

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

January 2026



2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the January 2026 edition of the Milang Community News.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and say how deeply saddened I am sure we all are by the tragic events at Bondi Beach on the 14th December. Our hearts go out to the victims, their families, and the entire community affected.

What a busy month December was, with the Christmas Lights Competition, Volunteers Christmas Party and Carols at the Butter Factory, a very festive time. This month is the 29th Yesterday's Power Rally at the Milang Oval over the weekend of the 17th & 18th January, please see page 25 for more details.

Also, every Sunday afternoon over January, there will be free music at the Butter Factory which will be fantastic. Please stay safe, have a Happy New Year 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 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

January 2026



The Milang and District Community Association (MADCA) Committee would like to thank the wider Community for their ongoing support and to wish everyone safe travel and best wishes for the New Year.

The MOSHCC Volunteers Christmas wind up Luncheon on Friday 12th of December 2025 was a resounding success. Dee and her team produced a scrumptious spread served by the Lakes Home Care Team. Santa Claus paid a visit and demonstrated that he is in "good shape" in preparation for his busy upcoming Christmas Eve delivery schedule.

The Eastern Fleurieu Campus Milang School children sang Christmas Carols including a lovely, animated rendition of The 12 days of Christmas.

CEO Stuart Jones presented the following Certificates of Appreciation:

- **20 Years:** Neil Johnson, Asha Jones, Stuart Jones
- **15 Years:** Gerry Suisted, Gae Thomas
- **10 Years:** Glen McKenzie, Karen McKenzie, Yesamma Hendry, Phil Holliday
- **5 Years:** Penny Perry, Ray Perry, Alan Burkinshaw, Karen Burkinshaw, Ingrid Owens, Georgina Raddon, Kim Raddon

Volunteer Coordinator Vicki Schmidt thanked all of our AMAZING VOLUNTEERS and highlighted the following:

- Our 94 registered Volunteers logged a total of 10,555 volunteer hours this year.
- 14 Volunteer Drivers completed 152 local community transport bookings, assisting people in need of medical transport.
- 6 Meals on Wheels Volunteers providing weekly meals and emergency relief to the community.
- 38 Kitchen Hand Volunteers assisted our amazing Cook Dee, delivering 563 meal servings over the last 6 months to the wider community as part of Lakes Home Care, Feast @ Home program.
- 13 Community Gardeners providing the community with beautiful produce as recognized at this year's Strathalbyn Show "Champion productive garden" award.
- Our reception team assisting people with activity bookings, arranging transport, library items, emergency relief food and many other services to our community.
- The Youth Hub volunteers delivering weekly youth support activities to over 20 young participants and securing the SA Impact 100 Grant to fund renovation of their Old Regatta Club meeting rooms.
- All of the Butter Factory Volunteers under the direction/ongoing lead by example Life Members - Karyn and "JB" Bradford.
- Lyn Unwin's "Already Read Books" Volunteers Ladies. Norm and Glenys Foster's Quarterly Country and Western concerts.
- Vicki looks forward to the challenge of her expanded role into the New Year as Community Neighbourhood & Development Officer building on the wonderful achievements of our previous CND Gae Thomas.

It is timely to reflect of the services that Milang and District Community Association (MADCA) delivers to the wider Community:

Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC) employs 12 locals providing spaces, activities and social support programs for all ages including emergency relief, Meals on Wheels, Wow Women's Group and Men's Stickybeaks outings. Provides Community access to Internet, Computer /printing facilities. Delivers low-cost training and learning experiences. Publishes the Community News. Supports The Community Garden and The Youth Hub / Organizes Anzac Day and Remembrance Day Commemorations. The adjoining "A" space delivers professional Childcare services to preschool children each school week and delivers training, cultural and wellbeing workshops, Friday Feasts, Card afternoons, Quiz time and Movie Matinees.

The recently restored Milang Butter Factory incorporates Already Read Books, Kanoetree Wine and adjacent Commercial Kitchen and has 4 employees.

Subsidiary Lakes Home Care employs 28 qualified professional staff providing Aged Care services under the Federal Government Support at Home program to 212 clients including domestic assistance, home maintenance, social support and personal care.

Kind regards

Wayne Footer

MADCA Chairperson

Line Dancing

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
COMMUNITY CENTRE



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.



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

Rhythm of Life Interrupted
Jill Wherry

These days I am often alone.
No emails or chats on the phone.
My children lead meaningful lives
believing their mum truly thrives.
One weekend I feel far from well
for sneezing is giving me hell.
That morning, I hasten to mention
I'm longing to gain some attention.
It's no fun when you're feeling crook
and people suspect you're a sook.
When I start to grumble, they scoff
Till, hearing the rasp in my cough.
Companions, who no longer tease
Receive the reward of a sneeze.
I'm cheerful and eager to mention
My sound effects gain their attention.
Friends clean and they shop and they cook
While I lead the life of a sook
No need, to be lifting a finger,
I happy to let symptoms linger.
But soon I am treated with menace
When caught nicking off to play tennis.
So now, I'm distraught but must mention
I'm plagued with unwelcome attention.



What is Serenity?
Karen Robinson

The peace, quiet, noise, calm,
business or pace?
Watching the ocean waves rolling in?
The warmth of the sun, setting,
embracing and wrapping;
the unconditional love of a child?
The sense of that moment?
A memory, a photograph,
one that is yours and yours alone?

A cup of hot tea warming
your hands and heart
on a cold winter's day?
Is it a smile, a reminder?
Do we escape to find serenity
or is it there, right in front of us,
warm, lingering a long and intimate kiss?
Is it something we seek,
or what we try to achieve?
Serenity, that moment in time...



