

# Milang Community News

A journal of the Milang & District Community Association

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

April 2023

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of the Milang Community News. There is quite a lot happening over April around the Milang area. The Milang Easter Fair is on again this coming Easter Saturday the 8th and it promises to be a great event. I have heard that the Easter Bunny is trying to get there and may have some special Easter Eggs for the young ones.

'Already Read Books' will be open over the Easter weekend at the Butter Factory and also later in the month, so if you haven't been already, do yourself a favour and call in and see the wonderful volunteers who are doing an amazing job raising much needed funds for the Butter Factory restoration.

There will be the annual ANZAC Day Service on the 25th at ANZAC Park followed by refreshments at the Institute Hall. This is always a very moving and special service and again I would encourage everyone to attend.

There is also a great 'Kayaking' event for the youth of the area that is being held on the 15th April, please see the flyer on page 15.

As usual, none of these events or activities would happen without all of our wonderful volunteers, thank you again! Please consider volunteering with MOSHCC, it is very rewarding and I can speak from experience!

Have a great month...stay safe!!

**Cathy Fish**

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

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# April 22nd 2023

## EARTH DAY



Front Cover - Great day for a Sail  
Photo courtesy of John Whyte

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# ANZAC Day



ON 25 APRIL 1915, MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS LANDED AT GALLIPOLI.

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS DAY EACH YEAR WE COME TOGETHER TO HONOUR  
THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF ALL OUR VETERANS.

## Milang ANZAC Park

10.30am for an 11am Service on Tuesday 25th April 2023  
Followed by a BBQ lunch and refreshments at the Institute Hall.



## 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



### Friday Feast in the

### Ace Space

Thanks to our marvelous volunteers

### Next feast—Friday 5th May

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.

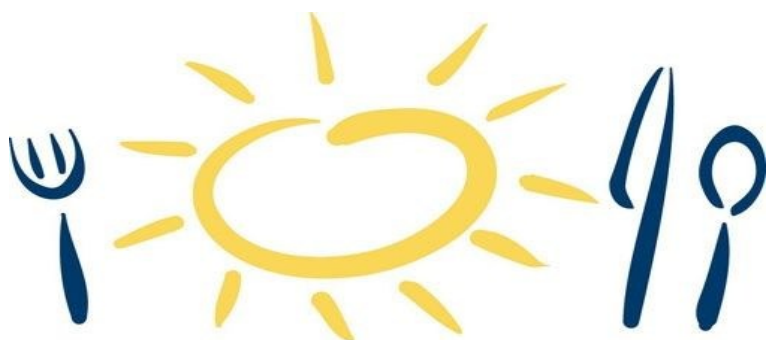
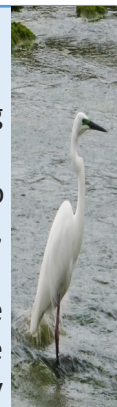
Tai Chi provides us with the opportunity to release tension, to listen to our internal body, to move gently within our capacity.

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.



# Meals on Wheels

*We deliver smiles<sup>sm</sup>*

Please call 1800 854 453—for information on how to order



## Website of the Milang & District Community Association Inc.

We produce videos with voice overs to promote your business in our region. Call John today for a demonstration on how we can help you promote your business at an affordable price on 0431 601 850

Your local Community Centre working for your business. [www.youfindit.com.au](http://www.youfindit.com.au)

## Masks

*Idhika Mahajan*

Which one should I choose?  
 The happy mask with joyful scenes  
 Engraved into its seams?  
 The one with laughing mouth cheering in glee  
 Hiding dead eyes with squinted lines?

Which should I choose?  
 The determined mask with its brows furrowed  
 deep  
 Strong mouth open and debating worldly  
 things?  
 The one which makes you praise and praise  
 The false achievements of my shattered soul?

Which should I choose?  
 The grateful mask with its pious eyes  
 Revering your very presence?  
 The one with the innocent smile  
 And hands open to receive poisonous blessings?

Which should I choose?  
 Now you must pick a mask,  
 For I know for a fact  
 That my broken face stained with tear tracks  
 Is not the one you came to see.

## a lizard on bitumen

*Mike Riddle*



purposeful and direct  
 traversing the thin ribbon of vulnerability  
 the lizard  
 not somnolent but wide-eyed  
 surveys the future  
 entertains no thought of deviation  
 risks the rumble of road  
 the stealth of revolving rubber  
 and with concealed urgency  
 struggles for the other side  
 anxious to avoid  
 a crisp conclusion  
 to a lizard on bitumen

# POETS CORNER



## Full Moon Blues

*Mavis Lang*

Under a bright trumpet bell  
 night kicks off her shoes  
 as our spangled jazz man  
 strolls through cloud curtains  
 bounces over rooftops  
 echoing a soft funky vibe  
 through spot-lit clouds.

Hi hat moon  
 beat your tidal tune  
 pour your magic  
 over lovers' sways.

Slow mo bandmaster  
 it's been weeks  
 between gigs  
 now your mellow riffs  
 your timeless solos  
 are back, just as fat  
 and catchy as ever  
 as we gaze up  
 at the black velvet stage.

## IMAGINE

*An Easter poem by Vivien Wade*

Imagine if Jesus had a dog,  
 who would trot by His side each day?  
 A dog being faithful to Him  
 never even thinking to stray?

A dog would bring the Lord comfort  
 and become to Him like a friend.  
 While humans sometimes would leave  
 Him,  
 the dog would stay true to the end.

In my mind's eye I imagine  
 he'd listen and pay attention  
 to the teaching taught by Jesus,  
 heaven being no exception.

But he didn't know at the time  
 while walking up Golgotha's hill,  
 it was one leading to the cross,  
 and God's plan about to fulfil.

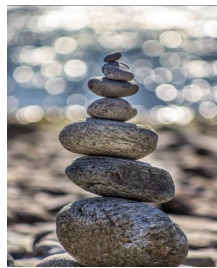
He'd be overcome with sadness  
 when beholding that blood-stained cross.  
 With women weeping and wailing  
 feeling such a terrible loss.

Oh, how he'd grieve for his Master,  
 and long for his friendship once more,  
 then remember Jesus had promised  
 to join Him on heaven's bright shore.



*[Sadly, Vivien Wade, long-time contributor  
 of poems  
 to the Milang Community News, recently  
 passed away.  
 Her poetry and sense of humour will be  
 greatly missed.  
 Jude Aquilina]*

**Poets are encouraged to submit their poems for Poets Corner to:  
 PO Box 251 Milang 5256 or [jude\\_poet@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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 meeting:  
April 4th (outing)

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

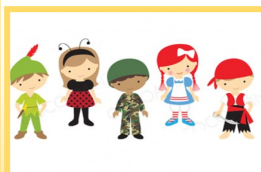


We won't let our body succumb to old age.

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



### Lakes Home Care collect four new cars for MADCA Inc.



I am happy to announce that the Milang & Districts Community Association operating Lakes Home Care have just collected 4 brand new cars from Maughan Thiem Motors, Mt Barker. This is the result of a compilation of data during last year and significant planning from our manager Stuart and Annie who have gathered figures and carried out projections over the next two years.

Lakes Home Care has significantly grown over the last 12 months and looks like increasing further as we move through the next financial year. These cars mean the staff can have great pride that they now have new cars which are packed with many safety features making it a lot safer for our volunteer drivers supporting our CHSP clients & staff looking after our Home Care Packaged consumers to travel.

It is also a great benefit for our customers, as they now have safe new motor vehicles to travel to medical appointments etc. I believe that Milang should be very proud of the management team who have overseen the growth of Lakes Home Care.

As I said last month in the Milang Community News, MADCA Inc has had a big year with lots of successes and I can see our dedication to the community is having a positive effect on all of the residents of our town.

It certainly demonstrates how successful we can be when we act as a united team.

Well Done!

## New Board Members Required.

We are now on the way to the end of the financial year and will be heading to our AGM. With the growth of MADCA Inc. we will be seeking a couple of new Management Board Members. As we head towards the end of the year, we are hopeful that the Butter Factory restoration should be near completion. It would be great if we could have a couple of new board members who have some managerial experience particularly in the hospitality industry.

Please feel free to give me a call for a confidential chat.

**John Whyte**

**0431 601 850**



### 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](mailto:lakeshomecare@moshcc.com.au) or call and talk to Annie Whyte for further information on 08 85370687.



## Finance Officer - Part Time (.6FTE)

We are seeking a Finance Officer to join our team at the Milang Old School House Community Centre.

The Finance Officer will be responsible for providing financial management and accounting services to the centre, ensuring compliance with relevant financial regulations and policies. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated finance experience, strong analytical and problem-solving skills, and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

For further details and how to apply please see [www.moshcc.com.au](http://www.moshcc.com.au)

Enquiries can be directed to Stuart Jones, Manager.

[stuart@moshcc.com.au](mailto:stuart@moshcc.com.au)

Phone: 08 85370687

**Applications close 5pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



### April 2023

12 <sup>th</sup>	Tamika Retallack Shayla Retallack
13 <sup>th</sup>	Roweena Evans Norm Chapman
15 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Yelland
20 <sup>th</sup>	Leon O'Driscoll
21 <sup>st</sup>	John Whyte
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Johannah Ferguson Jeff Robertson
25 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Wakefield
30 <sup>th</sup>	Garry Vivian



*Happy Anniversary!*

8 <sup>th</sup>	Ros & Kirk Ferguson
29 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda & Garry Vivian

# TRIVIA



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*By Jude Aquilina*

1. Which animal has the strongest bite force?
2. In which river was Jesus baptised?
3. Proverbially, what is the spice of life?
4. How many stars on the New Zealand flag?
5. Name Japan's largest island.
6. What oath is historically taken by doctors?
7. What kind of creature is a chameleon?
8. What is topiary?
9. What kind of bicycle has a very large front wheel and a small back wheel?
10. How many years in a score?

