Milang Community News

A journal of the Milang & District Community Association
Supporting the communities of Milang, Ashbourne, Clayton Bay,

October 2025

Finniss, Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek

\$2.50















FROM THE EDITOR

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

As most of you would be aware, due to the amazing efforts of some of our wonderful locals, the 2nd majestic Norfolk Pine has been saved. Please see some articles and pictures on pages 10/11, well done to everyone involved!!

It is great to see the Butter
Factory really coming to life with
lots of music events. If you
haven't been to the Butter
Factory please do yourself a
favour, even if you are not into
music, there is the Already Read
Book shop to peruse and lots of
lovely food and wine to enjoy.
Isn't Spring a wonderful time of
the year with all of the flowers
coming out in bloom and the
countryside looks so beautiful, I
love it.

Please stay safe, enjoy the sunshine and have a great month.

Cheers
Cathy Fish
editor@milang.org.au

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

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

Ngarrindjeri Vision for Country: Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan (Listen to what Ngarrindjeri people have to say)

"Our Lands, Our Waters, Our People, All Living Things are connected. We implore people to respect our Ruwe (Country) as it was created in the Kaldowinyeri (the Creation). We long for sparkling, clean waters, healthy land and people and all living things. We long for the Yarluwar Ruwe (Sea Country) of our ancestors. Our vision is all people Caring, Sharing, Knowing and Respecting the lands, the waters and all living things." - From Ngarrindjeri Nation Yarluwar-ruwe plan 2006

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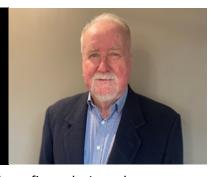
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Chairperson's Monthly Report October 2025



Our first MADCA monthly meeting for the new Committee was held on Thursday 25th of September 2025 with all in attendance. Welcome return to previous Committee persons and new Committee member John Whyte. Two Committee positions remain available for your nomination.

Lakes Home Care Manager Annie Whyte presented the Lakes Home Care (214 client) Monthly Clinical Report and identified favourable client feedback to the series of Consumer Educational workshops currently being conducted. These workshops are to inform current and potential clients of the change over to the new Federal Government "Support at Home Program" scheduled to take effect on 1st of November 2025.

MADCA CEO Stuart Jones presented his monthly report flagging the upcoming MOSHCC 22nd Birthday celebrations to be held on the 17th of October 2025. The last Friday Feast for the year will be on the 5th of December 2025 and the Volunteers Christmas event on the 12th of December 2025.

Butter Factory casual staff training is underway to improve Barista skills and service confidence. Kitchen Supervisor, Jo Scott is on extended leave following her surgery. Regular music events are well received with strong Community engagement. Pizza Nights have been rescheduled to second and fourth Friday of each month so as not to compete with the Bowling Club Dinners that are held on the first and third Friday of each month.

The Butter Factory Kitchen is currently preparing on average 180 weekly servings following the successful introduction of the Lakes Home Care "Food at Home" delivery service and with the summer months approaching, transit food refrigeration will need to be considered.

CEO Stuart Jones and Treasurer Karen Burkinshaw

are to complete a cost benefit analysis and report back with recommendations at the next MADCA meeting. Approval was granted to go ahead with the \$3000 resurfacing of the Butter Factory Car Park now that the cement cross over has been recently installed by Butter Factory volunteers who have also completed a paved sunshade area near the water tank including more prized crazy stone paved access by Norm Foster. Well done to JB and his Thursday workforce.

Stuart also reported that we are one of 5 finalists for the Impact 100 award which could see additional Grants to support the Youth Hub activities which is providing weekly activities to 20+ local youth in attendance at the Old Regatta Club.

We now have 90 volunteers (up from 82 in July). Volunteer Co-ordinator Vickie Schmidt (85370687) is keen to hear from individuals interested in supporting Youth Hub activities.

Treasurer Karyn Burkinshaw presented MADCA financials for three months to 31st of August 2025 and undertook to consult with CEO Stuart Jones and Finance Officer Cheryl Norton on our Xero Accounts procedure and report on improvements at the next MADCA meeting.

Secretary Cathy Fish tabled her "Actions and Motions" spreadsheet and reported favourably that Actions requiring attentions had been significantly reduced. Outstanding items to be reviewed /actions at each MADCA meeting. Cathy also followed up Governance requirements and reporting obligations of Committee Members .

Committee person Ros Francis presented the Monthly Community Garden Report and advised that the Garden was in the running for the annual Strathalbyn Show Garden Competition.

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Job Advertisement: Administrative Assistant to the CEO

Milang & District Community Association Inc. (MADCA) is seeking a motivated and organised Administrative Assistant to provide dedicated support to the Chief Executive Officer. This newly created, part-time role (15 hours per week) will play a key role in ensuring the smooth running of the CEO's office and supporting the efficiency of our community-focused organisation.