Belonging
Barb Gonda

POETS CORNER

Without place, I stand alone.

I am first generation Australian;
my heritage scarred and scattered by war.

I grew on this country's red earth
as a weed blown aimlessly,
lacking roots to lay claim;
devoid of legacy.

I grieve my lack of implicit belonging;
I sigh with my own dreaming;
to belong to the rhythms of this land...
to share its heartbeat.

I sense its consciousness,
am moved by its tenacity of presence.
I drink in tones of endless outback deserts;
worship great gums breathing, reaching;
rejoice at rain's miracles
and concede the rights of fire and sun.

Through weavings of knowing and being known may I be
granted me a home imbedded in the heart of country.
Allow the seeds I create with my life
to be the heritage that bonds me...
a child belonging to this ancient land.

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

A lovely time was had by all at the inaugural 'Christmas in Milang' celebration at the Butter Factory on Sunday 21st December between 1 – 4pm. Many beautiful Christmas Carols were sung and performed by a great array of musicians and singers. There would have been about 100 people who joined in the fun and about 30 Christmas lucky dips were enjoyed by the children at the event.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered on the day in setting up the room, assisting in the kitchen and of course cleaning up after the event, these types of events do not happen without the help of our amazing volunteers.

Some special thanks go to JB (John Bradford) for being the MC, David Haeusler for organising all of the performers and managing the PA, Emma Smith for assisting David and coordinating the musicians, the fabulous Face Painters and also to the committee for organising the event.








<div>Rainfall for</div> <div>December 2025</div> 	
Thu 04/12/2025	0.02 mm
Fri 05/12/2025	0.14 mm
Tue 09/12/2025	0.06 mm
Thu 11/12/2025	0.06 mm
Fri 12/12/2025	0.7 mm
Wed 17/12/2025	0.02 mm
Sat 20/12/2025	4.6 mm
Sun 21/12/2025	0.18 mm
Mon 22/12/2025	0.05 mm
December Total	5.83 mm

TRIVIA



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By Jude Aquilina

- What is burnt to cause the white smoke signifying the election of a new pope?
- Who was the oldest member of the Beatles?
- Where was the singer June Bronhill born?
- Which toy brand means 'play well' in Danish?
- On which musical instrument would a rimshot be played?
- In which Adelaide shop is the Magic Cave?
- Where is the longest jetty in South Australia?
- What is the common name for sternutation?
- Which animal has caused the most deaths in Australia?
- Who wrote *The River Kings* a novel based on the River Murray?

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2025



Team Milang was proud to be part of the Christmas Hampers donations group, with a grand total of 236 hampers going out to the local community (21 being from Milang & Districts).

The two-day procession involved setting up of almost 6000 products to designated workstations and distribution to create hampers for various family numbers required.

Funds and products were donated by local businesses, non for profits and community as emergency relief for those in need which those receiving are truly grateful.



MILANG CAMPUS Eastern Fleurieu School

The Upper Primary class have been collaborating with the Port Milang Museum to design a brochure that showcases the museum's offerings to both the local community and visitors to Milang. As part of this project, students interviewed Allan McInnes and Dianne Potter from the museum to identify the key students worked information to include in the brochure.

The completed brochures have now been shared with the Port Milang Museum. This partnership has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop real-world skills while contributing to the broader community.



Milang Oval Museum

Open Sunday 1pm-4pm

Entry Gold Coin Donation

Other times by appointment

Call 0437 800 811 or 0438 843 367



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MILANG BUTTER FACTORY

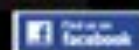
SATURDAY: 7TH FEBRUARY 2026 @ 1PM

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



"Tickets Also AT The Door""

Tickets: \$25.00



BRIAN LETTON OFFICIAL



Annual Christmas Lights Competition

Yet again the Annual Christmas Lights Competition was amazing. It was so lovely to see so many wonderful decorations and spectacular lighting displays.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who entered and also a HUGE thank you to all of our amazing sponsors for their very generous support.

David & Yvonne Rhodes from Clayton Bay won again this year, their display is just like walking into Santa's Magic Cave. Also, they very generously give small gifts to the children who attend, very special.



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



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



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



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 CAMPUS

Eastern Fleurieu School

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6's, Vanessa, Jack, John Leo and Hudson enjoyed a day at Kuitpo Tree Climb to celebrate their Primary years of schooling coming to an end. During the year they have held various fundraising events to raise money to fund this.

We were able to celebrate their journey with them at their Graduation Assembly at the Butter Factory in the last week of school where each of the students gave a speech. It has been wonderful for staff to be a part of their journey at Milang Campus and we wish them all the best as they venture to High School.



Donation of Defib Machine

Eastern Fleurieu School has donated a Defib Machine to the Butter Factory and this was presented to MADCA at the end of year Assembly.



TAI CHI



Tai Chi will begin on Wednesday 28th January at 1pm in the Milang Supper Room.

In Tai Chi we discover more about relaxing and releasing tension as we pay attention to our own body.

Gradually we refine gentle movements with many benefits including better balance, flexibility, circulation to name a few.

Mind and body tension are present in all of us, as our awareness grows we can feel the body start to let go of tension.

Simple exercises and mindful walking can become part of everyday routines. If you change nothing, nothing changes..

As the New Year unfolds you may be surprised by Tai Chi like I was! A gentle Art this allows you to ever evolve and improve.

Come and try - see if it suits you. Happy New Year! Jen

January 21st



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MILANG YOUTH HUB

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
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE



FRIDAY FEAST

A delicious Christmas Feast with all the bells and whistles was enjoyed for the final 2025 Friday Feast. What a great year the group has had, continuing to enjoy experiencing different flavours from a variety of food offerings on the menu.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our cook, Dee, who has brought a creative menu to the group and to our volunteers who assist each week, ensuring the people are looked after with great kindness and care.

