

# Milang Community News

A journal of the Milang & District Community Association  
Supporting the communities of Milang, Ashbourne, Clayton Bay,  
Finniss, Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek

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September 2025





## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the September 2025 edition of the Milang Community News.

I will not hide the fact that I am a little bit excited to welcome Spring and hopefully some lovely warmer days.

It was great to see the community rally around and save the beautiful Norfolk Pine from being chopped down (for now at least), well done to all involved. (see page 11).

SALA was also held at Clayton Bay during August and you will find some fabulous photo's on pages 12/13).

The MADCA AGM was held on Thursday 28th August 2025 and Wayne Footer has been appointed to the position of Chairperson (previously known as the role of President), congratulations Wayne, please see his report on the next page. Please stay safe, keep warm and have a great month.

*Cheers*

*Cathy Fish*

editor@milang.org.au

*We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people on whose land we meet and we pay our respects to the Elders past and present.*

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***Cover Photograph—Out and about in Milang***

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# Chairperson's Monthly Report

## September 2025



The MADCA AGM was held at the Institute on Thursday 28th August 2025 with 45 in attendance.

Copies of the 2025 MADCA Annual Report along with Audited Financial statements are available for your inspection at MOSHCC Reception.

The outgoing Committee unanimously endorsed, in recognition of Karyn and John Bradfords significant commitment and community service to MADCA over a long period of time, their appointment as Life Members, which was met by a standing ovation .

Seven of the outgoing Committee were prepared to carry over to the new Committee .

Mike Gelea was appointed as your Vice-Chairperson, Cathy Fish as Secretary, Karen Burkinshaw as Treasurer together with Committee persons Sue Heusler, Penny Whittaker and Ros Francis.

John Whyte was elected to re-join the Committee.

There are two vacant Committee positions still available for your nomination.

Please be assured that you have a strong ,diverse Committee going forward with a common commitment to represent the best interest of the Community at large.

In identifying the need for continued transparency and improved communication, I intend to keep you informed as to developing MADCA business via my report in the monthly Community Newsletter.

Understand that a free email copy of the Newsletter, that will keep you in the loop, is now available to you at no cost. All you need to do is to let MOSHCC Reception know your email address. Alternatively hard copies will still be available at the Milang Post Office, Milang Mini Mart and all previous locations @ \$2.50 to cover the print cost.

The opportunity will be available to you for written or emailed feedback and /or constructive criticism to be addressed to the CEO Stuart Jones via email:- [Stuart@moshcc.com.au](mailto:Stuart@moshcc.com.au), safe in the knowledge that your submission will be tabled and responded to at the next available MADCA Committee meeting.

Again, many thanks to Karyn Bradford for her steady stewardship and passionate commitment and service to the Community over a long period of time.

A hard act to follow but we will do our best.

*Kind regards*

*Wayne Footer*

*Chairperson*

# GARDEN TO PLATE

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## Karyn and John Bradford Life Membership of MADCA

It is my pleasure as the incoming Chairperson to announce that Karyn and John Bradford have unanimously been nominated by the outgoing Committee for Life Membership of MADCA.



## Rainfall for August 2025



Sun 03/08/2025	0.2	mm
Tue 05/08/2025	1.8	mm
Wed 06/08/2025	1.8	mm
Thu 07/08/2025	0.2	mm
Sat 09/08/2025	0.2	mm
Sun 10/08/2025	0.8	mm
Tue 12/08/2025	1	mm
Wed 13/08/2025	0.2	mm
Thu 14/08/2025	0.2	mm
Fri 15/08/2025	2.4	mm
Sat 16/08/2025	2.4	mm
Sun 17/08/2025	4.8	mm
Mon 18/08/2025	1.4	mm
Sat 23/08/2025	0.2	mm
Tue 26/08/2025	4	mm
Wed 27/08/2025	14	mm
Thu 28/08/2025	8	mm
Fri 29/08/2025	8	mm
Sat 30/08/2025	12	mm
August Total	63.6	mm

The Bradfords have been committed to the development of the Milang and District Community all their married life through their active participation in a number of Community Projects over a long period. Fair to say "Karyn's apple hasn't fallen far from the tree" in that her 94-year-old mother Pauline Perry is one of only three MADCA Life memberships granted over time.

Karyn was on the original Committee of the Milang Progress Association which then became MADCA in 2012. She served as an Alexandrina Local Councillor between 2018-2022.

Karyn was on the steering Committee that secured the tenure of the Milang Old School House from the Education Department in 2003 as a Community Centre and in 2009 Karyn and John were actively involved in the development of the adjoining 'Ace Space' to house Community activities include Day Care facilities for preschoolers.



Karyn was made a Life Member of Community Association SA in 2012 and has served over 10 years on the MADCA Committee in 2 terms as President elect.

She, along with the hardworking MADCA CEO Stuart Jones and MOSHCC staff have been instrumental in initiating the diverse Community programs that MOSHCC now deliver.

Karyn and John were also part of a steering Committee who saw potential in the purchase and renovation of the Milang Butter Factory back in 2015.

Some 10 years on, with help from Local and State Government grants secured by CEO Stuart Jones, over 12,000 volunteer hours from the 100+ MOSHCC volunteers over time coordinated by Site Foreman JB John Bradford in conjunction with Project Manager Mike Galea whereby MADCA can now proudly boast about a \$1.6m freehold Community asset.

Typical of Karyn and JB's passion and commitment to MADCA and against suggestions that the completed Butter Factory project would be a "White Elephant" Karyn and John pressed on after the official opening date 14/04 /2024 to make sure that the project became commercially viable.

Karyn not only successfully Project Managed the fit out of the Commercial Kitchen but opened the kitchen on weekends, often on her own, preparing cakes, soup, ploughman's platters, toasted sandwiches and coffee for sale to weekend visitors while JB took on the important role of the Butter Factory (meet and greet) Tour Guide.

Now , with support from the Community, along with Lyn Unwin's Girl's at "Already Read Book's" and their \$15,000 cash contribution to date, plus Norm and Glenys Foster's quarterly Country and Western Concerts - Kanoetree Wines and Lakes Home Care Tenancies plus Kitchen Sales which now include the weekly provision of over 150 + cost-effective meal servings to Lakes Home Care Clients and the Community at large - it is pleasing to report that Karyn and JB's original vision that a revitalized Milang Butter Factory could be commercially viable is now being realised.

So, please join with the Committee in the recognition of Karyn and John Bradford's significant commitment and community service to Milang and District Community Association, over a long period of time in their appointment as Life Members of MADCA to be presented by CEO Stuart Jones along with a "Milang Waters " Artwork by Ngarrindjeri Cedric Varcoe in appreciation for a job well done.



