

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

December 2025



Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to everyone



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the BUMPER December 2025 edition of the Milang Community News. Hasn't the year flown by!!! I can't believe that it's December already and Christmas is upon us. Just a reminder that our Xmas Lights competition closes on the 12th December, please see page 4, we have some fantastic meal vouchers as prizes from some of our local restaurants, who I would like to thank very, very much. On Sunday 21st December, there will be Christmas Carols (by various artists) and an afternoon of fun at the Butter Factory between 1-4pm. There will be activities for the children plus a Lucky Dip as well, please see page 6 for further details. Whatever Christmas means to you, I really hope you have a peaceful and special day. Please stay safe, enjoy the sunshine and have a great month.

Cheers

Cathy Fish

editor@milang.org.au

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

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 Yarlurwar-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 Yarlurwar-ruwe plan 2006

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Chairperson's Monthly Report

November 2025



MADCA quarterly Public Meeting was held on Thursday 27th of November 2025 at the Milang Institute.

Kylie Markow Alexandrina Council Community Development Officer and Milang Youth Hub Volunteer Katie Whittham provided an update of local youth activities and the exciting developments planned for the Youth Hub following the success in securing the \$100,000 Impact 100 award which will fund a much needed upgrade to the old Clubhouse facilities.

MADCA CEO Stuart Jones confirmed approval of a \$2000 SA Government grant to fund AED Defibrillator unit installation at the Milang Institute and The Youth Hub along with a commitment by the Eastern Fleurieu School at Milang to donate an AED Unit to be installed at the Butter Factory.

In addition, Stuart has been successful in securing a \$2340 SA Govt. Social Impact grant to install temporary fruit tree Bird netting at the Community Garden with a more permanent solution to be coordinated by Community Garden volunteer Alan Burkinshaw in conjunction with JB's Butter Factory maintenance crew into the new year.

We now have 92 Volunteers registered. Volunteer Co-ordinator Vicki Schmidt (8537 0687) will welcome your contact if you would like to join. Exciting news, Vicki's role is to be expanded to incorporate the role of Community and Neighbourhood Development Officer to facilitate numerous Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC) activities. Our Volunteers Christmas Luncheon at the Butter Factory is scheduled for the 12th of December 2025.

Good news. Our Monthly newsletter is now distributed to over 500 email recipients.

If you are not receiving your free copy, please contact MOSHCC reception (8537 0687) and nominate your email contact details. Hard copies will continue to be available @ \$2.50 to cover printing costs.

Milang Butter Factory Live music, 1-4pm every alternate Sunday has been well attended. The recent introduction of Friday night Open Mike Muso's/Pizza sessions the second Friday in the month are also proving to be popular.

Family Carols in the Butter Factory are scheduled for Sunday 21st of December 2025, 1-4pm with children's activities planned.

We now have an out of hours contact number 0408512457 for Butter Factory bookings.

Treasurer Karen Burkinshaw's presentation of a consolidated October 2025 P & L was accepted.

Lakes Home Care clients have now successfully transitioned to the new Federal Govt. Support at Home program which took effect 1st of November 2025. Congratulations to the Lakes Home Care staff for the professional manner that they have managed this transition.

Please note that Milang Old School House Community Centre will be closed between the 19th of December 2025 and the 5th of January 2026.

On behalf of the MADCA Committee we extend to you our best wishes for a safe and happy festive season ahead.

Kind regards

Wayne Footer

MADCA Chairperson

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Santa's Little Yelpers

What Am I?

Lindsay Jane Doley

I welcome hundreds of people
from all walks of life through my doors every
day.
I have something for almost everyone.
There are countless treasures within my walls.
You can learn many things
when you come to visit or be entertained.

You can come with friends, family
or simply by yourself and feel safe and comfortable.
I'm a hive of activity, yet also calm and tranquil.
I am staffed by friendly helpful people.
I've heard that I'm quite popular with teenagers.
Who'd have thought?
Don't underestimate your teenagers.

You can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee here,
yet I'm not a cafe.
You'd need to bring your own cake or biscuits,
which you are very welcome to do.
I have panoramic windows with great views
of lovely parks or gardens outside.
Perfect for people and dog watching.
I often host wonderful, eclectic exhibitions.
I think many of you might have guessed already.
I am your very own public library,
found wherever you live.



Best Foot

Amanda Solly

When you were a fattened pudding,
glossy and carefree, Monk was ever
by your side. Soft plush toy, hugged
round the neck made day sleeps
comfy and tears fade away. With his
preferred pink monkey mit slid
carefully between middle and ring
finger you gently caressed his fur
with your thumb. And if he slid from
your lap into the footwell on road
trips, the wail of 'best foot!' permeated the car. So deep was your
love for this sacred stuffed friend that
your dad and I still use it as a term of
endearment today. 'You're my best
foot' is the highest of compliments.



POETS CORNER

Beds Hard and Soft

Geoff Graetz

Beds I slept in when I was young
some were lumpy and badly sprung
they formed hollows into which I rolled
many times, I put my sleep on hold.

In youth I slept on church hall floors
which felt like tops of rocky tors.
with only a sleeping bag for cushioning
those were days I slept on anything.

Many hot nights I slept on backyard lawn
under the stars without a yawn
until I heard the mosquito whine
pulled a sheet on just in time.

As air cadet on survival exercise
snoozing on farmer's straw was my prize
up at dawn and on my way
best sleep I had for many a day.

On tenting trip, camp stretcher for my rest
Grampians stay was the best.
we woke to the Kookaburra's laugh
ready to walk the mountain path.

Once on sailing ship, in bunk below
cabin stuffy and bed too narrow
but, returning to my comfy home
I enjoyed my bed without a groan.



*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

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

AT THE

BUTTER FACTORY

FREE
ENTRY

Christmas carols performed by local artists

Afternoon tea at 2:30 for \$5

Free lucky dip & games for kids

family friendly
community event

SUNDAY
21
DEC

1 - 4 PM

MILANG LAKESIDE
BUTTER FACTORY

Daranda Tce, Milang

To register to perform, either
complete the form via the QR code,
or contact David on 0417 370 208
to secure your spot



Remembrance Day 2025

The 11th November was a cool and breezy day, but there was a very good attendance at the service which was held at 10.30am in the Soldiers Memorial Garden.

The service was co-ordinated by MADCA Chairperson Wayne Footer and the service performed by Minister Margaret Holt.

Special thanks were given to the Strathalbyn & District Concert Band for providing the music, to Anne Doecke for playing the bagpipes, to the children of the Milang Campus and also a special thank you to all of the volunteers that have helped on the day.

A delicious Morning Tea was served at the Institute Hall together with a great BBQ provided for by the Milang Men's Shed.





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Don't Miss This Opportunity To See Australia's Premier Country Crooner Perform "Live" During His 2026 National Concert Tour

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SATURDAY: 7TH FEBRUARY 2026 @ 1PM

Bookings - Tel. Glenise: 0401 638 464. Norm: 0428 222 942.

