

Milang Community News

October 2023

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A journal of the Milang & District
Community Association

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Clayton Bay, Finniss, Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek



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Blue Moon over Lake Alexandrina...by Christine Danton

FROM THE EDITOR

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

The MADCA AGM was held on the 5th September 2023 and there was a really good turnout for the meeting which was great. Please see the following page showing the new committee for the next year.

On Saturday the 7th October from 10am, celebrations are being held for the 20th Anniversary of the Milang Old School House Community Centre, please see the advert on page 7. It would be great to see everyone there and to join in with the fun and festivities.

I know it seems too early but I always say that once the October long weekend has been then Christmas is just around the corner. So, we are going to run our annual 'Christmas Lights Competition' again this year, please see the next page. Finally, it looks as though we are going to have a hot, dry summer, so it's a good time to get your property cleaned up to reduce any fire risk and also to make sure that you have a Bushfire Action Plan ready.

Have a great month...stay safe and enjoy the sunshine!!

Cathy Fish

Email: editor@milang.org.au

Contributions to the Milang Community News

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

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Front Cover - Blue Moon over Lake Alexandrina

Photo courtesy of Christine Danton

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Meet the new MADCA Committee



At the recent AGM on Tuesday 5th September 2023 the new committee and office bearers were elected to the Milang and District Community Association Committee.

(Standing left to right)

Don McInnes	Committee Member
Richard Prusa	Committee Member
Vivienne Maher	Committee Member
Wayne Footer	Committee Member
John Whyte	Vice President
Ray Perry	Secretary

(Seated left to right)

Karyn Bradford	President
Deb Stewart	Committee Member
Mike Linscott	Treasurer
Cathy Fish	Committee Member

Christmas Lights Competition

MOSHCC would like to encourage our community to decorate their homes with festive Christmas lights as part of our Annual Christmas Lights Competition.

Entries will close on Friday 8th December 2023 and judging will be conducted from 11th to 15th December.

Entries can be made by sending an email to editor@milang.org.au and ensure you provide your name, property address and contact phone number, or you can leave a note for me at the MOSHCC office.

The list of prizes will be published in the November edition of the Milang Community News.

Any enquiries please contact the Editor at MOSHCC on 8537 0687



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 feasts - 6th October & 3rd November

Please call 8537 0687 to book by the previous

Wednesday

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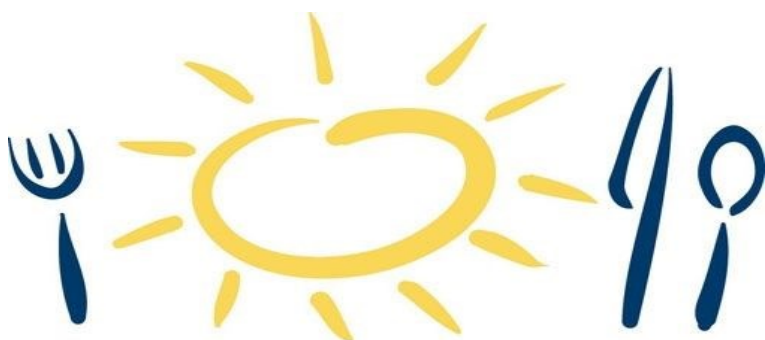
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fruit bats

Jules Leigh Koch

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like an inland tsunami

endless wing formations
are patterned overhead

their road rage chatter echoes out
detering birds of prey

as they fly along
the Torrens Vally

looking for pollen
and native fig trees

while others find only
power lines and barbed wire

their journey ends
where it started

upside down and always
before daybreak



POETS CORNER

Last Light

Amanda Solly

18 carat evening
jeweller in the sky
turning trees
to amber candlesticks
and lakes
to sapphire smelts.
Flaming Hereford rubies
and moonstone flocks of sheep
and just as quickly
shut up shop
for the evening markets
of soot and coal.



stone-fruit

Peter Mahoney

prevented by human pragmatism
in reaching for the sky
the peach tree learns to sprout
from below the cut

in silhouette
against the night sky
my leafless geometry
my bonsai

ladder-shy soul



Great Egret

Mavis Lang

Over there by the reeds
like a cut-out from a child's punch
so white against the blue paper sky,
the great egret's impossibly long neck
stretches high like a steeple,
then gracefully bows
as it searches the shallows
still as a statue
until its snake neck
pierces the silver water.

Cloud-slow, it moves along the bank
with elegant ballet steps,
that barely crease
the mirrored surface.
Again, it dips beneath,
snowy body afloat,
like the keel of a white boat
its periscope below
reading the menu
in river weeds.

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



Over 50's Keep Fit Class

Milang Institute Hall
Thursday 10am-11am
All Welcome

For info call MOSHCC 8537 0687

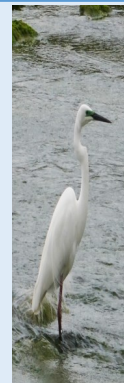
We won't let our body succumb to old age.

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.

Tai Chi



Tai Chi resumes on Wednesday October 25th after a 3 week break.

As we move through Spring allow a few moments everyday to bring a 'spring' in your step. Take notice as you walk, lightly attaching to the earth instead of pounding! Take the rush out of walking sometimes and enjoy a gentle, grounded walk.

In Tai Chi we use gentle movements to allow the muscles, tendons, ligaments (the whole internal workings of the body actually) to relax. As we release tension our breathing can relax too. A little bit of self care, it's a good thing.

If you're curious to try and see if it suits you, come to the Institute supper room 1pm on Wednesdays during school term. If you are after more information contact Jen on 0412595102 leave a message, I'll get back to you.

Meanwhile at some stage everyday breathe and release tension from somewhere in your body. You're worth it.

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.

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

TRIVIA



Answers Page **24**

By Jude Aquilina

1. What are the three fillings in a BLT sandwich?
2. What does a spelunker explore?
3. Which is longer, a metre or a yard?
4. Name Africa's longest river.
5. *Pig's ear* is rhyming slang for which beverage?
6. What is the oldest letter in the English alphabet?
7. Mt Zeil is the highest peak in which Australian state or territory?
8. Who was the first prime minister of Australia?
9. How many Adelaide TV channels were there in 1964?
10. What is the state bird of Western Australia?

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BUTTER FACTORY REPORT

September 2023



October 2023

4 th	Terry Sim
5 th	Vicky Warby
7 th	Graham Eatts
11 th	Peter Evans
16 th	Charlotte Oliver
18 th	Tracy Cross
19 th	Hayley Woolfitt
24 th	Tanisha Barrett
25 th	Alvyn Hopgood

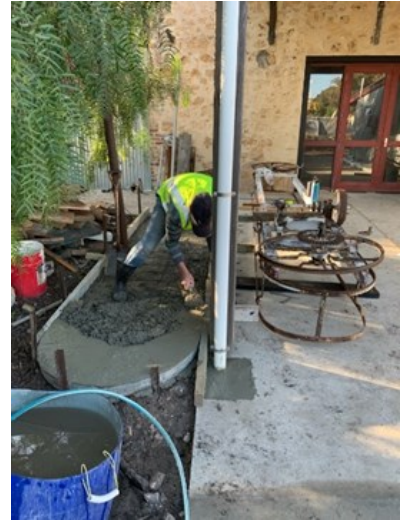


Happy Anniversary!