This weekly get-together is a great way for people to share in experiencing a common activity, such as enjoying delicious foods while improving connections for those who may feel isolated in such a remote location and a wonderful way to create meaningful and fulfilling relationships in the community.

Join us on Friday, 9th of January 2026, when we return to our weekly Friday Feasts.

Thank you to the MADCA volunteers.

- Lorraine Footer
- Cherie Rault
- Maureen Collett
- Jen Thompson
- Joel Shayer
- Yesamma Hendry
- Karen McKenzie
- Irene Westley
- Rylee Morphet
- Dahla Sadler-Birt
- Aleisha Lodge
- Greg Hopgood
- Liam Christie
- Peter Williams
- Leigh Bridgeman





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Call reception for more information 8537 0687
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HOME CARE
your community
your choice

GARDEN TO PLATE

*RAISED GARDEN BEDS
& WICKING BEDS*



Join the 'Garden to Plate' gardening team to learn about raised garden beds & wicking beds

Assist with the ongoing maintenance & further planning

Thursday's
2PM-3PM
LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY

**CONTACT MOSHCC
RECEPTION FOR MORE
INFORMATION
8537 0687**

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LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY

Community Centres SA
Strengthening Local Communities



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.

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!

Receptionist - Tuesdays 1pm - 5pm
Kitchen Hand - Wed, Thur, Fri - 3 hr shifts
Drivers - various shifts
Gardeners - Tues 9am -1pm/ Thurs 130pm
Youth Group - Fridays 3.30pm - 6pm
Weekend Receptionist & Providore Sales
Weekend Kitchen Hand

☎ 8537 0687 ✉ reception@moshcc.com.au

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MILANG
LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY

LAKES
HOME CARE
your community
your choice

GARDEN TO PLATE

This project was sponsored by Community Centres SA, with the intention of teaching people how to set up garden beds and wicking beds in order to grow foods that can be used directly in the kitchen.

We are pleased to announce that the garden beds and wicking beds are now complete, and the seedlings are flourishing. Just in time for much sunshine (hopefully not too much) for the plants to grow.

This is just the start of this project, and there are many opportunities for growth in this area (pardon the pun).

If you would like to learn more or join the gardening team, feel free to contact the MOSHCC reception at 8537 0687 for more information.

Thanks to the Butter Factory Crew for assisting with preparing the area, and to volunteers Ron Petticrew and Di Smith for their hard work and support in making this project successful.



MILANG SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!!

OLD FASHIONED SPORTS DAY

THE FORESHORE, MILANG, JANUARY 9 2026 | 3:30PM - 6PM FREE



Step back into the good old days for a classic community sports day!
We'll be splitting into colourful house teams and taking part in timeless sporting fun.
Egg-and-spoon races, potato sack races, three-legged dashes, tug-o-war, skip rope,
wheel barrow races, baton relays and tunnel ball!

Prizes and a free BBQ for all participants!



wet & wild

THE FORESHORE, MILANG

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY, 2026
3:30 - 6PM



SLIP AND SLIDE
STAND UP PADDLEBOARDS
WATER FIGHTS
+ MORE!



FREE BBQ & COOL DRINKS!



BOOKINGS &
INFORMATION

loren.steenkamp@reclink.org | 0421 996 579



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Busy Year for Friends of Nurragi

The local volunteer group, the Friends of Nurragi, has enjoyed another busy and productive year in managing the Nurragi Conservation Reserve. The Reserve comprises the former railway corridor between McDonald Street, Milang and Tucker Road, Sandergrove. The Friends group has been looking after the Reserve for more than 34 years.

Long, narrow corridors of vegetation, such as the Nurragi Reserve, are quite vulnerable to invasion by weeds and an annual weed control program is a vital aspect of management. In this respect, the Alexandrina Council has been a strong supporter of the Friends group. During 2025, the Council provided a grant of \$2000 for weed control. Recently, Council has allocated another grant of \$2200 for further weed control in 2026. The Friends of Nurragi greatly appreciate this support and we are pleased to report that the weed problem is tending to diminish each year.

While much of the Nurragi Conservation Reserve has a good cover of native vegetation, there are some clear patches and the Friends group has turned its attention to revegetating these patches. In June, 450 tube-stock were planted by Friends group volunteers. Of these, 300 were planted in clear patches between McDonald Street and Landseer Road, Milang, while 150 were planted in the John Eckert memorial area near the old Nurragi Siding. All plants were watered in, staked and protected with tree-guards. An ongoing watering program has been organised.

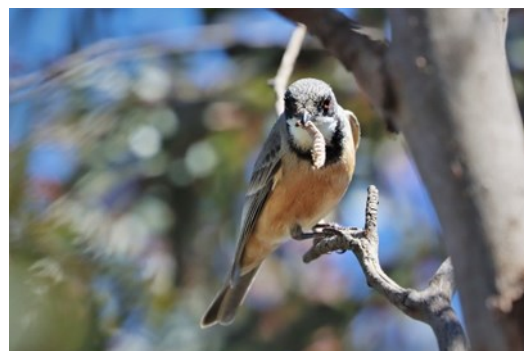
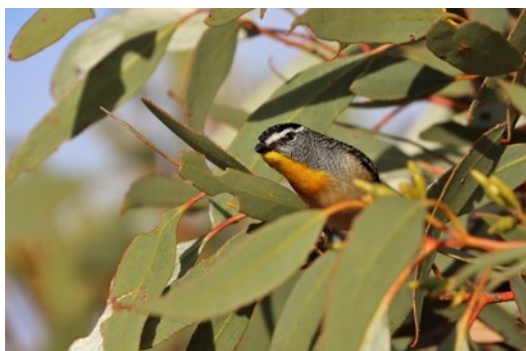
The tube-stock – all of reasonably local provenance – were purchased from the Clayton Bay Nursery. They included a range of tree, shrub and ground-cover species. The purchases were funded through grants from the Alexandrina Council and the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.