"Tickets Also AT The Door"

Tickets: \$25.00

Rainfall for

November 2025



Mon 03/11/2025	0.2 mm
Tue 04/11/2025	14 mm
Fri 07/11/2025	0.2 mm
Sat 08/11/2025	2.4 mm
Sun 09/11/2025	0.2 mm
Tue 11/11/2025	3.6 mm
Sun 16/11/2025	0.4 mm
Mon 17/11/2025	1.2 mm
Sat 22/11/2025	0.2 mm
Sun 23/11/2025	32.8 mm
Sat 29/11/2025	18.4 mm
Sun 30/11/2025	0.8 mm
November Total	74.4 mm

Beautiful Flowers

Upcycling with Old Books from the Already Read Bookshop

The lovely Cheryl Butlin led a group of artistic ladies in a fun filled Book Folding Workshop on the 19th November 2025 at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory.

The group made floral arrangements—vase and flowers—from some old books.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious morning tea which included scones, jam and cream and a lot of fun was had by all who attended. Thank you very much Cheryl.



Reflections on Life and Love
Letho Kostoglou & Camille Mercep
aace
Alexandrina Arts,
Culture & Events
Clayton Bay Community Hall
Saturday 13 December 2025
4pm-5pm
(doors and bar open from 3pm)
Tickets trybooking.com

**Works by Giordani, Martini, Mozart,
Schumann, Chopin, Chausson, Satie, Poulenc
& Richard Strauss**



TAI CHI



Tai Chi is in the Milang Institute Supper room at 1pm on Wednesdays.

The 10th December session is the final one for this year, resuming on January 28th, 2026.

Thank you to all who have participated and been part of Tai Chi this year.

We've had fun along the way, learning new skills is challenging and requires a bit of gentle persistence.

It's been awesome to be alongside people as they continue to discover and experience softening and relaxing their body.

Next year we continue. Enjoy the break and the warmth of this time of year.

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), EMEA (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

Line Dancing

16.12.2025—Final class 2025

13.01.26—First class 2026

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?**

MILANG
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
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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.

MOSH NOSH

It was a true pleasure having the Milang Campus R-6 Campus students join us, helping with the Friday Feast this year. This has been a great way for the students to gain real-life skills, preparing and serving food to the consumers, and building community connections.

It is always sad to see the students leave us at the commencement of the year; however, it's also rewarding knowing they're moving on to their next stage of schooling.

A big 'Thank you' to Hudson, Vanessa, JL and Jack for assisting us, and we wish you well with your future endeavours. Looking forward to the next group of helpers in the new year.



**FRIDAYS
TERM 4**

8-12yrs



Arvo Club
3:30-4:30

12yrs+



Teen Hang
4:30-6PM

Week 1	Lets Dance!!!	E-Games and Hang
Week 2	Rock Painting & Jewellery Making	Fishing on the Lake
Week 3	Halloween Scavenger Hunt	
Week 4	Graffiti Mugs	Touch Football
Week 5	Lawn Bowls @ Milang Bowls Club	
Week 6	Dreamcatcher Making	Water Powered Rockets
Week 7	Scent Lab	E-Games and Hang
Week 8	Christmas Craft & Gingerbread Making	Water Safety Day
Week 9	CHRISTMAS PARTY	



CONTACT LOREN
loren.steenkamp@reclink.org



Milang Oval Museum

Open Sunday 1pm-4pm

Entry Gold Coin Donation

Other times by appointment

Call 0437 800 811 or 0438 843 367



FRIDAY FEAST

Join us on Friday's @12:30 for
lunch & great company!

\$12 for a two course meal

Vegetarian options

located in the ACE Space

Milang Old School House Community Centre

23-24 Daranda Tce, Milang

Call reception to make your booking 8537 0687

Final Feast 5th December 2025

First 2026 Feast 9th January

{Transport available}

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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



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



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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,

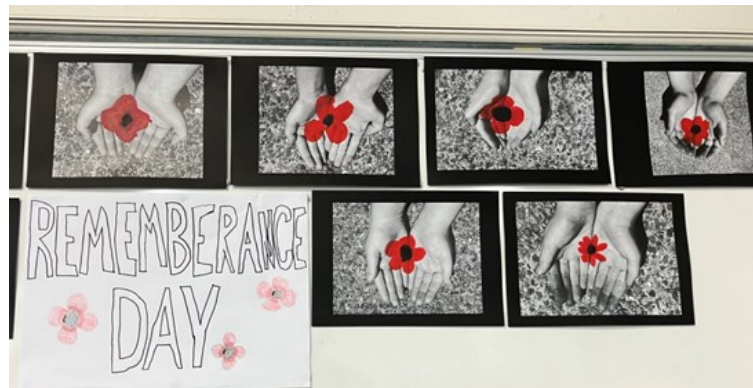
MILANG CAMPUS

Eastern Fleurieu School

Remembrance Day Service

The students from the Milang Campus attended the Remembrance Day Service held at Anzac Park in Milang. In preparation for the event, students learned about Remembrance Day and its significance, gaining an understanding of why we pause to remember those who have served and sacrificed.

At the service, the students formed a guard of honour for the laying of the wreaths. Our school captains, Emma and Vanessa, represented the school with pride as they laid the school wreath during the ceremony.



Upper Primary Art



This term in Art, our Upper Primary students sketched our heritage school building, which is over 150 years old. After an initial drawing and feedback process, each student created a refined sketch, and staff and students voted for the best representation.

Congratulations to Vanessa Biermann, whose drawing was chosen and then expertly engraved onto wood by Matt Chapman using the school laser machine. The finished piece is proudly displayed in our front office.



GARDEN TO PLATE

RAISED GARDEN BED WORKSHOPS



LEARN HOW TO CREATE
RAISED GARDEN WICKING
BEDS TO PROVIDE
PRODUCE TO USE
IN THE KITCHEN
WITH A SERIES OF
WORKSHOPS

Thursday 4th Dec
2PM-3PM
LAKESIDE BUTTER
FACTORY

CONTACT MOSHCC
RECEPTION FOR MORE
INFORMATION
8537 0687

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Community Centres SA
Strengthening Local Communities

MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.



Volunteers Needed

We need your help!
if you have a few spare hours & enjoy
assisting the community, we would love to
hear from you!

Weekend Kitchen Hand
Weekend Providore Sales
Kitchen Hand - Wed, Thur, Fri

More information ☎ 8537 0687 📧 reception@moshcc.com.au

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Movie Monday
At M.O.S.H.C.C.

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.

Feast @ Home

Delicious fresh cooked meals
Ready to eat or freeze
Preorder your choice of courses
to collect or free local delivery
to your door
Every Thursday

for more information

Call **8537 0687** Option 2

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MILANG CAMPUS

Eastern Fleurieu School

Nature Nook

We are pleased to share the recent installation of our new outdoor seating area, designed as a versatile space for the school community. This area can be used as a quiet retreat for students, a yarnning circle, or an outdoor learning area.

After a student vote, the space has been officially named the "Nature Nook." We have already begun making wonderful use of the Nature Nook and look forward to seeing it become a valued part of our daily school life.