8 th	Kaye & John Toshach
25 th	Tracy & Colin Cross
30 th	Raymond & Penny-Sue Perry

What another month! This Thursday (28th September) it didn't rain, two reasons come to mind, we weren't doing a concrete pour and Norm wasn't here, he has gone on a well-deserved holiday (have a great break Norm and Glenys, you both deserve it).

The last small pour we did with Norm was the plinth for the paddler-seat base, it wasn't a Thursday and it didn't rain, go figure, the paddler has now been installed and we will soon fit some seating to it, (using old fascia boards from the Cottage), got to love that recycling, it just fits with this project.



Norm concreting the plinth

The big push this last couple of weeks has been to start the carpark and this has involved removal of fill, levelling, over-filling with rubble and working out the final levels. Dave Garwood has worked the levels in the back lot, so we don't have to install spoon drains or sumps for storm water, a good outcome to present a much cleaner look to the whole car park.



Back yard excavation

Rainfall for September 2023



Fri 01/09/2023	1.2
Thu 07/09/2023	3.8
Fri 08/09/2023	7.2
Sat 09/09/2023	1
Thu 21/09/2023	2
Wed 27/09/2023	0.4
September Total	15.6 mm

This last week was not completely without concrete, the curbing has been started in the car park and hopefully will be completed along with the pathways and pergola in the next week. This will really tidy up the back area of the Factory. When this is completed, Dave Garwood will come back to finish off with the final levels.



Concreting the kerbing

Looking from the carpark towards the back of the Factory we have a garden bed in front of the toilets, the doors on the toilets have been clear coated with a marine grade satin varnish, being in partial shade the varnish should protect the wood for a few seasons. The same treatment has been applied to the Book Shop barn doors and to the Machinery shed back door.

In the Cottage we have finished painting the front three rooms the hallway, toilets and store-room. The reception area, (*the old lounge room*) has had a door widened to accommodate the moving of fridges into the cool room area, this will also help with disabled access to the toilets. Speaking of toilets, all of the pans have been installed, so we are now waiting for the vinyl to be laid in this area and the kitchen, and carpets to be laid in the offices. The floors in the hallway and reception will be polished wood.

Another job completed this month was the ceiling insulation. The air conditioning base units have been positioned and will have the in-cottage units and ducting installed very soon.

Another job finished off during the month was the wi-fi fit out. Three technicians on site over three days installed the base station boxes and repeater masts from the Cottage to the MOSHCC. They connected all of the in-wall data points and ceiling fittings, so now we have working wi-fi around the whole Butter Factory/MOSHCC complex. The frontage sign writing has also been completed.

This week we had our fire extinguisher locations identified and installed and an evacuation plan will be developed for the Butter Factory and Cottage to be posted on the wall.

Next week Dave will be working on the verandah and portico to finish off the outside of the Cottage. Once the back pergola is concreted a small retaining wall will be built on the back with c-section steel and concrete sleepers to retain the different level of the car park, this will give us another small garden area.

Again, a fantastic effort from all the volunteers on the project and thank you to the Book Shop ladies for their support as well. See you next month as we get very close to the finish.

Cheers

John Bradford,

Site Manager



Start of the pergola

WOW Group Update



This month saw WOW enjoy a movie at the Institute that was filmed in Milang. Having never watched it myself, I was keen to see which buildings had been used in the movie.

Once cups of tea and coffee were served up, we settled in and began the film. Seeing the actors in front of the Butter Factory and a quick glimpse of the MOSHCC building, I couldn't help but think of the people involved in the restoration of the Butter Factory, putting in their time and effort to bring this historic part of Milang back to life.

After the movie had finished, everyone gathered for nibbles and a chat. It was a delight speaking to everyone on their thoughts about the movie and some people's memories about when the film was made.

A big thank you to the children from the school who were quiet as mice next door and then helped put tables and chairs away after the movie. Also, a big thank you to Maureen, who helped with sandwiches and set up and June, who jumped in after the movie with Maureen, washed dishes and cleaned up. Thanks girls.



On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone in the community that congratulated me and my family on the arrival of my first grandchild, Maya Ocean. Born on the 12th of September at 4:31, weighing a cuddly 4.055kgs.

The next WOW adventure is on Wednesday the 25th of October, where we will be travelling to Carrick hill. Entry is \$12 and the bus is \$15. For further information, please contact MOSHCC.

Looking forward to our next WOW ADVENTURE !!!



WOW WONDERFUL WOMEN'S GROUP



25th October - Carrick Hill + Lunch

Information and WOW pamphlet is at MOSHCC should anyone be interested in joining the group.

Contact Reception at MOSHCC on 8537 0687 for bookings or email lakeshomecare@moshcc.com.au

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CAR CLOCK

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JUST YARNING in SEPTEMBER



Well! it's past, and we are still here, the cold wet wintery blast has gone, and we still have the feeling in our fingers and toes! Knitting needles now defrosted and still working busily on blankets and woollies ready for the next cold blast.

During this year we have donated to the following needy organisations: - Milang Caravan Park, local individuals, Growing Life Connections, St Vincent De Paul, Camp Russell Veteran's Camp at Alawoona. We have also had some huge donations of beautiful wools and patterns and needles for which we are forever grateful. A big **THANK YOU** to all the generous people who have kept our hands and fingers busy. We appreciate your support.

If you would like to knit or crochet squares at home for our cause, we can supply the wool and needles. Just pop into The Milang Mini Mart where we meet on Thursday mornings and collect a supply.

The dimensions of the squares are 25cms x 25cm with 8 ply on 4mm needles, or if you fancy joining us for coffee, you can start right away. You can take as long as you need to do whatever you choose, whether it's a square, a scarf, fingerless gloves or beanie. There are no time restrictions. Or perhaps you might be a whiz at sewing the squares together to make the blanket! It's your choice.. This blanket, gloves, scarf and beanie ready for a new home.

JM



Norm Foster, an amazing guy will help **anybody with anything**. He pops into Just Yarning to see if there is anything he can do for us. Lyn had just finished knitting a hairband and of course Norm modelled it, very professionally as you can see. A man of many talents ! Thanks Norm, JM



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2023 Village Conversations

It's time to catch up

We're back with the 2023 Village Conversations, ready to dive into what matters most to your community. Since our last Village Conversations, a lot has been happening at both the state and local levels.

We are excited to share what's new, what Council have done, what we have planned and to reconnect with you about your priorities. These conversations with our communities help us to develop our annual budgets, action plans and will further shape the place-based Village Innovation Plans for each township.

We know not everyone is thrilled by the idea of a formal 'town hall meeting.' That's why we've put together sessions that are not only engaging but family-friendly too. Feel free to drop in anytime between 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Whether you have a few minutes to spare or want to immerse yourself in discussions, the choice is yours. For those who want a deeper dive there will be scheduled presentations from on topics relevant to your town.

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Village Conversation and drop by to enjoy a cuppa, stay for a sausage sizzle, and most importantly, connect with your local council and community members.