While the above activities have been particular highlights, the Friends of Nurragi have continued with the more routine tasks along the Reserve, such as maintenance of the 12.4km Nurragi Walking Trail. The Friends of Nurragi continue to work closely with the Milang and Districts Historical Society, which is planning to install commemorative rail infrastructure at the old Nurragi Siding. The Friends group is also exploring closer links with the Ngarrindjeri First Nations people.

Special mention must be made regarding a donation of \$2000 from the Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group – a generous and much appreciated donation.



Nurragi volunteers planting tube-stock on the Reserve near McDonald



Spotted Pardalote (L) and Rufous Whistler (R) in Nurragi Reserve. Photos: Darcy Whittaker

White Card

CPCWHS1001 – Prepare to work safely in the construction industry

RTO CODE: 0022



ATEC
Adelaide Training & Employment Centre

Overview

The White Card course is a Nationally Recognised Training Course designed to provide participants with a basic understanding of Work, Health and Safety requirements and procedures used on general building, construction and civil sites. This course is mandatory for all persons working on construction sites in Australia. **Note:** Currently White Cards issued in South Australia are nationally recognised and do not expire.

Duration

arrive 845am for a 9 am start
approx 6 hours

completed application prior to the day
photo ID required on the day

Assessment

Theory Assessment
Practical Assessment

Entry Requirements

Participants **MUST:**

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be an Australian/New Zealand Citizen or hold an eligible VISA
- Be able to understand English well enough to be able to read, write and provide verbal responses to questions in English independently
- Have basic numeracy skills to locate and recognise numbers

Please note: ATEC only carries out assessments in English– Translators or Interpreters cannot be used.

Course Fees

- \$170.00 (GST exempt)
- \$80.00 (GST exempt) with a valid CITB
- \$125.00 (GST exempt) Enrolled School Students
- \$25.00 (GST exempt) with a valid CITB for Eligible D2C Student

Courses must be paid for on booking unless alternative arrangements have been made. Training will not be confirmed until payment has been received

Content

- Identify health and safety legislative requirements of construction work
- Identify construction hazards and risk control measures

- Identify health and safety communication and reporting processes.
- Identify incident and emergency response procedures.

Learner Requirements

- Provide your Unique Student Identifier (USI). To apply for a USI go to <https://www.usi.gov.au/your-usi/create-usi>
- Provision of Australian legal photo identification for enrolment purposes.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

To be supplied by participant:

- Closed in shoes
- Long pants; and a
- Long-sleeved shirt (for WHS reasons please do not wear excessively loose clothing)

Outcome

On successful completion of all requirements of this course, learners will be issued with:

- 1) A Statement of Attainment for CPCWHS1001 – Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
- 2) Wallet Card **NB:** this card will be issued within 14 days of training along with your Statement of Attainment.

Delivery Locations

**MILANG OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE ACE SPACE
22ND January 2026**

Pre-enrolment information

Important information for prospective students in regards to ATEC Policies is available at <https://atec.asn.au/train-with-atec/pre-enrolment-information>

<https://atec.asn.au/train-with-atec/pre-enrolment-information>

How to apply

Applications and enquiries can be made:

- **MOSHCC RECEPTION**
- **8537 0687**



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Fleurieu School Holiday Program

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Playgroup at EFS Milang Campus. Term 1. Me and my family.

Week	Date	Activity focus.
1	27/1/26	School Starts. No playgroup today.
2	3/2/26	Welcome back to Playgroup!
3	10/2/26	About me. Handprint mural and Card.
4	17/2/26	Festivals. Chinese new year. Paper lanterns/Masks.
5	24/2/26	About me. Body outline paintings.
6	3/3/26	World wildlife day – appreciate local wildlife. Story and Pelican craft mural.
7	10/3/26	About me and my family. Family network handprints.
8	17/3/26	Family day. Invite families or bring photos to share.
9	24/3/26	Making new friends. Harmony day – wear something orange.
10	31/3/26	About me. Having fun at Strathalbyn Kindergym Excursion.
11	7/4/26	Uncle Ronny makes johnny cakes. Story and cooking.



Meet Penny—Play Centre Co-ordinator

Hi everyone.

I am Penny. I have been lucky to live in Milang since mid 2024.

Before that I lived in

Strathalbyn for 35 years. I have spent most of that time teaching at Strathalbyn Kindergarten and have the privilege of knowing many young families in this district over many years.

I look forward to returning to Milang playgroup as Play Centre Coordinator, as I was

privileged to set up the service back in 1989. I'm guessing a lot has changed since then and am looking forward to meeting and reacquainting with young families in Milang.

My hope is to have fun at playgroup, get to know and build lifelong friendships with other children and their families and be proud of our community in which we live.

I look forward to spending special times with everyone at Playgroup starting in 2026.



January already !

Hey! Happy New year to all our readers.

Not a great deal happened in December expect perhaps, we had lots of deliveries left, from various locals, visitors to the area, organisations, the Milang School, and Mick and Jules who were passing through during their holiday. Thank you to you all and to many others for their donations.

At this stage the bookshelves are chock-a-block and we had to say 'sorry no' to more than several people wishing to leave books with us. We need a few weeks to assess our stock levels and reduce surplus and replications.

We are sorry we cannot take dictionary's, magazines, readers digest, encyclopaedias, worn, torn or stained books. Our donations for November and December was \$ \$95.35.

