

Milang Community News

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

\$2.50

November 2025



FROM THE EDITOR

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

WOW, what a big edition it is this month, there is so much happening and coming up.

We will be having the Remembrance Day Service on the 11th November at 10.30am and everyone is welcome. We have our annual Christmas Lights Competition again this year, please see page 9.

I am introducing a new article each month for a while from the CLLMM (Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth) Research Centre which I hope you will enjoy, please see page 19. There are two fabulous book folding workshops coming up which are a lot of fun (*I have done one before*) please see page 21 for more details.

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

Cheers

Cathy Fish

editor@milang.org.au

Contributions to the Milang Community News

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

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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 Yarlumarṛu (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 Yarlumarṛu plan 2006

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Chairperson's Monthly Report

November 2025



The monthly MADCA meeting was held on Thursday 30th of October 2025 with all in attendance.

Lyn Unwin's application to fill one of the two remaining Committee positions was acknowledged and accepted. One Committee position remains available for your nomination.

Lakes Home Care Manager Annie Whyte presented the Lakes Home Care Monthly Clinical Report and provided feedback on the progress re the change over to the new Federal Government "Support at Home Program " which took effect on 1st of November 2025.

MADCA CEO Stuart Jones presented his monthly report.

The Diversity and Cultural Inclusion Policy, Community Involvement Policy, and Communication Policies were table and ratified by the Committee.

Butter Factory casual staff training to improve Barista skills and service confidence have been attended. Regular music events including the "Open Mic -Pizza night" has been well received. Norm and Glenys's Country Western Concert was a success.

Fantastic news that The Youth Hub were winners at this years Impact 100 awards which comes with a substantial grant to support the Youth Hub activities and full renovation of the Old Regatta Club. Well done to all involved.

We now have 92 volunteers (up from 90 in September). Please contact Volunteer Co-Ordinator Vickie Schmidt (8537 0687) if you would like to join.

Treasurer, Karen Burkinshaw presented the MADCA financial report for the month ending 30th of September 2025 and confirmed on-going consulting with CEO Stuart Jones and Finance Officer Cheryl Norton on reviewing our accounting procedures.

Secretary, Cathy Fish tabled her "Actions and Motions" spreadsheet and reported favourably on Actions requiring attention.

Committee member Ros Francis provided an update on the Community Garden and reported on their award at the recent Strathalbyn Show as the Champion Productive Garden. Well done to everyone at the Community Garden.

The funding for re-netting of the fruit trees was given the go-ahead. Discussions with garden representative Alan Burkenshaw for a more permanent solution are progressing.

Vice Chairperson, Mike Gelea presented the Milang Butter Factory Business Plan identifying the strategic direction/priorities which was ratified by the Committee to be conveyed to Butter Factory Operation sub-committee. Cost benefit analysis to follow.

Committee person Penny Whittaker promoted the need to gate off the jetty to protect the bird life from harassment at the Dog Park. A letter raising the issue with Council is to be formulated and tabled at next MADCA Public meeting on 27/11/2025.

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 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



Milang & District Community Association Inc.

Notice of the General Meeting

This is to advise you of the upcoming
General Meeting of the members of the
Milang & District Community Association Inc.

Everyone Welcome

Thursday 27th November 2025 @ 6.30pm

At the Milang Institute

Corner Ameroo Ave & Coxe St Milang

Anonymous—Letter to the Editor

Take your dog poo with you!!!!

On the corner of Maroo and Lyon streets the Milang Railway have a yard that is popular with people who want to walk their dog and maybe let them off the leash. Apparently, lots of people use this site but unfortunately there are no bins there, like there are in the more public areas where people walk/exercise their dogs.

This yard is managed/maintained by volunteers, and they have found that someone has been throwing used dog poo bags inside an old empty railway carriage instead of taking it with them and putting it in a proper bin (or their own bin at home).

Needless to say, the Railway volunteers are NOT very happy as someone is now going to have to clean this mess up. If this was you then please come and clean up the mess AND make sure that in the future you take your dog's used poo bags to a proper bin. Railway volunteers should not have to deal with this sort of mess.





Remembrance Day

11 NOVEMBER

Honouring the service and sacrifice of Australian veterans

The Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery in Papua New Guinea contains 3,824 graves of Commonwealth forces who died during the Second World War campaigns in Papua and Bougainville.

This year we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Office of Australian War Graves.

Tuesday 11th November 2025, 10.30 am

Milang Memorial Gardens

All welcome

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

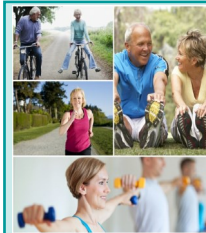
This is an open invitation to anyone who may be interested in coming to our card afternoons every Tuesday at the Community Centre.

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

The tomatoes in my garden
were growing very well
until I discovered
they were chewed and chomped, Oh Hell!
I vowed to find the culprits and stop their wicked
ways
chewing on my tomatoes and scampering away.
I bought some traps and filled them up with yummy
rat delights
just to entice them, to take a little bite.
The food kept disappearing with not a catch in sight.
How did they do it
those cunning little mites?
I persevered, and persevered until one day it hap-
pened
I found a rat caught in the trap
its body lifeless and cold.
I picked it up, then buried it
to send it on its way,
to the place where all rats go when they die
the vegie garden in the sky.

Untangle the Knots

Pauline Richardson

present moment
remains obscured
fanciful futures
painful pasts

rein in the thoughts
galloping off
on a path
to nowhere

untangle the knots
of thinking
plonked in the middle
of serenity

blocking the way
to peace
hidden nirvana
grasping tranquility

step back
be the observer
life will unfold
crumpled and creased



Return

Cari Bertram

Springs arrives
with the smell of dense perfume,
on the soft breeze of pink dawn sunlight
like a blush creeping forward on the cheek
of an enamoured lover,
thrilled to be prised from the cold clasp
of winters grip.

The early light glows,
while the musicians tune their instruments in the
trees,
ready to serenade spring's return.
The earth pops a lemon sherbet on its tongue,
sweet fizz filling its mouth
as bulbs awaken and burst forth
and the avian orchestra takes flight.
And I am the lover, red-cheeked
welcoming her return.



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*



This training is being offered to all MADCA
Volunteers and Staff
We are offering a mix of online and face-to-face
training.
The online component must be completed before
the
face-to-face session

**The face-to-face session is now being offered
9 am – 1:30 pm on Thursday, 13th of November
@MOSHCC ACE SPACE
Milang Old School House Community Centre
24-25 Daranda Tce, Milang SA 5256**

At the Milang and District Community Association, we are committed to working toward a safer, brighter future for veterans.

We all have a role to play in supporting the mental health and well-being of those who have served. As members of the veteran and ex-serving community, we are often the first point of contact for veterans who are experiencing mental health problems, distress, or crises.

Funded by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the program provides access to training from leading early intervention and suicide prevention training providers, Mental Health First Aid International, and LivingWorks.

You are invited to enrol in a range of courses to gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to provide support to veterans in those crucial times of need.

Learn how to recognise and respond to signs of mental health problems and provide suicide first aid to your loved ones, peers, or colleagues – guiding them to safety and appropriate professional support.

Places are limited, so secure your spot today!