Strathalbyn/ Finnis/ Ashbourne

Wednesday 8 November
Strathalbyn Football Club

Mount Compass

Thursday 16 November
Mount Compass War Memorial Hall

Langhorne Creek/ Woodchester/ Hartley

Thursday 23 November
Langhorne's Creek Memorial Hall

Milang

Wednesday
29 November
Milang Institute

Clayton Bay

Thursday 7 December
Clayton Bay Community Hall

*Information
sourced from
the Alexandrina
Council website*

Friday Youth Hang Out

**Fridays, 4:30-6pm
during school term**

**At the Milang Youth Hub,
Paddlesteamer Drive**

**For more info contact the Reclink
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MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

Alexandrina



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help out with social, recreation and sports activities for young people in Milang and surrounds

Would you, or someone you know, like to:

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

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. Young people encouraged to apply.

For more info or to apply, contact MOSHCC on 8537 0687 or visit moshcc.com.au/2023/01/10/youth-volunteers



**ALREADY READ BOOKS
BOOK ART CRAFT & DECORATION**



Would you like to be able to create these and many more fascinating fun works of art ?

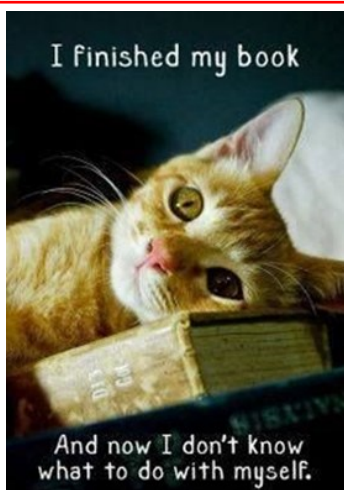
It's simple when you're shown how!!

Already Read Books is organising a **BOOK ART WORKSHOP** at a date and time yet to be advised. Be one of the first to join this new group.

A morning or afternoon session including refreshments, with all materials supplied will cost \$10 per person.

Please indicate your interest by ringing Milang Community Centre on 8537 0687 for more information and to register your name and email or your phone number.

Also indicate a day and time suitable to you, so we can accommodate and arrange appropriate session times. You will be contacted when session dates are confirmed.



FUNDRAISING

ALREADY READ BOOKS

It's October and Spring is in the air!

Gone, the wet, cold wintery days when you could enjoy a good book in a comfy chair or cosy nook, warm slippers and a hot drink.

ARRB have an amazing collection of Gardening books, Landscaping or Do It Yourself books. Now is the time to get out and about and get the feel of good earth under your fingernails (so to speak). Call into Already Read and peruse the book shelves for the book that will give you new ideas and the urge to grow, pave or build!!

During September we added \$260 worth of donations to the coffers for the Butter Factory. *Thank you to our supporters.*

Check out the advert (to the left) for the ARRB Workshop on Book Art to be held in the bookshop in the next couple of months. JM

ALREADY READ BOOKS

**Milang Lakeside
Butter Factory**

Open Dates: OCTOBER 2023

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Saturday 7th	10am-3pm
Sunday 8th	10am-3pm
Saturday 21st	10am-3pm
Sunday 22nd	10am-3pm





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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 - Spring Concert and Art Exhibition



After many weeks of rehearsals, the students from Milang Campus held their Annual Spring Concert and Art Exhibition at the Milang Institute on Thursday 21st September.

The afternoon was well attended and started at 3pm with a varied programme from choir songs, dances, plays, acrobats, jokes and even a staff dance! The afternoon was hosted by Seth and Troy, our school captains.

After the concert the audience were invited into the Supper room to enjoy the students varied art pieces and could purchase their packs of cards of Junior Primary – Sunflowers or Upper Primary Butter Factory.

Locals are welcome to purchase these also for \$2 each or pack of 8 for \$12. Come and see Donna in the front office during school term.

We would like to acknowledge the many hours spent planning and rehearsing, sewing costumes and putting the art together, by students and staff. We have a very dedicated team at Milang Campus who are committed to seeing the students succeed and have their opportunity to shine.

Enjoy the photos.





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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

Cnr Commercial Road & North Parade, Strathalbyn

Pastor Matthew Edgecomb 8536 3322

Catholic Church—Good Shepherd, East Terrace, Strathalbyn

Father Richard Morris 8391 1053





MEDIA RELEASE

David Basham MP Member for Finniss



The community of Milang has shared their views on important community issues by attending the August Coffee Catch up at Milang Mini Mart. I look forward to the next one on 17 November 2023. I enjoyed the sense of pride and care that the community shared and I took some specific issues to the Southern Fleurieu health forum in September.

The health forum discussed that infrastructure is important for future health care needs, along with appropriate programs for the population and place but the most critical aspect of future exceptional health care is the workforce. I had the opportunity to share that Milang does not have access to a GP, yet a very strong community centre service.

The forum and survey responses will be collated and submitted to the Minister for Health and the Southern Fleurieu Health Advisory Council to assist their planning for our region.

Please consider filling in the survey <https://davidbasham.com.au/health-forum-post-event-survey> to have your say or by contacting our office.

The forum can be viewed on facebook live at www.facebook.com/DavidBashamFinniss/videos/241218299654040



L-R Penny Pratt MP, Dr Andrew Benson, Ashton Hurn MP, Loretta Byers HAC, David Basham MP at the Health forum



Visit to the Milang Community Centre



David Basham MP

Member for Finniss

We are bringing the 'office' to you...

Clayton Bay Community Hall
Wednesday 8 November 12.30-1.30pm

Milang Mini Mart
Friday 17 November 10.30am-11.30am

Finniss General Store
Friday 24 November 10:30 - 11:30am

Join David Basham MP to ask a question or discuss what matters to you and your community.
To book an alternative time, please contact the
Finniss Electorate Office 08 8552 2152 or finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au



Milang Cottage Garden Club monthly outing report

Hi Fellow Gardeners

Where has the year gone? It is spring already and we are not ready for it but we'll get there. On the 13th we left Milang with an almost full bus with just two empty seats. We were not going very far just to Mt Barker and surrounding areas. The weather was lovely if a little warm, I have not got used to it yet or used to dressing for the warmth. We welcomed a new member to our group and hope she had a good time and will join us again.

First stop was Garden Depot where we were greeted by a riot of colour. Everyone seemed to be selective with their purchases thinking of the temperature and how long plants would have to sit in the bus. We missed Mitre 10, so the next stop was Mistry Creek where some members found a seat in the shade and watched the rest of us look around. I could not resist a cyclamen which is a double bloom in a deep red with curly petals, very unusual.

Next stop was Bunnings where many items, not garden related, were purchased as well as seedlings like tomatoes etc. It was very busy here with everyone out getting their seedlings to get an early start on their vegetable gardens. Next stop was Beerenberg where we stopped for lunch, some of us eating out side at the picnic tables while others purchased something from the extensive menu.

From here we made our way to Karloo at Oakbank, once again a riot of colour and I was tempted by some orchids but resisted even though I did not have the

colours on display nor do I have the room until I have had a sort out and they were a little on the pricey side.