Goolwa Matinee Performances

Together for Christmas

With Rachel Leahcar



Join acclaimed singer Rachael Leahcar for Together For Christmas – a heartwarming celebration of festive favourites and songs from her beloved Christmas album. With her soaring vocals and soulful storytelling, Rachael takes you on a musical journey around the world, sharing Christmas classics in multiple languages that capture the universal joy of the season.

Accompanied by Will Metzger and Geoff Williams, Rachael delivers everything from timeless carols to contemporary gems in a show that celebrates music, unity, and the true spirit of Christmas!

Where: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When: 17th December 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**

We are the FIBRE ART GROUP

We meet at the Milang Institute on
Tuesdays
at 10.30 am. to 3.00 pm.



Bring your own creative fibre work :-
Knitting, Crochet, Spinning,
Weaving, Sewing. etc. etc.



We charge a \$3 attendance fee which
covers Tea or Coffee and Hall fee.

Bring your own lunch!



Occasional Tutorials
during the year.



Phone Heather :-0424395503.

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

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Fleurieu School Holiday Program

Looking for things to do this school holidays?

The Fleurieu School Holiday Program is jam packed with free and low-cost activities for children, young people and families.

Scan the QR Code to download the program

This program is made possible through a collaboration of organisations delivering services for children, youth and families on the Fleurieu.



District Council of
YANKALILLA



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Mental Health First Aid Training



Join us for an essential Mental Health First Aid training session designed to support mental health and well-being. This program is a valuable opportunity for MADCA Volunteers and Staff to gain knowledge and skills in Mental Health First Aid and suicide prevention, supported by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Training includes components from Mental Health First Aid International and LivingWorks, enhancing your ability to be the first line of support for veterans in need.

This face-to-face session will be held on Thursday, 11th December, from 9 am to 1:30 pm at the MOSHCC ACE SPACE, located at the Milang Old School House Community Centre, 24-25 Daranda Tce, Milang SA 5256

Please follow the link below to ensure you register and complete the online training component before attending the face-to-face session.

<https://www.mhfa.com.au/mental-health-protect/mhfa-blended-face-to-face#:~:text=11%20December%202025-,Register%20here,-Northern%20Territory.>

Computers are also available at the Community Centre for this purpose. Contact us for more details. Secure your place today as spots are limited. For bookings and enquiries, please contact reception@moshcc.com.au or call 8537 0687.



Learn more about the program at www.mhfa.com.au/protect.

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5 WAYS IN 5 DAYS TO WELLBEING

Our first workshop '5 Ways in 5 Days to Wellbeing – Be Educated' was recently held in the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory and it was a real privilege to have been gifted this opportunity to facilitate a workshop supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing. This has been a well-received opportunity to work in collaboration with our local stakeholders to strengthen our community and the Milang and District Community Association (MADCA) team wish to thank Daryl Pederson for providing us with this opportunity from our local Lakeside Men's Shed in Milang, with funding provided from SA Health.



The initial proposal to hold a Wellbeing forum, has led to the first of 5 projected workshops, inspired by the Alexandrina Councils Community Wellbeing Action Plan 2022-26 which was formed through a collaborative process, involving the Community Wellbeing Advisory Forum, members of the community and extensive community engagement. Some of our MADCA members also contributed to the plan, our dedicated volunteer, previous Chair and now life member Karyn Bradford our CEO, Stuart Jones and Volunteer Coordinator, Vickie Schmidt as well as many individuals, groups, organisations and networks.



The creation of the Alexandrina Council Community Wellbeing Action Plan showcased ways to provide support and information to our community by ensuring everyone feels welcome and supported, with specific targeted questions collated, and priorities and aspirations were identified for Wellbeing.

With this inspiration, the 5 Ways in 5 Days to Wellbeing was created, focusing on supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing to our local community. The first session hosted three presenters who showcased their skills and knowledge, teaching different ways to support self and others by connecting with local providers, support services and creative processes.



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MILANG VINTAGE MACHINERY CLUB presents the
29TH Yesterday's Power Rally
at the Milang Oval on
SATURDAY 17th and SUNDAY 18th January 2026

Vintage & Classic Tractors, Cars, Trucks,
Motorcycles, Engines & Machinery
Attractions include:

Tractor Pull run under the NHMA guidelines.

Mini Tractor pull for Garden Tractors up to 20hp

Food Stalls and variety Trading Stalls

Port Milang Museum Open on the Oval

PS Oscar W Paddle Steamer cruises from Milang Jetty

Free shuttle bus from Oval to Jetty including Railway Museum, and Butter Factory.

Cruises – Departing times on board at Oval for Saturday and Sunday

FEATURE VEHICLES & MACHINERY for 2026



CHAMBERLAIN TRACTORS



BLACKSTONE ENGINES



AUSTIN TRUCK



B.S.A. MOTOR BIKES



CITROEN CARS

All Vintage & Classic owners are welcome to register & exhibit

Entry forms available: email secretarymvmc@gmail.com

Further information: contact Secretary - Margaret Ph: 0427 287 411 or President - Gerry Ph: 0408 083 512

Open times: 10am to 4pm Saturday and 10am to 3pm Sunday

Admission: \$10 Adults, Children under 12years free.

Printing provided by David Basham MP

1st presenter - Kathryn Buckby – AKOM Counselling, focused on education around overall wellbeing and provided practical tips on how people can improve mental health and to live a happier life.

2nd presenter - Cliff Sweetman – Strath Suicide Prevention Network focused on building relations and connecting communities.

3rd presenter - Kyla McHughes – guided us on a cultural journey through self-expression and healing through art painting activity.

A delicious range of food was also provided on the day and an extended appreciation goes to our MADCA volunteers Rylee and JB for assisting with this event.

The success of this informative workshop provided education information on ways to turn judgement into curiosity and how to build your own tool kit to improve one's wellbeing. Positive feedback received reminded us of the importance of social networks and connection; by sharing our skills and supporting one another, we can build a stronger and more connected community where everyone has the chance to shine.



Watch this space for future projected workshops - Be Active, Be Aware, Be Helpful, and Be Connected.





CLAYTON BAY HALL

6 ALEXANDRIA DRIVE

40TH ANNIVERSARY

2 BIG CELEBRATIONS



WOW! What a weekend of 40th celebrations. The sub-committee, Letho, Gloria, Sandy and Leonie would like to thank everyone who helped make these celebrations such a huge success. Planning began in February when we booked The Stormboys - and what a perfect choice they were! Sandy worked her magic yet again, decorating the hall, including a bespoke "chandelier" befitting the 80's theme.

On Saturday, guests were greeted by Jackie and Ingrid and served complimentary champagne by Angie and Chris. The evening began with a welcome by Letho, followed by a special video of the Haka performed by the then CFS captain, Henry Jones, and the CFS crew circa 1997. It concluded with a live performance of "Hot Stuff" by the current CFS crew. Thanks go to Karen Buckle for transforming the left-footed crew into a well-oiled dancing machine!

Clayton Bay and Milang line dancers surprised the crowd with a flash dance, then the dancing continued well into the night.