**For bookings and enquiries, please contact
reception@moshcc.com.au or via 8537 0687**

Once you have booked via reception, you will receive an email link to register and receive your online training instructions

Learn more: www.mhfa.com.au/protect

Online training is required to be completed before the face-to-face session.
Community Centre computers are available to use to complete the online training.



Christmas Lights Competition

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

Entries will close on Friday 12th December 2025 and judging will be conducted between the 15th to the 19th December. 2025

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

We will have some fantastic meal vouchers as prizes.

Any enquiries please contact the Editor at MOSHCC on 8537 0687



CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS TRAINING

Wednesday 12th November
@ 1:30pm – 4:30pm



*Please contact MOSHCC to register your attendance
ph. 8537 0687*

ABOUT CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS: THROUGH THEIR EYES TRAINING

CSET: topics include:

- child protection in context, values and attitudes
- legislative obligations when working with children and young people (including screening obligations)
- risk and harm — abuse-related trauma
- sexual abuse and online grooming
- responding to disclosures
- child safe environments in organisations
- reporting a reasonable belief of risk and harm.

The training supports participants to understand types of risk of harm to children and young people, including:

- neglect
- psychological/emotional harm
- domestic violence
- sexual abuse, and
- physical harm.

If you are concerned about attending this program, please speak to the facilitator before attending the course to discuss your options.



MILANG
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Location:

**Milang Lakeside Butter Fctory
22-23 Daranda Tce, Milang SA 5256**

MILANG CAMPUS

Eastern Fleurieu School—Art Show

The Art Show was another resounding success, attracting wonderful feedback from attendees. It was a vibrant showcase of our students' artistic achievements and a reflection of the creativity fostered within our school community.



Christmas

Hamper Donation

Together we can make Christmas brighter - one hamper at a time



HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Shop & Drop

Pick up items from the Christmas Hamper shopping list and drop them at:

- Food Shelf in Woolworths
- Strathalbyn Churches Bookshop, Dawson Street
- MOSHCC, SNC, Pantry Club

2. Donate Financially

Help us buy in bulk and stretch every dollar further.

- **Bank: Westpac**
- **Account Name: CLC Christmas Hamper**
- **BSB: 035094**
- **A/C: 300441**

You can also leave cash donations in an envelope marked Christmas Hampers at the Strathalbyn Churches Bookshop.

SHOPPING LIST

Suggested items:

- 2-minute noodles
- Breakfast cereals
- Cake mix
- Cooking oil
- Cordial
- Dishwashing detergent
- Jam, Vegemite, or honey
- Long-life juices
- Long-life milk
- Milo or hot chocolate
- Pasta and pasta sauces
- Salt and pepper
- Soap or body wash
- Soup (cans or packets)
- Sugar
- Sweet or savory biscuits
- Tea or coffee
- **[Tinned]** fruit / ham / spaghetti or baked beans
- Tissues



For more information contact Sue Eckert 0408362258

MILANG CAMPUS

Eastern Fleurieu School—Spring Concert



The Spring Concert was a celebration of creativity and talent, featuring drama productions of *Wombat Stew* and *Robin Hood and the Miserable Marriage*. Students impressed the audience with lively dance performances to *Shiver Me Timbers* and *We're All in This Together*, while the whole-campus choir delighted everyone with their rendition of *The Purple People Eater*.



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





Friday Feast

Join us Fridays 12:30pm for lunch
 & good company in the ACE Space
 @Milang Old School House Community Centre
 23-24 Daranda Tce, Milang

Cost \$12
Two course meal with Vegetarian options

Bookings essential 8537 0687

Every Friday (except public holidays)

Great times and great food
Come and enjoy!!!
 Transport available

MILANG
 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
 COMMUNITY CENTRE



I came across a royal spoonbill in Milang on a recent walk in the early evening. I watched it from the path next to the Milang trainline. It was in full mating plumage, with long head feathers. Apparently, these feathers can grow up to 20 cm long and can be erected during courting displays. This bird's hair-do was certainly impressive, and it had the creamy-yellow wash across the breast, which means it is ready for breeding. I hope this royal spoonbill has a partner and we will see more of these rare birds in Milang. I've never seen a royal spoonbill in Milang before. I wonder if any readers have seen this one, or others in the past?

Jude Aquilina



Geoff Greatz came for a holiday at the Milang Motel and sketched this wonderful picture of the Milang Shacks, looking across the wetland. Thank you very much Geoff for sharing this with us.



TRIVIA



Answers Page 48

By Jude Aquilina

1. In which country did paper originate?
2. What does a loquacious person do?
3. What is Adam's ale?
4. How many stars on the New Zealand flag?
5. What is the common name of the vegetable *allium sativum*?
6. From which vegetable is sauerkraut made?
7. Name the dachshund that went missing for 520 days on Kangaroo Island
8. How many horns does the black rhinoceros have?
9. In which state is the lowest point in Australia?
10. In which year did the Adelaide Entertainment Centre open?



The MOSHCC 22nd Birthday was recently celebrated together with life members Karyn and John Bradford, MADCA Chair Wayne Footer, CEO Stuart Jones, volunteers, staff and local members of our community.

Speeches presented by MADCA Chair Wayne Footer, CEO Stuart Jones and Volunteer Coordinator Vickie Schmidt, acknowledging Milang's vibrant history, commending volunteers for their selfless time given back to the community and strengthening through connection bringing people together creating a place we can call home.

A great way to showcase our volunteers and staff working together by presenting a delicious BBQ lunch, ending with Dee's brilliant black forest cake enjoyed by all.

Vickie Schmidt





MEDIA

David Basham MP Member for Finnis



Shockingly simple to help save a life

Monday, 20 October 2025

Over 32,000 people a year suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in Australia, almost 4,000 of those occur in South Australia. Sadly, only 1 in 10 of them survive.

National 'Restart a Heart Day' was celebrated in October to bring awareness to the importance of using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) during a cardiac arrest.

According to The Heart Foundation, when an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is used in conjunction with CPR in the first 3 to 5 minutes of a cardiac arrest, the chance of surviving jumps to around 70 percent.

Nine community and sporting centres in Milang, Finnis and Clayton Bay have just received funding to assist with the cost of purchasing and installing AED's in their building or facility.

Member for Finnis David Basham MP, who recently had an AED installed in his own Finnis Electorate Office in Victor Harbor, said he was pleased to see so many of these lifesaving devices were now more accessible in his community.

"Saving a life can be made easier, even without a great deal of training because AED's are designed so that a person just needs to follow the verbal prompts to give someone in cardiac arrest a better chance of survival."

"We have people visiting the office every day, some of them are coming because of health concerns. We also provide a regular meeting place for community groups and many of these people are seniors."

"I hope the AED is never needed, but to have it close at hand just adds peace of mind for anyone inside or near the office."

Jennie Politis is a regularly user of the Finnis Office meeting room with the Victor Harbor VIEW Club. She is pleased the office now has an AED on site, "We can get a bit passionate about things in our meetings, so it is reassuring to know there is the ability to intervene immediately with the prospect of saving lives in our community."

New AED laws were introduced in South Australia this year making access to the devices mandatory in certain buildings, facilities and vehicles, with the aim to improve survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest by increasing their public access.