About the role:

- Provide administrative and clerical support to the CEO and wider team.
- Assist with diary and meeting management, including bookings for MADCA venues.
- Format reports, correspondence, and maintain filing systems.
- Support internal meetings with preparation, minutes, and follow-up.
- Manage calls, emails, and routine correspondence.
- Assist with event logistics, supplies, and general office operations.
- Work closely with the CEO to refine the most effective ways to provide support.

About you:

You will bring:

- Previous admin or clerical experience.
- Strong organisational skills and attention to detail.
- Competency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook).
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- A team-oriented attitude and willingness to learn.

Desirable experience includes working in not-for-profits, customer service/reception, and understanding confidentiality in a workplace setting.

Details:

- Part-time, 15 hours per week.
- Based at the Milang Old School House Community Centre.
- SCHADS Award Level 2

This is a great opportunity to contribute to a vibrant, community-based organisation making a real difference in the region.

How to Apply:

Please see the full job description at moshcc.com.au and send your resume and a short cover letter addressing the key criteria to: stuart@moshcc.com.au

Applications close: COB 17th October 2025

Stuart Jones

CEO

Milang & District Community Association Inc.

24-25 Daranda Tce, Milang SA 5256

Ph. 08 8537 0687





Chairperson's Monthly Report Continued

The netting of the fruit trees is an ongoing issue and notwithstanding the landlords (Education Dept.) stated resistance to "a permanent structure", garden representative Alan Burkinshaw is to meet with JB and the Butter Factory volunteer maintenance workforce to discuss possible alternative solutions.

Vice Chairperson Mike Galea circulated the 2024 Milang Butter Factory Strategic Plan and SWOT analysis and identified the need for the formulation of a Butter Factory Business Plan to provide valuable insights and future endeavours. This is to ultimately serve as a guiding framework for the next phase of business development for the Butter Factory so as to ensure that we strategically navigate the opportunities and challenges ahead. This subcommittee including CEO, Vice Chair, Treasurer and one committee person has been authorised to formulate a draft Business Plan including forward financial projections for subsequent ratification by the Committee.

Pizza Nights have been rescheduled to second and fourth Friday of each month so as not to compete with the Bowling Club Dinners first and third Friday of each month. JB is to conduct Pizza Night "Open Mike". Should be fun.

As the new Chairperson of your organisation, my undertaking to you is to keep you informed as to developing MADCA business.

Please understand that the opportunity is available to you for written or emailed feedback and/or constructive criticism to be addressed to CEO Stuart Jones email via stuart@moshcc.com.au, safe in the knowledge that your submission will be tabled and responded to at the next available Committee meeting.

Kind regards Wayne Footer MADCA Chairperson

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.

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

Donald Diane Wahlheim

POETS CORNER

Immortal Akubra

Amanda Solly

Of all the drakes in the farmyard old Donald was the king.
He flapped around and quacked around, being quackers was his thing.
He just spewed a lot of rubbish that no one could understand, but old Donny didn't notice his delusions were too grand.

Some younger ducks were drawn in by his constant quackery.
They said, 'He is our hero he'll do good by us, you'll see.'
They fluffed and preened their feathers and paid homage to their boss.
But others much more savvy, said 'He doesn't give a toss'.
His two sons weren't much better they just followed him around, re-gorging his stupidity and polishing his crown.

There was another splashy drake
Don brought into the fold.
His task, to make sure every bird
would do as they were told.
He kicked the old hens from their nests
said their laying days were done,
and their warm and cosy boxes
would be given to the young.
The farmyard folk were not amused
they said, 'He's gone too far,
this nutty friend of Don's has changed
the Dam into a spa.'

An old duck in the group spoke up.

'Just be patient and you'll see,
It will be his own undoing
he's obese from beak to knee.
His appetite's insatiable
there's no limit to his greed,
that's why he waddles like he does
he's far too fat for speed.
Let's feed him up, encourage him,
make sure he doesn't stop,
then sit and watch at Christmas time
when Donald gets the chop'.

Salt stained greasy printed dirt caked security blanket.

Never leave home without it.

It's comfort so etched into your

psyche that its print remains on your forehead long

after it's hung up for the day. Like a prisoner scratching

time on a wall, it tallies your life's work.



A riot of hues

Anne Hanson

A festival of flowers
in a season of generosity.
Tulips bowing to the ground,
and the open mouths of snapdragons
swaying mid waltz like flags.

Fuchsia's purple bells of mauve satin hang like lanterns of plenitude, sunflowers' thick straight stems with wild yellow faces framed in strips of velvet curls stand tall and proud as centurions.

Bees tunnel down the throats of flowers to curves of longing, nature's hum steeped in secret ceremony.

Each flower has its own story.
sweet intoxicating colours, scent, shape, texture
each offering hope
that transient cycles give way to new life.