Sunday saw all hands on deck preparing for the light lunch. We are in awe of Jacqui and Sherie's talents in putting together the lunch menu and preparing food, and with the help of volunteers, food was prepared several hours beforehand. Not sure how many of them want to see another curried egg sandwich!

So much time and energy goes into preparing to feed 130 guests, and it could not have been achieved without our volunteers, who made corn relish and french onion soup dips, nuts'n'bolts (iconic 80s fare), sausage rolls, sandwich fillings, cream puffs (thanks to Jacqui's mum, who made 100!), cupcakes, and the huge strawberries donated by Harvest the Fleurieu. The kitchen team were amazing putting it all together!

Thanks also to Gloria Jones, who made not one, but two anniversary cakes.

A big thanks to Sarah Homes and Sylvia Jemson-Ledger, who supported the celebrations financially and to Sylvia, who donated the raffle gift basket.

Leonie Henderson





Justices of the Peace

Please ring for an appointment

Leon O'Driscoll 8537 0051

Karyn Bradford 0412 036 900

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Playgroup

Milang & Langhorne Creek R-6 Campuses

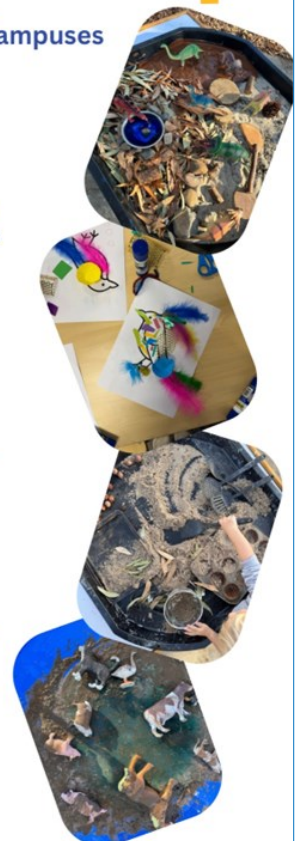
Our playgroups cater to families with children from birth to 5 years.
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Playgroup is a fun and welcoming space where children can learn, play, and make friends — all while building confidence and important social skills.

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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
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Heading: Five million plants - who's counting?



As Spring approaches, fieldwork begins with researchers revisiting sites to gauge the success of a major revegetation program.

Over five million native plants were sown in response to the Millennial Drought, funded by federal and state governments under The Coorong Lower Lakes Murray Mouth Recovery Program.

A diverse team is collaborating on key areas of the CLLMM Research Centre project *Ecosystems responses and sociocultural perspectives on CLLMM landscape and revegetation*, following 2015 data collected at 80 revegetation sites and 20 remnant sites.

Ten years on, how has revegetation helped our ecosystem recover?

“From September researchers will revisit these sites and evaluate how the ecosystem is responding, include using satellite imagery to understand where areas have changed in terms of canopy coverage,” says Dr Sacha Jellinek, University of Melbourne. He has been involved since 2012, when many local nurseries produced plants similar to existing bushland, and community groups contributed to the planting.

The project team - which includes universities (Flinders, Melbourne and Adelaide), environmental organisations (AU2100, Second Nature Conservancy, Birdlife Australia, Nature Glenelg Trust), community groups (Hindmarsh Island Landcare and First Nations) and government (SARDI, Coorong District Council) - will focus on soil, birds and revegetation plantings.

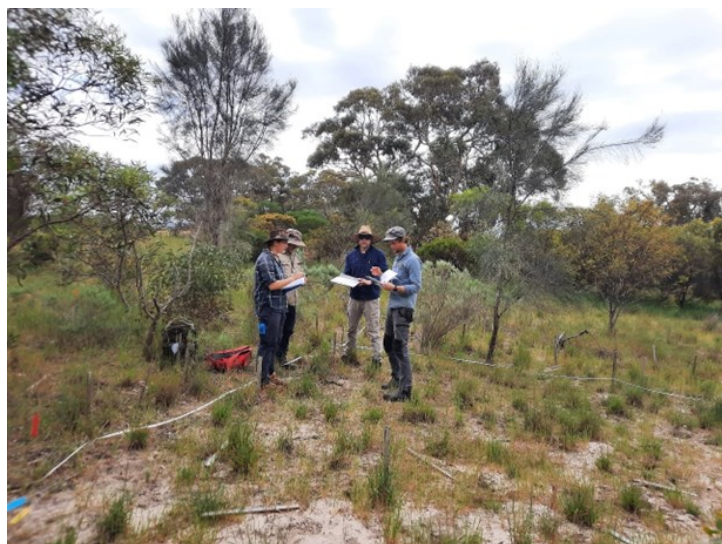
A survey of revegetation practitioners, landowners, community and First Nations groups will help with understanding the perceived benefits, priorities, and challenges of revegetation plantings in the region

“Large scale revegetation is seldom monitored so its very important that we can learn how effective these areas of plantings over time, and how effective they are for ecosystem biodiversity,” says Sacha.

“Monitoring is vital going forwards as we consider more diverse ways to try to make native vegetation more resilient.”

Nature Glenelg Trust will survey the original 76 sites from 2015, assessing species cover crust cover and exposed bare ground, and the presence of grazing animals and any other disturbances.

Birdlife Australia will lead observational studies at three times over two days to ensure all bird species are recorded at a site. This will take place at the 30 revegetated and 16 remnant sites from 2015.



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Staff from Flinders University will collect surface soil samples for environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis at all original 76 sites.

This project will improve understanding of revegetation plantings in the CLLMM region, how they may be affected by climate change, and, through consultation, help inform future plans and activity.

[Evaluation of ecosystem responses and local knowledge to improve future CLLMM landscape revegetation](#)

ABOUT US: Based in Goolwa, the Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Research Centre (CLLMM RC) works collaboratively with First Nations, and community organisations on projects which investigate the significant challenges posed by climate change throughout the region.

TRIVIA



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By Jude Aquilina

1. Oenophilia is the love of what?
2. Who was the Lady with the Lamp?
3. Which town is known as the 'Opal capital of the world'?
4. What is the only bird in the Chinese zodiac?
5. A mahout rides what kind of animal?
6. What colour is a zebra's skin?
7. What type of seafood is used to make a carpetbag steak?
8. Name the country formally known as Persia
9. Name the horse that won the 2025 Melbourne Cup
10. In electrical terms what does AC stand for?

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Red Cross
News

December 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.

The Cheer Up Hut will be open at the Yesterday's Power Rally on the 17th and 18th January 2026.

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

Doris & Chris Lambert

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DARANDA TCE, MILANG



MILK AND CREAM SUPPLIERS TO MILANG BUTTER FACTORY

by Alwyn Hopgood

Arthur Pearce

Arthur Pearce's property consisted of approximately 1,900 acres and was situated along the Point Sturt Road, opposite the Point Sturt Church of Christ and named *Poldea*.