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



Please call 1800 854 453

for information on how to order

### Justices of the Peace

Please ring for an appointment

**Leon O'Driscoll 8537 0051**

**Karyn Bradford 0412 036 900**

**Gloria Jones 0427 370 047**



## CARD AFTERNOONS

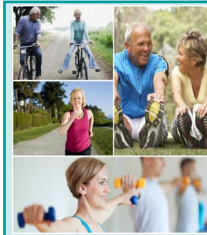
This is an open invitation to anyone who may be interested in coming to our card afternoons every Tuesday at the Community Centre.

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 MOSHCC on 85370687



### 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.*

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**Storm Power**  
**Susan Thrun Willett**

Wind whistles through hollow logs  
where sugar gliders hide for shelter  
swirls dry bush debris and leaf mould  
disturbing an earthy odour of decay  
now drawn into its hungry wake.

Eucalypt branches bend  
like stooped old men  
leaves tremble, some fall  
as a discordant rustle  
menaces the forest crown.

Savanna grass flattens  
buffeted by savage assault  
bearing the burden  
of potent strength and force  
and power lines hum in the air.

A needle-sharp deluge  
fuels the rising river  
its once glassy surface  
whirled by brute-power and ferocity  
shaped by the beast's embrace.

Wood creaks, rain drums on glass  
resisting the rage of the predator  
repelling violent energy  
as children cower under quilts.

Dogs bay into the darkness  
as jagged dragon-fire flashes  
and the creature rumbles an echo  
with thunderous portent.

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Morning clouds suffuse silver glimmer  
the monster's fury spent  
soothing sounds of chirping crickets  
the sigh of dripping leaves on trees  
the ripple of water slipping through rocks  
bring tranquil silence to calm the soul.

And stillness settles like a long-held breath.

## POETS CORNER



**The Sea is Calm Tonight**  
**Valma Aylesbury**

The sea is calm tonight  
And the stars are shining bright.  
Hopefully tomorrow will be  
Peaceful, warm and sunny.

Now the winter chill has gone  
It's time to put summer gear on  
Grab our togs and bathers too  
To go out swimming feeling new.

When the sea is calm tonight  
We know the sailors are alright  
Out on the sea a fishing so neat  
Bringing in their catch for all to eat.

When days are full of warm sunshine  
We can sit outside and dine  
Watching the scenery in twilight  
Seeing the sea so calm tonight.

After a storm when strong winds blow  
People's morale is often low  
But when the sea is calm at night  
We know that all will be alright.

**Holy Trinity Church on a Rainy Day**  
**Jules Leigh Koch**

rain can't wash  
the graffiti off  
the church wall  
nor wipe bright  
the stained-glass windows  
nor  
flush out pigeons  
in the loft  
nor  
cleanse the grief  
of the elderly woman  
dressed in black  
crossing herself with holy water  
inside the church entrance



*Poets are encouraged to submit their poems for Poets Corner.*

*Poets must include their contact details for the editor.*

*Send poems to: PO Box 251 Milang 5256 or [jude\\_poet@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jude_poet@yahoo.com.au)*

The following story was sent in by a Goolwa resident, Erica Dicker, about her road trip to Milang. I hope you enjoy it!

Thank you Erica.

## Road Trip to Milang

*by Erica Dicker*

Just typical, the day I decide to go for a scenic drive to Milang the sky is overcast, threatening rain. Well, you can't predict the weather, especially here on the South Coast. All wrapped up in beanie, scarves, gloves and boots, not to mention thermal underwear, I could possibly be mistaken for an Arctic explorer or, at a distance, a Canadian bear. Large, brown and cumbersome. Car boot is filled with essentials, folding chair, picnic basket, blankets, coffee thermos and a brolly, useful for wet or sunny days. Into car goes Jack, and his survival pack, water, snacks, two coats, prepared for rain or sun, lead, muzzle and poop bags; I am, after all, a responsible pet owner. House locked, time to go. Car heater on, seat belt secure, CD playing a soft jazz compilation. Blast, here comes the rain. So, with windscreen wipers working overtime, and engine purring, it's off we go.

Heading out of Goolwa, along a wet, slippery, leaden road, the famed haunted house of Currency Creek comes in to view. Once deserted and neglected, many tales were told of flickering lights seen in upstairs rooms, after midnight. It's now a thriving event venue. Fortunately, the sun breaks through the dark clouds, rain ceases and it's turning into a pleasant day for my road trip. On to Winery Road. This is, for me, the scenic route to Milang, as it passes vineyards, lovely in the thin sunshine, leaves turning from summer green to autumn's russet gold. Lining the roadside,

native yakka and bracken, ahead Watchalunga canoe tree, a sad, grey sentinel.

I've driven this road many times, but only recently discovered Watchalunga Native Reserve and its purpose – protecting endangered native flora and fauna, such as the southern emu wren and the bell frog. Sad to think as a resident of the Fleurieu for many years, I know so little of its natural beauty. At Finniss River ford I'm relieved to find tall river reeds have allowed only a trickle of water through, so it's an easy crossing. Over the next causeway I glimpse the scenic Finniss estuary wending its way to the lower Murray. Onward to the riverside town of Clayton Bay, passing olive groves, bee hives, roadside stalls and the green and gold of early blossoming wattle.

The peaceful township of Clayton Bay has Stobie poles decorated with colourful mosaics, and a sheltered bay and wharf, where PS Oscar W occasionally docks. On up to Jones' Lookout, previously a huge water storage tank. The concrete base is now re-purposed into a low-walled lookout with superb floor mosaic by talented local artist, Michael Tye. The air is so clear – and what view, across the calm river to wetlands and Hindmarsh Island! Watching purple swamp hens forage along edge of limestone cliffs, there's time for a quick comfort walk for Jack, coffee and cookie for the driver. Leaving behind the wetlands and high red cliffs of Clayton Bay, it's on to Milang. The vast waters of Lake Alexandrina are grey with soft swells lapping the low shoreline. A clear road today, this isn't always the case, occasionally this road can be awash with heavy seasonal rains.

Finally, we arrive at our destination, the historic town of Milang. Entering the town, Port Milang Railway Museum complex catches our eye, then the Anzac Memorial Gardens with its charming old-world rotunda, bowling green and avenue of trees decked out in their autumn finery. A mother strolling with a pram, the man walking



his greyhound, an older couple arm in arm, enjoying a walk in the weak afternoon sunlight, give a glimpse of life lived at a gentler pace. Milang Bakery's enticing aromas drift, beckoning us. Time to purchase a scrumptious wild cherry turnover, and say hi to Nell and Billy, the resident entertainment committee cockatoos, then it's down to the lakeside reserve for a leisurely lunch beside silver grey melaleuca, watching majestic pelicans glide effortlessly atop the gentle waves.

