

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

March 2026



FROM THE EDITOR

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

I can't believe that it's been 4 years since the invasion of the Ukraine by Russia, who would have thought that it would still be happening. The thought of all of the innocent souls who have lost their life saddens me deeply.

Watch out for the gorgeous Harmony Week banner that will be adorning MOSHCC between the 16th—20th March, the 'Yarning group' have been very busy—see page 7 for more detail.

The Milang Easter Market is quickly approaching (Easter Saturday 4th April), if you would like to have a stall please contact me—see page 9 for more detail. Please stay safe and have a great month.

Cheers

Cathy Fish

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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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Cathy Fish

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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 YarluwarꞤRuwe (Sea Country) of our ancestors. Our vision is all people Caring, Sharing, Knowing and Respecting the lands, the waters and all living things." - From Ngarrindjeri Nation Yarluwar-ruwe plan 2006

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Chairperson's Monthly Report

February 2026



The monthly MADCA Committee meeting was held on Thursday 26th of February 2026 with seven in attendance and two apologies. One Committee position remains vacant for your nomination.

Lakes Home Care (LHC) Manager Annie Whyte presented the monthly clinical report and introduced a newly appointment Enrolled Nurse Leeta to the team - welcome. Annie also spoke of the setting of the strategic direction, the monitoring of clinical performance and outcomes and ensuring workforce competency and the scope of practice continue as a priority. Induction protocol / procedures for new LHC clients to be reviewed.

MADCA CEO Stuart Jones presented his monthly report: -

- Alia Al-Humaidahi has been appointed as admin/PA – welcome.
- Finance Officer Cheryl Norton will be working remotely for a while.
- Facilities: -First Aid Kit and Butter Factory Food Safety Documentation audits are underway.
- Four casual kitchen hands continue to rotate Butter Factory (BF) kitchen shifts with volunteer coordination support continuing. Placement of BF Kitchen Supervisors position continues to be a high priority.
- Renovation of the Youth Hub to commence in March 2026. Builder and Electrician have been appointed.
- New MOSHCC 5 year lease from Minister of Education to proceed.
- MOSHCC proposal for the continuation of the Milang Community Garden to be communicated to council.
- The Butter Factory mobile phone is now up and running - 0480 512 457
- Butter Factory regular music events, Pizza nights (2nd and 4th Friday in the month) and monthly Open Mic nights have been well attend. Expansion of music events under consideration as part of the Butte Factory Business Plan.
- Grant Exploration:-Dept of Social Services via Federal MLA Rebekka Sharkie was successful—Purchase of Computer equipment and mobile phones for LHC vehicles to be initiated.
- Grain Corp \$20K for Community infrastructure /cultural story telling -BF water tank mural by indigenous artist Cedric Varcoe—Application underway.
- Mary McKinlay \$5K-Increasing indigenous knowledge and promoting leadership -Underway
- SA Water \$10K - Irrigation upgrades for Community Garden-Application underway
- Volunteer and Community Development: 2025 Final Volunteers Hours 11,734 hours now confirmed. An extraordinary community effort across all programs. 5 New Volunteers registered—welcome.
- Upcoming events: Harmony Week Luncheon in the ACE Space Friday 20th March and volunteers Luncheon in the ACE Space Friday 22nd May. Next MADCA Public Meeting -Milang Institute Thursday 26th March 2026@ 6.30pm.

Treasurer Karen Burkinshaw presented the monthly MADCA financials. MADCA Accounting review underway in conjunction with MADCA CEO.

Vice Chairperson Mike Galea reported on BF Business Plan progress for communication to BF Steering Committee along with preparation of BF Financial /Cost Benefit Analysis in conjunction with MADCA CEO Stuart Jones and Treasurer Karen Burkinshaw.

Community Gardens representative/MADCA Committee person reported that Community Garden members have been informed as to new Council lease and reported that investigation are underway towards the reduction/reliance on water usage.

Motion put to change the name of Milang Community News to Milang and District Community News to better represent the broader Communities of Ashbourne, Clayton Bay, Finniss, Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek deferred until the next Public meeting Thursday 26th March 2026 @ 6.30pm.

Kind regards

Wayne Footer - MADCA Chairperson



FUN | MUSIC | MOVEMENT

● COME & JOIN IN!

\$5
Session

Line Dancing

@ Milang Institute Hall
23 Coxe St, Milang

Every Tuesday
1pm-2:30pm

wear comfy clothes & bring your
water bottle



Register with reception: **8537 0687**



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helps open, support & protect the joints in the body.
It improves balance, flexibility & 'whole body' relaxation,
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Tai Chi is a continuous process, not a quick fix!
In Tai Chi, simple movements, body scan meditation &
Mindful walking allows opportunities for tension to release
so the body can relax.