The AED at the Finnis Electorate Office is located at 71 Victoria Street Victor Harbor and available during office hours from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Organisations in or near Milang with funding for the purchase of AED's include:

**Finnis Uniting Church
Clayton Bay Community Association
Milang Bowling Club
Milang Community Facilities and Foreshore
Milang Football Club
Milang Community Hall
Milang Church of Christ
Milang Uniting Church
Milang Anglican Church**

Media enquiries: Catherine Jamieson, (08) 8552 2152.

Attached Photo: David Basham MP and Jennie Politis with the Finnis Electorate Office AED



David Basham MP & Jennie Politis with AED 3



You're invited to a COFFEE CATCH UP

with your local
Member of Parliament
David Basham MP

Member for Finniss | Shadow Minister
for Environment & Water Infrastructure

Hot Topics

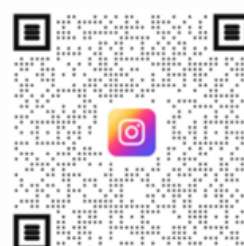
- Roads & Transport
- Algal Bloom
- Access to Health Care
- Cost of Living
- Advocating for the expansion of the on-demand-bus to Middleton, Goolwa & Hindmarsh Island.

Friday 28 November 2025
10.30am-11.30am
Finniss General Store
3 Railway Tce, FINNISS



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finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au
www.davidbasham.com.au

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5 WAYS IN 5 DAYS TO WELLBEING

DAY 1
BE EDUCATED

27.11.2025



ALL AGES WELCOME

FREE EVENT
morning tea & lunch included

9AM - 4PM

VENUE:
LAKESSIDE BUTTER FACTORY
22-23 DARANDA TERRACE, MILANG

LIMITED BOOKINGS
FOR BOOKING USE QR CODE

WHAT THE DAY HAS TO OFFER

Kathryn Buckby - Akom Counselling

Learn practical ways to boost mental health
and live happier

**Country & Outback Health - Country
Wellness Connections**

Build skills to understand and support your
wellbeing.

**Kyla Mchughes - Ngarrindjeri Culture &
Language Consultant & Ngarrindjeri Artist**

A cultural painting journey for creative
self-expression.



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Government of South Australia
SA Health



LAKESSIDE
MEN'S SHED IN MILANG

Rakali

Heading: Meet our river rodent – rakali!



The Latin name for rakali (*Hydromys chrysogaster*) is beautifully descriptive – golden bellied water mouse. Except rakali is neither a mouse, nor a rat!

With an orange belly, a white tipped tail, webbed feet and black or brown waterproof fur, rakali is a rodent, and, with the platypus, a uniquely Australian freshwater mammal.

While rakali is a Ngarrindjeri word, the species is found throughout Australia, and the research project by the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre will contribute essential knowledge about this little-known native.

You may come across Hannah McKennall, an Honours student at Flinders University, as she sets up cameras and bait stations in the region, undertaking the largest research into rakali ever in South Australia.

Hannah is collecting data about diet, reproductive patterns, behaviour, habitat preferences, population size, and distribution in wetlands in and near Goolwa.

“Rakali are really under-researched and we just don’t know enough about them. Some people think they are shy and elusive, others that they are coming closer to humans as opportunistic feeders, scavenging from bins, and from pet bowls for example,” she says.

“The more we know about rakali they more we can determine how they may be affected by environmental changes including drought and floods, and also how infrastructure and housing in and around the Goolwa township may affect their habitats and behaviours, compared to more natural research areas at Currency Creek, Finniss River and Watchalunga Reserve.”

Rakali provide indicators of the health of our ecosystems, and we need greater understanding of their distribution and population structure for ongoing wetland monitoring and conservation. Currently, knowledge comes from public sightings and citizen science efforts.

Hannah’s project will run through to November, using motion sensitive cameras to record images, and conducting live trapping at each site. Animals will be assessed for injuries and reproductive status, diet, weight and growth, and some will have PIT tags implanted to continue scientific monitoring.

“Our findings will have significant contributions for the conservation and management actions of rakali populations locally and throughout Australia,” Hannah says.



Hannah McKennall doing research in the wetlands

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

*Why not try
something new?*

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COMMUNITY CENTRE



**Calling all Knitters/Crocheters,
ex & wannabe Knitters /Crocheters!!**

Or

Anyone who would like to be part of the 'Just Yarning Group' group, please call Lyn on 0407 370 079.

We meet at 10.30 on Thursday mornings at the

Milang Mini Mart Café and Providore

to knit squares to be sewn together to make rugs that
will be distributed locally to those in need.

Donations of 8ply wool would be greatly appreciated
and can be left at (MOSHCC) Milang Community
Centre. If you are interested or have any queries,

Please contact Lyn - 0407 370 079

MILANG YOUTH HUB

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We Need Help With

- Art & Craft
- Cooking Classes
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Woodwork

You may have heard we have a new YOUTH HUB in Milang!! We need volunteers for a variety of beautiful programs with passionate and committed people involved to provide the best for the young people in our community. In return we will help build a community around you!

Food, Fun and Laughs Provided.



Come join us!

REGISTER NOW

Volunteer Coordinator
vickie@moshcc.com.au
8537 0687

MILANG
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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)

Free, bookings not necessary



MILANG
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE



JUST YARNING

This beautifully and perfectly knitted scarf was designed and lovingly knitted by one of our dedicated Yarners. Too modest to have her name mentioned she dutifully toiled for weeks to get every stitch, row, colour and tassel perfect. It's an accessory that anyone would feel warm and special when wearing it.



With the same attention to perfection, colours and detail, Cyndy displayed her work of art (*and heart*) which will keep someone warm, feeling special, and proud to be the owner of this unique blanket.

If you or you know of someone who is in need of warm necessities contact Lyn on 0407 370 079.



BOOK FOLDING WORKSHOP

Learn to make folded paper flowers from old books



10AM WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Milang Lakeside Butter Factory

\$15 to attend, please book and pay at MOSHCC reception desk.

All items & morning tea supplied.

BOOK FOLDING WORKSHOP

Learn to make Christmas crafts from old books



10AM WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Milang Lakeside Butter Factory

\$15 to attend, please book and pay at MOSHCC reception desk.

All items & morning tea supplied.

CLAYTON COMMUNITY HALL – A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

The Clayton Community Hall came about by the few residents who could see the need for a gathering place for the community and a meeting was arranged at the Yabby City restaurant in 1983. The group, which was all the people of Clayton, was successful in applying and receiving a Commonwealth-State Community Employment Program Grant.

This was the largest project under the program and unlike other projects in the area, this was not under the supervision of the District Council (Strathalbyn) but was administered by a local hall committee headed by Henry Jones.

The project was granted \$73,000 for labour and \$39,000 for materials.

The local contribution required was \$40,000 but \$10,000 of this was allowed for supervising and administration work, which was carried out voluntarily and at no cost to the project.

The District Council gave \$2,500.

Many different ways fundraising were used as this was a very small community to raise \$30,000. There were trading tables, fancy dress functions, many held outdoors, bingo nights, Melbourne Cup lunches, sausage sizzles, yabby races, sale of bricks, bottle collection etc.

On 15th November 1985 Hon Alexander Downer opened the hall which was **free of debt.**

There has been much fun and games in the hall over the past fifteen years including birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, balls, cabarets, various other celebrations, landcare meetings, fishermens meetings, council meetings, quilting groups, art and craft shows, bingo nights, weekly get-togethers for local residents, for bowls, table tennis, cards, eight ball etc.