We enjoyed our usual end of day coffee to celebrate Margaret's birthday, then left for home talking about next month's trip and where to go for our Christmas lunch, arriving home early but happy to have been out with likeminded people on a lovely spring day.

The next trip will be on the 11th October when we will visit members gardens to see what they have done with all of the plants we purchased during the year. We will leave the Institute at 9am as usual, do the gardens in Milang before heading to Clayton Bay, then either Finniss Fodder Store for coffee the nursery or the other way round.

You will need to bring your lunch, a drink, and a hat, plus an item for the raffle box, September's box was won by Jeff.

Happy Gardening

Anne Feast
8537 0453



Brian Matthews

7th October 1945 - 14th August 2023



On Wednesday 6th September I attended the Funeral of a dear friend Brian Matthews. I first met Brian a few months after I moved into Milang and started as a Volunteer for MADCA Inc. I transported him to several medical appointments, and we became quite close.

Then one Sunday afternoon I received a phone call asking if I knew any electrician as his power had just gone out. I said sadly no but I will drop around and see if I can sort out the problem. So off I went with my limited "sparky expertise". I soon found his safety-cut off switch had tripped and I soon analysed that his kettle had shorted out. So, we found a saucepan re-cycled his power and brewed him a cuppa.

He was a regular member of our Sticky-Beaks group, and we became even closer. He invited me to his Wednesday afternoon wine tasting where we solved the world's problems with other wine tasters at his home.

Brian was the loving partner to Prudence who took great care of him. He was a devoted father and father-in-law of David, Bec, Brad and Alice, and a very cheeky grandad of Jai, Dale, Zach, Will and Michael.

His service was at Howards Winery Nairne, which was a fitting location as Brian was a connoisseur of red wine, and we all enjoyed a great wine.

During the service we heard about how he came from India as a very young man. We also heard how he was placed into an orphanage at around 3 years of age as he was a difficult child for his single mother. Despite his difficult upbringing he prospered and did well at school and then as an Anglican Indian was able to migrate to Australia landing in Sydney.

Eventually he went to work for Woolworths, and he was transferred to Adelaide where he was responsible for the roll out of computerisation in South Australia.

We heard from his family of how he was a great family man and how he loved his children and grandchildren. I found the service extremely enlightening with Brian being a great loving Australian with everyone speaking highly of his remarkable life.

Brian will be missed by all, but never forgotten.

John Whyte



Consumer Advisory Body

Milang & District Community Association – Lakes Home Care allows aged care consumers and their representatives to participate in a Consumer Advisory Body. The purpose of the Consumer Advisory Body is to provide Lakes Home Care with feedback about the organisation’s quality of care so that we can improve services. Consumers and their representatives are invited to register their expressions of interest.

What information do I need to provide to register?

You must provide your name, contact details, phone number and email address, and the aged care service you or the client you’re representing receives. Our preferred contact method is email; if you do not use email, please let us know. You need to identify whether you:

- Currently receive LHC aged care services
- Are a carer, supporter, or close family member of a consumer. You will be invited to provide information about your experience with aged care and why you would like to join the Consumer Advisory Body. You are not required to answer these questions, but if you do, it will help us invite you to relevant sessions.

How will I know whether my contribution will make a difference?

- We will listen to and consider all feedback that is our commitment to you.
- We hope to have many different people on the Consumer Advisory Body and will listen carefully to what you have to say.
- The objective is to collaborate, to understand the different views, and to do our best to improve our services.
- After each session, we will give the group feedback on the outcomes and what we are doing with the suggestions made.
- Over time, we aim to improve our services with your assistance.

We ask that Consumer Advisory Body members agree to

- Respect the privacy of other members and do not disclose personal information (about you or others) during Consumer Advisory Body engagements.
- Keep certain sensitive information confidential; do not share this information.
- Declare any conflicts of interest that may affect participation.
- Listen to the views of others, even if you disagree with them, and allow time for others to speak. Everybody will be supported to share their opinions and experiences.
- Speak to other members and our staff politely and respectfully.

It may not be possible for the Consumer Advisory Body to cover every area of care. But if there are issues you are passionate about, please tell us in your Expression of Interest form, and we will consider this.

We will listen to and consider all feedback – our commitment to you. We hope to have many different people on the Consumer Advisory Body and will listen carefully to what you have to say. The objective is to collaborate, to understand the different views, and to do our best to improve our services. After each session, we will give the group feedback on the outcomes and what we are doing with the suggestions made. Over time, with your assistance, we aim to improve our services.

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Southern Districts Flying Club

We are now well and truly into our spring season and the land is changing colours. The vibrant yellow of the Canola crops is rapidly fading, low-lying water is disappearing and the countryside is starting to dry off. All predictions are that we are in for a hot dry summer.



The photo shows a Cumulus studded sky with the windsock indicating a moderate northwest wind as three of our members prepare their gyroplanes for another day of flying.

Our September Sausage Saturday was well attended with some great morning flying for our trike and gyro pilots. Midday and we sparked up the BBQ for some well earned sausages and casual conversation.

Members enjoyed the day so we have scheduled another for Saturday 7th of October. Once again we will start with some morning flying before congregating in the main hangar around midday for a sausage or two. If successful we will look at making this a regular monthly feature.

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

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What is expected of members?

Members will join for one year, possibly extending that time. We will consult with members throughout the year in different ways, including.

- Online meetings of up to 1.5 hours. Members may need to do some reading and preparation before the meeting.
- Reviewing draft documents and providing comments.
- Completing surveys or phone interviews.
- Face-to-face meetings in different locations from time to time. We will invite each member to participate in around two (2) tasks per year. We understand that you may not be able to participate in some activities.

We would support all those who wish to participate.

Lakes Home Care Management & Administrative Team

Come Fly With Us!



What better way to experience the thrill of flight than to have a Trial Flight with one of our qualified instructors in a Gyroplane? Experience first hand the freedom of flight as you take the controls under the guidance of your instructor.

Gift Vouchers Available

**For bookings or further information contact Larry:
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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

Benefits of sharing our stories

Owning
our story
and loving
ourselves through
that process is the
bravest
thing that you'll
ever do.

Sharing our stories can be a powerful and meaningful way to connect with others, inspire, educate, and even create positive change. However, when sharing our stories, we need to consider a few things, such as our story, our intention in sharing our story, and our audience. For most people with a mental illness, it can be beneficial to hear from others who have experienced similar things.

Connecting with others who have similar mental health experiences can offer several benefits for individuals struggling with their mental health issues:

1. **Validation and normalisation**: Listening to others who have gone through similar struggles can help validate a person's feelings and experiences. It can assure them that they are not alone in their struggles and that what they are going through is a normal part of a mental illness.
2. **Reduce stigma**: Sharing stories can help reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues. When we openly discuss our challenges, it helps to break down stereotypes and misunderstandings which can create a more understanding community.