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grounding & harmony in movements apply

Nothing evolves without change - relax into this gentle art.
A continuous process.

As awareness grows, tension releases.
Take a moment now to breathe & relax down through your body.

Come and try - first session complementary.

Contact Jen for more information 0412595102



Milang Institute
Wednesdays 1 pm - 2 pm

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OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Stepping On' Keep Active ... Stay Strong



Strength for Life

Tuesdays from 10—11am at
The ACE SPACE at 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.

Phone: 8537 0687 Cost: Gold Coin Donation



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.

We Cried
written in the drought of 2009

by Joan Eisemann

My lawn died
And I cried,
And I cried for all the fuschias in the shade house
For the frizzled leaves on the loquat trees,
For the nectarines shrivelled into tough, juiceless golf balls
And the apples, scorched and hanging in the breeze.

Then in Victoria came the fires.

And we cried for the mothers
And we cried for the fathers,
For the brothers, sisters, uncles
And all the wild bush folk.

We cried as we saw whole townships decimated
A letter box, a child's swing, all that remained.
And the people, oh the people...
We cried for the pain those left have sustained.

We cried for the sheer desolation
That has visited our nation.

I cry no longer for my lawn.



Pachamama*
Jonathan Burridge

POETS CORNER

Cells of rain feed whirlpools.
streams, and rivers, all alive,
Am I baptised in misdirection?
The story in which I flow,
a story in which I do not believe.

The great takers, consuming, rushing,
reflections on the mercury
on which we ignorantly float,
turning both cheeks
with the stare of seduction and lies.
Polarised.
A family at war.

*Watching, coughing,
Feeling bile through my veins-
I am your host,
You are my guests,
my custodians...my friends?*

Pachamama waits
for her children's return
and their new stories,
stories of hope
as we move closer to midnight.
The universe, watching.

*Pachamama is a revered ancient goddess of
nature and fertility to the people of the Andes...
The interconnectedness of all things...Mother
Nature.*