Catering is done for any interested groups, buses etc.

Hall is available for hire – phone Pat (08 8537 0450) or Gloria (08 8537 0177)

PS We will celebrate the 15th birthday of the Clayton Community Hall this year.

SOME FUNDRAISING AND FUN SUGGESTIONS FOR 2000

- Easter raffle – tickets for sale at the shop and basket of eggs beautifully prepared by Chris McGrath is on show
- Art and Craft Show (do you have something to show or sell?)
- Clayton's Christmas Winter Solstice around the 22nd June 2000
- Spooks Night Friday, 13th October, 2000
- Clayton Capers date to be set soon
- 15th Birthday Party Celebration for the Clayton Community Hall, 15th November
- Melbourne Cup Lunch 2nd Tuesday in November
- Party for the opening of the Clayton - Finnis Road (date to be set)

DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE SUGGESTIONS?



CLAYTON BAY HALL

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SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2025

80'S THEMED DANCE

7.30PM TICKETS \$20.00

FEATURING LOCAL COOLWA BAND

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SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2025

BACK TO CLAYTON BAY

LIGHT LUNCH IN THE HALL

11AM-3PM FREE!

CATCH UP WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS
PAST & PRESENT.



The hall was opened on 15th November 1985 by the Hon. Alexander Downer, Federal Member for Mayo. To celebrate its 40th Anniversary, two events are planned: an 80's themed dance on Saturday 22nd and a light lunch on Sunday 23rd November. We invite past and present residents to join in the celebrations.

Cheers,

Leonie Henderson

Obituary: David Stanbridge

Clayton Bay Boat Club



It was a bitter/sweet day on Friday 19th September 2025.

The bitter:

Dave, “Davo” Stanbridge died at about 3:30 in the afternoon. Davo joined the Clayton Bay Boat Club in the mid-eighties and was a regular participant in the early Rat Race Regattas and other Club races including the Tom Bentley Trophy, which was instituted in 1985 and held on Opening Day of the boating season.

He developed his love of competitive sailing in his Farr 6, “Ayla” at the Glenelg Yacht Club for several years before joining our club in the eighties where he continued to sail Ayla in Club races.

Davo was a regular attendee at the monthly barbecues where he was a keen supporter of his children (son Darren is Commodore of CBBC) and grandchildren through his ‘thoughtful analysis’ of their performances out on the water. Up until earlier this year, when he entered a nursing home, Davo could often be seen with binoculars checking out the competitors in CBBC monthly sailing events and of course, later in the day, ‘thoughtfully analysing’ their performances!

A few years ago, when the population of Farr 6 boats increased in the Club, it was decided to introduce a trophy for the fastest Farr 6 in the Sunday Sprint Series of races. It was named after Davo, and the Dave Stanbridge Trophy has been presented to the Farr 6 with the most winning times across each season, ever since.

Davo was an active member, committee member and volunteer in the CBBC and he was granted Life Membership for his service to the CBBC in 2021.

Members valued his friendship and that of Davo’s beloved partner, Maxine and mourn his loss to the Club and to members’ lives.

Deepest sympathies to Darren, Justin, Narelle and all the family at this sad time.

I got a call from Davo’s grandson, Justin, at about 4pm. He asked whether my partner, Keren and I could attend the presentation of the Australian Sailing Annual Awards at the Adelaide Sailing Club on behalf of his father, Darren and himself.

He broke the sad news.

The sweet: The CBBC was a nominee for Club of the Year- Category B. We won. Davo would have loved that.

Vale, Davo. Fair sailing.

Credit to the Southern Argus



Rob Jones accepting the Club of the year award at the Australian Sailing Annual Awards at the Adelaide Sailing Club

The Citation for Clayton Bay Boat Club's Nomination

Clayton Bay Boat Club has recorded a 19% membership increase in 2024/25, alongside a 55% surge in racing participation. Through initiatives like the She Helms women's race, youth divisions in the Rat Race Regatta, and the Lower Lakes Interclub Challenge, CBBC has expanded opportunities across all ages and abilities.

The club has also strengthened community ties through events such as the Narrung Race fundraiser, Australia Day Breakfast for CFS, and the Winter Solstice Bonfire. With a focus on safety, inclusion, and partnerships, CBBC has delivered a vibrant calendar of sailing and social events, while driving long-term sustainability with marina upgrades, governance reforms, and environmental action. A true model of growth and community spirit.

Credit to the Southern Argus



Robert Edgar, Rob Jones and David Stanbridge at the Clayton Bay Boat Club with the Dave Stanbridge Trophy



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For more information or paper copies of the survey visit
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www.clmmresearchcentre.org



This research project has been approved by the UnISA Ethics Committee, Ethics Protocol #207200. All participants must be over 18 years old

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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 continues every Wednesday at 1pm in the
Milang Institute supper room.

An opportunity to relax and release tension, to
pause and breathe.

As we age we tend to compress a little.

Tai Chi helps us expand and open up.

It benefits our balance, flexibility and circulation.

Just taking time to listen inside your body.

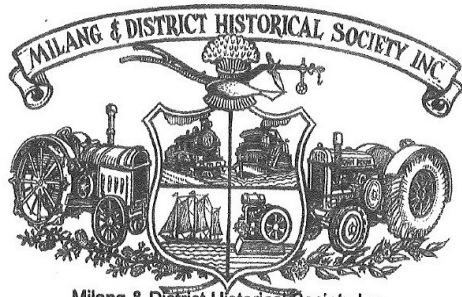
Are you tight anywhere? Soften and release down
now!

Relax into the ground and check if you can
balance on 1 leg....try this everyday.

You might be surprised, by changing something it
improves.

It's all a gradual process. Come and try if you're
interested.

We run through till December 10th. Jen



Milang & District Historical Society Inc
P.O. Box 297, Milang, S.A. 5256

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

The Society hosted a visit to the Milang & District Historical Society's, Port Milang Museum on the 9th October by 200 people participating in the National 2025 Veteran Vehicle Rally which was based in Murray Bridge for five days. The Society provided lunch for the 200 visitors on Thursday.

This visit was planned over the past year and certainly promoted Milang as there were Veteran Cars (pre 1919) from all states of Australia on the Rally.

The Port Milang Museum was open and many good comments were placed in the Visitor's book. We sincerely thank the many people, Society members and friends who offered to assist setting up gazebos and stalls, catering for that number of people and packing up afterwards.

Lunch included sandwiches, sweets and tea and coffee.

Well done everyone who helped.

Allan McInnes

President.

Milang & District Historical Society.



Also, on Monday 13th October a visit by 38 people from the S.A. Federation of Motoring Car Clubs called into the Milang & District Historical Society for morning tea, tour of our Port Milang Museum and a demonstration of how a vintage tractor pull operates using a purpose built sled.

This vehicle run was one of the events leading up to the Bay to Birdwood vehicle run which was held on Sunday 19th October.

Thank you to the Members and friends who helped make this a successful event.