TRIVIA



Answers Page 36

- In which country was the black 1. box flight recorder invented?
- 2. Who is CEO of the Crows AFL team?
- 3. What is missing on a margherita pizza?
- 4. According to the nursery thyme who killed Cock Robin with a bow and arrow?
- 5. In Greek mythology what was the name of the flying horse?
- 6. Which brass instrument has the lowest pitch?
- 7. Bianca, Portia, Ophelia, Desdemona and Belinda are moons of which planet?
- 8. What is 'bunkum'?
- 9. The United Arab Emirates is a federation of how many emirates?
- 10. In which part of the human body is the labyrinth?



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

Head of Campus - Les Cameron ph. 85362455



MILANG CAMPUS Eastern Fleurieu School





Camp at Arbury Park

Students from Milang and Langhorne Creek enjoyed a 3 day camp at Arbury Park exploring nature whilst learning.











The above photos show the removal of the 1st Norfolk Pine—the deed being done!!

The following article has been kindly provided by Trev Harden and is a great summary of the saving of our precious and remaining 'Norfolk Pine'

Some thoughts and observations after the event -Trev Harden

What comes through strongly to me is the power of a community to act promptly and effectively to hold power to account.

Key to this was the role of Facebook and Sarah using the Milang Community group page to communicate and alert with the chainsaws already at work on the first tree and with the second even more magnificent tree destined to go the next day.

That it did not happen is due to the efforts of a number of people, and my apologies to those I miss who were in there too, active up front and behind the scenes.

Sarah online and on FB coordinating the effort, Laura with that important and powerful signage and the petition, Katie's commitment in sleeping by the tree that first night, Sylvia reaching out to our local MP, Gilly with her supportive presence and Rosie and those others who linked arms at the tree as the contractors arrived. You know who you are.

Some facts

The Dept. of Environment and Water's Crown Land Office management internal community engagement processes failed - which they now indirectly acknowledge.

They maintain that Council was aware of what was planned, as were the shack holders, and yet - Council deny that and could only find one obscure email cc to a shack owner which was overlooked at the time, and the shack owner closest to the tree we saved had no more idea than we had of what was about to happen.

We have all had important emails go to our junk folder and perhaps that is what happened here, but whatever - the communication process was broken and it was too late for the first tree.

The good news is that the DEW managers have learnt and are reviewing their internal processes and so with luck this whole sorry destructive saga won't be repeated down the track in another community.

Ultimately, that the floor of the closest shack to 'our' tree is raised on stumps and out of reach of any future tree root damage made the decision to keep the tree a no brainer - but that we had to point that out to them indicates an appalling failure of management processes.

And just for the record, the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act defines a significant tree as one which "contributes significantly to the character or visual amenity of the local area" which these trees most certainly did.

Elsewhere in the Act a significant tree is defined as any tree with a circumference of 2 metres or more a metre above the ground, and our tree measures just over 3 metres.

And this refers to any large tree not just natives.

There is also provision in the Act for specific trees to be listed and registered and so protected into the future and I understand that former Alexandrina Councillor and Mayoral candidate, Bronwyn Lewis is working toward establishing an Alexandrina Significant Trees Register and I would suggest this tree be the first on the list.

Thank you again to the many who swung into action and supported this exercise in so many ways. It was a whole community exercise and when a community speaks out with one voice, those with the power are forced to listen.

Well done everyone.



Photo: Sarah Hope, Milang Community Facebook group

A further article has also been kindly provided by Sarah Hope, thankyou Sarah for your passionate story.

A beloved Norfolk Island pine along our foreshore has been saved — for now — thanks to swift and determined action from the Milang community.

Earlier this month, one of two historic pines near Paddlesteamer Drive was suddenly removed, sparking alarm among locals who feared the second was also marked for removal. That fear became reality when contractors arrived to take down the remaining tree — a healthy, 75-year-old giant that's been part of Milang's character for generations. But Milang wasn't having it.

Word spread quickly, and by early morning, a group of around 15 residents gathered beneath the tree to stop the removal. Some stood hand-in-hand in a peaceful protest. One resident even camped beneath the tree overnight to ensure it wouldn't be removed under cover of darkness. Their message was simple: **not without a proper conversation.**

A Tree with Roots in the Community

The Norfolk pines along the lakefront aren't just trees — they're part of Milang's identity. Locals recall them being planted in the 1950s. They've grown into shade-givers, bird havens, and memory -keepers for families who've lived here for generations, and those who've only just discovered Milang's magic.

While some nearby property owners raised concerns about roots damaging paths and nearby shacks, many in the community felt blindsided by the sudden decision to cut the trees down without proper notice or consultation.

"I just couldn't believe it," said one long-time resident. "One day it's standing, the next it's gone — with no word to anyone."

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Continued—article by Sarah Hope

Community Action Makes a Difference

Thanks to the community's response — and a fast-growing petition signed by over 400 people — the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) agreed to halt the removal. The second pine has been granted a reprieve and will now be monitored by arborists every five years to manage any root or safety concerns.

It's not a permanent guarantee, but it's a win — and a reminder that community voices matter.

What Happens Next?