A Short Jetty Poem
Jules Leigh Koch

you walked into the water
on wooden legs
and stayed there

with oars upright
you are forever
anchored

across the ocean's back
you stretch out a spine

in high tide
waves cut their teeth against
your pylons

children run along
your rafters
chasing every seagull in
sight

adolescent boys
climb your muscular frame
only to dive-bomb off
again and again

fishing lines are open veins
connecting us to the ocean

you carry each jetty visitor
to the same abrupt
end



*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

MILANG
REGATTA CLUB

Sat 7th March
Alexandrina Cup Dinner



2:00 PM BAR OPENS
~~~~~  
6:00 PM BBQ DINNER  
~~~~~  
7:00 PM LIVE MUSIC
~~~~~  
LATE DRINKS AND DANCING

Pre-Order before 2<sup>nd</sup> March to save & guarantee your serve!



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OR

Scan QR Code



## 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

*Or go to [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com)*

# HARMONY WEEK FRIDAY FEAST

20TH MARCH 2026  
12PM - 2PM

FREE  
EVENT

Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity  
All welcome - Multicultural food for lunch

Located in ACE Space MOSHCC  
24-25 Daranda Tce, Milang

bookings required by 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Call reception on 8537 0687



## PHOTOGRAPHY IN NATURE

1 on 1 Session with Pam  
located in Milang  
starts Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March

Learn new skills - camera settings, editing basics, still life & product photography & much more

Take photos of nature  
Examples: Sunrise, during the day, or sunsets

Available on Wednesdays with flexible time to be negotiated



Contact MOSHCC reception for bookings

8537 0687

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COMMUNITY CENTRE



The local Yarning group have been busy creating beautiful flowers for the Harmony Week banner, which will be displayed at the MOSHCC ACE Space, so watch this space during Harmony Week, 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> of March.

We are also excited to announce a special Friday Feast for Harmony Week, celebrating cultural diversity and inclusiveness with a multicultural lunch.

Please join us for lunch on Friday, the 20th of March, between 12 pm and 2 pm in the MOSHCC ACE Space.- & wear something orange!

This is a FREE community event!

Feel free to share this information so that other members of the community can also join us.

To assist us with catering, please get in touch with the MOSHCC reception at 8537 0687 to book your spot!





# Women's Circle

Fridays 10-11am

ACE Space @ MOSHCC  
24-25 Daranda Tce. Milang

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

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



MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

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## Notice of the General Meeting

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

**Everyone Welcome**

**Thursday 26th March 2026 @ 6.30pm**

At the Milang Institute

Corner Ameroo Ave & Coxe St Milang



## 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.

20th March

# WORLD

# FROG

# —DAY—



# Milang Easter Market

with **EXTRA** undercover stalls

9am to 3pm, Easter Saturday, 4th April 2026  
at the Milang Railway Station

Free train rides all day, lunches, refreshments,  
lots of stalls including arts & crafts, bric-a-brac  
and a whole lot more!



**Stall reservations are now being taken**

Market Stalls \$25 each + optional tables \$5

*(same as last year)*

Undercover stalls \$30 includes ready to use table

Bookings Contact - Cathy Fish (Editor)

Please send an email to [editor@milang.org.au](mailto:editor@milang.org.au)

*(preferred)*

OR call 0416 077 584 and leave a message.

# Playgroup at EFS Milang Campus

## Term 1—Me and my family

### March 2026



| Week | Date    | Activity                                                                          |
|------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6    | 3/3/26  | World wildlife day – appreciate local wildlife.<br>Story and Pelican Craft mural. |
| 7    | 10/3/26 | About me and my family.<br>Family network handprints.                             |
| 8    | 17/3/26 | Family day. Invite families or bring photos to share.                             |
| 9    | 24/3/26 | Making new friends.<br>Harmony day – wear something orange.                       |
| 10   | 31/3/26 | About me. Having fun at Strathalbyn Kindergym Excursion.                          |



## Strath Hangout

We asked and you answered! Join us each Thursday fortnight for fun and free activities. If you are between 12 and 19 years old Strath Hangout is a space for you to be yourself and join a fun and welcoming community.

- Where** Strath Neighbourhood Centre  
6 Parker Ave, Strathalbyn 5255
- When** Every Thursday Fortnight  
Starting 12th of February  
3:30pm - 5:00pm
- Who** 12- to 19-year-olds  
RSVP Here



FRIDAYS  
TERM 1  
2026

Arvo Club  
8-12yrs

3:30-4:30

Teen Hang  
13yrs +

4:30 - 6:00

|                     |                            |                         |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <del>30 - JAN</del> | DAY SPA                    | MINI GOLF               |
| <del>6 - FEB</del>  | Jewellery Making           | Freestyle BMX           |
| <del>13 - FEB</del> | ARVO HANG                  | YOUTH HANG              |
| <del>20 - FEB</del> | TIE DYE TEES               | Bike & E-Bike MECHANICS |
| <del>27 - FEB</del> | STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING   |                         |
| 6 - MAR             | ARVO CLUB HANG             | YOUTH HANG              |
| 13 - MAR            | ART WORKSHOP               | AEROSOL ART             |
| 20 - MAR            | KAYAKING                   |                         |
| 27 - MAR            | EASTER EGG HUNT & HANG OUT |                         |