Thank you for your generosity.



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

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

Printing provided by David Basham MP

VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS FEAST

The VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS FEAST was an enjoyable day recognising and appreciating our hard-working MADCA volunteers by celebrating in the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory with a delicious feast prepared by our Cook, Dee.

It was a delight to see the students from the Eastern Fleurieu Primary School - Milang Campus sing Christmas carols, followed by a visit from Father Christmas, who gave the crowd a huge surprise!

5, 10, 15 and 20-year Service Award Certificates were presented to the Volunteers by Alexandrina Councillor Margaret Gardner, and David Basham MP also attended the event. Thanks to our attendees and extra helpers, Alexandrina Council Community Development Officer - Kylie Markow, Reclink Australia Sports Coordinator - Loren Steenkamp, Sav and Xavier, Staff and the Volunteers who participated in the event.

Vickie Schmidt
Volunteer Coordinator







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**Red Cross
News**

January 2025

We now have a new President after our AGM, we are pleased to have Katherine Stanley Murray as our new President.

The Cheer Up Hut will be open on the 1st Wednesday & 1st Saturday of each month from 9am until Midday, depending on volunteer availability.

If anyone is in need of clothing at any time, please Contact 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 Tracy on the above No.

Our meetings are now Bi-Monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on the 14th Jan at 12.30 at the Cheer Up Hutt, where we will be getting ready for Yesteryears Power Rally on the 17th & 18th, where there will be 10 items for \$5.

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

Doris & Chris Lambert

Publicity Officers

Connecting with our ocean beaches

Ocean beaches have an iconic place in Australian identity and culture, and this region is no exception, with South Australia's longest beach (the Coorong) providing so many wild ways and remote places to enjoy it.

Many uses mean many users, who don't always agree. Understanding these different perspectives is the aim of a project at the Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Research Centre (CLLMMRC) which, unlike the others in our Science Program, is exclusively focusing on ocean-side (Coorong and Goolwa) environments.

Ocean beach ecology and threats: a stakeholder

perspective is led by Associate Professor Craig Styan and a team from Adelaide University conducting research which includes community feedback.

He acknowledges the recent experience of the algal bloom focused attention on our ocean beaches and how and why we engage with them.

"The restricted access to ocean beaches brought home just what they mean to us. It's a prompt to find out what and how we monitor conditions, and what adaptations we may need to make if we are to continue engaging with these special spaces in the face of climate change-induced impacts such as rising sea levels and temperatures, and beach erosion," he says.

This project has three phases, and the local community can participate in Phase 2 over the summer by completing a survey. Interviews with stakeholders will provide further data to identify and map areas of greatest use, and the ones which people value most.

"We want to know why and how users engage with this environment, what they like and value, the benefits they get from the beaches, and any perceived threats," says Craig.

The project also aims to get a greater feel for what users do and don't know about the potential impacts of their actions, now and in a changing climate.

Project outcomes will provide a better understanding of how ocean beaches are used and valued and give managing agencies - including different layers and agencies of government, many community organisations, NGOs and specialist user groups - crucial insight and information to preserve such a crucial natural and cultural resource – the beach.

To complete the short survey, visit our website:

www.clmmresearchcentre.org/event/can-you-help-future-proof-the-coorongs-ocean-beaches

Or you can pick up a hard copy from the CLLMM Research Centre, Level 1/92 Barrage Rd, Goolwa South

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.



Craig Styan



Goolwa Beach—photo by Charlie Zukowski



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MILK AND CREAM SUPPLIERS TO MILANG BUTTER FACTORY

by Alwyn Hopgood

Don Schmoock

Don Schmoock was born in 1929 in Milang, one of the last babies delivered at Sister Matthews' Hospital in Rivers Street. Don's parents were Jim and Ethel Schmoock, and he was one of seven siblings, including Mavis, Peggy, Yvonne, Betty, Bob and Trevor. Jim and Ethel were great towns people, helping in a range of organisations for many years. Don played football for the Milang Club with great success, as well as being the club secretary for some years.

Don worked at the Milang Cheese Factory in the late 1940s as a general hand, which included washing cans in the morning and *cutting* cheese in the afternoon. I can remember when I was going to high school on Jack Harvey's *Diamond T* bus, Don would hitch a ride on the door step of the bus and ride up to the corner of Daranda Terrace before jumping off to walk the rest of the way to work at the factory.

Don married Shirley Dugmore and they had three children: Julie, Peter and Vicki. All took an interest in the town in general. Shirley will always be remembered for her sterling effort in supporting the Milang Oval Committee, and for the running of their progressive teas as fundraisers for 13 years.

After leaving the cheese factory, Don worked as a truck driver, driving interstate for Arch Scott. Then he joined ETSA, remaining there for the rest of his working life. Don's great interests were his Singer car and his Harley Davidson motorcycle, which he regularly entered in the Bay to Birdwood Classic.

Don's cricket exploits could be put down to the one day...his great friend, John Potts, was batting for Langhorne Creek against Milang, when Don went on the field as a sub. John, teasing Don about his catching ability hit a ball very high towards him at mid-wicket. Don made several circular moves under the ball and brought off the catch of the season. To John's amazement, his innings came to an abrupt end. I am sure he would never try this again. Don's commitment to Milang over the years was outstanding. His main interests in volunteering were for Milang Primary School Council (secretary), the Institute and Progress Association, and Milang Oval Committee.



Amy Ross

Betty Eileen Schmoock

Betty Schmoock, fifth child of Jim and Ethel Schmoock of Milang, was born 7th August 1932. She was educated at Milang Primary and Strathalbyn High Schools.