### Justices of the Peace

Please ring for an appointment

**Mr L.F. O'Driscoll 8537 0051**

**Karyn Bradford 8537 0067**

### 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



# 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 John Whyte on 0431 601 850  
or email to  
[john.whyte.milang@gmail.com](mailto:john.whyte.milang@gmail.com)



## STOP THE RETIREMENT RORT! TIME FOR NATIONAL RETIREMENT VILLAGE REGULATION

Independent Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie MP will today (March 27th) move a Motion calling on the Federal Government to give Australians living in retirement villages greater financial and consumer protections and calls on the Government to take the lead in ensuring consistency and transparency in state and territory legislations.

While retirement villages are largely regulated under state and territory laws, elder law specialists and seniors' advocates have called for national reform and/or harmonisation in the past.

The call for action is supported by National Seniors Australia. National Seniors have been calling for nationally consistent and strengthened retirement village legislation for years because of growing complaints from older people.

The **South Australian Retirement Villages Residents Association Inc** which represents 7,000 residents in South Australia have made submissions to the South Australian State Government also seeking better consumer protection, transparency and a balance of rights between operators and residents.

### **Quotes attributed to Rebekha Sharkie:**

"Many Australians enjoy retirement village living and find it suits their lifestyles well. Unfortunately, I am also approached by many others who are appalled at the excessive fees applied to retirement village living,"

"We have an uneven playing field of regulations in each state and territory, and often a power imbalance in negotiations between prospective residents and the owners and managers of the villages and so I urge Government to look at the nature of retirement village agreements. These contracts can be lengthy and confusing."

"If it looks like a financial product and behaves like a financial product it should be regulated like one, with a strong regulatory oversight role for the Australian Securities and Investment Commission,"

"One couple from the South Coast of my electorate say they have been told they will receive only \$259,000 of an estimated selling refund for their residence of \$417,800, a loss of around \$160,000, largely for the privilege of leaving,"

"For many, the fees for upfront incoming payments, ongoing service charges and exit or deferred management fees are eye-watering. Exit fees alone can equate to up to 25 or 40 per cent of the person's ongoing contribution or resale price after a short stay."

"Residents have no insight or control into how some retirement villages calculate the exit costs, including the complete refurbishment of the unit, even if a resident has only lived there for a year."

"Many residents don't have any control over how the unit is marketed or when it is put to market, as this is often done 'in-house' by the retirement village owners, often at rates higher than a licensed real estate agent, leaving exiting residents feeling powerless and out-of-pocket."

"And once fees are deducted, remaining funds leave some residents ill-equipped to pay for higher level care they may need when they age. This is particularly worrying if one or more of them require residential aged care,"

"This is an area which clearly warrants Federal Government intervention to help ensure fairness and transparency when you enter and leave a retirement village."

### **Quotes attributed to Ian Henschke National Seniors Australia Chief Advocate:**

"Nationally consistent retirement village legislation will create less confusion and reduce the costs of compliance benefitting both consumers and operators."

"Older people are confused and frustrated by the complexity of the contracts and lack of protections when they consider entering a retirement village and dismayed by the delays and egregious charges when they exit one."

## What is CHSP?

CHSP (commonly known as Commonwealth Home Support Program) is an entry-level home support program helping older people live independently in their homes and communities. It also provides respite services to give carers a break; the program aims to help people live as independently as possible.

It is intended to provide seniors with 1 or 2 essential services, either in the short term or on an ongoing basis.

CHSP program has been running for many years and is designed to provide some help at home; we have contractors who provide minimal Home Garden Maintenance. Usually, the client receives around 12 hours annually, some cleaning once a fortnight, volunteer drivers who take them to appointments, social support group activities @ MOSHCC, Meals, and many other programs run by volunteers and consumers.

Why do we use volunteers for transportation to appointments? This is an entry-level into aged care and starting point before they require additional support at home, whereby they become eligible for a Home Care Package, which alternatively requires qualified Aged Care Workers to provide the necessary support.

As the funding is minimal, it would not be viable for us to provide support workers to transport these customers; within the CHSP program, it has always been a service provided by our **valued volunteers**. Some may say it is part of the business unit of Lakes Home Care; it is government funded and a service provided by MOSHCC volunteers for the past 20 years or so. It is funded under the premise that we utilise our **valued volunteers** to take them to and from their regular appointments when they cannot do so themselves. This is also a service provided by some community centres and other aged care providers, using their valuable volunteers.


The funding code for us to obtain funding for transportation through my aged care is to **“provide transport with a volunteer or taxi vouchers,”** as the Government does not provide taxi vouchers. We provide the service with **our valued volunteers**.


When the time comes to increase the level of support

and the client is assigned a home care package, the funding provided is somewhat different and is allocated directly to the client’s needs. While CHSP is “Block Funded,” the budget needs to be shared amongst the 157 current consumers that may or may not require services in various degrees.

If you are one of our local consumers who doesn’t already receive services and would like to have services provided, if you are over 65, then we can help. Just call us here at Lakes Home Care; at 85370687; we will give you all the information you need to commence your journey with My Aged Care and help walk you through the process.

### Milang & District Community Association

  
the  
**power of**  
humanity

  
AUSTRALIAN  
RED CROSS

## Red Cross News

### April 2023

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

**Wednesday and Saturday**

**9am until Middy**

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. We are having a stall at the Milang Easter Fair, it would be great to see you there.

We would love to have more volunteers. If interested, please Contact Bec or Tracy on the above No’s.

**Doris Lambert**  
**Publicity Officer**



# KAYAKING DAY

**Ages 5–25 years and family welcome**



**Saturday 15 April**  
10am – 2pm



**Milang Youth Hub**  
Paddlesteamer Drive, Milang  
*Parking at Woodrow Dr Carpark or Daranda Tce*



**Free!**



**Book your spot**  
<https://events.humanitix.com/kayaking-day>  
or phone Reclink 0408 808 533

*Limited kayaks – priority given to those with a booking.  
Wear enclosed shoes and bring a change of clothes and towel.*

**THE ACTIVITIES**

- Kayaking
- Pool Table
- Air Hockey
- Art Activities
- BBQ lunch and more!

Event subject to weather. Updates on MOSHCC Facebook page and to registrants via email.



MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

## Lakes Home Care's Community Advisor Group Meeting

It was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, after the success of our Christmas Event in 2022; we capped this one off with a special guest from Goolwa Health Co. Stuart, a highly qualified Physiotherapist who talked to our group about the services his centre provides, and the advantages of exercising with those over 65, providing them with information on what is best for them and how it fits their needs.

Vegepods are the new thing in gardening, and we provide our clients with the latest innovative products to enable them to continue gardening even when they have restrictive mobility. These products come in small, medium, or large, and our consumers are eager to get their hands on one and get back into growing some veggies or whatever takes their fancy.

Finally, we discussed the changes within My Aged Care and opened to question time for those to raise any concerns or issues we can assist them with.

We enjoyed a light lunch and wished a consumer, "Pauline Perry," a happy birthday; all enjoyed socialising and sharing.

*The Lakes Home Care Team*



## ALREADY READ BOOKS

### Milang Lakeside Butter Factory

#### Open Dates:

#### APRIL

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

#### MAY

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am to 3pm
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am to 3pm



## BUTTER FACTORY FUNDRAISING

**Already Ready Read Books** now regularly opening each fortnight are just about over-run with the generous donations of books. **THANK YOU.**

Shelf and storage space is becoming a problem and we ask that donors hold onto their donations for a couple of months until we can accommodate more books.

Book sales contributed almost \$500 to fundraising in March. Come and visit us over the Easter weekend, buy a book or two and check out the work on the Butter Factory.

JM



*Images courtesy of Christine Danton*

## This years annual Women’s Day Dinner was held at McCracken—Victor Harbor



This years theme was “Innovation as a gender issue” organised by Bronwyn Lewis who was Mistress of Ceremonies’. Bronwyn gave a short pre introduction speech regarding the theme of this year’s dinner. Unfortunately, there were a few non attendees due to an outbreak of Covid.

**Kyla McHughes, an emerging Ngarrindjeri leader** gave the welcome to country in the native Ngarrindjeri language with an interesting story of her suffering during the stolen generation which affected her emotional upbringing. I feel some of our forefathers mistreated some indigenous people and my feeling is that we now all have to learn to live as one Nation being all Australians. I personally believe it is time for us all to vote yes to the change of our constitution giving indigenous Australians a voice to Government. Kyla, is now happy teaching the Ngarrindjeri Language to her peoples and working with council’s, schools, kindergartens and other agencies.



**Angela DiFabio holds the position of Innovation Manager for the RAA.**

With over forty years experience in business in six different industries, Angela leans on her rich experience to assist the RAA in their innovation team to navigate the next generation of products in a very diverse organisation. She uses her contemporary training in innovation to set up methodologies within the RAA and industry partners, Universities and Secondary Schools. Angela has been a speaker for Blockchain and has developed leadership events on green energy that have had international reach. She is also serving as a committee member for the federally funded “Making Her Mark ”program that supports women and girls to explore non-traditional



careers and also to assist with workplace gender diversity and parity.