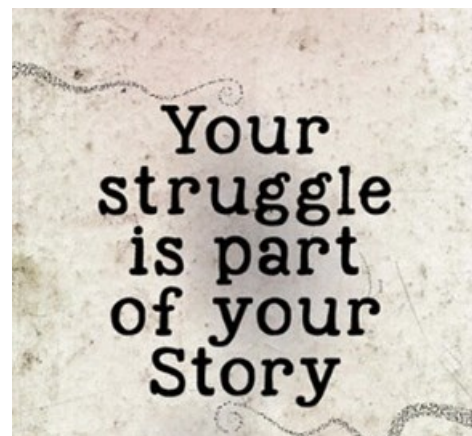
3. **Empowerment**: Learning from other peoples journeys can empower us to take an active role in managing our own mental Health. It can provide us with the knowledge that recovery is possible.
4. **Learning coping strategies**: Connecting with others who have similar experiences can show you strategies that have worked for others, and they may work for you.
5. **Peer Support**: Peer support can be incredibly valuable. People who have faced similar challenges can often offer unique insights, advice, and encouragement that might resonate better with you.
6. **Sense of belonging**: Mental Health illnesses can often make people feel isolated and disconnected from others. Talking to others who have experiences similar can often provide a sense of belonging to a community that understands and accepts you for you.
7. **Hope and inspiration**: Hearing stories about others who have successfully gotten help for their illness can offer hope and inspiration, it can give you some belief in your own ability to heal and recover. It shows that recovery is achievable and that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.
8. **Empathy and Understanding**: When we hear about others' experiences it can enhance our empathy and understanding for people experiences similar challenges. This can lead to a more supportive community.

A few things that you should also consider –

1. It is important to respect the storyteller's confidentiality.
2. Storytelling can often trigger a person as many of the topics discussed are sensitive, you need to approach the content with caution.

3. While sharing successes and positive outcomes can provide hope, it's also important to acknowledge the complexities and setbacks that come with mental health challenges.
4. It's important to remind individuals that every person's journey is unique. Comparing one's own journey with others can sometimes lead to feelings of inadequacy or frustration.
5. Mental health recovery is often a process with ups and downs. Managing expectations is important to prevent disillusionment.

It is important to note that while connecting with people who share a similar experience can be beneficial, professional guidance and treatment are essential for managing mental health issues. Peer support should complement, not replace, the advice and treatment provided by a mental health professional. It is also important to approach with a balanced understanding of the limitations of sharing your story.



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

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

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Red Cross News October 2023

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

Wednesday and Saturday 9am until Midday

We have a large array of men's, women's and children's clothes, bedlinen, children's books and assorted toys, all are welcome to come and browse.

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

The small stall by the oval entrance has a selection of books, DVD's, plants & toys etc. A donation box is available at the stall.

Thanks to everyone for your support for the Red Cross.

We had an Open Garden visit to Marchismick Gardens, 33 Stirling Street, Milang on the 27th September at 1:30pm. (see page 33)

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

Next meeting will be on the 4th October 2023 at the Railway Museum at 12:30

Doris & Chris Lambert

Publicity Officers

TRIVIA ANSWERS

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By Jude Aquilina



1. Bacon, lettuce, tomato: BLT
2. A spelunker explores caves
3. A metre is longer than a yard
4. The Nile is Africa's longest river
5. *Pig's ear* is rhyming slang for beer
6. The letter O – unchanged since 1300 BC
7. Northern Territory's highest peak is Mt Zeil
8. Sir Edmond Barton was Australia's first PM
9. Only three TV channels in Adelaide in 1964
10. The black swan is WA's state bird

ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?



A special mention here to the work down on the greens by our greenkeeper Greg Bowen. Everyone appreciated how perfect the greens were. Thank you Greg and your band of helpers, the greens played beautifully.

BOWLS ARE BACK IN TOWN!!!

Saturday 23rd September saw the opening day of the 23/24 bowls season at the club. A fantastic day, weatherwise, attendance wise and green wise. Everything was perfect.



After a speech from Vice President Greg Bowen and Patron Pauline Perry welcoming bowlers, Club Patron Alvin Hopgood rolled the first bowl of the season and a great roll it was too.



Those present were organised into teams of three to play Division 3 against Division 5. There were a few rusty bowlers put down but overall, everyone seemed to be playing very well. 14 ends were completed under a clear blue sky with only the faintest of breezes, most unusual for our opening days!



At the end of our overs everyone retired to clubhouse to indulge in some afternoon tea.



Thanks to those who provided the food. It was devoured in no time!!

The season gets underway in October with pennants matches commencing on October 14th. This year we have a Division 3 team and a Division 5 team. We have strong teams this season so let's hope we have more successes.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS are back!!!! First one will be October 6th, followed by October 20th. Please follow us on our Facebook page or announcements on Milang Community Pride and Events page for information on specials etc. We thank you for your understanding of our break, we really needed it!! But we are back ready to tackle another season.

SOCIAL BOWLS commences October 10th. This night is a great social night for all. We play a game of bowls then we retire to the Clubhouse for eats. (We seem to do a lot of that!) Evening begins at 6.00pm, please arrive around 5.30. We ask you bring a plate of food for sharing. Club bowls are available to borrow. Please wear flat soled shoes.

Please come along to our club, check us out, our facilities are available to the town.

Until next month, see you on the Greens!!!!

Bev Spicer



Sundays at Milang Station 12 to 4



Devonshire Teas \$6
Hamburgers \$8
Steak Sandwich \$8
Cappuchino \$4
Iced Coffee \$5
Cheese Dog \$4
And lots more ...