Milang is jam-packed with interesting snippets of historical information. Coming from Goolwa, I knew of its history, but had only a vague knowledge of the importance of Port Milang to the growth of the local area and beyond. It's a hidden treasure of our state's pioneering times, to walk the Nugget Trail was fascinating and illuminating. As Jack and I strolled the old jetty with its hand-operated crane, circa 1859, we looked back towards the brightly coloured lakeside beach shacks, shady caravan park and the Pier Hotel which opened in 1857. I decided this was the day to explore a few of the heritage buildings in the town. Along from the Pier Hotel is a building dating from 1893, the Lakeside Butter Factory, recently restored, now housing a cafe, cellar door, poetry reading and live music venue and a pre-loved book shop. Just a step or two along is Milang old schoolhouse. Opened in 1865, it is now the busy Milang Old School House Community Centre, with two immense gum trees in the front yard. That makes three amazing buildings of a bygone era finding purpose in today's world.

There is so much more to see in this surprising town, but now Jack and I head home to Goolwa, and a warm fireside. Before we leave, I visit the Milang Post Office, to collect a map designed and researched by school students of Milang. It outlines where to find the heritage buildings, providing a history of each, its

purpose then and now – a useful reference for another time. As we turn towards home, we pass the Institute Hall, dated 1884, at one time the local library, now used for community exhibitions and social events.

The day has been long, but special – a road trip back to yesteryear. Driving home we stop to gaze in awe at the newest attraction for Milang.

A creature from a time millennia ago: Milano, a towering dinosaur. So now I've seen the oldest and the newest attractions Milang has to offer the intrepid traveller. There will definitely be further road trips for Cap'n Jack and I in the very near future.



# TRIVIA



Answers Page 14

*By Jude Aquilina*

1. What was Superman said to be more powerful than?
2. Where did the hula hula dance originate?
3. In which Australian state is the town of Gundagai?
4. How many eyelids does a camel have?
5. Who led the first expedition to reach the South Pole?
6. In which country is the world's highest waterfall?
7. Which famous English author, born in 1812 loved red geraniums and cats?
8. Which team won the NRL State of Origin in 2025?
9. Which book character drank from a bottle labelled 'Drink Me'?
10. Which planet is between Mercury and Earth?

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**CONTACT:** Vikki Hann  
p: 0428 811 831  
e: vikki.hann@eso.sa.gov.au  
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## Line Dancing

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**Why not try  
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## Women's Circle

**Fridays 10-11am**

ACE Space @ MOSHCC

24-25 Daranda Tce. Milang

*A non-judgmental space for women  
to be together, connect, share &  
chat over a cuppa.*

Facilitated by Kathryn from AKOM Counselling

(not sure what to expect, have a chat with Kathryn 0447 144 119)

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**MILANG**  
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# WE DID IT!!

*(Story taken from the Facebook Post on the Milang (SA) Community group site on 26.08.25 by Sarah Hope)*

Around 15 residents gathered to protect the Norfolk Island Pine that remains this morning. The team came to cut the tree down around 8am but couldn't get through us, stating they would stand down until the DEW has had formal consultation with the community. Phew! They have my number and will be in contact.

The Sun newspaper was there and we chatted live with Radio 5MU who have been a great support through this short but passionate journey.

I would like to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who came to protect our tree and a special mention to Katie Gibbons-Whittam for sleeping at the base of the tree! Now that's commitment.

You are all amazing! Your passion and concern for these trees was a sight to behold! Thank you!

## POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.



# Volunteers Needed

If you have a few hours spare and enjoy assisting the Community, then we'd love to hear from you!

Receptionist - 1 day p/week @MOSHCC  
Kitchen Hand - Friday Feast  
Drivers - various shifts  
Gardeners

Kitchen Hand - Feast @ Home

Weekend Kitchen Hand - Lakeside Butter Factory  
Weekend Receptionist & Providore Sales

Contact us for more details  
8537 0687









# SALA @ Clayton Bay 2025

Clayton Bay artisans and creatives celebrated the South Australian Living Artists festival over two fabulous weekends in August.

This year's theme was an interactive celebration of the dark skies over the bay and featured a locally made crescent moon photo booth with a starry backdrop.

Goolwa Wildlife Welfare Org. kindly loaned some bird costumes for photo opportunities.

There were also moon god and goddess costumes, with capes and headgear to dress up in, to enhance the experience and invoke a few smiles.

An exciting and eclectic display of art and hand-crafted items from our talented locals made the exhibition one not to miss.

This year featured displays of cigar box electric guitars, exquisite needle felted creatures, glass work, paintings, photography, greeting cards, cyanotype, extraordinary mosaic work as well as upcycled owls, hand spun wool knitted beanies and many other treasures.

Visitors were treated to demonstrations of spinning by Robyn Shearer and a mini painting workshop with Madi Elkin of MaeArts, as well as a performance by a local acapella group. This year's annual mosaic challenge was won by Tania O'Flaherty with her wonderful glass mosaic owl, Archimedes. All entries were enjoyed and admired.

The SALA weekends are an opportunity to mix with like-minded creatives and stay awhile to enjoy conversation, light refreshments and hospitality from our wonderful volunteer team.

Many thanks to all who assisted this year, it takes a dedicated team and you are all very much appreciated. Thanks also to those who attended, we hope to see you again next year. Once again it was a highlight on the local calendar.







# Playgroup

## Milang & Langhorne Creek R-6 Campuses

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

Playgroup is a fun and welcoming space where children can learn, play, and make friends — all while building confidence and important social skills.

With varying programs each term, we endeavour to provide activities that challenge, stimulate and entertain!

Milang playgroup is run every TUESDAY morning during school term at the Milang R-6 campus. 9am - 11:30am  
Head of Campus - Merran Jolley  
ph. 85362455

Langhorne Creek playgroup is run every FRIDAY morning during school term at the Langhorne Creek R-6 campus. 9am - 11:30am  
Head of Campus - Les Cameron  
ph. 85362455



## TAI CHI



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

Spring is here! Everything coming back to life, regenerating after winter

- take a moment to breathe, soften and relax down as we spring into Spring!

Watching nature, as things change, reminds us we are also continuously changing.

Little things everyday can help with flexibility, balance, circulation. Tai Chi gives us simple skills to relax and release tension.

Be prepared to gently change - we are all a work in progress! After September 24th we have a 2 week break resuming on Wednesday 15th October.

Come and try - see if it suits you. Jen.

# Friday Youth Hangout!

@milangyouthhub



A free social program  
for youth on Fridays  
@ Milang Youth Hub  
4.30pm-6pm



Paddlesteamer Drive, Milang

<b>25 July</b> Mexican Night Katie's Mexican Adventures	<b>29 August</b> Campfire, Outdoor Games & S'mores
<b>1 August</b> Painting the Hub / Campfire	<b>5 September</b> Father's Day Gift Making
<b>8 August</b> E-Games / Hotdog Night	<b>12 September</b> Fishing & Kayaking
<b>15 August</b> Tye-Die & Crazy Shakes	<b>19 September</b> E-Games / Cartooning
<b>22 August</b> The Great Bakeoff!	<b>26 September</b> Stand Up Paddleboarding

Contact: Reclink Youth Activities Coordinator  
tim.howard@reclink.org | 0421 996 579



## TRIVIA ANSWERS



From Page 9

By Jude Aquilina

1. A locomotive
2. In Hawaii
3. New South Wales
4. Three eyelids
5. Roald Amundsen
6. In Venezuela – Angel Falls
7. Charles Dickens
8. The Queensland Maroons
9. Alice from *Alice in Wonderland*
10. Venus



## AUGUST YARNING

Like CHRISTMAS In July when



Lyn delivered these sacks full of warm woolie goodies and cuddlies to Mt Barker to be distributed among those who need them. The goodies were well received and appreciated and put to good use immediately. Thank you to everyone who left wool, knitted and crocheted squares etc at MOSHCC during August. It will all be put to good use.