The situation has sparked bigger conversations in Milang: about how decisions are made, how our shared spaces are cared for and how heritage and infrastructure can be balanced.

Locals are calling for clearer communication from government departments in the future and for more collaborative decision-making when it comes to places we all share. In response the DEW Director of National Parks and Public Lands says they will be reviewing their "internal processes re community engagement."

For now, though, the Norfolk pine stands tall — and so does Milang.

Sarah Hope





Fridays 10-11am

ACE Space @ MOSHCC 24-25 Daranda Tce. Milang

A non-judgmental space for women to be together, connect, share \$\psi\$ Chat over a Cuppa.

Facilitated by Kathryn from AKOM Counselling (not sure what to expect, have a chat with Kathryn 0447 144 119 Free, bookings not necessary



Line Dancing

Fun, music & movement. Come & join in!



Every Tuesday 1pm-2.30pm

@Milang Institute Hall 23 Coxe St, Milang

Cost \$5 session

Wear comfy clothes & bring a drink bottle!

Register your interest at Milang Old School House Community Centre

8537 0687



JUST YARNING



Lots of squares of all colours and designs donated to *Just Yarning* in September. Our dear friend Peg from Hahndorf sent in **2 carrier bags full** (about 50) of beautiful squares she had been busy knitting up for us. **THANK YOU Peg,** they will keep us busy for a quite a while and provide someone with a cuddly colourful blanket.

THANKS also to the **Strathalbyn group** who sent in some beautifully crocheted squares and a small blanket. Also on the table, as well as coffee and a delicious jelly slice, are some of the orange flowers *Just Yarning* are making for Harmony Day next year.

If you are interested in knitting/crocheting squares at home, we will provide the yarn and needles. Ring Lyn on 0407 370 079.

If you are interested in a couple of hours knitting, or crochet, chatting and setting the world to right, (coffee and cake optional) we meet at the Milang Mini Mart on Thursday mornings, and you are welcome to join us.





Calling all Knitters/Crocheters,

ex & wannabe Knitters / Crocheters!!

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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





Join us on the 4th 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.



TAI CHI



Tai Chi resumes on Wednesday 22nd October 1pm Milang supper room, after a 3 week break.

In Tai Chi we relax tight muscles, feel tension easing and create space to slow everything down.

In our fast and busy world, it's nice to give your body, mind and soul a break, hit the pause button.

Time to stop and relax down.

The body can reinvigorate, many things are self-healing if we let them.

As we head towards summer check your balance, see if you can gently take weight from foot to foot every day.

If you want some simple ways to relax down, improve your balance or just pause then come and try see if it suits you.

It is different, an internal exercise, it takes a little patience and time to get the hang of...well worth it.



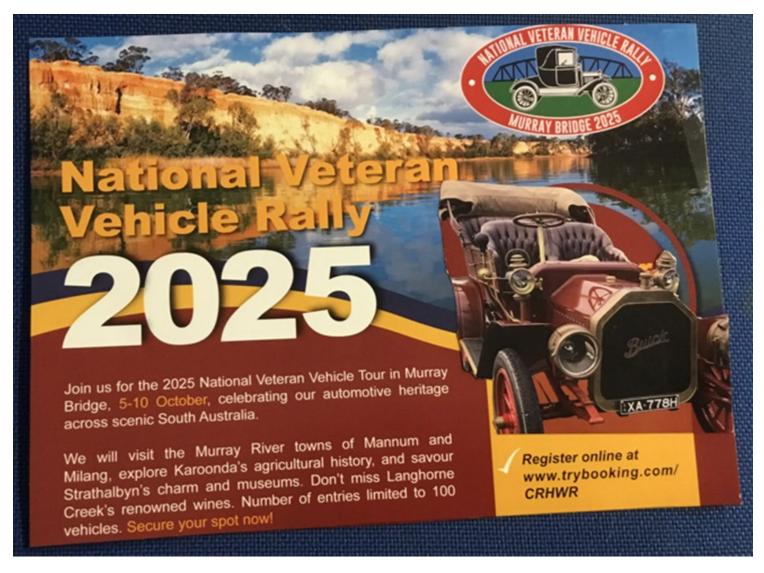
(Including the Port Milang Museum, Lakeside Men's Shed & the South Australian Fire Fighting Vehicles & Equipment Museum)



What a sight this will be with over 100 Veteran cars here at Milang.

On Thursday 9th October 2025 the National Veteran Vehicle Rally will be visiting the Milang Museum at the Milang Oval grounds. Over 100 Veteran Vehicles will be arriving from late morning and having lunch at the Museum and a tour of the Port Milang Museum. This Rally will be based at Murray Bridge from the 5th to the 10th of October, celebrating our automotive heritage.

Everyone is invited to come and have a look at these historic vehicles, there is no charge. Entry into the Museum is by gold coin donation.



Firey Women







Clayton Bay

A series of free bushfire safety workshops for women.