Milang Oval Museum

Open Sunday 1pm-4pm

Entry Gold Coin Donation

Other times by appointment

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Did you know? - Some Unknown facts about Famous Artists:

- **Leonardo da Vinci** – Wrote his notes backward so they could only be read in a mirror; dissected human corpses to study anatomy for his art.
- **Michelangelo** – Signed only one work: the *Pietà*, after hearing others credit it to someone else.
- **Vincent van Gogh** – Ate paint and drank turpentine, believing it would make him feel happier; sold just one painting in his lifetime.
- **Claude Monet** – Planted an entire garden at Giverny to serve as his personal art studio; he painted it over 250 times.
- **Pablo Picasso** – Could draw before he could walk; his first word was “piz,” short for “pencil.”
- **Frida Kahlo** – Turned her plaster body cast into a painted artwork while bedridden after a bus accident.
- **Salvador Dalí** – Once showed up to a lecture in a full diving suit, nearly suffocating while trying to explain “submersion” in art.
- **Georgia O’Keeffe** – Collected animal bones in the desert and painted them against the sky; she learned to fly planes later in life.
- **Jackson Pollock** – Used hardened brushes, sticks, and even syringes to fling paint; Time magazine dubbed him “Jack the Dripper.”
- **Andy Warhol** – Owned 25 cats—all named Sam; he also had a personal collection of over 600 wigs.
- **Henri Matisse** – Created his famous paper cut-outs while recovering from cancer surgery and confined to a wheelchair.
- **Rembrandt van Rijn** – Went bankrupt despite fame, selling his house and art collection to survive.
- **Johannes Vermeer** – Likely used a camera obscura (a primitive projector) to achieve his perfect lighting and detail.

- **Edvard Munch** – The blood-red sky in *The Scream* may have been inspired by a real volcanic sunset after Krakatoa erupted.
- **Caravaggio** – Was accused of murder and fled Rome; painted many of his saints using criminals as models.
- **Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec** – Broke both legs as a child and stopped growing; immortalized the nightlife of Paris’s Moulin Rouge.
- **Paul Cézanne** – Worked so slowly that his models often quit; he painted Mont Sainte-Victoire nearly 80 times.
- **Diego Rivera** – Once painted Lenin’s portrait into a Rockefeller mural; it was destroyed when he refused to remove it.
- **Artemisia Gentileschi** – The first woman admitted to Florence’s Academy of Fine Arts; her trial for assault became public scandal.

Yayoi Kusama – Voluntarily lives in a psychiatric hospital in Tokyo and walks daily to her nearby art studio. You could probably pop a couple of famous painting pics from off the web, ie *Scream*, Monet’s *Lillies*, Van Goughs *Haystacks* to add some colour.

Cheers

Madeleine Elkin - Artist

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(local artist: Madeleine Elkin)

Goolwa Matinee Performances

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Experience the magic of The Beatles with Lady Beatles!

Their tribute lovingly captures the iconic sound and spirit of The Fab Four, taking you on a joyous rock'n'roll journey that will delight both lifelong fans and recent enthusiasts alike.

Enjoy The costumes and faithful recreations of the songs you love. 'Come Together' and sing along to Beatle favourites, from 'I Wanna Hold Your Hand' to 'Help!' and 'Hey Jude'. You'll know and love them all!

Where: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When: Friday 21st November 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



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NOV**

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**30
NOV**

KAT RAYNOR



**14
DEC**

**SAM HISSEY &
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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 Alwyn Hopgood

William and Innes Yelland

Bill Yelland was born at Narrung and came to Point Sturt about the same time as his brother Joseph. They had adjoining properties with Lake Alexandrina frontage. Bill had quite a large herd of Jersey milking cows—some of the biggest framed Jerseys anywhere in the district.

Bill always purchased high performance bulls in the hope of improving his herd, which he did. Bill's property consisted of quite a lot of limestone outcrops and areas of salt swamps. It was thought that this mix, and the herd being so well looked after, made his Jerseys so large framed. At first, milk and cream from Bill Yelland's dairy would have gone to his brother Joseph's cheese factory until it closed in 1917. He sent it to the Milang Butter Factory thereafter.

Horse drawn vehicles were the mode of transport in the early years, after which the South Australian Farmers' Union supplied a milk pick up by motor truck for their factory at Milang.

In the late 1800s, Bill was a keen cricketer for the Point Sturt Cricket Club. He kept a keen interest in cricket all his life. On one occasion, when Bill was in the Strathalbyn Hospital, some of the Milang cricketers, including myself, paid him a visit on the way home after beating Ashbourne at Ashbourne. He was rapt and said it made him feel much better. For some time, on Saturday evenings, in the cricket season, Bill would phone me and want to know the Milang cricket scores of the match.

Bill and his wife Innes were devout Church of Christ followers; their church being situated next to their home and farm.

The first job I had after leaving high school was helping my father repair and paint the Yelland homestead with the help of Bill's son, Graham. Graham eventually took over the running of the property and made massive improvements to the dairy, sheds, water supply, etc. He also largely increased the Jersey cow dairy herd.

When Graham eventually had to employ a share farmer in the dairy, things changed, and Friesian milking cows were introduced. Graham often helped the Milang Cricket Club as a player and with transport, which was much appreciated.

The Yellands were great people for the Milang and Point Sturt areas and contributed to many organisations for many years. Bill Yelland passed away on 13th October 1960, and is buried in the Point Sturt cemetery with many of his family.



William Yelland



Edna and Graham Yelland, 1995

William and Innes Yelland's cottage a typical early cottage constructed of local limestone. This one was built by Adam Taylor in the late 1850s at Point Sturt.



November 2025

The Cheer Up Hut will be open on the 1st Wednesday & 1st Saturday of each month, depending on volunteer availability.

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 next meeting will be on the **5/11/25**, this will be our AGM due to not enough members available last month.

We need as many to attend as possible to get enough for an AGM.

Please do not leave donations at the Shop or Hut unless we are there.

Doris & Chris Lambert **Publicity Officers**

Mental Health Support

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- 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

Rainfall for October 2025



Wed 01/10/2025	2 mm
Thu 02/10/2025	1.6 mm
Mon 06/10/2025	4.8 mm
Tue 14/10/2025	0.6 mm
Fri 17/10/2025	6.2 mm
Mon 20/10/2025	0.6 mm
Tue 21/10/2025	2 mm
Wed 22/10/2025	9 mm
Thu 23/10/2025	1.6 mm
Sat 25/10/2025	0.2 mm
Sun 26/10/2025	4.2 mm
Mon 27/10/2025	1.2 mm
Tue 30/10/2025	6 mm
October Total	40 mm





Stickybeaks

November 2025



Watch this space!!!

Christmas at the Butter Factory

Sunday Session 1—4pm

21st December

Also an 'open mic' night is organised

for the 14th of December

More details in the December edition

Sticky Beaks Men's Group

National
MOTOR
Museum

22.50\$ ENTRY

Travel to Birdwood to explore the motor Museum!

It features over 300 vehicles spanning over 100 years of Australian motoring history, from a steam carriage built in 1899 to modern hybrid cars.