The Yarners are also busy knitting and crocheting orange flowers for Harmony Day next year. **(and we need lots!!)** Vicki, the MOSH Volunteer Co-ordinator is organising a Harmony Day banner to be displayed at MOSH. If you would like to participate in making any flowers, for the banner, contact Lyn 0407 370 079 for details and materials.



**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

### 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.





## Monday Movie at MOSHCC!

Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 2pm in the ACE Space at the Milang Community Centre to share some movie watching time together.

You can check what the next movie is at MOSHCC reception by phoning 8537 0687.

The cost of afternoon tea will be \$2.50.

We hope to see you there.



## Goolwa Matinee Performances

### Best of Broadway with Greg Hart

Join Greg as he brings to the stage the big hits from your favourite musicals. Oklahoma, the Sound Of Music, Les Miserables, West Side Story and many more.

Greg is a seasoned performer and will deliver these precious songs with sensitivity and passion.

**Where:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**When:** Friday 19th September 2025 at 2pm

**Cost:** \$22.00 plus bus \$15.00

**Bookings and enquiries...** if you are interested in joining the fun, contact MOSHCC 8537 0687



## Milang Oval Museum

**Open Sunday 1pm-4pm**

**Entry Gold Coin Donation**

**Other times by appointment**

**Call 0437 800 811 or 0438 843 367**



## ALREADY READ BOOKS



In late July, Dave, pictured, dropped into ARB just for “a look”. He told us he was on the road travelling around Australia and at present was Farm sitting in the area. He said it was a regular thing he did, and it gave him the opportunity to travel and see the country.

He was interested in our DVD/Video/CD/Video collection, and mentioned that we had a good selection, some good titles and some not so good stuff, but it all needed categorising, sorting and grouping.

Well, that had been on our “to do” list for a long time and we were a bit reluctant to start it. (**A BIG JOB**)

Dave said he had the time and offered to do it for us sometime. **Whooppee!!**

Well true to his word, Dave came back to ARB the following weekend and spent the morning cleaning, sorting, categorising and checking and displaying the dozens and dozens of DVD/CD's etc. etc.

When he had finished it looks amazing.!

His time, energy and expertise for the cost of a mug of ARB tea!!! How delighted are we ?? You really need to pop into ARB and see the difference.

Not a busy weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> but we had generous donations of \$212 which included \$50 donated during the weekend before when ARB wasn't staffed. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

I tried everything to get to sleep last night. Well, everything except closing the book and putting it on the nightstand.

Let's not get too crazy.



**SEPTEMBER 21**  
WORLD GRATITUDE DAY  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE







**SUNDAY SESSIONS 1-4PM**



**AUG  
17**

**DANE  
UNWIN**

**RAILROAD**

**AUG  
31**



**SEP  
14**

**MEGAN  
LAURIE**

**WOOLY  
JOHNS**

**SEP  
28**



**KANOETREE  
WINES**

Live music events are **FREE** -  
although donations always  
gratefully received

Light meals, coffee, cake and  
drinks available for purchase

**DARANDA TCE, MILANG**







## BUTTER FACTORY REPORT

**August 2025**

The main focus this month has been the new paved area adjacent to the concrete tank. The 14m<sup>2</sup> area was paved, with the concrete pavers being donated by our volunteer Phil Rogers. Phil also donated long steel posts and a shade sail to cover the area.



*Paving site*

Norm is in the processing of laying a crazy paving path to the paved area. Before summer we plan to have an outdoor setting in place for dining in the shady spot.

We have installed a hand drier in the Lakes Home Care disability toilet adjacent to the kitchen.

Another donation that arrived this month came from Dee, our kitchen cook. It is an Australian Oak sideboard to be used for storage and display in the Barrell Room. This very solid piece of furniture was lovingly restored by Neil and is a great fit for the era of the Butter Factory.

This month with the rainfall and days of sunshine, a large crop of weeds has sprouted and George is tackling the task of removing them.

The roster for weekend set up and pack down has been working well. Thanks to the volunteers who undertake this task.

The University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age art exhibition was on display for the month. 25 paintings were displayed with a variety of styles and the artists were delighted with the sale of 5 paintings.

The Live Music Sunday events have been enjoyed by many. Craig Atkins, Dane Unwin and Railroad have featured during August. The musicians are paid by Kanoetree wines and the Butter Factory and donations by patrons helps us to pay the One Music License Fee. David Haeusler has cleverly set up the sound system so that the musicians can be heard in the Barrell Room, on the Deck and in the function room.

Fleurieu Food and Wine held another successful cheese and butter making workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup>.



*Visit by Alexandrina Council Ceo Andrew MacDonald and his team*

*Family fun at the Butter Factory*



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**Red Cross**

**News**

**August 2025**

The Cheer Up Hut will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday & following Saturday of each month.

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

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

All funds raised help in the upkeep of our premises etc.

Thanks to everyone for your support for the Red Cross.

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

Our meetings are now Bi-Monthly on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Our AGM will be held on the**

**1st October 2025**

We are doing our best to have the shop open on the 1st Wednesday of every month and the following Saturday when members are available.

Please do not leave donations in the hut or at the rooms if we are not open thank you.

**Doris & Chris Lambert**

**Publicity Officers**

### **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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**Upcoming event is a Car Boot Sale**

**6th September at the**

**Milang Oval Red Cross Rooms**

**10am to 2pm**

**For bookings please call 0417 299 391**



**Wattle Day**

*September 1*



## HISTORIC GRAVES OF MILANG CEMETERY

### JACK AND PEARL WOODROW

*by Alvyn Hopgood*

Jack Woodrow was the son of Walter Woodrow Snr, and plied the Lake fishing with his brothers Jim, Walter Jnr, Dick, Harry, and his nephew Graham. Around 1930, Jack purchased the *Ada Clara*, a schooner, from LR Pavy, which he used for many years.

In 1920, Jack was prominent in the Milang Regatta Club as a committee member. In 1932 to 1933, Jack Woodrow was involved in the effort to raise money for the number three and number four tennis court completion. Jack Woodrow and Don Pearson arranged a *King Competition*, Jack represented West Milang, while Don played for East Milang. Unfortunately, the winner is unknown. In the 1938 to 1939 tennis season, Jack represented the Milang Club in the A and B Grade Premierships.