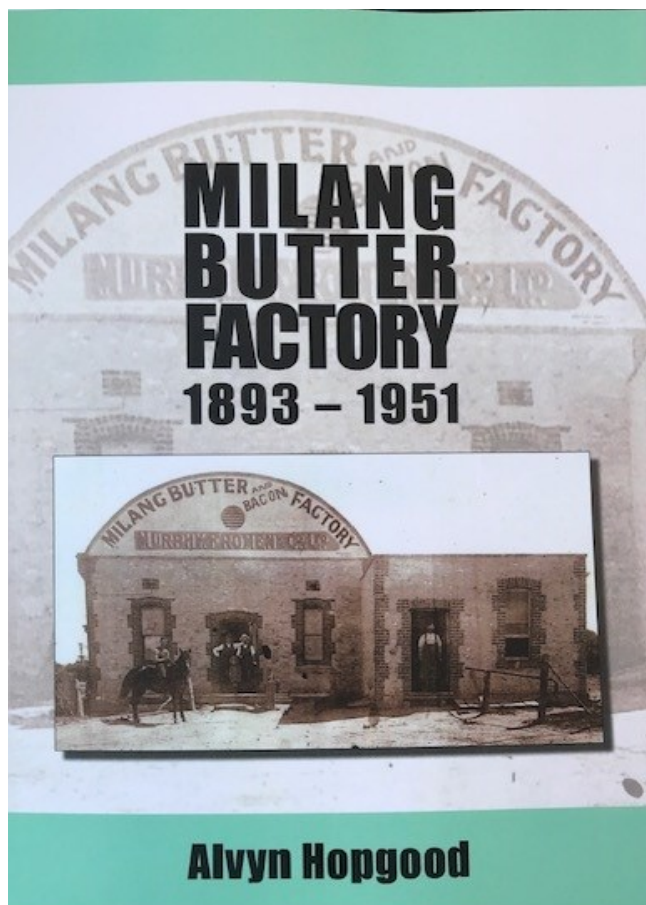
Her involvement at the Milang Butter Factory was most likely as an assistant to Miss Lorna Findlater, the secretary, with intent on becoming the factory secretary at some time.

Betty was involved in town affairs and sport until she married Bob Elliot in 1950, and moved to Strathalbyn to live and raise a family of seven: four girls and three boys.

Her siblings were Mavis (Mrs Hassam), Peggy (Mrs Nicholls), Yvonne (Mrs Millard), Don, Bob and Trev.



Schmoock family home, Rivers Street , Milang, 2020



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River Murray operational outlook updated as dry conditions persist

Published: 16 December 2025

The Murray–Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has updated its Annual Operating Outlook (AOO), highlighting ongoing dry conditions and very low inflows to the River Murray for the second year in a row.

MDBA Senior Director of River Operations, Tom Zouch, said the update reflects conditions to the end of October 2025 and outlines how the MDBA is preparing to manage water delivery across the southern Basin this summer and for the remainder of the water year.

“Since the 2025–26 AOO was published in August, inflows to the River Murray System have been similar to the dry scenario while inflows to the Menindee Lakes have been above the wet scenario presented in the original report,” Mr Zouch said.

“This update outlines the likely transfers from upstream storages to manage the system this year.”

The AOO identifies a range of operating scenarios from dry to wet. The MDBA will continue to monitor conditions, and if it remains dry, we will manage storage volumes to conserve water and meet demands this water year.

“At the beginning of December, the Menindee Lakes were at 69 percent capacity (1201 gigalitres) compared to 42.9 percent at the same time last year.”

With inflows receding across the northern Basin, the MDBA is balancing operations at the Menindee Lakes in partnership with Basin states. MDBA can access water until lake levels fall to 480 gigalitres, at which point the MDBA is no longer able to call on water for use in the River Murray.

The MDBA continues to operate in close partnership with NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and WaterNSW to mitigate water quality and water security risks at Menindee and the lower Darling-Baaka.

Storages in the River Murray System at the beginning of December were sitting in a good position with Hume Dam at 43 percent (1,280 gigalitres), Dartmouth Dam at 74 percent (2,850 gigalitres) and Lake Victoria at 90% (607 gigalitres).

The updated AOO confirmed that delivery risks remain low this summer, with sufficient water being held in Lake Victoria to manage deliveries to South Australia and options available to manage the risk of delivery shortfalls downstream of Barmah.

“*Under the expected scenarios, the MDBA is in a good position to meet anticipated water delivery needs for the rest of this water year.*”



Information sourced from the MDBA website

HISTORY OF THE MILANG CEMETERY

GEORGE BONE – SELF APPOINTED CARETAKER

by Alvyn Hopgood

I have been thinking for sometime that a man called George Bone should have some recognition for his tireless work at the Milang Cemetery in the 1940s. I was only a lad of 10 or 11 when I met George Bone. At this time, the Milang Cemetery was not in the best of shape, with plenty of weeds – and worst of all the rabbit population in that area was huge.

My brother Mervyn and me often set our rabbit traps in the cemetery to try to minimize the effects of the rabbits on the graves. Some headstones were toppled over by their excavation work, as well as some structures being buried or undermined.

This unassuming man, George Bone, spent a long time at the Milang Cemetery for several years, hoeing weeds, tidying up, and filling in the rabbit holes around the graves. He was a man of small stature and possibly of Chinese descent. He walked from his shack in Lyon Street, Milan to the Milang Cemetery, which was approximately one and half kilometres, with hoe, rake and spade over his shoulders.

George Bone was a quiet man, but he always had time to talk to us kids about something interesting, and was very polite. Although his efforts over the ears didn't turn Milang Cemetery into a showpiece, he did a tremendous job, for one man, to keep up with the maintenance of the cemetery. No one else seemed to be doing this work.