**The Hon Katrine Hildyard the SA Minister for Women and the prevention of domestic and family violence.**

For most of her working life Katrine has fought to improve the lives of South Australians. As secretary of the Australian Service Unions SA/NT branch she worked collectively to help secure equal pay for 200,000 community workers.

These efforts saw her awarded an Australian Day “Hold Up Half the Sky” an inspiring South Australian Women's Award in 2012. She is also listed on the South Australian Women's Honour Roll.

Immediately prior to entering Parliament, she was Chief Executive Officer of Together SA and was a graduate of Flinders University. She held positions with Australian Institute of Company Directors, and the Governments Leadership Foundation.

Since 2014, Katrine has been the Member for Reynell representing people in the southern community. Katrine is the Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Woman Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, and Minister for Recreation , Sport and Racing.

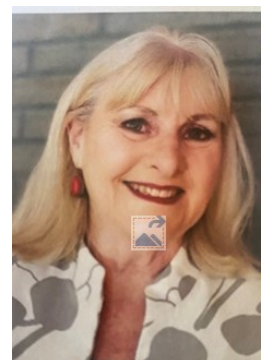


**Julie Woodman — President of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (SA).**

Julie was elected as President of the ALGWA SA in 2019 after serving for nine years. She served as a Councillor for the City of Salisbury for fourteen years having been elected at a by-election in 2008.

Julie chaired a number of committees over that time and was Council’s representative on the board of the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority for 8 years.

In 2019 and 2020 she was Deputy Mayor and also been the Treasurer of ‘Every Life Matters’, Salisbury’s Suicide Prevention Network for ten years.



Before retiring from full time work Julie worked for the State Government for seventeen years as the Office Manager for the Electorate Office. She has been a Justice of the Peace for twenty years and is an honorary member of the Salisbury Rotary Club.

**Rebekha Sharkie MP Federal  
Member for MAYO**

Unfortunately Rebekha was held up in Canberra due to having to attend an over night meeting. She sent a video to the meeting apologising and explained she was due to fly into Adelaide on the night and fly back in the morning.



Rebekha Sharkie MP represents the electorate of Mayo in SA., which includes the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island.

First elected in 2016, Rebekha is the first woman to represent regional SA since Federation and is now the longest serving female in the House of Representatives and a cross-bench member since Federation.

Rebekha works hard to “Make Mayo Matter” and the principles of always putting her community first and being their independent voice. Some of the issues she champions in the Parliament include aged care, climate change, regional housing, employment and infrastructure, political donation reform, gambling reform and of course honesty, integrity, and accountability.

Rebecca is on a number of parliamentary committees and recently was admitted to the Speaker’s Panel and is the first female cross bench member to be bestowed this honour.

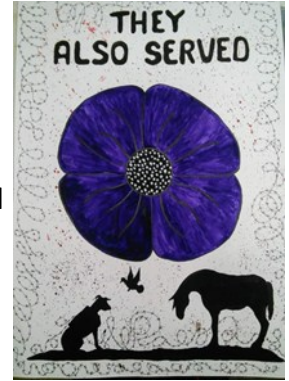
Mother of three children, she lives in the Adelaide Hills with husband Nathan and Great Dane Lulu.

**John Whyte**



**March  
Yarning  
ANZAC  
Poppies**

Since before Christmas, the ‘Just Yarning Group’ set about knitting/ crocheting purple poppies for a wreath to commemorate the animals that died in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> world wars. We decided on purple and black for the military horses, donkeys and dogs that worked with, and alongside soldiers during both wars.



We made about 120 poppies of similar shape and sizes and Lorraine set about the arduous task of wiring them to the wreath. The wreath will be laid on ANZAC day in the Milang Memorial Gardens hopefully during the service. Now that that little project is complete, we will continue knitting gloves, beanies, scarves and blankets to stockpile with others which have been donated by generous members of the community.

*Thank You.*

Now that Summer is at an end, these are ready for distribution, so if you or someone you know would benefit from any of the 11 blankets, 29 beanies, 5 pairs gloves and 5 scarves etc. contact Lyn on 0407 370 079 or Colleen at MOSHCC.



# My Favourite Recipes

Pauline Perry

Dear readers

I have a dip recipe this month. This was served at a festive get together. I don't eat capsicums so didn't plan on trying it but I liked it. Thanks Denise for the recipe. The other one is a family favourite since my mother used to cook it often.

Pauline

## Capsicum & Philly Cream Cheese Dip

Ingredients:

- 2 x 125g cans Edgell Diced Capsicum (not drained)
- 1 cup sugar
- 250mls white vinegar (handy tip – use one of the empty capsicum cans, fill twice with vinegar as your 250ml measure)
- 250g block Philadelphia Cream Cheese

Method:

- Add the capsicum, sugar and vinegar to a small saucepan
- Bring to the boil, then reduce to a simmer for 10-20 mins until the liquid reduces to a consistency similar to honey
- Cool
- Pour over a block of Philadelphia cream cheese and serve with water crackers

## Boiled Apricot Loaf

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup dried apricots, chopped
- ½ cup sultanas and currents
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 cups SR Flour

Method:

- Put the sugar, dried fruits and butter in a bowl



and pour over 1 cup of boiling water

- Leave to cool, then add flour and beaten egg
- Put in a greased loaf tin and bake in a moderate oven 40-45 minutes
- Top with lemon icing and serve sliced with or without butter

## Rainfall for March 2023



Thursday	2nd	0.2
Friday	3rd	1.5
Monday	6th	2
Wednesday	8th	1
Thursday	9th	1
Sunday	12th	0.5
Sunday	26th	0.4
Monday	27th	13
Tuesday	28th	0.5
Wednesday	29th	2
Thursday	30th	2
Friday	31st	0.5

March 2023 Total 24.6

Rainfall figures kindly supplied by Ray Perry

A promotional poster for 'The Sulli-Vans' featuring Kevin Sullivan and his four children. The title 'THE SULLI-VANS' is at the top in large white letters. Below it is a photo of the family. Text on the poster includes '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', and 'BOOKINGS - GLEN 0401 638 464 / NORM 0428 222 942'.



The following article was sent in by Kate Punchon from Strathalbyn, thankyou Kate.

## Strong and Sweet for Me

*A homeward bound letter from somewhere on the front line near Dardanelles*

By Kate Punchon

30<sup>th</sup> April 1915

*Dear Mum and Dad*

*It's getting harder for a fella to keep his mind straight lying in a muddy trench for days on end. It seems to go for bloody miles, and nobody knows just how long. Jock, Corporal Douglas, reckons he walked about 2 miles on Sunday to find a Medic before he gave up and turned round. Most of us have really bad tinea and we've heard the squirts is moving down the line. Unless the Medic shows up real soon, don't reckon we'll be escaping it. There's no pride in being brought down by the enemy when you're out in no-man's land with the trouser belt down there talking to your ankles.*

*The trenches are shallow, not much deeper than the makeshift channel we scraped together to shift water between the 2 dams during the Federation drought. First time in my life I'm thankful I'm not a tall streak like Macca the Attacker. He's over 6-foot-tall and real wispy, like the She Oaks down by old Charlie D's crossing. Got his nickname cause he went mad one night, stood up with his chest proud and shot 8. Eight shots, eight stone dead. He said it was just like the spotlighting game, spotty-off, he used to play with his brother Jake. They'd turn off the light and lying in the Autumn damp they'd take bets on who could pop-off the most rabbits as they came out the burrows. We all reckon his sharp ears, cats-eyes and sixth sense saved our lives that night.*

*When we're not fighting for our life, we're thinking about home and sharing it as shelter from the madness of war and our inner demons. Up close you get to read a fella's eyes. Too much war, too much madness, too much to bear. They stare into an emptiness that holds no light, love, or life. A steely desperation to escape takes hold. Johnny had that look before he laid down his helmet and rifle, crawled 100 yards out of the trench and then stood up screaming, "TAKE ME NOW YA BASTARDS". His dreams shattered. His body scattered by a solitary rattling gun. Then days of rain, the kind that wants to cut your face. All jammed up like an opened tin of sardines in our landing gear drenched with fear, foreign soil, shrapnel and our mate's pain. But, as you always say dad, you've gotta stay strong until the turnaround comes.*

*Well today the sun broke through. As the afternoon rays fell on my face, they took me home. To the times I'd be riding Jarrah back from the outer paddocks full pelt. Bandit and Bella falling behind as they circle around feral scents, my back warmed by the fading day. Homeward bound, tired and hungry after a full day working the stock. Knowing the warmth of the open hearth, the first smell of roast mutton and molasses pudding at the house gate and your bright-eyed faces waiting for me. Dad, we'd talk over the weather while mum fussed in the kitchen and then we'd set out tomorrows plan over a strong cup of Robur Tea. Mum's favourite. Strong and sweet she'd say. Just like the right kind of marrying girl. I sure look forward to that and hope Josie isn't married by the time I get back. Never told you mum, but she let me kiss her on the cheek at the Pinaroo Show. It was just one kiss, but enough to set my mind that she's the strong and sweet one for me.*

*Birthday wishes for 16<sup>th</sup> March: was thinking of you all day. Celebrated it with the last of your rolled Oatie biscuits and a strong cuppa. No milk and the last of my sugar rations had ran out a few days back. But the Oatie was sweet enough. Took me back to Sunday afternoons. Seeing the kitchen table laden with batches of them baked for the war fundraisers and a tin put aside for sending to Henry. First born. First to go. Me pinching warm bikkies and you chasing me with the wooden spoon and shoing me out to go clean-up for dinner. Some days when I'm feeling low, to keep the madness away, I open my Oatie tin, close my eyes and breathe in the rich buttery sweetness until I'm full and whole again.*