Learn about:

- · understanding bushfire and warnings
- deciding when to leave early or stay and defend
- · preparing yourself emotionally
- operating fire pumps and equipment
- · preparing a Bushfire Survival Plan

WHEN: Two full day sessions

Saturday 25 October & Sunday 26 October 8:30am - 4:00pm

Attendance is required at all sessions to receive full benefit.

WHERE: Clayton Bay Hall

6 Alexandrina Drive, Clayton Bay

CONTACT: Vikki Hann

p: 0428 811 831

e: vikki.hann@eso.sa.gov.au

Registrations essential

To register, scan QR code or visit the CFS website







ALREADY READ BOOKS

September had a quiet beginning, but ARB benefitted from the Kanoetree Wines entertainment weekends at the Butter Factory.

On the weekends when ARB is not staffed, people generously leave their donations for books in the tins provided. **Thank you everyone for your generosity.**

We had several huge boxes of books donated and we soon run out of space to store them.

If you have books to donate, we would appreciate it if you could hold onto them until we can 'find' space to store them.

Our donations for September were \$285.00 which does not include the last weekend of the month.





Goolwa Matinee
Performances

PURE McCARTNEY

From the creators of A Creedence Revival

Pure McCartney is a tribute to one of the most successful songwriters of all time - Sir Paul McCartney

This is a show not to be missed with world class musicians performing songs from McCartney's extensive songbook.

From The Beatles to the Wings, and a very impressive solo career, this show, from the creators of A Creedence Revival, delivers hit after hit.

Where: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When: Friday 10th October 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





September 2025

Live music is thriving at the Butter Factory. Railroad, a country duo kicked off the month and were followed by Megan Laurie, a crowd favourite and ended the month with the Wooly Johns a rollicking trio playing lots of favourites in their innovative style.

We heard from Megan that she will be performing in Texas over the next few months. We appreciate all the folks that come along to enjoy and support fabulous, talented local musicians and also help by donating so that we can keep the music going every Sunday fortnight at the Butter Factory.



Norm, Megan and Glen

The Victor Harbor Probus Club visited on 10^{th} September. The 22 members enjoyed the tour of the factory and the delicious buffet luncheon prepared by the BF volunteers. They were most interested in the history of the factory and the story of its restoration.

The works team has been busy on the main project of the month doing the car park gateway apron. Great thanks to Phil Rogers who managed the excavation, prep and concreting with help from Norm and the boys. The use of Phil's machinery is invaluable to a job of this size. A week later Phil also consolidated the inside of the gate with a wacker and some cement stabilization.



Prep for the apron



Concrete arriving

Our new seating area next to the tank is covered with a shade sail and the crazy paving path leading to the area has been completed. A generous gift from Harry of an outdoor bar setting completes the shady space.

We are planning to have Open Mic nights at the Butter Factory on the 2nd & 4th Friday Pizza Nights starting on the 10th October. All budding musicians and those who just want to come along and share some music are welcome, as are local poets and dramatists. We know that there is a wealth of talent in our community so come along and share your skills. To find out more call David 0417370208.



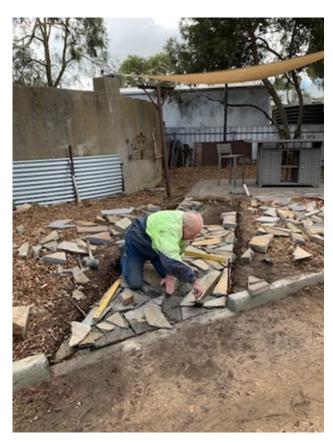
Neil, Phil, and Pete settling in on the new setting



The Wooly Johns rocking it out



Railroad playing tunes



Norm doing his best work



GALLERY MUSEUM

PROVIDORE

ALREADY READ BOOKS

KITCHEN

Ploughman's Lunch, Light Meals and

Coffee

Open Saturday & Sunday 10 - 4 pm

0412 036 900 for bookings



SUNDAY SESSIONS 1-4PM



JULIET OLIVER



SONIC FUSION



SHAUN HOLTON



ZARA CHANTEL



These live music events are FREE but we always welcome donations to help us host more local musicians.

Light meals, coffee, cake and drinks available for purchase

DARANDA TCE, MILANG



EMPLOYEES OF MILANG BUTTER FACTORY

by Alvyn Hopgood

Joseph and Emma Yelland

Joseph (Joe) Yelland was born at Point McLeay on 13th March 1873. The family moved to Point Sturt in 1880 after the drowning deaths of his uncle and two aunts.

Joe's early education was at Point Sturt and Milang schools. Then he studied dairying and agriculture, obtaining the first government certificate in 1899, in the Science and Practice of Butter and Cheese Making.

He took over the dairying and the Point Sturt *Ballawaine* Cheese Factory from his father in 1903. In the early 1900s, Joe and his wife Emma were milking over 100 cows, and also purchasing milk from their neighbours to meet the cheese demand.

