks is still called "Overalls". Mrs Landseer stipulated that when we came in for the midday meal, we had to be neat and tidy, hair brushed, buttons done up and washed of dirt and grime. Some English wives would not allow the workmen into the homestead at all but Mrs Landseer treated me as she would one of her own.

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Jessie Nell was the eldest of her 3 children, a very tall lady who just loved her horses and was a very capable rider, she became very handy at lambing time going around the flocks.

Excellent stables were erected for her horses, and they were really well cared for. A chaff cutter on the farm supplied the horses with chaff. Sadly, Nell passed away quite suddenly in 1985 aged 63. David Albert was the 2nd child of Charlie and Ida, he joined the Navy in the Second World War, when barely out of his teens and served in the Pacific campaigns. David was a very good footballer, his last year was my first and I would often go with him to 'away games'.

After his marriage to Zelma John Michelson, he lived in the workman's house but later had extensions built on. He acquired 400 acres called "The Scrubb Block" on the Southwest side of the old "Port Martin Road" and cleared it with a dozer. I remember carting stumps off the property in the 1950's with my Uncle Vic Hopgood. I was trapping rabbits south of the Pt. Martin Road at the place called "Christians Rest". On passing Landseer's Woolshed on the way there, I came upon David loading his truck with seed and super. He would place a bag on the elevator then jump up on the truck and take it off, then jump down and start the process again. I loaded the elevator that morning while he stayed on the truck. He was quite grateful for the help. In later years David became a very good lawn bowler and was the curator for quite a few years. David was also an active member of the R.S.L. He is buried with his wife Zelma in the Soldiers Section of the Milang Cemetery.

The 4th child of Charles and Ida was Brian who was born on the 7th June 1931. He worked on the property and lived with his parents until he built a house on the property made of Mt. Gambier stone. In the mid 1950's, he moved there with his wife Enid (nee Blackwell) about that time. Enid and Brian loved their cricket and would make the trip to Adelaide each day when the Tests were on. While Brian didn't play a lot of sport, he was always available for the position of President of which he was very suited to, also serving on many committees. Perhaps his main contribution to the district was as a member of the Agricultural Bureau, he was a President for many, many years and held the position until quite recently. He was also a Deacon of the Anglican Church in Milang and a faithful member for many years.

Brian's wife Enid joined the Milang branch of the Red Cross in 1958 and received her 50 Year Long Service Award in December 2008, a tireless worker over a long period of time.



The Landseer buildings that stood for nearly 100 years on Daranda Terrace

Milang Community Garden

Newsletter - February 2023

Every year seems to bring small variations in weather, last year was no exception with rainfall in a lot of cases being favourable when it fell & the amount received in each downfall.

Temperatures overall & varying winds also shaped our productivity.

We have 2 beds of carrots which are nearly all picked but have given us plenty over the last few weeks, green beans & butter beans were very good but are at an end now. Parsnips have been picked over the last couple of weeks & there are more to come, sweetcorn not numerous but enough for a taste. Apricots this year were good, peaches also being picked at present.

Jane has been harvesting rhubarb every week, tomatoes are doing well at present & lots have been picked in the last 2 weeks.

Ros has organised two benches for potting out, Alan made a frame to cover them with netting which prevents leaves falling into the pots.

Beetroot is nearly ready, seed was planted in another bed last week for the next crop. We also have 3 varieties of cucumber that



are nearly at an end, Butternut & Queensland Blue pumpkins are maturing, onions have all been pulled & are drying out on the bench. Some capsicums are ready to pick next week, eggplants are being nurtured by a couple of wise garden members.

The wind & then a hot day affected some of the apples, but there will still be a good crop. Pears are also not far away from picking, & quinces too.

The Calamondin tree has always been a prolific bearer but at present there is only about a dozen ripe fruit on it. A lady from Blackwood bought 2 buckets of calamondins from us then made marmalade & donated the proceeds from sale to the National Trust.

The passionfruit vine is bearing fruit at present.

Jane is looking after a small area that will have a selection of herbs, the asparagus nearby should be ready next year.

Joyleen is putting in a big effort in organising the compost, Alan, Phil & Kym regularly using the mulcher to shred everything, it is working very well.

3 beds have been prepared for planting cauliflowers using some carp washed up on Goolwa beach as fertiliser.

The men dismantled a shade structure in Stirling Street recently & transported it to the garden for use over some of the fruit trees.

We collected a load of sheep manure & also some chicken manure for the garden, organised by Alvyn.

We discussed last week what we hope to grow this year, referring to the results of what we tried last year.

We hope to visit other Garden communities this year, Mannum & Mt Torrens being two that would of particular interest.

Everyone is welcome to visit the garden on Tuesdays between 10am & 12pm, have a look at we do, have a chat & join us for morning tea.



Milang Community Gardeners

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It makes no sense to have the most stringent laws regulating the keeping of native animals and a virtually free-for-all in many precincts for cats, the most destructive of all feral animals in Australia.