*Our water comes in old petrol cans and the city fellas are always complaining about the taste. I tell them to stop winching, to just get on with making a stronger cuppa. They were surprised to hear how country folk put kero in their water tanks to stop the mozzies from breeding and keep the wrigglers out. Strong and sweet is the way to go here as well.*

*Continued next page*

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*The house must feel real empty with me, Jimmy and Henry running off to war and leaving just you and dad to work the farm. Guess you'll have more time for your tapestry and reckon there are 3 tins of Oaties on the table now.*

*I can hear the shooting starting up again. Time to get back to this bloodied war. Will write again soon.*

*Your loving son*

*Jack*

### **Epilogue: The evolution of the ANZAC biscuit**

After Britain declared war against Germany in August 1914, an Australian and New Zealand unit was formed to storm the Gallipoli peninsula and open-up the Dardanelles to capture the capital of the Ottoman Empire, Constantinople – now Istanbul. Planned to swiftly knock Turkey (Germany's ally) out of the war, underestimating the Turks numbers, their ferocity and the terrain and a fateful landing, a bloody campaign raged for 8 months before our troops were evacuated. The courage, determination and mateship displayed during Gallipoli and other WW1 campaigns, that lasted until 11 November 1918, shaped the identity of Australia and New Zealand. It's commonly referred to as the ANZAC spirit. Over 8700 Australian and 2779 New Zealand soldiers lost their lives in the Gallipoli campaign.

Today the ANZAC Day service is a national day of remembrance for those that fought bravely in all our conflicts and peace keeping missions. We enjoy the legacy of their unselfish service. Australia is a safe, strong and free country.

### **Lest We Forget.**

Receiving food parcels from home provided great comfort and temporary relief from the loneliness and brutality of war. Soldiers letters reveal the women in their lives sending tins of oat-based biscuits. Containing no eggs and snuggled tightly in their metal containers meant they were good "keepers" and would stand-up well to months of travel to get to the frontline. They were also baked in the thousands as part of the war fundraising effort.

They weren't called Anzac biscuits then. Perhaps something like rolled oat or surprise biscuits or crispies. The acronym for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps was not established until 1916-17 and referred only to the men that fought in the campaign. Common usage lagged until later. I have chosen to refer what we now revere as the Anzac biscuit our ANZAC's ate in the trenches as Oaties in Jack's letter. Whether they are home baked or off a supermarket shelf, the Anzac biscuit is deeply entrenched in our lives.

The basic ingredients are rolled oats, sugar, plain flour, coconut, butter, golden syrup or treacle, bicarbonate of soda, and boiling water. However, debate over its origin and ingredients emerges around Anzac Day. There's always much conjecture and sifting through material to ascertain authenticity can be confusing and fruitless. Allison Reynolds, South Australian Culinary Historian, spent two years painstakingly researching original soldiers' letters and personal and published cookery books of the time. This is her snapshot.

**Circa 1823:** First version of a rolled oat-based egg-free biscuit, Surprise Biscuits and Crispies, appears in Australian cookery books

**Early WW1:** Name changes to Red Cross Biscuits or Soldiers Biscuits in recognition of their frontline role.

**1917:** Anzac biscuits appear in The War Chest Cookery Book, published by the Sydney War Chest Fund. (*The ingredients, method and presentation are very different. When cold, biscuits are sandwiched together with jam and iced. This is not what we what we recognise as AB's today*).

**Circa 1924:** Coconut appears in the recipes

Food is the embodiment of our culture and identity. It draws us together just as it highlights our differentness. How, what and when we share our food, or how we abstain from it, contributes to our rich narrative of who we are as a nation, our religious beliefs and our familial relationships. The Anzac biscuit, along with damper, vegemite and lamingtons defines us.

## **Advance Australia Fair**



## Goolwa to Milang and back to Goolwa

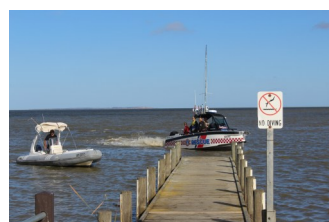
The weekend of the 12th March saw the Goolwa to Milang yacht race on Saturday and the return Milang to Goolwa the next day. The weather was good however the wind did get up in the afternoon.

Unfortunately one competitor had a slight problem when his vessel capsized and he had his mast stuck in the mud. This was quite a challenge for the rescue boat to get him into the boat ramp at Milang.

The Milang Regatta Club hosted the Goolwa sailors as they arrived with live music and a pig-on-a-spit.

Of course a barbecue was also available for those who prefer a more traditional feed. The bar was well serviced and everyone seemed to have a great time into the small hours of the morning. A very successful weekend.

**John Whyte**



**92 today!!...**



...Congratulations to a young at heart lady celebrating her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday in March with a movie at Mt Barker followed by High tea at Strathalbyn.

Pauline Perry long, long time, well known and loved resident of Milang with her daughter Karyn and some of her Ladies in waiting,.....



(I think they were waiting for their tea!!) who shared Pauline's special day.



## Milang Cottage Garden Club monthly outing report

Hi fellow gardeners,

Our first trip for the year dawned wet and a little cool, but six members braved the elements for a trip to Raywood Nursery in Deep Creek.

Here we were warmly greeted by the owner and the blue wrens who are always ready to take little bits of cheese from one's fingers or pose for a photo.



Even though many of us did not know if they wanted any plants, many were purchased and some members were even lucky enough to come away with some clivias for free. I am going to try some begonias this year following a talk on the at the Strathalbyn Garden Club so I purchased one with pretty red leaves.

After deciding it was too wet to have lunch we headed back to Victor and after visiting Encounter Bay Community Nursery we had lunch sitting in the bus overlooking the foreshore. Following lunch, we back tracked a little to visit the Bunnings and Morgan nurseries where many more plants were purchased, then we headed homeward via Finnis where we stopped for a coffee to celebrate two members birthdays and draw the raffle which was won by Jeff (one of the birthday people).

The next trip will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to the Tupelo Nursery at Mylor followed by the native nurseries at Belair and Coromandel Valley, we should have at least two seats may be three empty, so if anyone would like to join us please give me a ring on 85370453.



We leave Milang at 9.00am returning approx. 3.30 - 4.00pm you will need \$10 for the bus, your lunch and a drink and an item for the raffle box which will cost \$2 for a ticket winner takes all.

*Anne Feast*



## 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  
(08) 8537 0223**

**Langhorne Creek Campus:  
Head of Campus—Les Cameron  
(08) 8537 3145**



## Milang Campus - Harmony Day

Harmony Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> March is all about celebrating Australia's Cultural Diversity and making sure everyone feels that they belong.

The students at Milang came to school wearing orange or a bright colour, made Honey Joys together and then shared them with the MOSCH staff and the Milang Friendship Group.

They also made and ate pumpkin soup from pumpkins and potatoes grown in the school garden. Thank you to Suzanne and Jane who so lovingly have looked after our garden.



The Milang Friendship Group enjoying the 'Honey Joys'.

## Milang Campus - Parent coffee morning



Recently we received a grant for a parent engagement programme and held a coffee morning to discuss what the group would like.

The first meeting went really well with 7 parents and 3 little ones.

The group decided to hold it fortnightly, meeting in the A Space at the COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The last one for the term will be at the Mini Mart with a special morning tea with scones!! Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am-10am.

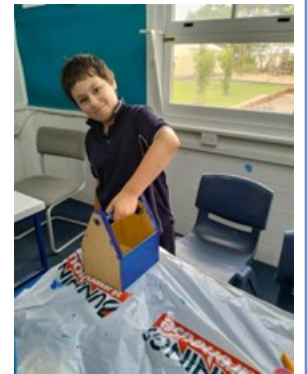
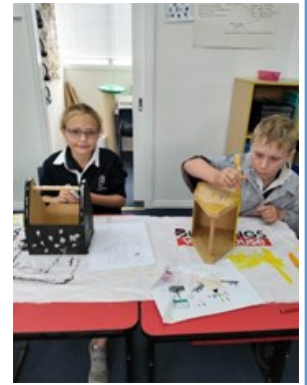
All Milang Campus parents and pre-school children are welcome.

## Milang Campus - Bunnings workshops

On a Tuesday afternoon Tess from Bunnings has held a workshop in the Upper Primary class and the students have made their own toolbox.

The students have been really enthusiastic about their project and they have turned out really well.

This programme runs for 6 weeks with 3 different projects. A great initiative of Bunnings Mount Barker. Here is some of their handy work.





# WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (MHFA) TRAINING

### REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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.

Having mental health first aid skills means that you can assist someone developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis and make a real difference to your community.

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.
- ◇ CONFIDENCE  
Confidence in providing first aid to a person experiencing a mental health problem.
- ◇ 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  
PH: (08) 8537 0687  
MOBILE: 0483 897 220  
vivienne@growinglifeconnections.com.au



*By Vivienne Maher*

Bullying can affect everyone - those who are bullied, those who bully, and those who witness bullying. Children and Adults can be bullied. Bullying is linked to many negative outcomes including impacts on mental health, substance use, and suicide.

## What is bullying?

Bullying is when people deliberately use words or actions against an individual or a group to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. They usually want to make the person feel less powerful or helpless.

Bullying can happen anywhere — at school, at work, at home, online, or by text messaging or email. Bullying can come in different forms, all of which cause distress and pain for the person who is being bullied.