Arthur Hopgood worked at their dairy and was a strong Labor man. A humorous story was told of how one year two very good heifers were being broken in at the dairy. Joe called his choice heifer *Liberal*, and Arthur called the other one *Labor*. While being milked, Joe's

Liberal kept lashing out and eventually sent the milker, stool and bucket of milk flying across the dairy floor. Arthur's Labor was quietly being milked without any trouble and he chided his boss that the troublesome heifer reminded him of all Liberal voters! Employees in those times were known to be sacked for expressing similar sentiment to their bosses, but old Joe took it all in good fun.

Joseph's son Lawrence worked the farm, experimenting in irrigation from the lake. Lawrence's primary schooling took place at Point Sturt. His secondary schooling was at St Peter's College, Adelaide, after which he furthered his studies at Roseworthy Agricultural College, completing his Certificate in Agriculture in 1927.

Lawrence and his wife Beth continued dairying and supplied milk and cream to the Milang Butter Factory until it closed in 1951. Their dairy continued production until 1965 when the changeover to bulk milk handling took place. The cost of new plant, roads for the milk tanker, and difficulty in keeping the dairy up to standard, were simply too great. The property was known as *Ballawaine*, and the year 1965 saw the absence of dairy cows from the property for the first time since its inception.



Joseph Mann Yelland



Emme Yelland and children, left to right: Joan, Emmie, Pat, Laurance



Laurance Yelland in the cellar at Ballawaine, circa 1970





Stickybeaks September 2025

The second Tuesday in the month rolls around and the Stickies are back on the bus with the new Volunteer driver Dennis O'Neill at the wheel. Heading down the hill to a 'behind the scenes' informative Tour of the Adelaide Oval including a stroll down the Players Race and inspection of the legendary Adelaide Oval Score Board followed by lunch at the Arkaba Hotel. A good day's outing had by all.

Volunteer Co-ordinator Vickie has organized the next two (or three) Sticky Beeks outings so give Vickie a call on 85370687 and book your seat on the bus.





Stickybeaks Men's Group

On the 3rd 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**.

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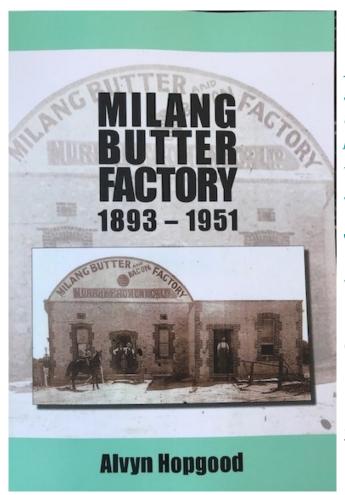
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All Aboard

Our 2025 Annual General Meeting

On the 19th of September the museum held its Annual General Meeting at the Bowling Club. Thirty people attended including the Mayor of Alexandrina, Keith Parkes. After six years service as president, Roger Miller retired and Neville Thomas was elected president in his place. Also retiring was Judy Clark who has been our treasurer for six years and she was presented with life membership of the museum. Helen Rusak will be taking Judy's place when she returns from her European holiday.

The 2024/5 year was a successful one for the museum with steady growth in our income and number of volunteers. Much of that growth came from our cafeteria car which contributed forty percent of our net income. During the year, 5350 visitors took a free train ride on our extended narrow gauge railway.



Neville, Judy and Roger

In the coming year, the museum has several projects planned. We have received a grant of \$18,500 from State Government to extend the Light Railway Centre to fill the gap between it and the craft shop. This will extend our light railway floor space by forty percent and we will be extending and restoring our collection over the next few years. Other projects include completing the installation of level crossing gates in front of the diesel locomotive and erecting a windmill where used to be one adjacent to the station. And, of course, the painting needed to keep the station and rolling stock looking good.



12 year old Lorraine centre left on the Strathalbyn platform

Among the visitors attending was
Lorraine Ridderhof. Lorraine is
daughter of the late Arthur Creeper
who drove the train to Milang during
the 1960s including the very last
train in 1970. Lorraine was amused
to see a photo of herself with her
dad with the Milang train at
Strathalbyn station when she was 12
years old.

MEC NEWS OCTOBER 2025 "CHANGES & CAGES"

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Local community service recycling depot Milang Environment Centre has undergone some changes recently. Long-term Boss Dinosaur **Don Boyce** has retired after more than twenty years and is sorely missed by the team of volunteers he has inspired. The much respected and popular Geoff Dungey is now the new MEC Boss Dinosaur, and the volunteer team are delighted because Geoff cannot consume Lyla's fresh-baked cakes which leaves more for them. To mark the occasion of a handover of leadership, MEC recently donated an expensive new coffee making machine to the Milang Railway Museum Café. Feedback from the Railway Café volunteers is that they like using it and their customers love the coffee produced on the new machine which is a Jura Diamond Black Z10.