Feral Cats. There has been an inordinate number of publications in both the scientific and popular literature reporting the problems of feral cats. Despite this, we are not controlling them over widespread environments. Where cats have been controlled in fenced environments and specific wild sites, wildlife has recovered, and it has been possible to reintroduce some fauna previously lost to cats.

There have been many figures stating the calculated losses due to cats. Reptiles killed per year range from 649 million/year ([Woinarsky et al 2018](#)) to 4 billion/yr ([Mirtschin et al 2017](#)). This is a significant discrepancy, but it reflects the calculation methods used. It isn't that important to obtain a precise estimate because we know already, the impact and threat is unsustainable. Cats also take a significant number of mammals, birds and amphibians as well, so it behoves us to act and get some effective control measure in place.

Foxes

Foxes are also a major threatening species and like feral cats, estimates vary on the degree of threat they pose.



A recent study considers that 300 million native animals are killed every year by foxes ([Dielenberg et al 2022](#)). An earlier estimate of 1.7 billion reptiles alone were lost to foxes ([Mirtschin et al 2017](#)). As with cats, it's not necessary to obtain precise figures as we are well aware the cull by foxes is unsustainable. In the wetlands adjacent the Murray river, foxes are responsible for unprecedented losses to turtle recruitment because they dig up turtle eggs from their nesting sites.

Of the 160 locally threatened species, there are some obviously popular rock-star species we could consider targeting for re-wilding first to gain support from our local community. Some of those might be:

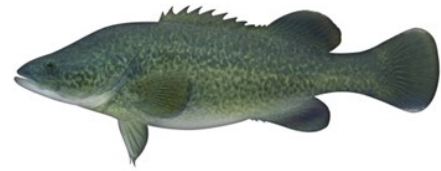


Eastern Quoll

Common Wombat



Magpie goose



Murray Cod



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Tiger snake



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White-bellied Sea eagle



Southern brown bandicoot



Bettong



The Greater Bilby

The Proposed Project Management Structure of running a project like this needs discussing, urgently. Let's start the discussion.

There is unprecedented pressure now to save native species and the environment. Recent reports have been damning in detailing loss of species and biodiversity [Hanna & Howden 2022](#).

I suggest everyone get involved, immediately. You don't need to be an expert. You just need a love for native animals, the environment, our farms and our country.

Peter Mirtschin
Toxinologist and Conservationist



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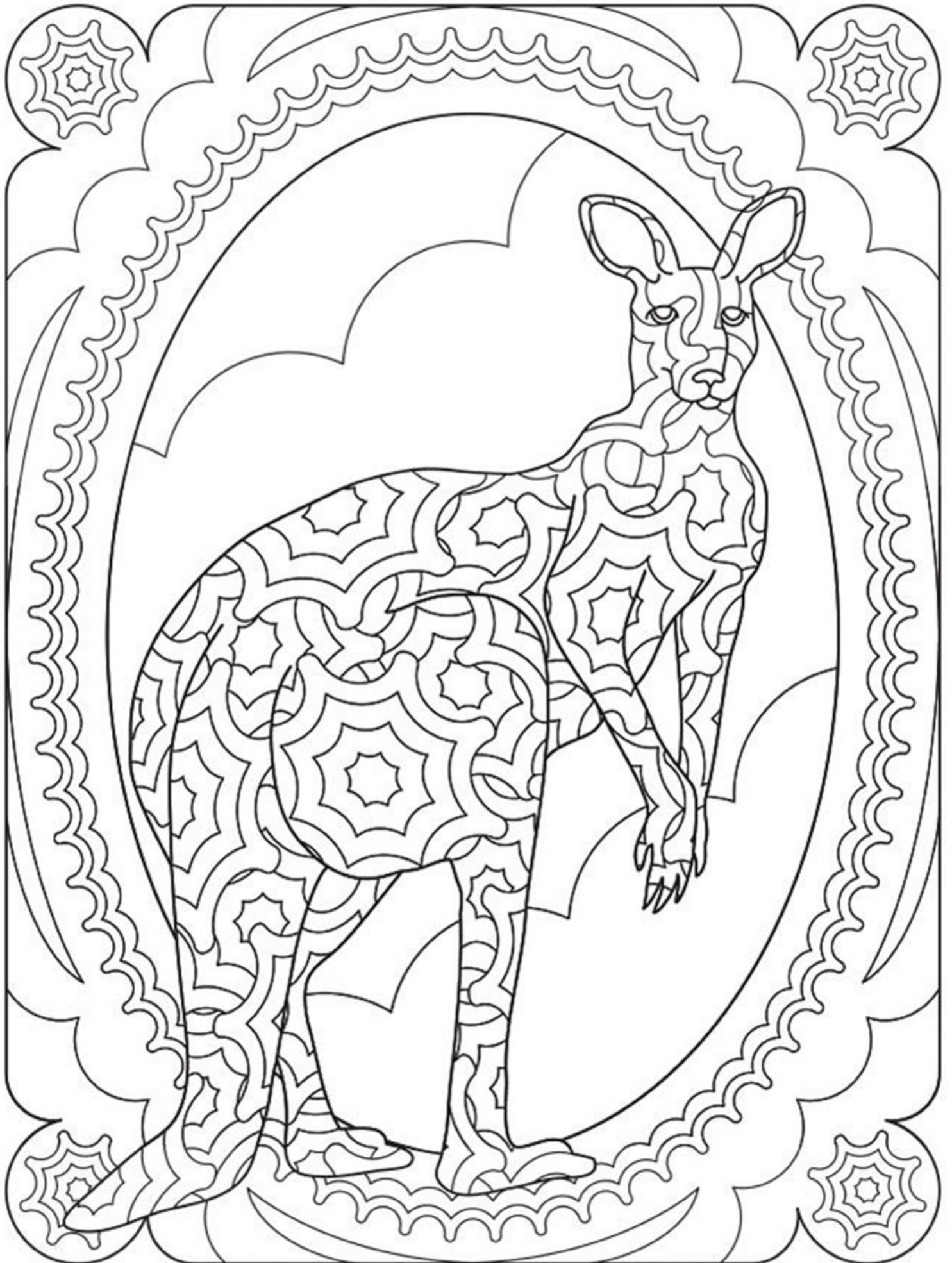
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Their once derelict 1880s cottage belonged to the son of a paddle steamer captain in the golden age of Milang as a premier South Australian port. With very little spent, what the couple have achieved is inspiring – using principles of make do and mend, an artistic eye and plenty of hard graft, old water tanks have been cut up and cleverly transformed into a sewing room, posts from the former Milang jetty have a new life as garden fencing, abandoned floorboards from a farm building are re-purposed in a pergola and discarded old clay flooring has become garden paths.