Bullying can affect your mental health whatever your age. It can lead to loneliness, anxiety and depression. Adults who are bullied have a higher risk of experiencing depression and having suicidal thoughts.

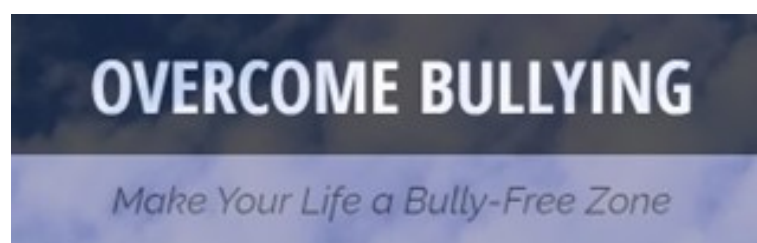
**Remember,**

**you have a right to feel safe and be treated**

**with fairness and respect**

**Always.**

If bullying is not challenged and stopped, it can contribute to a culture where bullying is tolerated. If this occurs, everyone feels powerless to stop it.



## Why do people bully?

There are different reasons why people bully, including:

- wanting to dominate others and improve their social status.
- having low self-esteem and wanting to feel better about themselves.
- having a lack of remorse or failing to recognise their behaviour as a problem.
- feeling angry, frustrated or jealous.
- struggling socially.
- being the victim of bullying themselves.

Bullies are unhappy people who take out their frustrations on others. When bullies feel bad, they lash out because they want everyone else to feel as bad as they do inside. However, a single bully isn't worth your time or mental energy. Once you can see the situation from that perspective, it's easier to see that your troubles will pass.

In fact, your bully's actions might not have anything to do with you. Something personal might be going on in their life, so they need a 'punching bag' to take their anger or sadness out on, and unfortunately, it is you.

I recently read a quote by author Susan Abrams Milligan:

*'Bullies do what they do for self-protection. This is often because manipulation (ie humiliation, intimidation and isolation) are the only way they know how to cope with their lack of self-worth. Having power over someone has in some way served them temporarily in the past. However, having power over another, taking someone's power, or giving power away is always temporary because it is an illusion. This is why bullies continue doing what they do over and over again. It's a dysfunctional addiction that society is now recognising and insisting that it is no longer acceptable.'*

## What can you do if you are being bullied?

It's important to be proud of yourself and love yourself no matter what! Practice daily self-affirmations, reminding yourself of all your strengths, talents and



positive qualities. Eliminate negative self-talk, say only kind things to yourself.

Everyone has an inner strength to draw on. Bullies try to make you feel like you're weak, but it's not true. You have the strength to get through this.

Spend time each day reflecting on the things you love and are grateful for to get yourself in a positive headspace no matter what the bully says.

Develop ways to eliminate stress that work for you, whether you exercise, listen to music, do a favourite activity, or vent your troubles to a friend. Stress can mess up your physical health and make a bully's job easier, so work on minimizing stress in your daily life.

**“Don't give up because of one bad chapter in your life.**

**Keep going. Your story doesn't end here.”**

### Mental Health Support

- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Beyondblue: 1300 22 4636
- Suicide call back: 1300 659 467
- Living beyond Suicide: 1300 761 193
- Men's Health Line: 1300 789 978
- Parent Helpline: 1300 364 100
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Rural & Remote Mental Health 1300 515 951

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## Well Done Ivy Fraser!!

Ivy has now re-located to Shop 3 at Milang which is a bigger shop. Her business is doing extremely well and she is now undertaking some reupholstery work

So for all your curtains, blinds, upholstery and repairs call in and have a chat with Ivy.



# All Aboard—March 2023

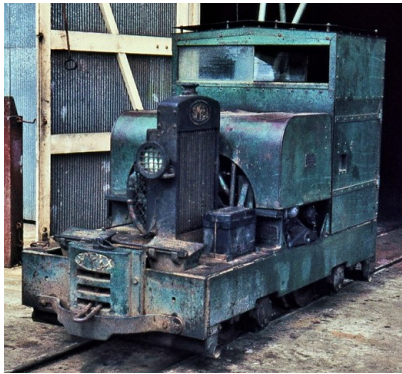
## A New Locomotive Arrives

On 21<sup>st</sup> March, a new sight and sound appeared at Milang in the form of a new locomotive at the railway museum.

Simplex locomotives were manufactured by the Motor Rail Company of Bedford, UK. They were originally developed to take ammunition to the trenches during World War One and then became a popular industrial locomotive after the conflict. Numerous improvements were made to the same basic design and our locomotive, 4wDM works number 21575, was manufactured in 1957.

The locomotive was delivered to the Pleystowe Mill near Mackay in Queensland where it was used to transport track panels to the locations where cane was being hand cut. Later, after cane cutting was mechanised, the Simplex was used for “navvy” duties, such as track maintenance, until 2000.

*Simplex 21575 around 2002 – Weston Langford*



During that time, the locomotive was externally repainted yellow and, between 1997 and 1989, a front seat and safety rail were added to carry a second person.

In 2000 it was sold at auction and was purchased by Russell Savage of Tinbeerwah, Queensland for his private railway.

*Simplex 21575 around 2002 – Russell Savage*



The locomotive last ran in 2002 and Russell then took it out of service for restoration. However, that restoration never happened.

Up to now, motive power for our train rides has been provided by a 4HP BEV battery locomotive. However, a more powerful locomotive is needed to operate a proposed extension of the railway which includes gradients. Therefore, the museum secretary, Peter Lucas, searched for a suitable addition and ended up purchasing the Simplex 21575 from Russell with the intention of restoring it and placing it with the museum on permanent loan.



The locomotive was transported to the Murray Bridge home of volunteer Neville Thomas in December 2021. Neville has then carried out a fifteen month restoration which has produced a locomotive which is as good as new. The Simplex was transported to the Milang Railway Museum on 21st of March 2023 and was successfully test run to verify the correct operation of the engine, the transmission, the brakes and all accessories.

Commissioning, driver training, etc. is in progress at the time of writing and the Simplex will then pull its first passenger train in a few weeks time. There is a video of the locomotive at:



*Regards*

*Peter Lucas*

**Secretary Milang Railway Museum**

**Phone: 0414 232 060**

**Web site: [www.milangrailway.org.au](http://www.milangrailway.org.au)**



## Milang CFS News

*Jude Aquilina*

It has been a busy time lately for the Milang CFS Brigade, with multiple jobs and bi-weekly training sessions.

Some recent trainings involved a pumping exercise at Milang, and the yearly barrel race which was held at Clayton. This race puts a fun spin on training sessions between two brigades and allows CFS members to hone their skills in using the fire hose. This year, Milang and Clayton enjoyed a close race, which involved rolling an empty 44-gallon/200 litre plastic drum across a line. Both brigades use their fire truck hoses and have a limited amount of water to squirt at the barrel and send it over their finishing line. This year's race ended in a questionable draw between Milang and Clayton brigades.

Milang Brigade recently held a general meeting and spent an evening cleaning the truck and undertaking station and truck checks.

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, some campers at Point Sturt started a fire in dry grass while using a cooker. Milang, Clayton and Strathalbyn attended the fire which burnt approximately half a hectare. One of the campers was treated by South Australian Ambulance Service for burns.



Milang CFS also attended a two-car vehicle accident at the intersection of Coxe Street and Ameroo Avenue. This was the second serious crash at that intersection this year.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, there was a large fire at Peats Soils, Langhorne Creek.

The fire was in a pile of mulch and was started by spontaneous combustion.

16 appliances, 4 bulk water carriers and approximately 45 crews attended the site. It took around 14 hours to extinguish this fire.



## TRIVIA ANSWERS

From Page 8

*By Jude Aquilina*



1. Saltwater crocodile
2. River Jordan
3. Variety is the spice of life
4. Four stars on the New Zealand Flag
5. Honshu is Japan's largest island
6. The Hippocratic oath
7. A chameleon is a lizard
8. Topiary is the art of trimming trees into shapes
9. Penny farthing
10. 20 years in a score

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## Lakeside Men's Shed at the oval

**BBQ every Thursday (donation)**

**From 12:00 noon**

Come and experience our relaxed atmosphere and share yarns with other like-minded people.

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

There has been some lovely weather in recent weeks. It is so good to see club members out enjoying their aircraft, logging a few hours and generally having fun. A few new members have recently joined the club and started on their journey of becoming a pilot.

The big event for March was the Avalon Airshow with 8 of our members attended the show. One drove over, two flew commercially and the rest flew their gyroplanes from Strathalbyn airfield.

The flight there was a relaxed affair going coastal to Robe for a big breakfast and refuel of our aircraft. Continuing along the coast we flew on to Warrnambool and spent the night there. Departing next morning we were greeted with low cloud and the odd shower that eventually saw us having to divert to an alternative airfield and wait for cloud to lift. Finally on our way again the skies cleared and we made our inbound calls to the Avalon Tower within a minute of our allotted time slot for arrival.

We parked with the rest of the gyroplanes from Victoria, NSW and Queensland, a total of seventeen in all. It was for us a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> year since the first successful flight of a gyroplane. At the completion of the show the Gyroplane association was awarded with the best presentation in the General Aviation section of the show.



The photo shows local Milang resident, Cat Attard next to her Magni Gyro that she flew from Strathalbyn for the event.