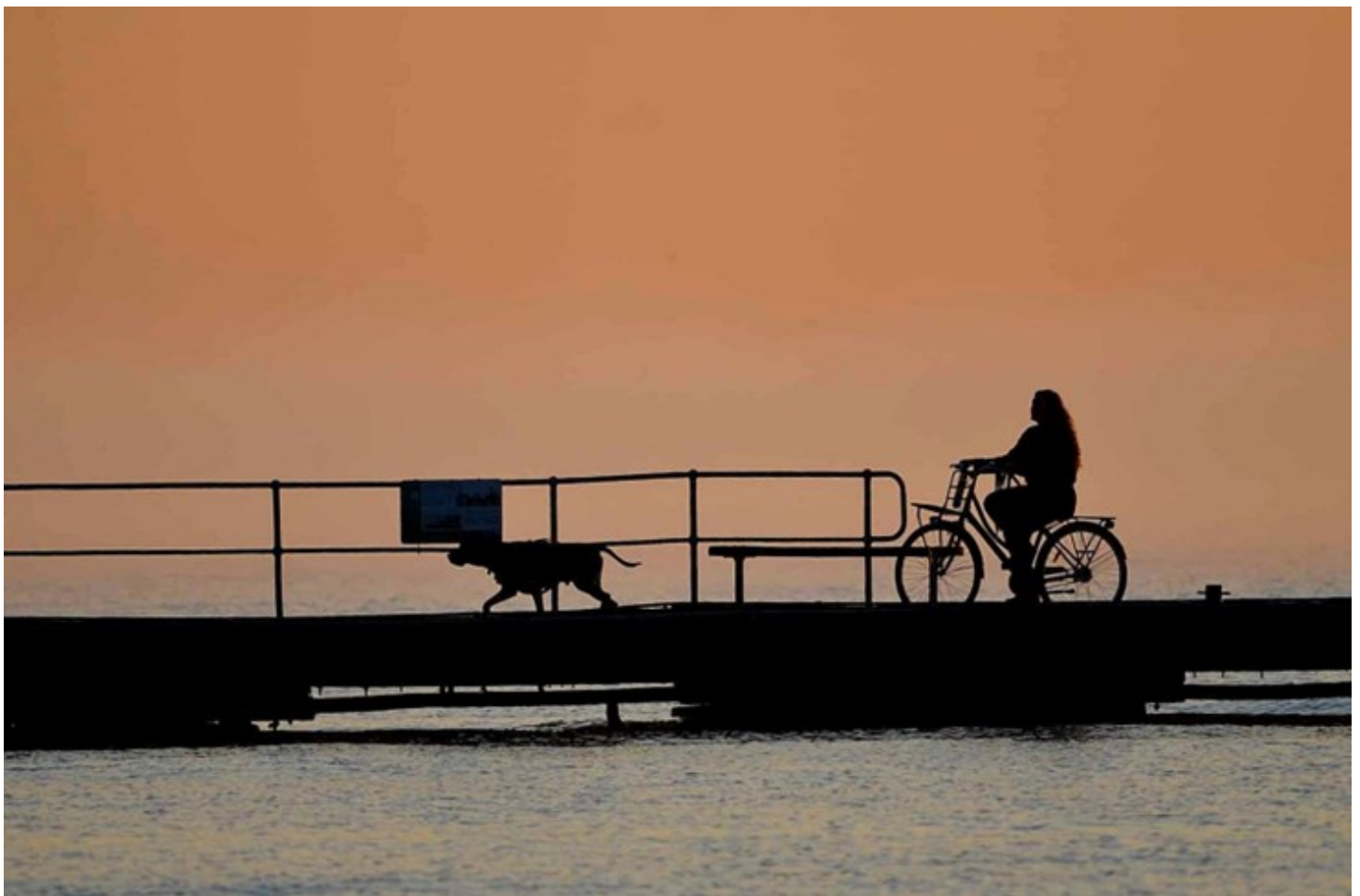
Plus Craft Shop
& Free Train Rides

Open on Saturdays
12 - 4 Displays Only



Volunteers needed for maintenance, train driving, guides, cafeteria staff, etc.

www.milangrailway.org.au or 0414 232 060



This stunning photo is of Hayley Lepe and 'Forest' her dog (German Short hair pointer) and was taken by Christine Danton at daybreak on Friday 22nd September 2023.

All Aboard—September 2023

Take a Train Ride through Milang’s History

We now have a sound and light show at the railway museum installed in the guards van. Visitors can now take seat in the passenger compartment and watch a seven minute audio visual presentation of Milang’s history. The story is told by Albert Landseer, the founder of Milang, who is played by one of our volunteers, Tony Gates. It is arranged so that visitors sitting in the compartment feel that they are on a train ride.

The video was put together by the museum volunteers using old photos from the museum’s collection plus more from the History Society and the State Library. The equipment and the work was funded by hey \$7500 ground from the history trust of South Australia. A side benefit is that the museum now has the skills to produce more videos on a variety of subjects.

Like everything at the museum, apart from the wonderful refreshments, it is all free of charge so come and have a look.

Help!

With the number of visitors growing, we have an urgent need for volunteers, male or female, to do just four hours a month on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. The volunteers are needed to show the visitors around the station and our various displays and exhibits. Full training will be given. If you are interested then come along between 12:00 and 4:00 on Sunday the 8th of October and ask for Peter who will show you around and explain what we do.



Track Extension

In the next few weeks you will see a bit of work going on West of the station and South of the rounded terrace. The museum is going to extend our narrow gauge track down to the end of our lease property and Alexandrina Council has agreed to come and help us with a bit of cut and fill to ease the gradient for our trains. No buildings or permanent structures are planned.

Milang Environmental Centre Serving our community

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

Ph Don 0423 105 261 or Chris 0411 474 529



Services:

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

Hours: Wednesday and Saturday 10am - 4pm

Corner of Weeroona Drive and Jupiter Street MILANG

MEC NEWS - October 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



New MEC volunteer Micky 'Windows' loads can into the crusher machine.

NEW VOLUNTEER AT MEC

The Milang Environment Centre which provides deposit container recycling, green and metal waste disposal services for the local community is always in need of volunteers. Rumour has it that some members of the current team of selfless volunteers are reaching an age where accurately and quickly counting cans or bottles is a serious challenge. So, when a slim, fit, youthful Micky "Windows" Blanshard recently offered to join the MEC volunteer team, he was gratefully welcomed. There was no special training initiation for Micky because at the time MEC volunteer numbers were low and he was literally thrown into the deep end of the pool, charged with responsibility for operating a forklift to load a truck within minutes of his arrival. He confidently and efficiently completed the task with aplomb and thus immediately impressed his volunteer colleagues.

MEC volunteer Micky 'Windows' operates 'The Depressor' crushing machine



Lakeside Men's Shed at the oval

BBQ every Thursday (donation)

From 12:00 oon

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.



PROFILE MICKY 'WINDOWS' BLANSHARD

Micky Blanshard lived in Old Reynella and Goolwa before moving to Milang 15 years ago. He has operated his own business; 'Amaze Window Cleaning' for over 12 years and is a well-known, popular local entity. His business began by chance when he was asked to clean chandeliers in well-to-do Adelaide homes before undertaking larger cleaning contracts for BP and Woolworths. Now Micky 'Windows' prefers to do small-scale, local glass cleaning jobs and recently decided to also help MEC when he heard volunteer numbers were short.

Like a true -blue Aussie, Micky likes a punt on the horses and a beer. Listening to him talk it is hard to tell that he is originally, in his own words, "a ten-pound Pom" brought out from England by his parents when he was just 9 years old and settling first at West Beach. Micky's father was a highly skilled radio technician and the family soon shifted to Woomera for 8 years where Micky attended school while his father worked probably for the Anglo-Australian Long-Range Weapons Establishment which later became the Woomera Rocket Range. Note; according to Wikipedia the Aboriginal word 'Woomera' (Dharug language), refers to the small wooden device made and used to facilitate throwing spears which made it an apt name for a rocket launch site.

Mickey's father must have been good at his job because Mickey remembers being 11 years old when they went from the heat of Woomera to Cumbria on the remote north-west coast of England which Mickey describes as "bloody freezing cold!". At an expansive RAF base called Spadeadam, his father underwent specialist training in tactical electronic warfare and returned to Woomera where the joint project tested Blue Streak rockets and Black Arrow launchers.



MEC volunteer Micky 'Windows' drives forklift to load glass bottles

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK

When asked by Milang News to comment on how well he has fit into the MEC team, Mickey said the volunteers enjoy doing valuable community service work that reduces waste and encourages recycling. His only regret is that he did not expect a team of seniors, (aka 'dinosaurs') to be so competitive. Micky told Milang News; "At times it is like a football match. These MEC volunteers have monumental battles to win things such as the VIP car park space, the biggest piece of Lyla's cake, or operation of the crushing machine 'The Depressor'. However, despite those tussles, most of the time they work in efficient harmony, have some fun and I am happy to be part of the team."