Australian Illawarra Shorthorn and shorthorn cattle made up his milking herd of about 45 cows. Most likely, at times, the cows were hand milked, but an *Eclipse* milking machine was installed very early, being one of the first milking machines in the state. Arthur Pearce also purchased a large milk separator, allowing him to send quite large quantities of cream to the Milang Butter Factory. As was the case in the early years, transport to the Milang Butter Factory of cream and milk was by horse and cart, and a little by motor vehicle. Eventually, the factory owners, South Australian Farmers' Union, provided a truck for the purpose of picking up the cream and milk around the district, including Point Sturt.

In later years, Arthur's daughter Jean had her own herd of Guernsey milking cows, which I believe became a stud in later years. Jean worked for many years at *Poldea*, until moving to Christies Beach, then a retirement facility. Jean passed away at 105 years of age. She held her driving licence until she was 95 years old!

The Pearces had a long history at Point Sturt. Some of their land was not the best, with salt pans and limestone outcrops making work quite difficult at times, nevertheless, the cattle were well looked after, large framed, and production was of a satisfactory standard.

The Pearces were devout members of the Church of Christ and were a great benefit and help in the Point Sturt district. Arthur Pearce died in 1934; his wife Jane predeceasing him in 1905, during the birth of their only child Jean. All are buried in the Point Sturt cemetery.



Arthur Pearce



Arthur Pearce's daughter, Jean, who lived to 105



Mrs Arthur Pearce, Jane, who died during childbirth

Newspaper article about Arthur and Jack's father.

Reviews Of The New Book

Life Story Of A Noted Australian Politician

"Carpenter to Cabinet," by Sir George Foster Pearce. (Hutchinson, London and Melbourne, 18/9).

THERE have been not a few astonishing instances in Australian public life of men who have risen to high office from humble beginnings. Notable careers that come immediately to mind are those of W. M. Hughes (dishwasher and road worker to Prime Minister), and the late J. B. Chifley (engine cleaner to Prime Minister).

Sir George Pearce just failed to reach the highest eminence; but if he rose merely from carpenter to Minister of Defence and Acting Prime Minister, his Ministerial service of 25 years exceeded that of the other two Australians.

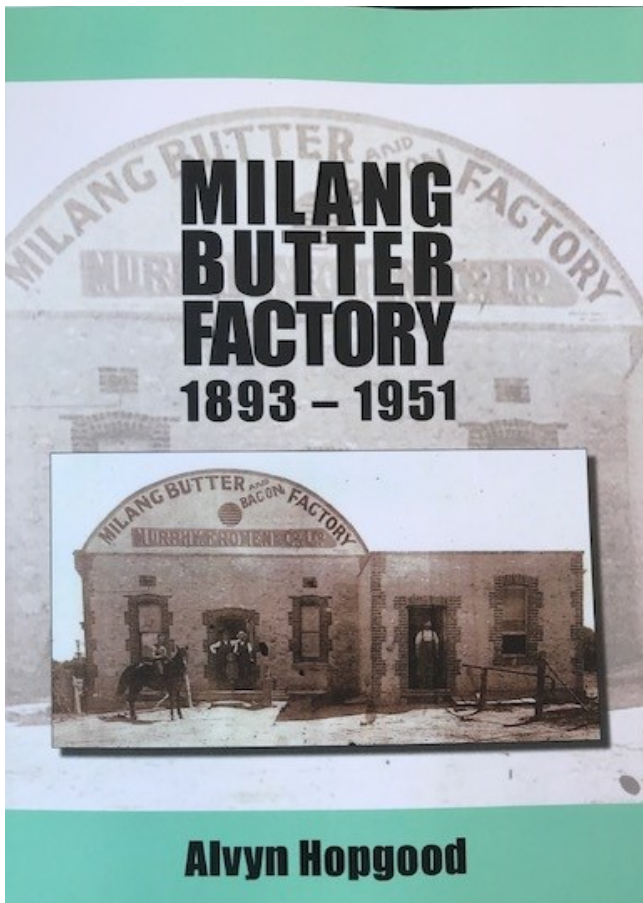
Pearce's birth was certainly humble and his early life hard. Born in South Australia, he went to work at the age of 12 for a shilling or two a week, and later served his apprenticeship to a carpenter.

His family moved to Perth, which gave him opportunity to try his luck on the new Coolgardie goldfields. Fortune did not smile and he soon returned to his trade.

Always interested in unions, he became an unpaid union organiser, and was led to his nomination as a Labor candidate and eventual election to the Senate in the first Federal Parliament. He retained his for the next 37 years.



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Catholic Church—Good Shepherd, East Terrace, Strathalbyn

Father Richard Morris 8391 1053





Butter Factory Report November 2025

November the Month of Music

Live music has been a highlight over the past couple of months. We have had all genres represented with locals and visitors enjoying free music every 2nd & 4th Sunday arvo. The talented folks who have shared their musicality with us included Kerry Forward with his bluesy vibe, Sonic Fusion our favourite rock and roll duo, Shaun Holton of "The Voice" fame playing his original songs and most recently Zara Chantelle performed easy listening classics and some original music.

We've been very excited to host Open Mic nights on the 2nd Friday of the month during October & November. We have attracted a diverse range of artists and musicians, local and from further afield, and have been delighted by their performances ranging from drumming, poetry, duo's, ukulele's with the Milangerer's Trio finishing up both nights with gusto.

A great big thankyou to all of the artists who were prepared to share their talents with the 60+ crowd of music lovers. The next Open Mic night will be on January 9th 2026. All of the music events are free, but donations are always appreciated. Pizza nights are also popular on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month – You can dine in or take a pizza home for dinner.

On the working bee front we've been onto maintenance and small jobs around the grounds. Thanks again to all our volunteers on the work crew and in the kitchen.



Drummers Open Mike



Youngster doing art on the corn hole game



Zara Chantelle performing



The Malingerers – Terry, Nico & Kevin



Finished product



Family Band Andy, Bell & Katie



Exhibition of Su Hall's crochet

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Take the opportunity to check out the Men's Shed facilities and current projects.

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



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**.



Stickybeaks

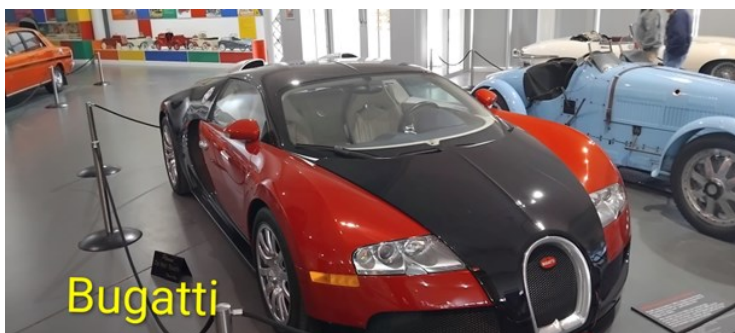
November 2025



Well, once again after a short break the Stickybeaks were at it again. Leaving Milang at 09.00am with 6 Stickybeaks on board, it was decided with Vickies great support and help that the National Museum at Birdwood would be a great place to visit this month. Heading off through Mt Barker via Nairne and Charleston we stopped at an off road parking site just before Mt Torrens for our usual cuppa and biscuit.