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](http://www.sdfc.org.au)

## 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: and Saturday 10am - 4pm

Corner of Weeroona Drive and Jupiter Street MILANG

## MEC NEWS - April 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**  
**VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE**

After running his own taxi truck business and driving for Tip Top Bakeries, Chris Lambert retired, settled in Milang in 2015 and decided he wanted to be involved in local community activities; he was not kidding! Chris is an extraordinarily selfless volunteer who has been providing service at MEC since 2016, but also finds time to serve with CFS, Milang Vintage Machinery Club, Milang District Historical Society, Red Cross and the Milang Bowling Club. While most of us complain of being “time poor”, Chris despite multiple volunteer roles, still regularly undertakes travel adventures with lovely wife Doris. An expansive caravan bears testimony to their Oz Adventures and the pair recently enjoyed a cruise to New Zealand.

Given that he currently volunteers with an all-male team of retired MEC “dinosaurs”, Chris Lambert has a refreshing passion for whatever he energetically, enthusiastically, and willingly undertakes. With tongue in cheek, Chris described the MEC as the Men’s Escape Centre, but in fact he is keen to recruit more young volunteers and especially women to the recycling centre volunteer team. He told Milang Community News that the MEC is a “*terrific example of a worthwhile community group, not just because of the service it provides but because it recycles money back by sponsoring and benefiting other community projects and organisations for example, schools, Red Cross, the Historic Railway, and people needing support. We helped fund two jetty boardwalks in front of the Lake Road public reserve, and also two new engines for the Regatta Club rescue boat in 2020.*”

Chris believes that MEC is a great place to volunteer not only because recycling is becoming so important to the whole Climate Change challenge, but because volunteers get to meet local people from Milang and the wider

## 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

region. *“It’s rewarding to catch up with lots of folks regularly and have a chat, as well as recycle their deposit containers. That and providing mulch from green waste is our focus now. New volunteers of any age or gender are welcome to get involved. MEC is a relaxed and fun place to give something back to our community. We are a small, efficient, supportive team with a strong sense of community service and comradeship. Importantly, we enjoy quality cream biscuits at coffee breaks and regular baked delights donated by Lyla the Cake Lady.*

Chris Lambert agrees with colleague Geoff Dungey that MEC provides friendly, efficient service despite having limited resources. MEC machinery and vehicles are quite old (like some of the volunteers). Apparently, Chris has an unenviable history with machinery at MEC. He managed to hit and damage a large roller door while driving a forklift an incident fellow volunteers often remind him about. A customer vehicle hit the main left side entry gate when it swung free in strong winds. As MEC had no money to replace the gate it was swapped with the same size left side gate leading into the mulch and green waste entry area. *“Problem was”* explained Chris, *“the damaged gate was badly buckled so naturally, I volunteered to drive the tractor over the gate several times to get it flat enough to use. I am not sure why the other volunteers don’t remind me of that like they do the roller door accident.”*

A source informed Milang Community News that although Chris Lambert is a respected and popular volunteer there have been some grumblings from other volunteers who say Chris has virtually exclusive use of the one and only valet-VIP parking space at MEC. Asked to comment, Chris said he only parks in the valet-VIP space to ensure protection of a Plover nest. When not involved in community volunteer work Chris enjoys tinkering on his restored 1978 Triumph TC, travelling with Doris and enjoying time with their tiny dog, Lana.

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. Funds earned by MEC are used to sponsor and support local community projects. Anyone interested in being a volunteer, learning about recycling, using machinery at the centre, and having fun meeting local residents from the wider region, **please contact MEC by phone or email or call in personally Wednesday or Saturday.**



*Volunteer Chris Lambert uses the MEC tractor to move green waste*

*Chris Lambert operates the MEC can crusher machine aka ‘The Depressor’*



*Volunteer Chris Lambert drives a MEC forklift – his car parked in the VIP space is in the background*



*MEC volunteers L-R: Chris, Dave & Don discuss the MEC VIP parking space. Note the defensive body language of Dave & Don.*



### MILANG WIN DIVISION 6 PREMIERSHIP

March 18<sup>th</sup> saw Milang's Division 6 Blue team take out the Premiership over the Aldinga Bay Club. A great effort, several years in the making. After finishing second in the home and away rounds, the team went on to beat Encounter Bay on their home ground, securing them a place straight away in the Grand Final. Aldinga Bay defeated Goolwa in the Preliminary Final.

The Grand Final was held at the Willunga Bowling Club, the weather was great, only a slight breeze, very good conditions. Both teams got off to a good start and kept their noses either ahead or in the mix. But by games end both teams were ahead and the prize was Rheims, much to everyone's joy and great relief and I must say, the Milang cheer squad went wild!!!

Congratulations to Peter Harris, Brain Addison, Paul Price, Cheryl Butlin, Heather Maddern, Inge Barthel, Deb Haywood, and Paul Nicholson. Also, thanks to the many players who played in the team during the season, helping them into their win.

It now means the Blue Team will move up to Division 5, something the Club has worked towards. Good luck in the upcoming season.

In next month's report I will write on the Clubs Champions and their efforts in the Champion of Champions play-offs which at the time of writing were still being played.

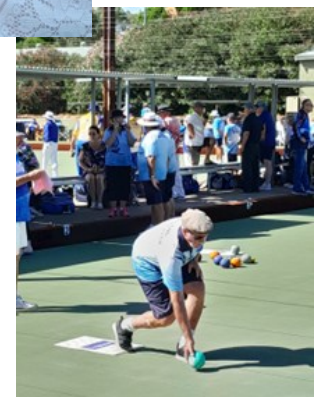
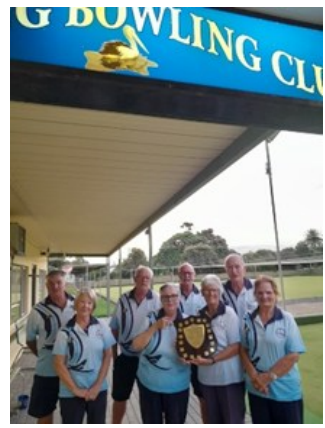
Social Bowls has finished for the season and will be back after the October long weekend. Many thanks to the wonderful people who came out for bowls, fun and great eating. You are legends!!!

Friday night dinners will continue through the winter. Check out our Facebook page or the Milang Community News What's On page. Only 1 dinner in April 21st. None on the 7<sup>th</sup> due to Easter.

Many thanks to all the people who helped out in any way during the season. Every little contribution helps out greatly.

Enjoy your break, relax, and come back refreshed, revitalised and enthusiastic!!

Thank you all,  
**Bev Spicer**



## NO 2. CREAM AND MILK SUPPLIERS TO MILNAG BUTTER FACTORY RICHARD AND MABLE BLACKWELL

*by Alwyn Hopgood*

Mr Dick Blackwell and his family lived two or three kilometres west of Milang. Their farm of around 200 acres had a small creek running through it. The creek dried up most years, but every five or six years it remained running through summer.

The farm was quite good land for cropping and grazing, but it was sometimes flooded. Around 1950, the creek really flooded, with approximately half a metre of water over Landseer Road, flowing into the Blackwell farm.

I remember one very wet year when the Blackwell farm became a bit of a nuisance because a large area was under water for some time. I recall many swans made it their home.



During the floods, Mr Charlie Landseer gave me the use of a horse named Duke, a spring cart, and bags of chaff, so I could go rabbit trapping on his property. When I came to the flooded road, Duke would not go through the water, so I had to get out of the cart and lead him across, which was okay for Duke, but soggy for me.

The Blackwell family had the largest herd of Australian Illawarra shorthorn cows in the district. Mr Blackwell's cows were high producing, and it was a credit to the family how well they looked after their animals. It is believed they purchased high quality bulls and had a careful breeding program, which helped to improve milk production.



Mr Blackwell cut a large quantity of sheaved hay each year for his milking herd and always had a 60-ton haystack in reserve in case of a bad season.

Mr Blackwell, his wife Madge, and their two children, Graham and Enid, formed a formidable team in the trying and time-consuming work of dairy farming. The Blackwell family supplied cream and milk to the Milang Butter Factory up until it closed in February 1951.

The Blackwell family were a well-respected family in the Milang area and contributed in many ways to the benefit of the town.

# BUTTER FACTORY REPORT

## March 2023

One of the first jobs in March was to have John Stratton expose the footings on the Cottage so we could make a thorough inspection and come up with a plan to fix any problems. There will have to be some stump footing replacements, so the builders are looking at how to do the job. We had the slab for the new toilet at the back of the factory poured before Christmas, this month the boys framed up and clad the structure, roof and all. Michael Lewis the plumber has installed the first fix in the toilet so next job is to do the wiring ready for the internal cladding of mini orb.

Also during the month we had the seaweed insulation removed from the Cottage ceiling, what a dirty dusty job, but the gang of young fellows had it all removed by just after lunchtime. We saved a bit of the seaweed to make an in-ceiling window to remind us of what was up there. Dave did a good job of incorporating it into the manhole cover in the middle room. Grant now has a clear run when he does the rewire on the cottage.

We are also in the process of looking at quotes for the cottage air conditioning which will be a reasonably complicated job given the different roof lines. When the Butter Factory was purchased we had an asbestos register filled out, this month we had all the asbestos professionally removed and taken away so now any structural work on the back of the cottage can go ahead safely.

Last week we took delivery of a 20 foot container, with more shifting stuff, it was finally installed up the back behind the concrete tank. We will move all the stuff stored in the Cottage from the Lakes Hub and elsewhere including filing cabinets, desks, fish tanks, photocopiers, tools etc to give room for the trades to finish off the Cottage. In April we will replace the old septic with a new larger one suitable for our needs in the future. The volunteers have started the long job of cleaning down the walls in the main room ready for priming and paint, we have started to paint the inside of the old section after using some treatment on the walls for the flaking kalsomine paint. So busy times ahead.