Anyone interested in being a MEC volunteer, actively learning about recycling, using machinery, enjoying delicious cakes, long tea breaks and meeting local residents, please contact MEC by phone or email or call in personally Wednesday or Saturday.



Lyla The Cake Lady's gift to MEC volunteers after the boss took his share

HISTORIC GRAVES IN THE MILANG CEMETERY

No. 30 - MURRAY

By Mervyn Hopgood

John Murray's son Arthur Inkster Murray was born in 1851 and died in 1908 aged 57 years, he married Jane Goldfinch on the 1st of April 1880, Jane died in 1934 aged 83 years. The couple had seven children. The oldest Lily Inkster was born in 1880 but lived only six months, the second child Margaret Jane born in 1881 lived only one month.

The third child May Elizabeth (born 1882), May worked in the Milang Butter Factory as a young girl, she married Robert (Bob) Noles on the 12th of January 1909 and the couple had two children Horrie and Dulcie.

I got to know Bob fairly well, he was a painter and I believe in the early days his family were carriage painters (in the days of horsepower). I don't think he owned a car, he carried his tools of trade on a pushbike, ladders etc but taken to wherever he was painting by land owners.

I remember as a young lad I helped him paint the picket fence that surrounds the Church of Christ in those days. Bob was an unsung hero I think he is the only one of two life members of the Milang cricket club yet I don't think he played cricket.

Every Saturday when Milang were playing at home Bob would attend to the wood copper. It was situated at the end of our afternoon tea shed (only dirt floor) the Copper was contained in a raised brick wall [open front] in which kindling and lighting wood was kept. Bob would walk down to the Oval about 1 ^{1/2} hours before afternoon tea was taken and always had the copper boiling in time. I think there was a small tank at the copper end of the shed to fill the copper with. The gutter on the shed was always kept clean so that there was always fresh water. Bob would join in with the players and have some refreshments and then sit and watch the game.

May and Bob had two children Horrie and Dulcie. I remember Horrie working at "Bleasdale" for a while, he was a good rifle shot and he was a member of the Langhorne Creek rifle club. I believe he worked for a firm in Adelaide for some time. Daughter Dulcie, I knew quite well, she was a faithful member of the Milang Church of Christ with her husband Roland, she worked hard in the Sunday School and women's welfare [which was called Dorgas in those days].

Her four children all attended Sunday School, Rosalind, Evelyn, Ivan and Yvonne. I well remember Roland doing the duties of doorkeeper at the church welcoming members and visitors in and handing out notices, hymn books and details of other coming events. Roland's duties were performed faithfully for quite some years, it reminded me of the Bible quotation [it is better to be a doorkeeper in the House of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of the wicked].



Roland was also a hair cutter and cut many men's and boy's hair, he was also a gate keeper for the Milang Football Club and a faithful supporter, his son Ivan played for the club. I think the three girls also played sport for the Milang Clubs.

The fourth child of Arthur and Jane was Arthur Henry born in 1884 but he lived only 7 months. Jane Catherine born in 1886 we know little about. The sixth child of Arthur and Jane was Horrace Inkster born in 1888 and married Eleanor Grimsell in 1917. The couple had five children, Arthur Horace born 1918, Gordon Magnus born in 1920, Jessie Kathleen born in 1921 and Evelyn born in 1923. Arthur, Jessie and Gordon all served in the 2nd World War. Gordon (known as Jumbo) was very tall, he was great friends with my father-in-law Norm Stewart who also served in the war.

The seventh child of Arthur and Jane was Leonard Robert, he worked on the steamers with his father before his tragic death from Tetanus, he was only 21.

The Murray grave in the Milang Cemetery was badly vandalised and when "The friends of the Cemetery" started their restoration work it was decided to bring it back to its original state. Part of the headstone was broken and had shifted away from its original site, the remainder was laying down. The marble stone fence around the three graves (Arthur, Jane and Leonard) was reconstructed and the floor of the grave was cleaned and filled with screenings. Some of the Murray descendants gave us a donation towards the work that we had done and today the grave is in excellent condition.

Of the seven children of Arthur and Jane, only two had children (we are not sure about Jane). Families must have suffered much heartbreak with the deaths of infants, mothers at childbirth and tragic accidents, but those who survived helped to build strong communities and we can be proud of their achievements.

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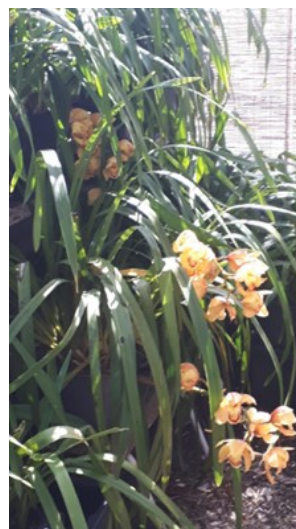
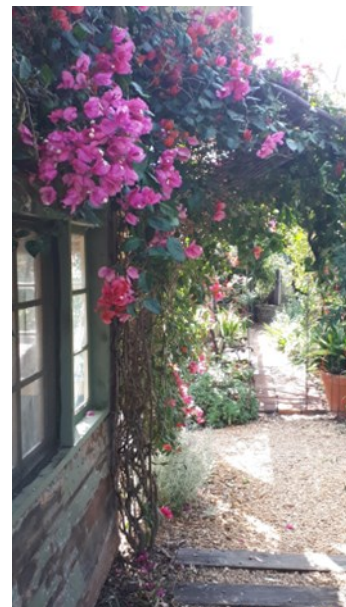
Milang Red Cross Fundraising Event

'High Tea at Marchismick Gardens'

33 Stirling Street, Milang

27th September 2023

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and over 50 people attended a lovely 'High Tea' with all proceeds going to the Red Cross.



Guests were given a tour of the extensive garden and amazing outbuildings, followed up by a sumptuous 'High Tea' of scones, cakes, sandwiches, slices and tea and coffee.



A HUGE thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who helped make the afternoon such a success.

*Tania, Deb &
Leonie from
Clayton Bay*



Milang Community Garden

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Business As Usual Down at The Garden.

Sunshine and Spring brings growth and colour! Our garden is blooming all over. The Calendula and Borage flowers are attracting the bees who will get busy pollinating our newly planted veggies and plants.



The fruit trees are in blossom with some already forming the new fruit buds. It's not only the bees that have been busy but also our gardeners getting the garden ready for the Spring and Summer which will bring hot dry conditions.



The beds are being well prepared with lots of manure, good deep watering and plans for shading and protecting the plants. New plantings of veggies are now in full swing for the season.



It's Tomato planting time and Bob has been busy raising a good variety of seedlings ready to go into the soil. If you are looking to plant tomatoes and want to know more, pop

into the garden and have a chat on a Tuesday morning. Extra seedlings may be available for you to purchase with a donation, to take home and grow yourself.

The garden has again been entered into the Strathalbyn Show Garden Competition. Judging has been done and we look forward to the results.

We have been able to put out some produce on the cart again as we are coming into the Spring season. Please be respectful and give us a donation which goes towards growing more produce. Please take what you need, not what you want! Please do not take any trays, just the produce!

Gardening Goss: Tips n Bits n Pieces

John Lamb's advice on growing tomatoes:

"Success: Very often determined by the preparation carried out before planting and then how the plants are treated in the first few weeks after they are established.