JURA Z10 COFFEE-MAKER



X-WAY CAFÉ VOLUNTEER HELEN



MEC's GEOFF DUNGEY holds Certificate of Appreciation



MEC makes several donations each year to deserving local community service organisations thereby recycling the funds earned from refund deposit drink containers back into the community. The MEC volunteer team have initiated changes to the procedures for collecting, storing and transporting refund deposit drink containers specifically, plastic bottles and soft drink cans. The 'super-collector' Statewide Recycling have assisted MEC by providing large cages to store and transport the recyclables. Statewide Recycling deliver the empty cages and collect the full cages which means less work for the aging MEC truck. New MEC Boss Dinosaur Geoff Dungey advised MCN that; "We have commenced a trial period during which our team will test and refine the efficiency of several recommended changes to how we now process recyclables using the large cages generously provided by Statewide."

Soft drink cans stored in cage at MEC



Volunteer Dave Barry loads 500 cans from counting box into a cage



The new storage cage holds 10,000 uncrushed cans



A cage holds 5,000 uncrushed plastic

Plastic bottles stored in cage at MEC



MEC volunteer **Dave Barry** told MCN; "Each cage means 10,000 aluminium cans and 5000 plastic bottles that we do not have to crush, put in bales, or transport. It will save us a lot of manual work. We just to have to learn to streamline the new process during the trial period."



Certificate of Appreciation to MEC from Milang Historic Railway Society acknowledging the financial support provided to the railway museum and café by Milang Environment Centre

Milang Environmental Centre Serving our community

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

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MILANG BOWLING CLUB NEWS - OCTOBER 2025 - "CLUB PREPARATIONS"



The Milang Bowling Club is gradually wakening and emerging from winter hibernation the past two months. The very popular fortnightly Friday Meals Night headed by **Pam Wait** recommenced on 05 September with two new hands, **Julie Whitcher** and **Colleen Jacobs** providing much-appreciated help in the kitchen. Bowling practice and trials for team selections before the next Regional Pennants Season 2025-2026 began in earnest on Saturday 13 September. Greenkeeper **Greg Bowen** has worked hard on preparing both the greens which are looking exceptional after their winter "rest". The entire club has undergone post-winter pre-competition season preparations. Perimeter fence has been repaired. The clubrooms were treated by a professional commercial cleaner. The grass pathways around the greens and car park area have been mowed, edged and trimmed by **Kevin Newton**. A new glass-washing machine has been installed in the club bar.

Club President Brian Patterson praised the efforts and energy of all the members who contributed to the pre- competition season preparations including those not mentioned in this article. He told MCN that, "Without the hands-on support of members, a small club like Milang simply could not function and therefore could not continue to be a sporting and social hub for the local community. Hopefully that energy and enthusiasm will carry onto the green and the club will enjoy success again in the 2025-2026 season."







The lake end garden has been pruned, upgraded, new edging fitted, bark topped, and sprinkler system reinstalled by **Peter Miller** and **Paul Whitham-Richmond**.

Several members have pruned the roses, shrubs as well as eradicated weeds. Both finely mowed greens have been repeatedly rolled by the hardworking **Lee Robinson**. The lane lines on the now fully prepared B-Green have been precision marked by **Kym**Whitcher, Jake Jacobs and Greg Bowen.









Red Cross News

August 2025

The Cheer Up Hut will be open on the 1st 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

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Sun 07/09/2025	3.4	mm
Mon 08/09/2025	0.2	mm
Wed 10/09/2025	3.6	mm
Thu 11/09/2025	2.8	mm
Sun 14/09/2025	0.2	mm
Tue 16/09/2025	0.6	mm
Wed 17/09/2025	3.2	mm
Sat 20/09/2025	0.6	mm
Mon 22/09/2025	1.2	mm
Tue 30/09/2025	4	mm

September Total 20.8 mm

Lakeside Men's Shed at the oval

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



HISTORIC GRAVES OF MILANG CEMETERY

THE BOWDENS

by Alvyn Hopgood

Robert Bowden was the first Bowden mentioned in the Milang Cemetery, passing away in 1866 at the age of 48 years. Then there is list of Bowden children interred in the cemetery: Sarah 1864 aged 14 months; Martha 1868 aged one day, and George aged 13 days; William 1876 aged 6 weeks; and John 1879 aged nine months.

The Bowdens whom I have known in Milang are Edward (Ted) and his wife Eliza, whose children were Lionel, Keith, Edna and Edmund (Ginger).



Edmund married Ev Hall and had three children: John, Bob and Ellen (who married and became Mrs R Ness). All of the children were splendid sports representatives in their particular fields. John excelled at cricket and had no peer as a spin bowler and was a very good allrounder. Bob was also a good allrounder and a magnificent fielder. Ellen was adaptable and played a variety of sports. Both boys, John and Bob, were also excellent footballers.

Zac and Ester Bowden's children were Cliff, Effie and Roy. Cliff married Carolyn Cowie and had four boys: Don, Alan, Max and Neil. Don was a good cricketer for Milang Club and used to open the innings with the great Claude Sim for a couple of seasons. Alan was also an adept cricketer and footballer and played at full back. Max had a sporting future in several sports. Neil left the Milang area early on and I am unsure of his movements.