One of Jack's major contributions to Milang was his work in forming the Alexandrina Gun Club. He became its first president and worked tirelessly in that role. I believe the South Australian Gun Club Championships were held there. Jack was also responsible for the 'Legacy Shoot', with the shield being named after him.

Jack eventually owned a boat named *Helen the 2<sup>nd</sup>*, in which he ran a service over the Lake, carrying farm produce and general goods in conjunction with the railway. A small four-wheeled trailer was towed by an old car up and down from the town to the lake on rails. It was driven by a Miss Rose Fowler, who also helped with the loading of goods. Rose was a very strong lady, and could throw bags of cement around as if they were loaves of bread.

Rose lived with the Woodrows for many years and was a tremendous help, to both Pearl in the house and to Jack with his boat work on the Lake. Rose was a fantastic person who never complained and was a true warrior in life... Well done Rose Fowler!

Jack and Pearl were always available for town activities and were a highly respected couple. Jack and Pearl are both interred in the Milang Cemetery. Jack passed away in 1962, aged 73, and Pearl died in 1974, aged 84.





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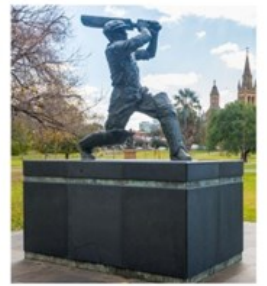
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10 - 4 pm

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## Sticky Beaks Men's Group

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DEPARTING MOSHCC AT 9 AM ON  
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You'll discover hidden secrets and witness the iconic heritage while touring the Adelaide Oval, led by expert volunteer guides who have captivating tales of new and old.

The tours last approximately 90 minutes at a steady walking pace and may include the use of steps, stairs, ramps, escalators, and lifts.

Comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothes are strongly recommended.

TOUR COST ADULT \$28/ CONCESSION \$23 (VALID  
CONCESSION CARDS APPLY)

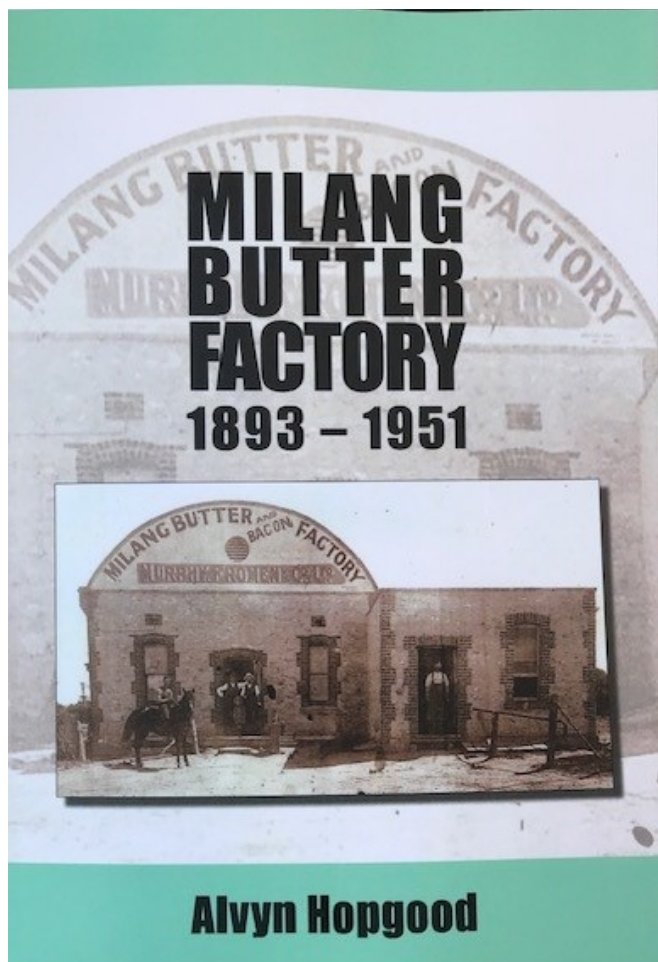
BUS - \$15 LUNCH: ADDITIONAL COST

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OLD SCHOOL HOUSE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

**MOSHCC RECEPTION**

**8537 0687**

**LIMITED BOOKINGS CONTACT BY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEP**



## NOW AVAILABLE

*As a Milang local I am thrilled to present Alwyn Hopgood's slices of social history in this brilliantly researched book—of our own town, the people who once lived here, of the lake and cream delivering paddle steamers, and of award winning butter made at Milang Butter Factory, I commend Alwyn Hopgood on his marvelous book.*

*Jude Aquilina, editor, publisher*

**\$30.00 each**

**Available from**

MILANG OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

COMMUNITY CENTRE -

Monday to Friday 9—5 pm

MILANG LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY

Saturday & Sunday 10—4 pm





# Stickybeaks

## August 2025

### Go Cart Racing at the Bend



A group of intrepid Stickies set out for a morning of Go Cart racing at The Bend.

After crossing the Murray at Wellington we had morning tea at Fred's Landing which is a great little spot just before the turn off at Tailem Bend. Upon reaching the track at The Bend the 5 boy racers signed their waiver forms, watched an instructional video about Go Cart racing and then donned their helmets and set out for the track.



*The podium at the bend*

The racing was fast and furious at the front of the pack, not much of this seen by this correspondent who came in last. After 5 timed laps Gavin was 1<sup>st</sup>, Wayne was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the new Sticky member Darryl was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We headed across to the main Bend complex and checked out the Museum and some of the very, very expensive automotive hardware. We travelled on down the freeway to the Murray Bridge Community Club for lunch. A great deal for seniors at \$19 for a main course and a drink.



*Lunch at Murray Bridge Community Club*

Maccas was next on the list for the obligatory ice-cream. Other places we visited in Murray Bridge were Silly Solly's, checked out the new holes at the Murray Bridge Golf Course situated in the new housing estate where the original racecourse was and Chemist Warehouse.

Heading home on the Mulgundawah Road we inspected the new racecourse and restaurant, a very impressive complex. As we continued on the bus swerved into Salvage and Save. Nothing was purchased but one cannot take the chance and drive straight past. Next stop home.

September's outing will be a tour of the Adelaide Oval on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### Stickybeaks Men's Group

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, the men's group set off on the bus to have a stickybeak at places and spaces around the area.

They usually find a shady spot for morning tea, spend time checking out places of interest (a different one each month), and have lunch at a pub, bakery, or restaurant.

If this sounds like something you would like to do and join in the adventures, contact **Milang Community Centre** for more information on **85370687**.

# All Aboard

## George Thomas Hobbs (Milang Station Master 1955 - 1966)

George was born at Alberton on June 16th, 1919. With his father working for the railways, the family lived in various places. As a young child, he started school at Mount Mary, near Morgan then Tarlee, Hamley Bridge, Gawler, and Lyndoch where he attended the Gawler High School until leaving at 16 years of age.