The garden winds in and out of the structures; agapanthus, clivia and succulents edge paths and climbers soften walls, with the canopies of the trees providing shade. Highlights include a superb quince walk and pleached vines, an extensive covered organic vegetable garden that doubles as a chook run and an orchard which produces around 50kgs of boysenberries a year. A grove of a dozen olive trees complements a lovely Moroccan inspired courtyard.

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(Information courtesy of the Open Gardens South Australia). For more information go to www.opengardensa.org.au



What's on in our region for March 2023



1st to 15th		The Stationmaster's Gallery has just opened a new exhibition "25 Years – Making Life Richer with Art" featuring mixed media from Roe Gartelman and Hanji Korean paper craft from Jan Coveney, plus Hanji wall pieces by Jan Crook and hooked rugs by Judith Stephens. The Gallery is open 7 days and this exhibition will run until 15 March
Thursday	2nd	A special Bush Tucker Workshop will be held at the Strathalbyn Resource Centre, 6 Catherine Street, from 6-7pm. Presented by Karen Shaw of Australian Native Foods, explore popular native foods to grow in the Strathalbyn area, learn how to start your own bush tucker garden, and sample some native foods. Books, plants and seeds available to purchase (cash only). Register at https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bush-tucker-workshop-tickets-522242299777
Friday	3rd	Milang Bowling Club - Friday Night Dinners - 6pm (Bar opens at 5.30) Please book with Pam on 0418 844 775
Saturday	4th	All about Native Bees at the Clayton Bay Community Hall - 10am to 12 noon - You need to register at Eventbrite via the following link: http://All_about_native_bees.eventbrite.com.au . Attendance to the talk is free. You can make a gold coin donation if you like.
		Strathalbyn - St Andrews will be holding a Car Boot Sale at the Church from 8am til 1pm. Contact 0438 847 329.
Sunday	5th	Goolwa Wharf Market - 9am - 2pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Friday	10th	David Basham Awards Night - see advertisement on page 42 for further details.
Saturday	11th	Milang Market will be held in support of the Milang Butter Factory Restoration Fund. From 10am til 3pm at the Milang Institute – market stalls, barbecue and more. New stallholders welcome - contact Lyn 0407 370 079.
		Already Read Books will be open at the Milang Butter Factory from 10am to 3pm
Sunday	12th	Cittaslow Goolwa Market - month 9am - 1pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct
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Friday	17th	Milang Bowling Club - Friday Night Dinners - 6pm (Bar opens at 5.30) Please book with Pam on 0418 844 775
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Thursday	23rd	Well Being Expo - Strathalbyn Show Hall - Free public expo - Open 10am to 3pm - for more information call Vivienne at MOSHCC on 8537 0687
Friday	24th	Bring your dancing shoes to the Milang Bowls Club from 5-9pm. Dance the night away to live music by Wisky Jak. BYO nibbles, drinks available the bar (no BYO alcohol please). Tickets \$15 from Paul 0432 601 482 or Geoff 0419 865 894.
Saturday	25th	Already Read Books will be open at the Milang Butter Factory from 10am to 3pm
		Community Backroom Barbie will be held at the Tooperang War Memorial Hall – contact Jill 0409 693 748
Sunday	26th	Cittaslow Goolwa Market - month 9am - 1pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct
		Already Read Books will be open at the Milang Butter Factory from 10am to 3pm

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