18TH NOVEMBER 2025

DEPARTING: MOSHCC @ 9AM

ENTRY \$22.50 | BUS \$15 | LUNCH ADDITIONAL

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LIMITED BOOKINGS CONTACT BY 10TH NOVEMBER

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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Milang Model Railway Exhibition 2025

22nd –23rd November, From 10am to 4pm

At the Milang Institute and Station

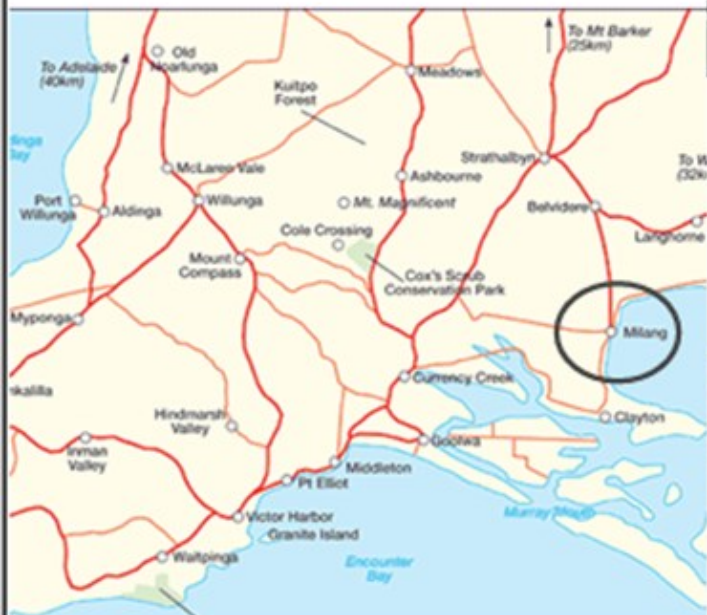
- * Thirteen stunning layouts.
- * Scales N, 009, HO, OO, O and G.
- * Gavin Thrum's Wellingford.
- * Drive a garden railway.
- * Three traders.
- * Admission \$10.
- * Kids aged 12 and under free.

Plus, admission includes:

- * Entry to the railway museum.
- * SAR 351 and steam driving simulators.
- * Diesel locomotive demonstrations
- * Train rides on the two foot gauge light railway.



One hour south of Adelaide.



Easy street parking around the Institute and at the Railway Station, Daranda Terrace.



Lunches and Refreshments in the Station Cafeteria Car and at the Institute. Families can also enjoy the Station Craft Shop, the Playground and the Lake Shore. Not just a model railway show but a great day out for enthusiasts and families.. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Milang Railway Museum and the Red Cross. Need to know more? www.milangrailway.org.au or 0414 232 060

All Aboard



As mentioned last month, we have received a grant of \$18,500 from the State Government to extend the Light Railway Centre eastwards towards the craft shop. This will give us a forty percent increase in floor area and will allow us to bring in more locomotives and rolling stock for restoration and display.

We also have plans to erect a windmill where there used to be one adjacent to the station until the 1970s. We're also planning to set up an arbor on the track adjacent to the Clayton road as you leave Milang. This will be using supporting frames donated by the Clayton Bay garden centre and using native plants. It will enhance the train ride experience by the train passing through a "tunnel".



Milang Model Railway Exhibition

The exhibition is on again this year on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd of November, from 10am to 4pm, at the Milang Institute and the Milang Station. Admission is \$10 with kids aged 12 and under free.

The exhibition includes twelve stunning model railway layouts of all scales and sizes. Kids will be able to drive trains on a large scale layout and three traders will have displays to help you choose Christmas presents for the grandkids.

The entrance fee includes train rides at the station and the viewing of the museum displays. The community craft shop will be open at the station platform for those not so interested in railways. Lunches and refreshments will be available at both the hall and the station.



MILANG ENVIRONMENT CENTRE corner of Weeroona Drive & Jupiter Street Milang

P O Box 338 Milang SA 5256 Ph: 85370201 E: milangenvironmentalcentre@gmail.com

OPEN: 10 AM – 3 PM WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

The **Milang Environment Centre** is a not-for-profit community service operated by volunteers. MEC earns income from collecting refundable drink containers and recycles money back into the local community by paying drink container deposit refunds and by donating to or sponsoring worthy causes and other community service organisations. Finding enough volunteers to process the increasing number of recyclable items is becoming a problem for MEC and more helpers are urgently needed especially on busy Saturdays. MEC uses various volunteer incentive strategies including an endless supply of tea, coffee, biscuits and the incredible **LYLA THE CAKE LADY's** fresh-baked delicious cakes. Some volunteers willingly give their time and energy to eat cake and ensure that MEC services operate. Other **MEC supporters** generously sacrifice their time and resources to help with completing major tasks that are outside the remit of the regular volunteer team.

Once such MEC supporter is **ALISTAIR McINNES** who is Captain of the local CFS Unit and a very busy man running his farm. When the MEC needs a controlled burn-off, **Alistair** a regular **MEC Supporter** brings in a CFS team to ensure the event is conducted safely. Recently, MEC purchased gravel to surface the internal road, and it was **Alistair McInnes** who very kindly brought in a machine from his local farm to level and spread the gravel. The result is a clean road within MEC where mud and dust prevailed. Supporters such as **Alistair** are as important to the continued functioning of MEC as the regular Wednesday & Saturday volunteers.

THANKYOU ALISTAIR McINNES.

Entrance to MEC now gravel surfaced.



Alistair McInnes spread and levelled the gravel on the MEC internal road



Douglas McInnes regularly brings his own equipment and weed spray to support MEC



The large site on which MEC is based is Crown land and MEC is often distracted from priority recycling efforts by the proliferation of long grass and weeds. Once again help arrives in the form of a selfless local **MEC Supporter DOUGLAS McINNES** who generously provides a weed control spray of the entire MEC site. MEC Boss Dinosaur **Geoff Dungey** was on-site recently to ensure not a winter weed was missed and had high praise for the hands-on support for MEC regularly and kindly provided by **Douglas** who uses his own resources and sacrifices time he can ill-afford.

THANKYOU DOUGLAS McINNES.

MEC Boss Dinosaur Geoff Dungey told MCN that the on-going help provided by MEC Supporters such as **Alistair** and **Doug McInnes**, makes it possible for MEC to continue to operate.

Milang Environmental Centre Serving our community

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

Ph: Geoff 0428 845 171 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

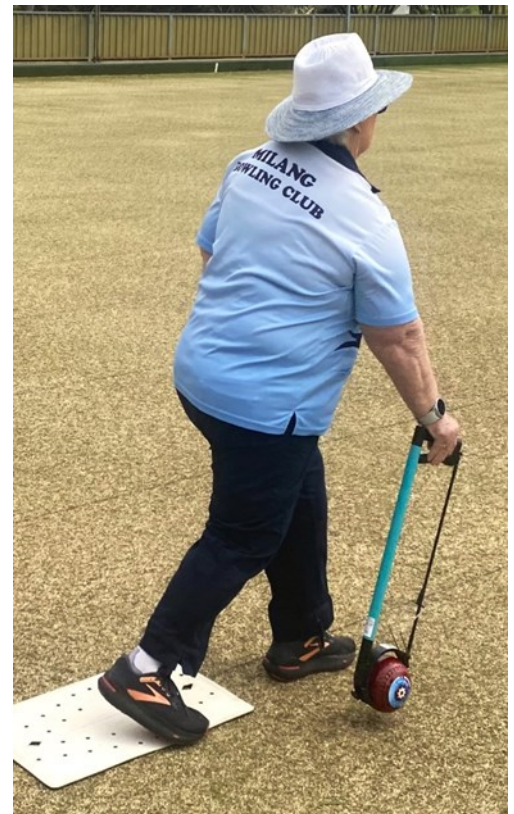
MILANG BOWLING CLUB NEWS - NOVEMBER 2025 – “OPEN DAY”



MBC Greenkeeper Greg Bowen using new bowls on Open Day

The **Milang Bowling Club** held the **2025-2026 Season Open Day** on Sunday 28 September. In balmy, cloudy conditions with a slight breeze the clubs' first internal championship, the arduous 100- UP was played. This knock-out event involves players contesting as many ends as it takes for the first player to reach 100 points. Play was held on the excellently prepared B-Green by Greenkeeper Extraordinaire **Greg Bowen** in readiness for the first game of the seasons' Regional Pennant Competition on 11 October. Milang's Division 5 will play against Strathalbyn and Division 3 against Myponga.