George had a couple of minor jobs before he started a forty year career with the South Australian Railways. He started as a clerk at Port Adelaide and Mile End Railway stations before going to Mt. Gambier for 3 years. Then at Mile End and Woodville before moving to the country with short periods at Tanunda, Naracoorte, Yongala, Francis and back to Naracoorte again.

George married Alice Doris Watchorn, known as Doris or "Dot" on August 17th 1946 at Glenelg, the start of a happy 43 years of marriage. They had three daughters Jillian, Rosemary and Helen.

In 1955 he was appointed Station Master at Milang where they stayed for eleven years. The longer stay gave George and his family an opportunity to become more involved with the town and the community. The three girls attended Milang Primary School first and then Jillian and Rosemary went to Strathalbyn High School and played Netball and Tennis for Milang. Doris was a stay at home mother but took up dressmaking for people in the town. She judged the sewing at the town fetes and belonged to the Mothers' Club and the Church of England guild. George was on the Milang Progress Association, worked as an electoral officer during State & Federal elections and joined the Milang Bowling Club.



The railway house in Milang was a very basic house in 1955 when the family moved in. They had to bring curtains and floor coverings with them and there was **NO ELECTRICITY** in the house! Lamps and torches were used for lighting, the refrigerator ran on kerosene while the kitchen wood stove heated water for making a cup of tea and washing dishes, etc. It was also used for cooking meals and heating up the metal irons, which once hot, were used for ironing clothes. In the bathroom, a chip heater was lit to heat bath water. In the laundry, located in a shed in the back yard, the water was heated by lighting a fire under the copper. The kitchen, a separate room at the back of the house, was warm in the winter and hot in the summer, because of the wood stove being constantly lit and there was a wood heater in the lounge room. Fortunately, electricity was later connected to the house but there was no hot water service or electric stove supplied....no such luxuries in a Railway House! The family purchased their own small electric stove to use, particularly in summer months when the wood stove made the kitchen unbearable.

The toilet was attached to the laundry shed in the back yard. In 1955, this was the "empty the bucket" type with a septic tank being installed during the late 1950's.

On arrival there was no garden at the railway house other than a few trees, including two pepper trees and a large fig tree. The large grounds were sandy and overgrown with weeds. George and Doris were keen gardeners and established an extensive vegetable garden on the western side of the house. This supplied the



family with plenty of vegetables in season. Fruit trees, lawns and flower beds were planted at the front and rear of the house which improved the property for living and for children running around.

A large hen house was built early on and George built a shed in the back yard for his car and to provide an area at the rear for his workbench and tools. Later, a much larger section was added to the car shed to house a caravan that George built for family holidays at various beach locations, particularly Port Elliot.

George was a keen photographer and developed his own photographs amongst the preserves and bottles of ginger beer in the cellar at Milang. He took coloured slides of the 1956 Flood and impressive black & white prints of the flour mill chimney coming down in 1958. On one occasion, when he was the chief photographer for the Milang Debutant Ball but found that a wrong setting left the film completely blank. The debutants had to put on their white dresses again the following day for a repeat session.

George, Doris and family left Milang in about the September of 1966. George took a position as clerk at the Pooraka, Dry Creek and Gawler stations before retiring in 1979 at the age of 60. They had their own home built, a luxury after a lifetime of living in railways houses!

After Doris died suddenly in 1990, George continued to live on his own at Pooraka for ten years before moving to a retirement home for three years. He passed away on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2004 at the age of 84½ years.



## Weekends at Milang Station 12 to 4



**Museum, Craft Shop  
& Free Train Rides**

**Plus the Cafeteria Car  
On Sundays only**

**Devonshire Tea \$6  
Gourmet Burger \$10  
Steak Sandwich \$10  
Cappuccino \$4  
Iced Coffee \$5  
Cheese Dog \$5  
and lots more ...**



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

**[www.milangrailway.org.au](http://www.milangrailway.org.au) or 0414 232 060**

MILANG ENVIRONMENT CENTRE corner of Weeroona Drive & Jupiter Street Milang

P O Box 338 Milang SA 5256 Ph: 85370201 E: [milangenvironmentalcentre@gmail.com](mailto:milangenvironmentalcentre@gmail.com)

**OPEN: 10 AM – 3 PM WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY**



Milang Environmental Centre has excellent workplace Occupational Health & Safety policy and procedures in place that are strictly adhered to by the volunteers. For example, in winter a popular MEC OH&S rule is that on particularly cold days, all volunteers should fortify themselves with HOT HOME-MADE SOUP. In the photo above MEC Boss Dinosaur **Don Boyce** enjoys a mug of pumpkin soup provided by volunteer colleague **Sharon Parker**. MCN has it on good authority that at some point during the drafting of the comprehensive MEC OH&S policy, some volunteers argued that consumption of healthy, hot, home-made soup in winter should not replace but rather augment the on-going enjoyment of nutritional fresh-baked cakes provided by the remarkable **Lyla**. MEC OH&S Rule 57B –*'thou shalt consume soup AND fresh-baked cake'* was unanimously accepted by the volunteers and enthusiastically adhered to.

## 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.**
- **Nutrient-rich Garden Mulch for sale**

**Hours: Wednesday and Saturday 10am - 3pm**

**Corner of Weeroona Drive and Jupiter Street MILANG**





This MEC volunteer zeal is evident in the above photos with (left) **Paul Witham-Richmond** and **Micky Blanshard** (centre) enjoying hot soup while chef **Sharon** (right) checks if there is enough left for other volunteers. After the important top priorities (eat soup and cake) were drafted into the MEC OH&S policy the team turned their attention to other more mundane issues such as the wearing of safety Hi-Viz clothing in an area where machinery and forklifts operate. After significant debate, MEC OH&S Rule 98C was agreed to that **‘volunteers must wear appropriate HI-VIZ clothing preferably ORANGE’**. Several stick-in-the-mud volunteers have expressed displeasure by continuing to wear YELLOW HI-VIZ including **Geoff Dungey** seen below (left) explaining to young volunteer **Kai Cullumbine** he cannot work at MEC without safety Hi-Viz clothing, and (centre) arguing the merits of yellow with Paul. Meanwhile MEC Boss **Don** models the ‘executive’ Orange Hi-Viz jacket with pen-holder arm pocket.





**Kym Whitcher in action**

The **Milang Bowling Club** is optimistic of another successful regional pennants competition season which will commence in October. Despite a poor start to the last season the Club's **Division 5 Team** finished third and will start the new season at full strength. Confidence is high especially with skipper **Kym Whitcher** who finished last season as the top-rated regional Division 5 player. Milang had 4 players in the top ten rated players in regional Division 5. The Club's **Division 3 Team** finished the last minor round in well-earned first place but was unlucky to lose a preliminary final terminated due to weather. The Division 3 Team will start the new season at full strength and confidence is very high.