Arriving at the Motor Museum we were very surprised because this Museum features over 300 vehicles spanning over 100 years of Australian motoring history from a steam carriage built in 1899 to modern hybrid cars.

Other vehicles which included (pictured) the BUGATTI W-16 Quad Turbo with a 7-speed gearbox. Top speed is 407 km/h, 0-100km/h 2.6 seconds, and get this, fuel consumption is 41.9Litres per 100kms. Our basic family car does approximately 10 litres per 100kms.



Next came the 2005 HOLDEN 'EFIJY'. (Pictured) In 2007 it won the Nth American concept car of the year. Representing both a homage to the classic Holden FJ and a nod to custom and hot rod design. It is powered with a 6.0 litre Gen III supercharged V8.



MIDNIGHT EXPRESS H T panel van (pictured) originally a Television Delivery van, it was customised in 1980, lined with blue velour. A panel van like this in the 1970s was every teenagers dream and every parent's nightmare. It features 253 cu in V8 (4.1 litres) Tigers on TQ 30 cams, 2x cfm Holley carburettors with Cain' Twin tunnel intake manifolds with Genie extractors.



We wandered past old cars, new cars, motor bikes and a large assortment of memorabilia relating to the motor industry. In the old flour mill next door. On the top 3 floors there are just thousands of car/motoring magazines, manuals for all different types of vehicles.

A very interesting place to visit so one could appreciate the automobile industry showing how it started to now, the future. Certainly a great place for having a Sticky Beak that's for sure.

Leaving Birdwood we headed back the Mount Torrens Hotel for lunch. A great quaint old pub with very good food of which we all enjoyed. Reasonably priced. Of course, with a bus full of blokes we all had to go and explore the new Bunnings at Mt Barker.

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All Aboard

Milang Model Railway Exhibition

The Model Railway Show was a big success with attendance up eleven percent on 2023. Everyone, volunteers, operators, retailers and the public seemed to be enjoying themselves. The only dampener was the rain on Saturday which stopped train rides for a couple of hours. The funds raised will be used to acquire, restore and maintain new exhibits in the extension we will be building in the new year.

I spent two days showing kids how to drive large scale, garden railway trains. Even the youngest soon got the hang of the handheld radio controls and the whistles got a good work out.



The railway layouts on show were beautifully crafted and full of amazing detail. There were also three retailers who were kept very busy.

Down at the railway station there were more layouts in the light railway shed and train rides were available with five hundred and fifty passengers being carried over the weekend.

Towards the end of the show, several people asked if we could do it every year. However, the consensus was that doing it every two years makes it just a bit more special.



The Traditional Milang Christmas Party

Don't forget that the traditional Milang Christmas party is on Sunday 21st of December at the station starting at 5:30pm with games for the kids.

All Milang, Clayton and district families are welcome. The BBQ opens at 6pm and Father Christmas is expected at 7pm. If you want your child to have a special gift from Santa, drop it off to the station 12 to 4pm on a weekend and we will send it to the North Pole by express train.



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The Milang Environment Centre is facing an uncertain future due to several issues challenging the local not-for-profit community service organisation. MEC reluctantly did not open on Saturday 18 October because of insufficient numbers of volunteers available to operate the recycling depot. MEC Boss Dinosaur **Geoff Dungey** told MCN that MEC has been struggling to operate in recent times as volunteer numbers and availability diminishes. *“We met with Alexandrina Council recently and outlined the challenges facing MEC and they confirmed that all regional service organisations are having trouble finding enough volunteers.”*

The small group of volunteers at MEC have held several meetings and BBQ’s during which they discussed the future operation of MEC in response to current and future challenges.



Geoff Dungey prepares for a volunteers’ BBQ



Aluminium cans interestingly arranged in a storage drum at MEC

The MEC has never been busier in its’ long history. Volunteers are processing an increasing number of recyclable items: counting items, paying refunds, storing items and transporting items to super-collector depots. **In 2027 the SA Govt will introduce deposit refunds on ALL drink containers except plain milk and the number of recyclable items the MEC anticipates processing will increase as much as 50%.**

MEC has recently introduced new cost and labour-saving methods of storing and transporting recyclables including using large cages for plastic bottles and soft drink cans. MEC also undertook steps to upgrade the dirt road and infrastructure. Nevertheless, one of the major challenges MEC faces is the cost of maintaining aging machinery such as trucks and forklifts. **Geoff Dungey** said, *"MEC must reduce operating costs even as our income significantly increases due to more recyclables being processed. We have decided to stop accepting Op-Shop type items because we simply do not make money storing them long-term. Frankly, we are not sure how MEC is going to cope with increased flow of recyclables as our volunteer numbers reduce."*

Several MEC volunteers serve other community service organisations too. Long-term MEC volunteer **Chris Lambert** also gives time to **CFS** and **Sharon Parker** helps at the **Community Garden**.

Geoff Dungey believes, *"MEC cannot expect volunteers to undertake increasing workload as MEC gets busier, especially when wine bottles and nearly all other drink containers enter the SA deposit refund scheme in 2027."*



MILANG BOWLING CLUB NEWS – DECEMBER 2025

“MILANG REGIONAL PENNANT COMPETITION RESULTS”

Milang Bowling Club enjoyed mixed success in the opening rounds of Regional Pennants season 2025-2026. In **Round 1 Division 3** narrowly lost their first game to visitors Myponga (52-56). **Division 5** teams inspired by skipper **Kym Whitcher** enjoyed a win (63-46) over the more favoured Strathalbyn bowlers.

Milang Womens' Div. 2 team playing their season opener at Aldinga on Thursday 16 Oct. had a convincing win (81-46). **Round 2** saw **Div. 5** teams play away against Port Elliot and win 60 to 48. **Kym Whitchers' Team 1** which triumphed 29 to 4 are proving to be the 'hot' **Div. 5** team and consistent winners of the much coveted 'Rink of The Week' award. **Div. 3** teams played away at Victor Harbour and won 68 to 59 against strong opponents Victor Harbour White.



Kym Whitcher who ironically lives in Strathalbyn skippered Div. 5 to a win against Strathalbyn in Round 1.

Round 3 saw **Div. 5** lose narrowly in a rainstorm shortened game against Myponga 35 to 34. The normally invincible Team 1 skippered by **Kym Whitcher** lost by 1 point. **Div. 3** enjoyed a very convincing win against Clarendon 74 to 34. The result is pleasing as **Div. 3** now features several players recently elevated from Div. 5 including **Jenny Barton** and **Julie Whitcher** both in the same team under the stewardship of skipper **Lee Robinson**. Milang **Div. 2 Womens' Team** lost narrowly away to the very strong McLaren Vale 66 to 58.

Jenny Barton



Julie Whitcher



New Div. 6 skipper Doris Lambert led her team to a good win at Aldinga. game.



Kym Whitcher skipper of Milang Div. 5 Team 1 now known as 'The Invincibles'.