Failure: Invariably linked to too much fertilizer at the beginning of the season and either over or under watering." (*John Lamb: Good Gardening Online newsletter Sept 15, 2023*)

Did You Know?

Do you remember the May Gibbs' children's "Gumnut Stories" that include the "Big Bad Banksia Men"?

The native plant known as *Banksia* was named after Sir Joseph Banks – The British botanist who travelled to Australia in 1770 with Captain Cook? (*D and R Stewart "From Seeds to Leaves", Bookman 1999*)



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I can remember Allan driving around Milang during WWII, in a large dark coloured car with a *gas producer* fitted.

John McInnes was an active person in Milang for many years. In 1948, he was Deputy Chief Fire Officer when 70 men attended a meeting to form the Milang and District Fire Fighting Association. He was also a Ward Councillor and Chairman of the Strathalbyn and District Council.

In 1953, the Alexandrina Gun Club was formed, using his property free of charge. Also, while the Milang Oval was under restoration, the Milang Football Club played its matches on his property.

The property has been enlarged and is still farmed by the McInnes family today. I think the remains of the dairy are still visible.



Gravestone of Elizabeth McInnes and Allan McInnes



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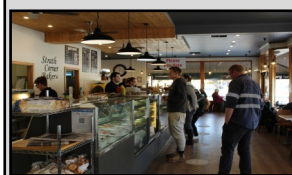
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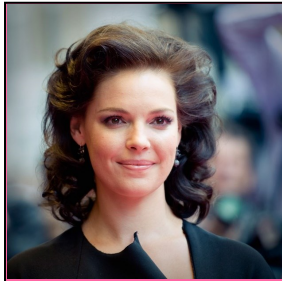
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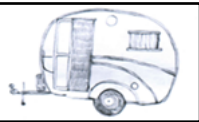


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Sunday	1	Vineyard Road Wines are holding a captivating "Tippy Terrarium" at 11am. Create your own miniature ecosystem in a glass container as expert Charlene from Botanista guides you through the process step by step. Learn how to make your own coffee table jungle or rainforest. At 2pm the Stationmasters Gallery will officially open their latest exhibition, featuring the works of Kathleen Cain and Catherine Pallin as well as other gallery members – all welcome. This exhibition will run until 30 November.
Monday	2	The 151st Strathalbyn Agricultural Society Show will be held at the Strathalbyn Oval on from 10.30am til 4pm. The Horse Show will be held the day before on Sunday 1 October at the Strathalbyn Polo Grounds. Contact 0430 902 907 or strathshow@gmail.com The Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club will have a Club Display at the Strathalbyn Show from 9am - visit their website for details - https://www.strathalbynautocollectors.com/events/weekend-away-at-mildura or contact Kate on 0429 671 685.
Wednesday	4	A holiday special for the kids – Kimbolton have collaborated with Bean & Bikkie Co. to bring you "Kids at Kimbolton Gingerbread Workshop" at their cellar door in Langhorne Creek from 11am til 12.30pm. Spend a delightful morning expressing your artistic talents decorating six scrumptious gingerbread treats – yum! Cost is \$35 per child, which includes gingerbread kit, selection of milks and activity pack. Parents are required to stay on site and supervise their children during the workshop, and for every ticket sold an adult can enjoy a complimentary wine-tasting experience. To book visit https://www.kimboltonwines.com.au/index.cfm?method=pages.showPage&PageID=E5C452EB-CAEB-179A-D001-5C7061E31C0A&originalMarketingURL=News---Events/Events or telephone 8537 3002. The Milang Red Cross meeting - 12.30 at the Railway Museum Cafe Ruffino, 15 High Street, Strathalbyn will present Antonio & Kate Villano in "Bocelli – My Tribute". Pizza and Show – dinner from 6.30pm, show starts 7.15pm. \$45pp – limited seating, bookings essential – contact 8536 2355.
Friday	6	Milang Bowling Club - Dinner at 6.00pm
Saturday	7	Spring is the perfect time to enjoy the "Serenity" Open Garden event at 775 Old Bull Creek Road from 10am-3pm. "Serenity" is a working alpaca farm with a large ornamental and productive hilltop garden with fabulous views stretching to the Coorong! Plant sales, music, crafts, food, raffle and great ideas. Entry \$10, U12 free includes light refreshments. Contact 0416 173 573. Proceeds to St Andrews Restoration Fund. SA Yard Dogs Association is holding its first Strathalbyn Trial at The Riding Patch on Saturday and Sunday 7 & 8 October. Free entry, all spectators welcome. Fully catered. Contact 0438 055 886.
Sunday	8	The annual Strathalbyn Auto Swap Meet will be held at the new venue of Strathalbyn Oval organised by Strathalbyn Rotary. For motoring enthusiasts of all ages! Entry \$5, U16 free, street parking available. Gates open 6.00am (buyers) and 6.30am (sellers). For information contact Greg 0428 886 500 or strathautoswap@strathrotary.org.au . Seller's sites and camping available, contact Dean 8552 1042. Strathalbyn Race Days will be held on Sunday 8 October and Wednesday 1 November. Contact 8536 2248.
Tuesday	10	Milang Bowling Club - Social Bowls commences
Saturday	14	Equestrian South Australia is holding their Show Horse of the Year 2023 at the Strathalbyn Polo Grounds on Callington Road on Saturday & Sunday 14 & 15 October. Visit https://www.sa.equestrian.org.au/show-horse This premier event showcases the exceptional talents and achievements of horses and riders across the region and is a thrilling opportunity for spectators to experience this amazing display of skills.
Sunday	15	"Shakespeare at Windsong Wines" is being held in Langhorne Creek with Butterfly Theatre performing an exquisite selection of Shakespearean sonnets, songs and speeches that connect us to nature. Guests are invited to picnic on the lawns prior to the performance in their outdoor seated space at 3pm. Wines on sale from 12pm (no BYO please). Tickets \$25 from https://events.humanitix.com/shakespeare-at-windsong-wines Contact 0474 789 501. The Strathalbyn High Street Market sponsored by the Strathalbyn Tourism Association will be held next to Gilberts Motor Museum. Fabulous stalls, music, and great Sausage Sizzle cooked up by the volunteers next door at Gilberts. Angas Go Kart Club will hold their Trophy Day for 125 Light, 125 Medium and 1125 Heavy sections. This will be followed by their Club Championships during the weekend of Saturday & Sunday 4 & 5 November. From 2pm at 96 Nine Mile Road, Strathalbyn - entry \$5pp, U14 free.
Friday	20	Milang Bowling Club - Dinner at 6.00pm
Saturday	28	Visit "Sgorra Bhreac" Open Garden Weekend at 88 Marchant Road, Strathalbyn on Saturday & Sunday 28 & 29 October from 12-4pm (Saturday) and 10am-4pm (Sunday). Proceeds supporting the Strath Neighbourhood Centre. Coffee cart, sausage sizzle, entertainment, music, plant sales, face-painting and more. Tickets \$10pp, U16 free from www.trybooking.com/CKWFR . Contact Cynthia 0408 466 846 or SNC 0431 337 044
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