George Bone's days at the Milang Cemetery were always long; he never went home before dark. He'd often tell us boys that we'd caught rabbits, as he'd hear the traps go off and the rabbits putting on a ruckus. His neighbour, Mrs. Ev Bowden never spoke much about him, but he must have had a vegie garden because Ev often received vegetables over the fence.

When I think back, I admire this man George Bone for his contribution, without any fuss – just doing something for the Milang area. I don't recall when he left Milang, but I'd guess it was the late 1940s. Well done, George Bone!





Stickybeaks

December 2025

The Stickybeaks last outing of the year was to the Goolwa South Lakes Golf Club for the annual "Mini Golf Fearless Leader Challenge" and Christmas Lunch.

With a nearly full bus of 10 we were booked in at the brand new 18-hole Shanx Mini Golf Course. After selecting our colour coded clubs and golf balls we split into 3 groups and proceeded to navigate the Tee-box greens and dangerous fluffy white bunkers.



Wayne on the Tee



The podium

The competition was fierce with Gerry taking out first hole in one. Warren was the overall champ of the day and was presented with the Fearless Leader Championship Trophy which we trust he will display in pride of place in his house until next year's competition. Norm the leftie surprised the crew and himself by coming in second. Gerry and Wayne were equal for third place on the podium.

The NAGA Award was presented to Mel for coming in last and this correspondent sadly came in 2nd to last. Jamie Warren, a long term golf club member and friend, kindly donated some bottles of appropriately labelled "Sticky" wines which were presented to the winners.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the day out at the Shanx Mini Golf Course and would recommend it for a friends or family outings.

We moved into the clubrooms for our Christmas celebration. The tables were laid out in style with bonbons and decorations. We enjoyed a special menu which included delicious meals, a roast, fish and chips and more. Finishing our luncheon early we headed on down to Victor for the obligatory icecream. On the way we popped into Salvage and Save to check if there were any good buys in the golf club department. We called into a new shop at Victor NQR Discount Variety Warehouse and purchased a few Christmas treats.



Planning for the 2026 program will be held on the 3rd Tuesday in January at MOSHCC. Existing Stickies and any other fellows who would like to come along next year are welcome to come and share ideas for outings and activities. Special thanks to Vickie Schmidt (Volunteer Coordinator MOSHCC) for all her help in organising and making bookings for the Stickies and to the Volunteer Drivers who get us to and from in style and safety.

Cheers and Happy New Year

JB

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**.

Sticky Beaks Men's Group

Morning tea



January 20th @9am
Located at the Lakeside Butter Factory

Join the men's gathering to strategize Sticky Beaks outings for the year, all while enjoying some cake and coffee on the side.



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All Aboard

Protecting the mail

At the recent model railway show, we received a donation which may just think back to the way documents were mailed a hundred years ago. Today, if we have confidential information or money to send to another person then most of us just jump on the computer and send an email or bank transfer. We are confident that, despite the efforts of scammers, it will arrive at its destination without being interfered with.

A hundred years ago all such documents had to be sent in envelopes by mail and there was a need to authenticate, secure and add authority to documents. They needed to prove that the envelope had not been opened or tampered with. The solution was the wax seal.

The Milang station master would take a red wax stick and heat the end over a candle. When it was soft he would press it onto the envelope flap to make a circular blob where the flap met the envelope body thus making a physical seal.



However, there was still a need to prove that nobody had broken the seal, looked at the envelope contents and then made a new seal in place of the original. That problem was solved by issuing to each station a stamp which proved its origin. That stamp was pressed into the soft wax before it hardened so that any subsequent tampering would be visually obvious. At the model railway show, Murray Villett donated the original Milang station stamp which is shown alongside and is now on display in the showcase in the explosives van.

A country girl at the station

Many of the Railway Museum visitors will have met Jenny Pritchard who, on most Sundays, is found showing visitors around the museum and explaining all the interesting things on display. Often, she is accompanied by her dog, China, who stays dutifully by her side without looking too bored.

Jenny lives in Milang and actively supports other town activities like the Men's Shed and Landcare. We love her enthusiasm and her expert knowledge of country life. This was demonstrated in December when our train driver, Stan, a city boy, needed to deal with a shingleback lizard on the track. His assessment was that "it would probably go for his throat or had rabies" so Jenny took over and handled the situation.



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MEC OPTS OUT:

The Milang Environmental Centre is closing the “Op-Shop” part of the local recycling depot operation. As part of preparations for the anticipated increase in deposit refund recyclable drink containers in 2027, the MEC will no longer accept “Op-Shop” type items including furniture, building materials, books, glassware, gym or baby equipment. MEC’s **Geoff Dungey** told MCN that regrettably the “Op-Shop” items were not a viable source of income, took up much-needed storage space and were not a core function of the recycling depot. *“When the SA Container Deposit Scheme expands to include wine, spirits, cordial, juice and all drink containers except plain milk, the MEC will process at least 50% more items and will require extra storage space among other things.”*



MEC volunteers Sharon Parker and Michael Blanshard clearing the “Op-Shop” section.

MEC volunteer Sharon Parker has been busy for the past six months disposing of “Op-Shop” items on Facebook. Sharon told MCN there was not much “Op-Shop” stuff left but people could still pick up some useful items cheaply in January by making a small donation. Two large sections of the MEC operations shed are being cleared to make additional space for storage of drink containers prior to transportation to ‘super-collector’ depots in Adelaide.



Two sections of MEC operations being cleared of Op-Shop items in readiness for storing recycled deposit drink containers prior to transportation to 'super-centre depots'.