At the start of the Open Day, **Club President Brian Patterson** welcomed popular **Patron Alvyn Hopgood** who ceremoniously rolled the first bowl of the new season. **Brian Patterson** told MCN that, *“Despite losing several very good players, we are confident of success in the new 2025-2026 Pennant season. Milang Bowling Club punches way above its' weight in the tough regional competition.”*



Doris Lambert in action at the MBC 2025-2026 Open Day. Doris has been practicing hard to make the difficult transition to bowling using a mechanical “arm”.



Jake Jacobs using his expensive new bowls on Open Day 100-UP.



Irene Westley played well in the 100-Up semi-final despite a sore knee.

The Club Open Day and 100-UP Championship was an opportunity for several players to try and justify their expensive winter purchases of brand-new bowls. **Jake Jacobs** and **Greg Bowen** both impressed with their performances using new sets of distinctively coloured, patterned, high-cost bowls which augers well for their Regional Pennant Competition season.

Battling a troublesome knee **Irene Westley** made it through to the 100-UP semi-final but was beaten by **Lee Robinson**.

Greg Bowen was beaten by an inspired **Kym Whitcher** in a tightly contested semi-final. **Jackie Jacobs** won her semi-final against a very competitive **Julie Whitcher**. Last seasons' 100-UP winner **Geoff Dodd** prevailed in a semi-final against **Kevin Newton**. Fading light forced players to delay the two grand finals of the 100-UP Championship. On Tuesday 30 September Jackie Jacobs held off a challenge from Lee Robinson and **Jackie Jacobs is the MBC Womens' 100-UP Champion 2025-2026** and **Geoff Dodd** is the **Men's 100-UP Champion** for the second year running. **Milang teams play at home Pennants Competition Saturday 22 & 29 Nov. at 1.15 pm. Supporters and spectators are welcome.**



Jackie Jacobs (left) & Lee Robinson winner and runner-up in the MBC 100-UP Championship 2025-2026.



Milang Cottage Garden Club

monthly outing report

Hi fellow gardeners

October 8th was a clear but cool day as seven of us left Milang for a trip to some nurseries in the Mt Barker area, starting at Garden Depot where several plants were purchased. I was able to report to them that a peony purchased from them last year is coming into bloom. Even though I have since learnt that I was doing everything wrong i.e. giving it too much shade and water and I could have planted it in the ground if a suitable site can be found with early morning sun and good drainage.

Next stop was Misty Creek, which is up for sale, and it will be interesting to see if it remains a nursery, many interesting plants but nothing that grabbed my attention. So on to our next stop Bunnings where various objects and plants found their way on to the bus. The back fills up quite quickly now with the addition of one walker. I think there should be more, but pride comes before a fall which we hope will never happen, although four members are using walking canes now for extra support.

Next thing is where to have lunch, some had brought theirs while others had to purchase it. So, it was decided to go to Beerenberg which caters for both. After lunch some of us had a quick look among the jams etc to see if there was anything that was of interest.

Back in the bus, discussion as to where to go next was had with the suggestion to Peter that we had one of his mystery tours ending with somewhere

for afternoon drinks and the drawing of the raffle. So, we did after turning right in Handorf, I for one was soon lost but the scenery was fabulous, next place I recognised was Verdun, I did not realise it was so large, this was closely followed by Aldgate, so we said how about Karkoo which was agreed to. We enjoyed a drink of our choice and a little train spotting and drew the raffle which was won by Carol.

The next trip will be on the 12th November and will be to Semaphore to the Pets and Garden Nursery, we have been here once before when Bob was the driver, it may be a good idea to bring your lunch as we do not know where we will end up for it.

We will call in at Nurseries we have missed this year like Klemzig, Hynes, and Norwood. Please ring me on 8537 0453 if you are coming.

Anne Feast



Garden blossom at the Community Garden

Milang Community Garden

Newsletter Article

November 2025



Well, what a Jolly Jape! The gardeners came in with the Champion Productive Garden Prize at the Strathalbyn Show! It has lifted the collective spirit and spurred us on for bigger and better veggies next year! Everyone worked very hard with a massive clean up to get the place looking clean and spiffed up, well beyond the hours normally spent at the garden. It's good to see that all the effort paid off!

The garden is looking very green with lots of silver beet and spinach around. The peas have produced three big crops and the bugs so far have not been as bad. Unfortunately, the aphids did find the cauliflowers which stunted their growth. The flowers are all out and the fruit trees are coming into blossom. The tomatoes are planted and growing well and we are already getting some early fruit from the tunnel.

Many of the new crops are in, with more planting to be done. We look forward to harvesting the Spring and Summer produce in the coming weeks.

The gardeners like to experiment with companion planting and beneficial plantings. This attracts bees and other good bugs to stay in the garden, reduces the reliance on chemical pesticides etc. It also helps the soil and keeps the moisture in.

It's good to see some new faces popping into the garden. The cart should be up and running fully as we move into the season.

There is a lemon glut currently in Milang!

Warning – Dad Joke!

How do you make a lemon drop?

Let It go!

Happy gardening!



MILANG CFS NEWS

Jude Aquilina

Milang CFS Brigade has been fairly busy with jobs over the past few months, attending a variety of events including two car fires, a car accident, grass fires and some fallen trees.



Also, on the 19th of October a horse broke free from its owner and made its way about 300 metres into the reeds east of the Milang Regatta Club.



A combined effort from CFS, SES, and some locals eventually found the horse with an infrared camera on a drone. The horse was suffering from exhaustion and minor injuries.

Once the horse was removed from the water, the decision was made to make a drag-mat from a heavy tarpaulin, wrap the horse in it and drag the 400kg animal by hand over 200 metres through the reeds back the lake road. Then it was winched up the hill and loaded into a float to be taken to a vet. The hard work of dragging the horse was a distraction from the thoughts of treading on snakes or perhaps even being eaten by a crocodile that was imagined by some to be hiding amongst the reeds!

The Brigade has also been busy with pre-fire-season trainings including the annual burn over drill and pumping exercises done with the Clayton Brigade.

The start of the fire ban season for the Murraylands is from November 1, spanning to April 30, 2026. Milang, Langhorne Creek and Clayton Bay are in the Murraylands region. Strathalbyn CFS Group Officer Greg Pfeiffer said the dates are determined by considering soil dryness and the weather conditions the state has faced. He said the region is in a green drought, meaning there has been enough rain for pastures, but the deeper layers of soil are still dry.