Round 4 of the Great Southern Bowling Association Regional Pennants Competition saw Milang **Div. 3** players travel away to play Victor Harbour Blue and **Div. 5** teams also travelled to play against Aldinga Bay White. **Div. 5** were anxious for a win after losing at home the previous week. Despite tough opposition, all three **Milang Div. 5** teams won 73 to 47 with Team 1 now called "**The Invincibles**" overcoming a slow start down 9 to 0 finally winning 29 to 15. Well done **Kym Whitcher, Sue Bond, Cheryl Butlin** and **Colleen Jacobs**. Milang **Div. 3** playing at Victor Harbour fought hard but were beaten 65 to 51 with Team 2 skippered by **Glenn Best** snatching a last gasp win 21 to 17. Milang **Div. 2 Womens' Team** won 62 to 41 over the Langhorne Creek ladies. A combined Milang - Langhorne Creek **Div. 6** team won their first game for the season away against Aldinga Blue 35 to 30 points. A terrific season start by new **Div. 6** skipper **Doris Lambert, Bill Weston, Ruth MacDougall**, and welcomed Clayton Bay-based bowler **George Dziadek**.

Milang Div. 5 are second on the regional ladder after four rounds, **Div. 3** are fifth placed, **Div. 2 Womens'** are second placed, and **Div. 6** combined Milang/ Langhorne Creek are third placed. **Milang Bowling Club President Brian Patterson** said it was a fabulous start to the 2025-2026 Pennants season and all players are to be congratulated.



Milang Cottage Garden Club

monthly outing report

Hi Fellow Gardeners

The November trip was to Semaphore to an unusual nursery which is also a pet supply shop. Here there was lots of unusual plants and lots of interesting items to look at, a lime tree found its way on the bus. There was also a cafe next door which looked interesting but seeing as it was too early for lunch we gave it a miss, but will return.

From here we started our way back towards home heading for Klemzig Nursery on OG Road, the last two times we have been here it has been raining so it was nice to see it in the dry and spend more time outside. As a consequence several plants found their way into the back of the bus ranging from strawflowers which I have found love a difficult warm spot at the side of our drive, to several unusual hydrangeas and seedlings. There was some debate as to whether to have lunch there or find a park nearby which Peter did.

Following lunch, we headed for Hynes Nursery where once again many plants were purchased then we went next door to a Bakery for our usual coffees and the drawing of the raffle which was won by Bev.

The next and last trip for 2025 will be to Wellington to the Hotel for lunch, there will not be a raffle box but everyone attending is requested to bring a unisex present costing no more than \$10.00. Those travelling on the bus will meet at the Institute at 11.00am, others going by car we are booked in for 12 noon.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anne Feast



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Merry Christmas and
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From our garden mob!!



HISTORIC GRAVES OF THE MILANG CEMETERY

ALBERT HENRY LANDSEER

by Alwyn Hopgood

Albert Henry Landseer was born in London in 1829. Journalists gave him several titles: 'Father of the House of Assembly', for his long service in the house of assembly; and 'Duke of Milang', because of his 50 years as Milang's most influential citizen. He was the cousin of Sir Edwin Landseer, famous animal painter. One of Sir Edwin's masterpieces *Monarch of the Glen* is still housed at Milang. On August 8th, 1883, AH Landseer laid the foundation stone of the Milang Institute, which was opened on January 1st, 1884, with celebrations and entertainment held in the 'Mill Store' owned by Albert.

Albert Landseer owned dairy, east of the township of Milang, with approximately 50 cows which were milked there under the care of Mr Jolly. A survey in the 1860s for a report to parliament, listed that Milang had 109 lots; 94 sold, and six lots were designated as government reserves. Of the 94 blocks sold, the government revenue was £2,016, with Albert Henry Landseer being a purchaser.

In 1858, Albert was granted permission to operate a post office in his store at Milang. A steam mill was built by Albert Pavy in 1856. It burnt down in 1869, and the machinery was bought by Albert, who completed a new mill in 1871. In 1864, the tender for the Milang School of £345 was accepted. A Mr Roland Nutt was successful, and Albert Landseer was a trustee with six other gentlemen. A photo of the School Board, taken in 1857, shows AH Landseer's business headquarters with chimney and four-storey building. AH Landseer successfully moved, on June 25th, 1866, that there be a daily mail run to and from Adelaide by train. This daily rail run commenced on January 2nd, 1867.

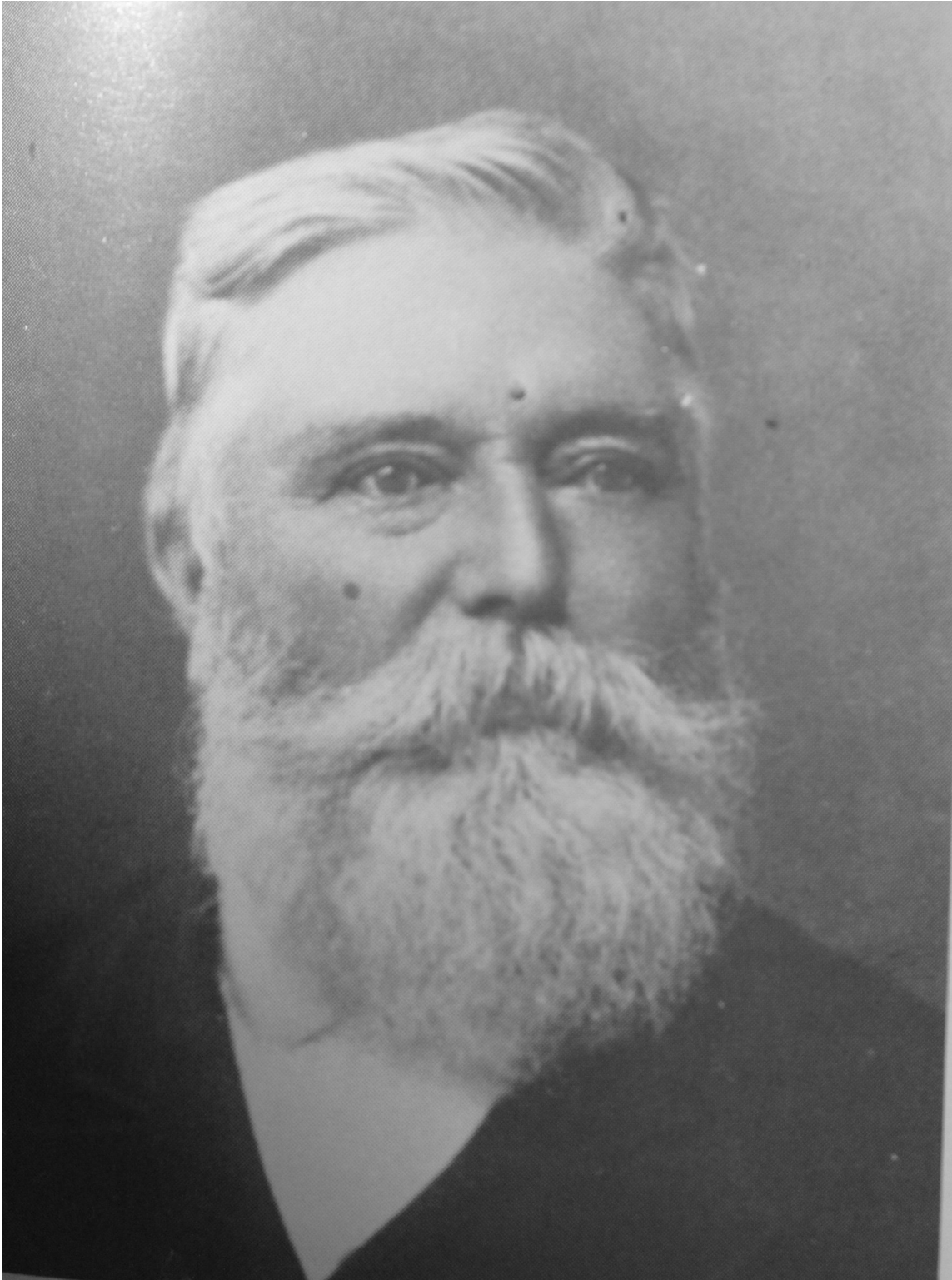
In 1859, AH Landseer's name appears as purchaser of blocks of land at Clayton. In 1859, after the death of AH Landseer's son Laurie, who was a manager at the time, the premises was sold to GA Schubert. In 1860, Mrs AH Landseer was a member of the Milang Voluntary Defence Corps, and was a signatory to a petition to scrap the Bremer District Council and form the Alexandrina District Council – which was successful. AH Landseer's parliamentary career began, and he was the driving force to get the railway to Milang. In his social activities, AH Landseer welcomed the Governor of South Australia, Sir WFD Jervois to a fundraiser in the Landseer Store in 1877. In 1892, AH Landseer hosted a large delegation of MPs, to discuss the 'Irrigation Scheme'. However, Professor Lowrie's report deemed the scheme unsuitable and it failed.