Division 3 skipper **Lee Robinson** had a very successful last season and is ready to do even better. Milang's team had 6 players in the regional top ten rated Division 3 players with **Irene Westley** the highest at 5<sup>th</sup>. The Club's **Women's Pennants Team Division 2** has been strengthened with the addition of several new player members and are confident of success in season 2025-2026. Milang Bowling Club **President Brian Patterson** told MCN: *"A series of trials will be held in September as well as the Club's **Open Day** on **27th September** to give selectors opportunity to observe players in competitive action before the Divisional Teams are picked. Selectors are aware that a good number of our club bowlers have braved the cold and bowled at other venues during the winter. These players will be well-prepared for the new season."*



**Milang's Lee Robinson** fought a '*David & Goliath*' battle in the 2024-2025 **Women's Singles Champion of Champions** final held at Willunga.



**Lee Robinson in action**

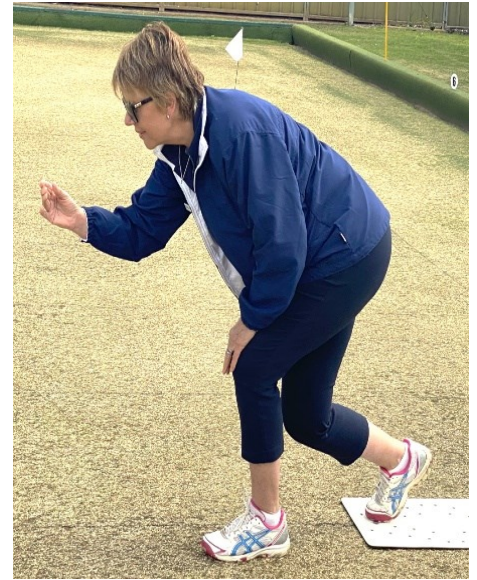


Milang Bowling Club is keen to attract new members and players. Anyone new to Milang and in particular any young people interested to learn bowls are welcome to visit the club. Regrettably bowls is seen as an older person's sport yet the majority of top bowlers in Australian championships are young. Club President Brian Patterson said that any new young bowler would benefit from the wealth of experience and support available at the Milang Bowling Club. *"We have members happy to mentor young bowlers to the sport."*



**Irene Westley**

Reigning club Women's Pairs Champion and highly rated Div. 3 player **Irene Westley** is hoping for another good season. Mixed Pairs Champion **Julie Witcher** is also ready to consolidate a good first year with MBC.



**Julie Witcher**

**Colleen Jacobs** showed consistency in her first year at MBC in Div. 5 and is keen to perform well again. Club Men's Pairs and 100- Up Champion **Geoff Dodd** is hoping that the Div. 3 team will finish first again and then go on to win the division final.



**Consistent Colleen Jacobs**



**Geoff Dodd in action**

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## Church Services—Milang and surrounding areas

**Church Of Christ**, corner of Watson & Coxe Streets , Milang

Enquiries—Peter Wilson 0407 607 638

Sunday Service 9:30am

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

**Uniting Church**, corner McDonald & Orana Streets, Milang

Enquiries—Nola Deer 8536 4429

Sunday Service 10.00am

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

Enquiries—Rev. Alex Stone 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





# EMPLOYEES OF MILANG BUTTER FACTORY

by Alwyn Hopgood

## The Prouten Family

Edward Prouten was born 12th March 1823 at West Wittering, Sussex, England. He was 15 years of age when he came to South Australia on a three-masted square-rigged teak ship, the *Rajasthan*, built by Nowrojee Jamsetjee Wadia at the Bombay Dockyards. The ship was 126 feet long, 29 feet wide and 22 feet 7 inches deep.

Captained by Duncan Ritchie, the *Rajasthan* left Plymouth, England on 31st July 1838 and arrived in South Australia on 16th November 1838, after one hundred and twenty-two days at sea.

Edward's first job in South Australia was drawing water and cutting grass for the thatching of wattle and daub houses. Edward first took up land at Echunga. He married Ann Mott in 1848 and moved to Lake Plains in the late 1850s. Edward and Ann had 14 children, but nine died at an early age.

Edward and Ann's 12th child, Edward Joseph Prouten, married Mary Elizabeth Anderson in 1893, and they lived in a small two-roomed house by the Bremer River. It was later demolished, and the stone used to add rooms to Edward's parents' house at Lake Plains. Edward Joseph was born and educated at Lake Plains, while Mary was born at Moyston in Victoria. They had two daughters: Mabel and Ivy. Edward and Mary continued working Edward's parents' property with a dairy herd as well as a piggery. The property at Lake Plains was Block 41, Watson Park and consisted of 92 acres.

The Proutens fed their separated milk to their pigs and took the cream to the Milang Butter Factory by horse and cart. Edward and Mary had a Mellotte milk separator, which worked well but was a difficult machine to clean—each day it took their daughter Mabel a great deal of time to perform this important duty. The separator room was a cellar in the front garden which meant the milk had to be taken down the stairs, separated, and the skimmed milk lugged up for the pigs. The cream was then stored in the cellar until it was taken to the Milang Butter Factory, perhaps twice a week.

I can remember being on the high school bus and seeing their daughter Mabel attending the dairy cows as we passed by. In 1951, the Prouten property was purchased by their granddaughter Phyllis and her husband Frank Noske, who continued a successful dairying business for some years. Edward passed away in 1906 and Ann in 1920. Edward Joseph died in 1947 and his wife Mary in 1955—all are interred in the Milang Cemetery.



Edward Prouten, Ann Prouten (nee Mott)



Edward Joseph Prouten Jr.



## Milang Cottage Garden Club monthly outing report

Hi fellow gardeners

We are back after a month off due to sickness and the weather. August saw nearly a full bus head out on a cold but sunny day. We headed for a nursery we usually end up doing last on our trip to Golden Grove and areas it is called Costless. Not the easiest to find as it is nestled among homes just off Yatala Road and at first glance you would say it is a fodder store which it is as well.

Just as well we did as many of us made up for the times we have been too tired or run out of money, or no room left in the bus. I for one made several purchases as I am a sucker for cyclamen's and here they had some very unusual ones or at least I had never seen them before, the only problem was which ones to buy, so I bought three. From here we went to the Grove nursery for a comfort stop and lunch followed by a look around the nursery with many more plants purchased together with a set of cloches to protect early tomatoes.

Next stop was Newmans Nursery where it was hoped to see their Camellia display, they had camellias but not just the blooms, even though there were lots to see everyone resisted the temptations. From here it was time to head for home via Karkoo at Oakbank for coffee or tea, another plant was purchased here it was a dwarf peach, and the raffle was drawn and won by Bev.

Next month's trip will be to Raywood a favourite set in the Deep Creek Conservation Park quite a drive but well worth it, coming home via Morgan Park, Encounter Bay Community centre Bunnings etc. You will need to bring lunch as we usually have it under the stringy bark trees surrounded by birds beautiful.