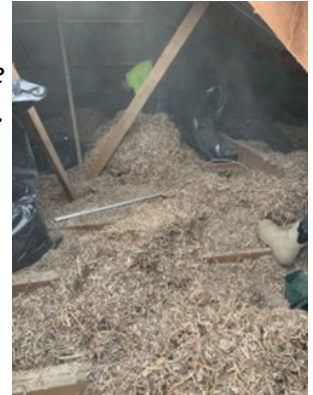
*Cheers*  
**John Bradford**  
**Site Manager**

*Framework and  
cladding on the new  
toilet.*



*John Stratton  
clearing the  
footings with  
Dave's help.*

*Seaweed in the cottage  
ceiling.*



*The cleared ceiling.*

*That's a lot of  
seaweed.*



*Asbestos removal.*





# HISTORIC GRAVES IN THE MILANG CEMETERY

## No. 24— SALTMARSH

*By Mervyn Hopgood*

Henry Saltmarsh arrived in South Australia on the “Hooghy” on the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June 1839 from London. His first stop was to try farming at the Bugle Ranges but soon moved to Lake Plains. Henry was a well-educated man and a lay preacher. He conducted services at the Angus Plains Primitive Methodist Church. He also helped to educate his neighbours children. His first wife Fanny Maidment died during childbirth in 1857. She is thought to be buried at Bugle Ranges. Henry then married Margaret Rutherford, he farmed his land and managed the Cream Factory that was nearby.



Henry was a committee member of the Lakes Plains School from 1861-1876. When Henry's second wife Margaret died, he moved to Dry Creek where he remarried (Ann Willese Rains).

Henry is thought to be buried in the Milang Cemetery alongside his second wife. Of Henry and Fanny Maidment's seven children, 3 died in infancy, the sixth child Annie married Alexander Gordon and the couple were to have eleven children. Alex, Con, Lav, Roy, Athol, Alan, Linley, Jessie, Nathalie, Eva and one other. Two of the children became ministers of religion and studied in America. It is thought that the family lived at a place called 'Christians Rest' at the southern end of what is now Landseer's property.

Laurie Yelland's land adjoined on one side, but this was long before the land was split up for farming, for example Landseer's didn't acquire their land until after the First World War. The Gordon children were all born in the 1800's. When I trapped rabbits there in the early 1950's, there were remains of an old chimney and a few neglected almond and fruit trees, several other items laying around indicated that some family lived there long ago.

Mr and Mrs Gordon were pictured in the photo of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Milang Church of Christ in 1908 also in the photo is Mrs Will Saltmarsh. How a couple raised eleven children in that sort of country is amazing, but they did it and must have done it well. The Saltmarsh grave in the Milang Cemetery was in a neglected state some 15 years ago, sand had covered the bottom rail of the fencing surrounds causing it to corrode and break away, the concrete blocks were all broken. A new resident of Milang at that time, Mr Graham Warner took the metal work to Adelaide where he and his son Nick have an engineering works, they restored the fencing free of charge and we were most grateful. We made fourteen sandstone blocks for the metal work to sit on, sand was removed and replaced with 4 inches of dolomite and now the grave is back to its original state that it was in some 140 years ago.

Greg Saltmarsh of Milang is a great, great grandson of Henry Saltmarsh and his wife Margaret Rutherford and has been kind enough to give us a donation of \$250 towards the grave restoration. Of Henry's second marriage to Rhoda Rose Goad, the eldest Henry Roy died in the First World War in Belgium aged twenty one. His name is on the War Memorial in the Milang Soldiers Memorial Park. The second son Walter died aged 2 years and 8 months. The third child Andrew Bothwell, I remember quite well, lived in retirement in a little house in Watson Street Milang and was a really good lawn bowler, he had a son Walter who lived in a little white washed stone cottage at Lake Plains. When I went to high school on the school bus we went past their house, the eldest boy got on the bus and went to the Langhorne Creek Primary. Andrew and his wife Margaret are buried in the Milang Cemetery. The 4<sup>th</sup> child Clarence Murrie, farmed at Langhorne Creek and was buried at Milang in 1982. The youngest child of Henry and Rhoda was Aubrey Melbourne who was drowned in the lake in 1945 aged 38 years.

The history of the Pt. Martin Road. It left Milang passing the cemetery heading due west, turning right at the 'Finger Board' corner going about 1 mile then turning into Blackwell's property, travelling another ¾ of a mile, then going in a straight line until it reached the Finniss River where a port was established with a jetty called Pt. Martin. The late Graham Blackwell remembered a circus travelling along this road when he was a teenager, seeing for the first time live animals that he had only previously seen in books. How quickly places can be swallowed up in history.



## Our Little Mob Roo Shelter

Our Little Mob is an older couple who assist the wildlife groups when they are overloaded with joey rescues, without carer's like us the only other option is to euthanize the joey's so they don't suffer. Our smallest pinkie (completely furless) was just 435grams, starting with 2 hourly feed's and gradually increasing to 4 hourly feeds, it is a lot of time needed and you have sleep deprivation for quite a few months.

Caring for joey's is also very expensive as they need specialized macropod formula, bottles, teats, substitute pouches and often vet care, moisturizer is applied after each feed to stop their skin from drying, flaking and becoming sore and inflamed, a task which is usually done by their mother in the pouch until their fur is grown.

South Australian law's differ from the other state's, when animals are in care for long amount's of time and they become imprinted on humans you must agree to care and provide for them for their entire life. Quite an undertaking as kangaroo's can live up to 20 years in captivity. To obtain a license you must agree to these conditions or face a large financial penalty and loss of license.

We are hoping to re-locate to the Milang area and searching for a few acres ( up to 5 acres ) to re-establish our-selves, we are currently on Hindmarsh Island but it has become so busy with many planes and a helicopter flying low that the kangaroo's become stressed.

We are a SELF FUNDED small shelter and wish to continue our journey saving these precious Aussie Icons and hope we can become part of a smaller community. If you have just a few acres for sale please let us know. 85 555038

FACEBOOK-----Our Little Mob Roo Shelter

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*Diane Polak*

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Stunning sunset on the Lake - photo courtesy of Christine Danton



**Happy Easter Everyone!**



**Wishing You A Fantastic Time!!**

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But it takes them 3 months to pick up 5 toys from their small bedroom.

**HAPPY EASTER!**



# Milang Community Garden

## Newsletter - March 2023

Busy times continue in the community garden this month as always, with pruning, weeding, bed preparation, irrigation repairs, propagation, planting etc.

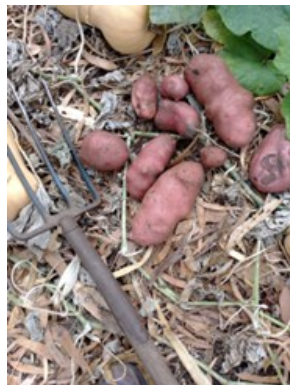
We have picked plenty of pears & apples, a few capsicums & eggplants, also our tomato varieties continue to deliver including 2 self sown ones.

The herb garden is doing well, and the adjacent asparagus are running up to seed & should provide well next year.



The rhubarb as ever is providing abundantly.

Leeks, broccoli & cauliflower seedlings have just been planted, also rainbow chard seeds.



Beetroot planted recently are growing well & have been thinned out.

Some large potatoes were dug recently, & ones we planted a few weeks ago have surfaced & are growing well.

Another bed of parsnips & carrots were planted recently, they are just emerging now. The last of the previous carrot & parsnip planting will be picked soon.



A good crop of butternut pumpkins are now maturing, and Queensland Blue too, although not as many as last year.

We are experimenting with some donated plants, 2 banana varieties & a pineapple being grown in the hothouse, and a mango outside near the fruit trees.

The fig tree has been bearing well, & quite a few passionfruit have dropped from the vine.

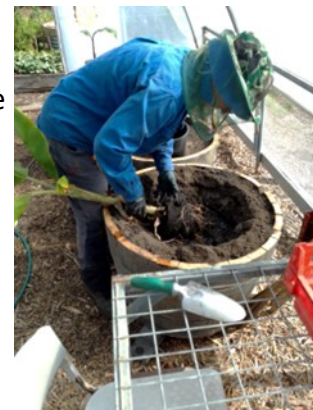
Raspberry and blackberry vines were pruned & tidied up recently.

Lots of quinces ripening, some will be made into jam & quince paste.

Everyone is welcome at the garden on Tuesdays between 10am & midday, or if you see one of us rostered for daily watering duties please come in, lots to see & learn.

Have a look at the garden, chat with the gardeners, exchange tips & advice etc.

Produce for sale on Tuesday by donation, every week the produce available varies.



## Milang Community Gardeners



# WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

**We are recruiting Youth Activities Volunteers to support the delivery of social, recreation and sports activities for young people in Milang and surrounds.**

Would you, or someone you know, like to:

- Make a real difference to young people in the community
- Volunteer in a fun, friendly and well-supported environment
- Gain skills and experience relevant to sport and recreation, community, or youth services.

Then we have a role for you.

You will be supervised and supported by the Volunteer Coordinator and work closely with Reclink's Youth Activities Coordinator to support these activities.

This is an exciting opportunity to support a local youth program co-funded by Milang and District Community Association, Reclink Australia, Alexandrina Council and the Alcohol and Drug Foundation.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit <https://moshcc.com.au/2023/01/10/youth-volunteers/>.



Young people are strongly encouraged to apply. If you have any questions, or to apply for this role, please contact MOSHCC on 8537 0687.

MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.



# One of the southern Basin's wettest years delivers strong water availability

The southern Murray–Darling Basin tracked some of its highest rainfall and inflow totals on record in the tail end of 2022, according to the MDBA's update to the 2022–23 Annual Operating Outlook.

The update details how the Murray–Darling Basin Authority may run the River Murray under a range of possible climate and rainfall scenarios, to help water users and river managers with future planning. Normally released before Christmas, the update was delayed until the main River Murray flood peak had passed.



*A spectacular sunrise over the River Murray towards the end of the river system in Murray Bridge, South Australia. The river is now starting to recede but it's still flowing much higher than usual.*

MDBA Executive Director of River Management, Andrew Reynolds, said the report highlighted the widespread rain and flooding that has dominated the 2022 water year. "The volume of water flowing into the River Murray system in November and December was the largest recorded in 127 years," Mr Reynolds said. "This followed record-breaking rainfall in many southern Basin communities, particularly between August and December.

"It is heartening to see the Murray River system positioned to provide strong water availability for communities and the environment well into 2023–24. "This also means it is unlikely the MDBA will need to draw water from the Menindee Lakes into the Murray system anytime soon."

Mr Reynolds said parts the Murray were expected to return to regulated conditions in the coming months if conditions remained relatively dry, however, water storages in the Murray River system remained at very high levels for this time of year, with Dartmouth Dam and Hume Dam virtually full and the Menindee Lakes above 100 percent. "The release of water to manage airspace has already started at Dartmouth Dam, and if reasonable rain persists into autumn, releases from Hume Dam will be required as we approach winter.

"The latest climate outlook issued by the Bureau of Meteorology points to average rainfall across the Basin for February to April 2023, with a possible trend to drier conditions from March to May 2023."

The River Murray System Annual Operating Outlook is prepared by the MDBA with input from the New South Wales, Victorian and South Australian governments.

*\*\* This operating snapshot captures data until the end of December 2022 and provides a forecast for conditions from January to May 2023.*

*(Information has been sourced from the Murray Darling Basin Authority website)*

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Sunday Service 9:30am

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**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

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Pastor Matthew Edgecomb 8536 3322

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- Saturday 9am-1pm
- Closed all public holidays



Recycling for the future

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# David Basham MP

Member for Finniss



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To book an alternative time, please contact the Finniss Electorate Office 08 8552 2152 or [finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au)



## Rebekha Sharkie MP

Federal Member for Mayo

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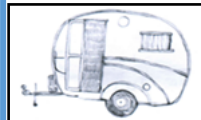


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# Marchrismick

33 Stirling St, Milang

Saturday 8th April, 10am to 4.30pm

Sunday 9th April, 10am to 7pm

Entry price-\$10, Concession-\$8, Children free

Like its name, Marchrismick is intriguing!

Dedicated recyclers John and Roberta have taken re-purposing to a whole new level in their extraordinary garden at Milang. They have run with the idea of inside/outside living and over time have built a cluster of fascinating small out-buildings and structures, creating a unique miniature village-like setting almost entirely from rescued materials.

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.

The garden is beautifully illuminated with fairy lights, and on Easter Sunday evening will remain open until 7pm to allow visitors to bring a picnic or just sit and enjoy the display.

Marchrismick is a fascinating property that is like no other!

## Activities:

- Walk and talk at **11am** and **2pm** both days
  - Plant and succulents from Clayton Bay Nursery
  - Cafe serving fair trade coffee and tea, homemade cakes, and icecream with homegrown boysenberries
  - Half the gate takings and all sales from 'cafe' will be donated to Fred Hollows and Medicins sans Frontiers (MSF)
- Please bring cash as EFTPOS facilities are not always available.**



**Please note:** This garden will be open until **7pm on Sunday** - visitors are invited to bring a picnic on Sunday to enjoy the beautiful garden lights after twilight.

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



# What's on in our region for April 2023



All of April		Rosemary Warmington is showcasing her "Colours of Nature" exhibition of landscapes, real and imagined, in the Art Space at Windsong Wines, 370 Clements Road, Langhorne Creek from 2.30-4.00pm each Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the end of April. Contact 0417 808 565.
		The Stationmaster's Gallery - exhibition "Photographs" featuring works by the Strathalbyn Camera Club. This exhibition will run until Wednesday 27 April. The Gallery is open 7 days, 10am til 4pm.
Saturday	1st	Glenbarr Homestead will hold their fundraiser "The Party Cats Under the Stars" (MA 15+ event) - BYO alcohol, BBQ, food and soft drinks available. Gates open 6.30pm, Showtime 8pm. \$30pp – tickets from <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/CECCR">www.trybooking.com/CECCR</a> .
Sunday	2nd	Daylight Savings finishes at 2am
		Goolwa Wharf Market - 9am - 3pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct
		Adelaide Fringe artist Emma Horwood "accomplished harpist and standout soprano" will be performing at St Andrews Church at 2pm. "Harp & Soul – Duo Celtica" Tickets \$35, concession \$30 from <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/CGOUB">www.trybooking.com/CGOUB</a> . Tickets available at the door subject to availability – contact David Bunton 0404 228 322. (NB - the Church is now wheelchair friendly with no step.)
		The CWA of Strathalbyn is holding their pre-Easter Autumn Market - Strathalbyn Show Hall from 12-5pm
		Following the release of their new single "Rise and Fall" popular powerhouse rockers Briony and Elle from "Salt and Steel" are back in town and will be performing at The Terminus Hotel from 4pm.
		Anyone looking for a wedding venue? Woodburn Homestead is open for viewing from 10am-5pm. Roam this special property at your leisure – register for your free ticket at <a href="https://woodburnhomestead.rezdy.com/553708/open-day">https://woodburnhomestead.rezdy.com/553708/open-day</a> or phone 0414 618 433 for an individual appt.
Friday <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	7th	Tom Curtain - "Nothin's Gonna Stop Us" music tour at the Riding Patch from 6-8.30pm - \$40 adults, \$35 seniors, students \$25, U5 free from <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/tom-curtain-tour-strathalbyn-sa">https://events.humanitix.com/tom-curtain-tour-strathalbyn-sa</a> Tickets available at the door subject to availability.
Saturday	8th	<b>Milang Easter Fair</b> at the Milang Railway Museum from 9am til 3pm - Dozens of stalls, and the Museum will be open with free train rides operating. For further information or to book a stall, please contact John on 0431 601 850.
		Come and check out the " <b>Already Read Books</b> " on offer at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory on Saturday, Sunday and Monday over Easter. Contact MOSHCC 8537 0687 or 0407 370 079.
		As part of the Open Gardens SA, "Marchrismick" will be opening their gates at 33 Stirling Street, Milang, on Saturday & Sunday 8 & 9 April from 10am til 4.30pm (Sat) and 10am til 7pm (Sun - BYO twilight picnics welcome) \$8, U18 free. All proceeds to Medecins sans Frontieres and Fred Hollows Foundation
Sunday	9th	Already Read Books - Milang Lakeside Butter Factory Cittaslow Goolwa Market - month 9am - 1pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Monday <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	10th	Already Read Books - Milang Lakeside Butter Factory
Wednesday	12th	Cafe Ruffino, 15 High Street, Strathalbyn will present "The Neil Diamond Experience" Pizza and Show – dinner from 6.30pm, show starts 7.15pm. \$45pp – seating limited, bookings essential – 8536 2355.
Saturday	15th	The Great Grape Stomping Lunch is back at Angas Plains Wines - from 12.30 til 5pm, \$95pp, \$35 children. Tickets <a href="https://angasplainswines1.rezdy.com/546838/grape-stomping-lunch-angas-plains-wines">https://angasplainswines1.rezdy.com/546838/grape-stomping-lunch-angas-plains-wines</a> or ring 8537 3159 to book your table.
		Strathalbyn Aboriginal Action and Reference Group are holding a Community Car Boot Sale at the Strathalbyn Neighbourhood Centre from 8am til 1pm. Contact 0431 337 044.
Sunday	16th	The Strathalbyn High Street Market will be held - next to Gilberts Motor Museum. Goolwa Wharf Market - 9am - 3pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Wednesday	19th	The Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club are holding a mid-week run to the Barossa Valley with lunch at a local cafe. Meet at Coleman Terrace 9.15am for a 9.30am start - contact Kate on 0429 671 685.
Thursday	20th	WOW group outing to the Backbeat 60 concert at the Murray Bridge Town Hall - Cost \$20 + bus fare - contact MOSHCC reception on 8537 0687 for bookings
Friday	21st	Milang Bowling Club - Friday Night Dinners - 6pm (Bar opens at 5.30) - Please book with Pam on 0418 844 775
Sunday	23rd	Angas Go Kart Club is holding their KT Light and Statesman Trophy Day From 2pm at 96 Nine Mile Road, Strathalbyn - entry \$5pp, U14 free.
		Cittaslow Goolwa Market - month 9am - 1pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Tuesday <b>ANZAC DAY</b>	25th	ANZAC Day Service will be held at Milang ANZAC Park - 10.30am for an 11am Service - followed by a BBQ lunch and refreshments at the Institute Hall.
		Anzac Day Dawn Service will be held at the Tooperang War Memorial Hall at 6.00am followed by Breakfast.
Sunday	30th	Cittaslow Goolwa Market - month 9am - 1pm, Jaralde Park Goolwa Wharf Precinct

If you have an event that you would like to see listed here, please send the details to [editor@milang.org.au](mailto:editor@milang.org.au)