From the 1880s, the Church of England services were held in the Wharf Store of the Landseer Dock, and regularly attended by the Landseer family. Albert Henry was a keen Milang cricketer and a great organizer of their social activities. His son, Horace, played for Milang Cricket Club in the 1920s with great success. Albert's son Charles was on the committee for the Milang Sheep Dog Trials in 1935, and was treasurer of the RSL.

AH Landseer was well-known for beginning a large business enterprise dealing with Murray River trade; towns included in this venture were Milang – the base, Goolwa, Morgan, Victor Harbor, Murray Bridge, Wentworth, Mildura, Meningie and Wilcannia. In 1876, AH Landseer's River Darling trade began with the steamer *Bourke*, which was built by Frank Potts of Langhorne Creek.

Albert Henry Landseer's sons owned land in the scrubland of the Milang area, with son Laurie owning *Wooralie* around 1930. Another son, Horace, was treasurer of Milang Regatta Club in the 1920s. In recognition of her tireless work for the Red Cross, Mrs Ida Landseer, wife of Charles, received her 60-years' service badge – one of the few in the state.

In 1942, the 'Spotters Post' was roomed at the back of AH Landseer's four-storey building, in a mall room in conjunction with the WWII effort. Albert Henry Landseer died in 1906 and is buried in the Milang Cemetery with his second wife, Harriet, and many of his descendants.





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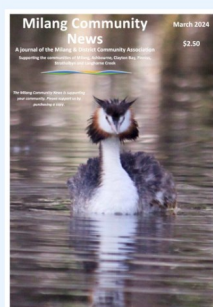
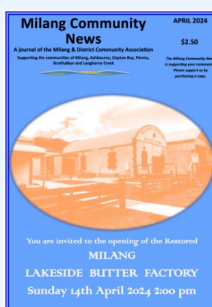
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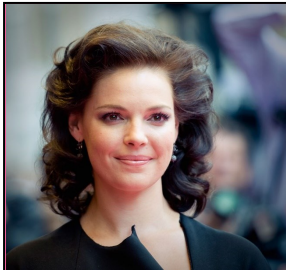
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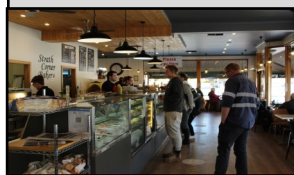
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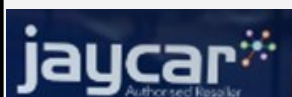
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December 2025



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Thursday	4th	Registrations are now open for the Woodburn Homestead for the “Aussie Christmas Networking Event” on Thursday 4 December from 5.30 til 8.30pm. A relaxed evening with drinks and nibbles provided, with great company and a few surprises. The perfect way to unwind, connect with familiar faces and meet new ones before the year wraps up. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/woodburns-aussie-christmas-networking-night-tickets-1875500154449
Saturday	6th	• Tooperang Hall are holding “Christmas at the Hall with Santa” on Saturday 6 December. 5pm start, Santa arrives at 5.30pm, BBQ at 6pm. BYO salad to share, full bar service (no BYO drinks please). Raffle, Vanuatu Singers and lots of fun kids’ activities – please bring a wrapped and clearly named gift to the value of \$10 for Santa to give child. \$10pp, U12 free. Enquiries to Jill 0409 693 748
Sunday	7th	• The Alexandrina Singers are “Swingin’ into Summer” at St Andrews on Sunday 7 December. Concert starts at 2pm and “Rustica Wind Ensemble” will provide background music before the concert, also featuring “Highly Strung” Guitar Ensemble. Afternoon tea will be served in the Hall after the concert. Tickets \$25 from www.trybooking.com/DHDTY and at the door (cash only). Contact Gillian 0403 595 446 • The Strathalbyn Players are presenting a “Celebration of Jane Austen” on the 250th anniversary of her death – at the Chapel Theatre Sunday 7 December at 2pm. Dramatic readings from her work, live period music and songs from her collection. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/DGHNZ or phone 0419 592 136
Wednesday	10th	• Strathalbyn Racing Club are holding their Christmas Party Race Day on Wednesday 10 December – gates open 12pm. Horse racing, food trucks, coffee van and much more – even a visit from Santa!
Friday	12th	• Christmas Where the Angas Flows will be held on Friday 12 December. Celebrate the end of the school year on the banks of the Angas - market stalls open at 2pm, Pageant at 6pm, music and entertainment at 7.30pm and fireworks at 9.30pm. Enjoy food trucks, face painting, lawn games, free amusement rides and more!
Saturday	13th	• Little Pete’s Brewing celebrate their first year on Saturday 13 December. With great food and live music, come and join the fun.
Sunday	14th	Sam Hissey & Ellie Boss at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music
Sunday	21st	Christmas Carols at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - come and celebrate Christmas
Wednesday	24th	• Strathalbyn Racing are holding a “Christmas Eve Race Day” on Wednesday 24 December from midday. Enjoy delicious food trucks, exciting racing experience – and a special visit from Santa!
Thursday	25th	• The Victoria Hotel is serving lunch on Christmas Day – book early - https://vichotelstrath.com.au/events/christmas-day/
Sunday	28th	• Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club are holding “Coffee and Classics” morning on Sunday 28 December from 8.30 til 11.30am in Colman Terrace – bring you special vehicle along and chat to others.

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