Don, Alan and Max all worked for the Railways of South Australia. Cliff Bowden was a general hand in Milang, having a carrying business; he was also a caretaker and an employee of the Landseer Store. He went into business at Goolwa in later years. Effie was known for her cake making and won any prizes in cooking competitions.

Ev Bowden was widowed early and was one of Milang's most honest and hardest working people. After the death of her husband Ginger, Ev did a magnificent job raising a family of three children: John Bob and Ellen. She never complained and had a great laugh; she was respected by all, and was one of the very best ladies to ever grace Milang – Well done Ev Bowden!

Ester remained a hardworking lady, looking after her son Roy all his life. She passed away in 1956 aged 82 years. The Bowdens, in the very early years – mid to late 1800s and for over half of the 1900s, were prominent in many ways in and around Milang – in sport, employment and social activities, and they conducted themselves in an honest and hardworking manner. You could say the Bowdens gave Milang their all, and they deserve a very special mention and high praise for their efforts in our community.

Ted Bowden passed away in in 1954 aged 82, Eliza in 1949 aged 71, Edmund (Ginger) in 1950 aged 48, and 'Ev' Grace Ellen in 1991 aged 83. Zac Bowden, an engineer on the paddle steamers for many years lived to 98 years of age and was also a great sportsman for Milang. He passed away in 1967.



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

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Uniting Church, corner McDonald & Orana Streets, Milang

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Sunday Service 10.00am

Anglican Church—St Marys, corner Luard & Maroo Streets , Milang Enquiries—Rev. Alex Stone 0405 084 794

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Milang Community Garden Newsletter October 2025

Spring has sprung and the gardeners have been working very hard, putting in extra hours to get the place all spiffed up for the entry into the annual Strathalbyn Show Garden Competition.

Our past record has been somewhat impressive, but this year has been especially challenging to get all the overgrowth finally under control and beds planted up with all kinds of veggies and flowers. Judging happened in early September and so it's time to sit back with fingers crossed for a good outcome!

The garden is looking the best it has for a long time, with some of the old overgrown plants and bushes cut back and removed. The garden along the River St has been totally revamped with new plantings of native plants. The ornamental garden is glowing and full of colour! Full credit to our talented and committed gardeners!

We look forward to the new season's produce and of the course the fruits, providing the birds don't get there first!

It would be lovely to see more members of the Milang Community pop in and show some interest in the community garden! Not every town has such a large and well-established community garden! It seems that we often miss what is close to us and don't appreciate what is right under our noses!



Fruit trees—September 2025









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By Jude Aquilina



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- 2. Tim Silvers
- 3. Meat
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What's on in our region October 2025



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Saturday	4th	8, \$10pp) and book your table – 0411 585 145. Bar Open, BYO nibbles and loose change – door	
		prizes and raffles galore.	
Sunday	5th	2am Daylight Saving starts - clocks forward 1 hour	
Monday	6th	Strathalbyn Show Day is on Monday Labor Day Holiday 6 October. Steamranger is running a	
		special "Show Train" from Mt Barker departing at 9.30am and returning from Strathalbyn at	
		4.30pm. Tickets include shuttle bus to the showground and entry to the show. Will include a	
		display by the Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club.	
Saturday	11th	Strathalbyn Aboriginal Action Reference Group (SAARG) are holding a Cultural Day on Saturday	
		11 October from 10am-3pm at Langhorne Creek Road Strathalbyn (follow the signs). All wel-	
		come - cultural experiences, native food and more	
Saturday	11th	Vicki Vegas is back! Her all new show (with a few old favourites) "Never Can Say Goodbye" is	
		back at the Chapel Theatre – doors open 7pm, Showtime 8pm. BYO supper, bar service (no	
		BYO alcohol please). Get ready for new costumes, comedy, rhinestones and feathers – with	
		special guest burlesque vixen Selene Wilde. Unreserved cabaret seating, limited availability.	
		Tickets \$20 (MA 15+) from www.trybooking.com/DCSKT.	
Sunday	12th	JULIET OLIVER at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music	
Friday	17th	Happy Birthday to Bleasdale Wines who celebrate 175 years! To celebrate they are holding a	
		Picnic Celebration on from 1pm-8pm. Charity BBQ, Mr Fill-it fish'n'chips, TACHS Stroopwafels,	
		ice cream and desserts. Old style games, history tours and stories, live music by George K	
		Acoustic, wine masterclasses. \$10pp (kids free)	
Wednesday	22nd	Pink Ribbon Race Day will be held on Wednesday 22 October for Breast Cancer Month	
Saturday	25th	Join Rodney Vincent In his show "With a Song and a Laugh" on Saturday 25 October at the	
		Milang Institute at 1pm (BBQ from 11.30am). Enjoy country, comedy, rock n roll! Tickets \$25 -	
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Sunday	26th	SONIC FUSION at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music	