Milang CFS urge people to start looking at the fire breaks on their properties and fence lines, and to start clearing and cutting the grass near their houses, as well as cleaning out gutters and removing flammable materials from around houses and buildings.

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HISTORIC GRAVES OF THE MILANG CEMETERY

THE TINKS FAMILY

by Alvyn Hopgood

In 1870, the lake trade was in full swing. 1868 saw Captain James Tinks take the steamer *Telegraph* to McGrath's Flat on the Coorong for a trip inspection. James Tinks commissioned the building of the steamer *Wilcannia* in 1875, trading with her on the River Darling until he died on 18th October 1889.

Bill Tinks, James's son was a highly successful river captain. Among the boats he commanded were the *Corowa*, the *Waikerie*, the *Success*, the *Canally*, and the *Murrabit*.

On the 27th December 1866, the steamer *Telegraph* left Milang Jetty for an excursion on arrangement with Cobb & Co. Around 80 passengers set out for Meningie under the command of Captain William Tinks. But disaster struck, with a passenger, Mr Joseph Turvey, falling overboard. A search was made for several hours but no sign of his body was found. This tragic event cast a gloom over the passengers and the steamer *Telegraph* returned to Milang, arriving at 11am.

Captain Tinks' daughter Eliza (Dolly) married Ern Dunk, and she was the first President of Milang Red Cross. Frank Potts built the steamer *Wilcannia* in 1875 for Captain Tinks. He used timber grown at Echunga. The *Wilcannia* traded for many years along the Murray and Darling Rivers.

In the 1873 school exams, William Tinks was awarded for maths, Anne Tinks for writing and Eliza Tinks for general proficiency. The Tinks family were instrumental in the opening of the Milang Institute in 1883-1884. The Institute was built by J Oldfield.

The Tinks' property was situated on the south-west side of McDonald Street in Milang and consisted of approximately 500 acres. This area was used for the combined Oddfellows and Rechabite Lodges' annual picnic on Friday 19th October 1886. The Tinks family were members of the Milang Congregational Church; and the sixtieth Jubilee of Queen Victoria was celebrated there in June 1897 with several services conducted in the church. These services were addressed by RJ Blackwell, Mrs Tinks and Mrs Mitchell of Point Sturt. Later in the day, the three concerned each planted a pine tree.

The two Tinks boys, William and James were outstanding cricketers for the Milang Club – William an allrounder and James a fast-scoring batsman. They also played football for Milang. There are six members of the Tinks family buried in the Milang Cemetery: Edwin 1871, son of James (nine months old), James, 1875, son of James (five years), James, son of James 1877 (two years), Kate 1883 (12 years), James 1889 (61 years), and Kate Catherine 1909 (72 years).





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By Jude Aquilina



1. China
2. They talk a lot
3. Water
4. Four stars
5. Garlic
6. Cabbage
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8. Two horns
9. South Australia (Kati Thanda – Lake Eyre)
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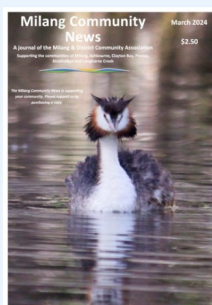
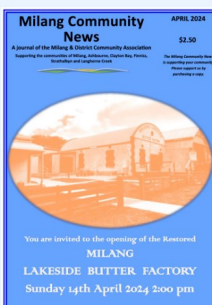
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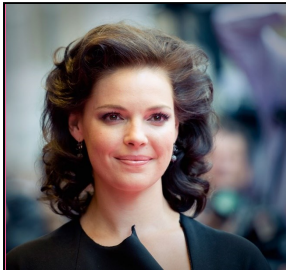
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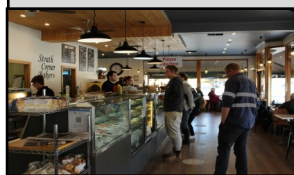
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November 2025



All of November		The Stationmaster's Gallery is currently showing their Members' Exhibition "Weaving Interconnections" featuring Southern Vale Basket Cases and Weaving for Wellness Group - Free entry, open 7 days 10am-4pm, contact 8536 4263.
Saturday	1st	The Lower Lakes Stockman's Challenge and Bush Festival are hosting the "Strath Rodeo" from 1pm til Midnight in Langhorne Creek Road (follow the signs). For full details and tickets visit https://events.humanitix.com/2025-strath-rodeo
		Creek Connect are holding an Outdoor Cinema event with comedian "The Beautiful Bogan" on Saturday 1 November at Langhorne Creek Community Hall from 6pm. Food, wine, beer, music, ice cream, kids' activities and more!
		"The Stormboys" – R&B with Grit – will be performing at Tooperang Hall on Saturday 1 November. Bar opens 6.30pm, show starts 7.30pm. BYO nibbles/supper, full bar service (no byo drinks please). \$30pp – bookings/enquiries to Jill 0409 693 748 or clelands@activ8.net.au
Tuesday	4th	The Victoria Hotel are holding a Melbourne Cup Lunch - Frock up and rock up! Visit https://vichotelstrath.com.au/events/melbourne-cup/
Friday	7th	Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of ABBA , the Flaming Sambucas will present their ABBA Gold Show "I have a Dream" at the Strathalbyn Town Hall on Friday 7 November at 8pm
Sunday	9th	SHAUN HOLTON at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music
Sunday	16th	Enjoy the next Save our St Andrews Concert "Harp song" featuring Emma Horwood and Visnja. With pedal and Celtic harp, two female voices in harmony present a wide repertoire of classical, Celtic and folk original and contemporary songs. 2pm Sunday 16 November at St Andrew's. Tickets \$30, \$25 concession from www.trybooking.com/DGEVG or at the door
Saturday	22nd	Don't miss the Milang Model Railway Exhibition being held on Saturday & Sunday 22 & 23 November from 10am-4pm at the Milang Institute and Milang Station. Many stunning layouts, events and experiences - Admission \$10pp (U12 free) includes entry to the museum, SAR 351 and steam driving simulators, diesel loco demonstrations and train rides on the two foot gauge light railway. Not just a railway show but something for all the family to enjoy – lunches and refreshments in the Cafeteria Car, Craft Shop, Playground and Lake Shore. Proceeds to Milang Railway Museum and Red Cross.
		Clayton Bay Community Halls turns 40 – join in the celebrations on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 November. Saturday night at 7.30pm will be a 80s Themed Dance featuring "The Storm Boys" – BYO drinks, glasses and shared supper - \$20pp. On Sunday is the "Back to Clayton Bay" free light lunch in the hall from 11am til 3pm. Bookings for both essential – 0407 394 907
Sunday	23rd	ZARA CHANTEL at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music
		The Shannons Adelaide Rally is back again - The Strathalbyn Town Stage has become a popular event for spectators, both visitors and locals, with two runs through town. Get up close and personal with around 400 cars, competition and tour, classic and modern, as they also enjoy their lunch stop here.
Sunday	30th	KAT RAYNOR at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music
		The annual Great Rotary Duck Race will be held on Sunday 30 November, sponsored by Raine and Horne, together with the SWAG Christmas Market (Strathalbyn Women's Auxiliary Group). A highlight of the day will be the Corporate Duck Race when local businesses compete!