MEC's **Geoff Dungey** told MCN that the community service organisation does not have enough able-bodied volunteers to efficiently handle the expected increase in recycle drink containers in 2027.

"Our current team of volunteers has worked extraordinarily hard in 2025 and processed the highest number of recyclable items in MEC's long history. We are currently reviewing our situation and considering the future of the MEC because it is unlikely we can manage a significant increase in recyclables with our current resources."

Milang Environmental Centre **Serving our community**

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

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MCN understands that MEC have been in consultations with Alexandrina Council and commercial operators about the future of MEC.



Hard working MEC volunteers enjoy a BBQ break at the end of a busy day.

MILANG BOWLING CLUB NEWS - JANUARY 2026 - LADIES PENNANTS

The **Milang Bowling Club** Ladies Pennants Division 2 team plays on Thursdays. The team has been performing very well and currently is in **second** place on the regional premierships table. In Round 7, Milang hosted Port Elliott ladies and enjoyed a good win scoring 65 points to 42. Milang finished the round in 2nd place after 6 wins, 1 loss and furthermore, boasted eleven ladies in the top fifteen regional Ladies Pennants Div. 2 player rankings.

Club President Brian Patterson said that; *"The Milang women players have historically (not hysterically) done exceptionally well and enjoyed more regional championship success than the men. In the last two years the club is fortunate to have found several new women bowlers, so the success of the Ladies Pennants Division 2 team is not surprising. They make us all very proud and with a bit of luck may go on to win the regional 2025-2026 competition. These wonderful ladies are the key to the success of the club. Their contribution to club performance, fundraising and event organisation is invaluable and very much appreciated."*

In Round 8 the Milang ladies defeated Aldinga 77- 52 and confirmed their 2nd place on the Regional Pennants Division 2 premierships ladder.



Heather Maddern competing for Milang against Port Elliott Div. 2 Ladies Pennants



In the Round 7 game against Port Elliott one of the three Milang teams of four players had an impressive win scoring 32 points to 8. Skipper **Lee Robinson** and her teammates, **Irene Westley, Jane Sorrell** and **Jennie Barton** thoroughly deserved the Rink of the Week Award. The team skippered by **Bev Mullins** and including **Colleen Jacobs, Heather Maddern** and **Julie Whitcher** could not get ahead of their Port Elliott opponents who throughout the game held onto a narrow 2-3 points margin. **Bev Mullins** rolled the last bowl of the final of 21 ends and her team won the game dramatically 17 to 16 points. The third Milang team skippered by **Jacky Jacobs** included **Sue Bond, Deb Haywood** and **Doris Lambert**. In a hard-fought game this valiant Milang team lost narrowly to Port Elliott 15 to 19 points. The overall Pennant match winner is decided by total aggregate points scored by all three teams. **Lee Robinson's** team set a huge buffer which protected the other two teams' results.



Bev Mullins prepares to win with the last bowl of the game.



Doris Lambert

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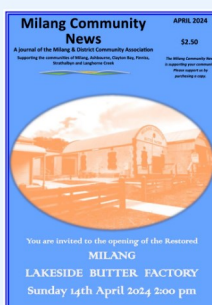
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What's on in our region

January 2026



Thursday	1st	Happy New Year!!
Sunday	4th	Geistare Bunenaite at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music - Kanoetree Wines & food available
		Strathalbyn Racing are holding the "Bendigo Bank Family Race Day". This will be followed by the Publicans' Race Day on Wednesday 14 January and the "Strathalbyn Cup on Monday 26 January.
Friday	9th	Milang Old Fashioned Sports Day - 3.30 to 6pm at the Milang Foreshore - see page 18 for further details
Saturday	10th	<p>Kimbolton Wines are holding "An Asian Occasion" as part of their Beats & Eats summer program from 5 til 9pm. Plenty of space for the kids to play while you relax and enjoy delicious flavours served up by Asian Aussie Street Food and smooth sounds from Kat Caton performing live with her beautiful music and acoustic guitar. Gather your friends for a night of great wine, fun and fellowship. Tickets \$50 include entrée, main and drink on arrival, kids \$25 include kids entrée and main, juice box and activity pack.</p> <p>To book visit https://kimboltonwines.rezdy.com/738293/beats-eats-an-asian-occasion or contact 8537 3002.</p>
Sunday	11th	Wooly Johns at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music - Kanoetree Wines & food available
Wednesday	14th	Strathalbyn Racing are holding the Publicans' Race Day
Saturday	17th	Milang Vintage Machinery Club - 29th Yesterday's Power Rally at the Milang Oval - see page 25 for more details
Sunday	18th	Taylor Pfeiffer at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music - Kanoetree Wines & food available
		Milang Vintage Machinery Club - 29th Yesterday's Power Rally at the Milang Oval - see page 25 for more details
		Milang Wet & Wild - 3.30 to 6pm at the Milang Foreshore - see page 18 for further details
Friday	23rd	Stage 3 of the Tour Down Under will be coming through Strathalbyn on Friday 23 January – entering from Long Valley Road, along North Parade, down Commercial Road to South Terrace, then West Terrace, departing along Paris Creek Road. The inaugural "Epic Ride" for recreational cyclists will also be held along the route after the Tour Down Under Stage 3.
Saturday	24th	Tooperang Hall are holding their Australia Day Concert "Sounds of Oz". Featuring iconic Aussie hits with special guest comedian Paul Reading. Hall opens 5.30pm, show starts 6.30pm – bookings essential - Contact Jill on 0409 693 748 or clelands@active8.net.au
Sunday	25th	Ella & Sienna at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory - 1 to 4pm - free live music - Kanoetree Wines & food available
Monday	26th	Strathalbyn Racing are holding the "Strathalbyn Cup