Chippewa Valley Growers  
<https://chippewavalleygrowers.com>



## 20 Gardening Puns & Jokes

Q: What kind of socks does a gardener wear? A: Garden hose!  
Q: Why didn't anyone laugh at the gardener's jokes? A: Because they were too corny!





# Milang Community Garden

## Newsletter

### September 2025

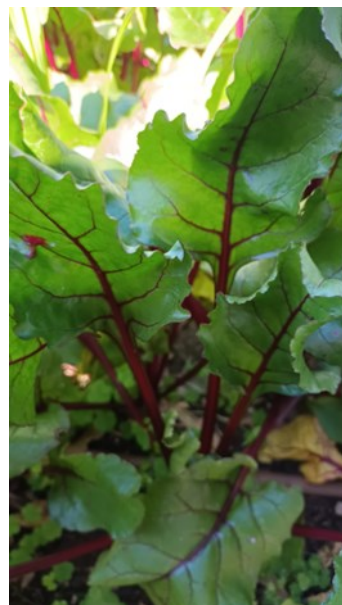
It's been a busy August with cleaning up old, finished plantings and preparation of beds for the new crops. Ongoing soil care is important with the use of manures and natural nutritional products. The produce crops have been down again due mainly to the strange growing season. The tomatoes, capsicum and eggplants kept on producing well past their growing season. The pumpkins were very poor, taking a long time to ripen. The cauliflowers struggled with an infestation of aphids. Much attention has been on cleaning up and coping with massive weed overgrowth and invasion of gum tree roots and kikuyu throughout the garden.

Our gardeners have been concentrating on cleaning out beds and preparing for the new plantings of onions, carrots, parsnips and new greens, to name but a few! The berries went into hyper growth, taking over the grape vine and invading all areas of the back corner of the garden. It is an ongoing difficult job to get these under control. In order to control the weed growth, we are covering the orchard area with cardboard and thick layers of mulch, rather than resorting to mowing and spraying. The Kikuyu has to be hand dug, which is time consuming and hard work! Cleaning up such a large space generates a lot of green waste. Our *chief compost experts* have changed the design of the composting bays to make it easier to manage. The mulcher has been working over time! Along with composting and mulching, nasty weeds have to be excluded from the compost and taken to the green waste at the MEC or put into the green waste bins for council pick up. We must acknowledge the MEC guys who support us by taking large amounts of green waste.

The orchard trees have been pruned and we are now seeing the first blossoms appearing. The lemon tree has produced excellent lemons after

being nursed back from a very severe infestation of black sooty mould. Thanks to Margo for her diligent work in cleaning and controlling this nasty mould and for her constant care of the fruit trees.

Our members are extremely committed to the garden, often putting in extra hours during the week to tend to the plants and maintenance that cannot be completed during the regular Tuesday sessions. Morning tea times are full of merry chatter along with good food! We look forward to the fruits of our labour as the Spring season brings new life to the garden. The old saying "*Many hands make light work*" is so true! The garden is a happy place and we would love to see more like-minded local residents come in and join us, so that this beautiful garden can grow to its full glory and produce food and enjoyment for all who work, create and visit there.





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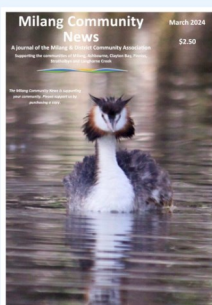
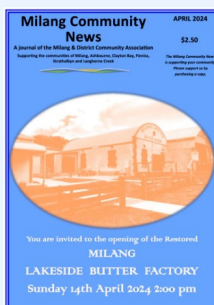
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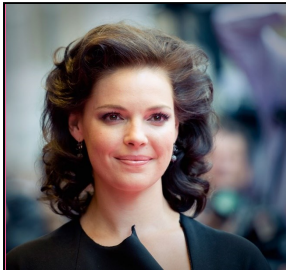
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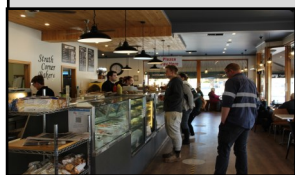
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## September 2025



All Month		The Stationmaster's Gallery is showing their SALA Exhibition "Artists of Strathalbyn" which will run until Wednesday 24 September. Featuring a fabulous mix of glass, hanji, paper art, oil and cold wax, acrylics, pastel, textiles mixed media, watercolours. Open 7 days 10am-4pm.
		The Fleurieu Food Festival is also on during August, with various events happening at The Pickle Pot, the Strath Neighbourhood Centre, Bremerton Wines, Kimbolton Wines, the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory and Peninsula Providore, plus many other events throughout the Fleurieu. To check all the details, visit <a href="https://fleurieupeninsula.com.au/whats-on/fleurieu-food-festival">https://fleurieupeninsula.com.au/whats-on/fleurieu-food-festival</a>
Thursday	4th	<b>"Laughed and Loaded" is on at the Victoria Hotel</b> on Thursday night 4 September. Don't miss these three killer comics as they tour SA with their no-holds-barred stand-up showcase. Early bird tickets \$30 from the venue, or visit <a href="https://avc.live/vot8">https://avc.live/vot8</a>
Saturday	6th	Red Cross Milang are holding a Car Boot Sale at Milang Oval from 10am with BBQ and drinks available for purchase. Cash Sales Only. Sites \$15 can be booked through Tracy 0417 299 391
		Strathalbyn Players are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Peter Weir's "Picnic at Hanging Rock" where many scenes were filmed in Strathalbyn. One screening only will be played at the Chapel Theatre at 7.30pm. Will you recognise the buildings? Or were you an extra in the film? Cinema seating, general admission, bar available (no BYO drinks please). Tickets from <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/DCIQR">www.trybooking.com/DCIQR</a> or telephone 0419 592 136
Sunday	14th	<b>MEGAN LAURIE at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory</b> - 1 to 4pm - free live music
Friday	19th	Christmas Where The Angas Flows is holding a Trivia Night Fundraiser in the Strathalbyn Show Hall. BBQ and Soup at 6pm, Quiz starts at 7pm. Door prizes, raffles and games. BYO. \$10pp or tables of 10 \$100. Book your table asap from Chanelle 0458 525 201, enquires to <a href="mailto:christmaswheretheangasflows@gmail.com">christmaswheretheangasflows@gmail.com</a>
Sunday	21st	On Sunday 21 September the Lobethal Harmony Club will be performing at St Andrews Hall at 2pm. This male voice choir has a repertoire including songs from opera, popular songs from Gilbert and Sullivan to Ave Maria in Italian, and a range of choruses, including Welsh and Australian. They aim to entertain and to assist communities with their fundraising. Proceeds from this concert will go towards the restoration of the Heritage 1848 St Andrews Church building in Strathalbyn. Tickets \$25/Concession\$20 from <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/DEHNP">www.trybooking.com/DEHNP</a> or at the door
Sunday	28th	<b>WOOLY JOHNS at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory</b> - 1 to 4pm - free live music
		Emergency Services Race Day will be held on Sunday 28 September at Strathalbyn