| 3 - APR             | NO SESSION - GOOD FRIDAY   |                         |
| 10 - APR            | OLD SCHOOL SPORTS DAY      |                         |



CONTACT LOREN  
loren.steenkamp@rectlink.or.au



# 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



# MILANG CAMPUS

## Eastern Fleurieu School

We have welcomed 6 new receptions to Milang Campus this year. Here are four of them on their first day of school.



We have had a brilliant start to term with swimming at Strathalbyn pool with all the students showing growth in their water confidence and swimming stamina. There were a lot of rescues, floats and jumping in the deep end!



# FEAST @ HOME

Delicious fresh cooked meals by our chef

**EVERY THURSDAY**

Ready to eat meals!  
preorder your choice of meals  
for collection or delivery

Call reception for more information 8537 0687  
 (Free local delivery to your door)

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

 **LAKES**  
HOME CARE  
your community  
your choice

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!

**MOSHCC Receptionist ½ day**  
**Drivers**  
**Gardeners**  
**Kitchen Hand - Wed, Thur, Fri**  
**Youth Group**  
**Weekend Providore Sales**  
**Weekend Kitchen Hand**

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

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LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY

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

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

The cost of afternoon tea will be \$2.50.  
We hope to see you there.

# 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

**EVERY FRIDAY!**  
(except public holidays) {Transport available}

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## ALREADY READ BOOKS



### Quiet time with mum in ARB.

Mallee and Alani sit engaged listening to fairytales whilst sitting in the kids' corner with mum. Dad was doing his bit

site seeing in the Butter factory.

February was a busy month again with sorting, filing and recycling books and CD's.

We are still open every weekend when the Butter Factory is open, but staff will only be there every 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. You are welcome to browse and leave your donations in the tins provided.

# Yoga

## self help sessions in Milang

5:15PM-6PM EVERY TUESDAY  
GOLD COIN DONATION



BASIC YOGA SESSION FOLLOWING A VISUAL PROGRAM TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN STRENGTH, BALANCE AND FLEXIBILITY IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT!

BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE & YOGA MAT  
LOCATED IN ACE SPACE MOSHCC  
24-25 DARANDA TERRACE, MILANG

Contact reception for bookings  
8537 0687



# 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





## 29 Southern Seagulls land in Milang!

29 motorhomers and caravanners from as far as Mt Gambier, Beachport, Renmark, Broken Hill, the Fleurieu and Adelaide enjoyed Betty's hospitality at the Milang Lakeside Caravan Park from February 13 - 17th. They filled their tummies at various Milang eateries, enjoyed great food and live music at the Butter Factory, and took in the wonderfully interesting history of the area. We even held a History Challenge which sent members hunting for information around Milang.

Many people interested in motorhome travel are on their own, either through the loss of a partner or living a single life. Others have a partner who no longer wants to travel. The Southern Seagulls provides a safe and welcoming environment where solo motorhomers (or those with a caravan) can meet for chapter gatherings that are full of fun, friendship and activities. The Southern Seagulls is a chapter of the CMCA (Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia) which is our nation's largest RV Club. The CMCA has over 100 local chapters across Australia, with 13 of them catering predominantly to the needs of solo travellers.

For more information, contact the secretary, Dorian Marsland-Smith 0448 881 268

[southernseagulls2025@gmail.com](mailto:southernseagulls2025@gmail.com)



*Enjoying a delicious morning tea  
at the Railway*





*Enjoying a lovely Valentines Day dinner at the Milang Hotel*



## Rainfall for February 2026



|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Wed 04/02/2026 | 0.01 mm |
| Sat 07/02/2026 | 0.01 mm |
| Tue 10/02/2026 | 0.21 mm |
| Mon 16/02/2026 | 3.77 mm |
| Sat 21/02/2026 | 1.22 mm |
| Thu 26/02/2026 | 0.09 mm |
| Fri 27/02/2026 | 7.69 mm |
| Sat 28/02/2026 | 6.03 mm |

**February Total 19.03 mm**

Rainfall for Saturday 28.02.26 was as recorded to 9am

Information sourced from the Elders Weather website

# TRIVIA



Answers Page 24

By Jade Aquilina

1. Name South Australia's largest freshwater lake
2. What is the term for a group of leopards?
3. Ascorbic acid is another name for which vitamin?
4. Who was the first actor to play James Bond?
5. Which is the hottest planet?
6. Who is the only Australian Prime Minister in the Guinness Book of Records?
7. What is the world's longest mountain range?
8. Apart from shaking hands, how do Tibetans greet each other?
9. What is the oldest breed of horse?
10. What is the minimum age required to be prime minister of Australia?

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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Supporting Epilepsy

Purple Day - March 26  
[www.purpleday.org](http://www.purpleday.org)

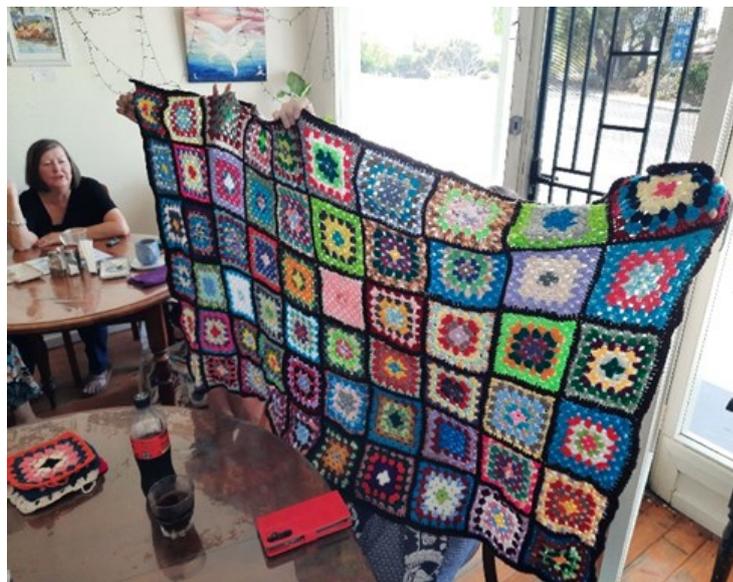
Around The World!

# JUST YARNING



Crocheter Extraordinaire, Cheryl from Wallaroo popped into Just Yarning for a short visit in early February. She brought with her another of her beautifully crocheted blankets. She would have liked to have stayed for coffee and cake, but she was time challenged as her and her husband were headed for other destinations. Good to see you Cheryl..

Hiding behind this expert work of art below is another Yarner who doesn't wish to be named. Lyn is stock piling the blankets to take to St. Catherine's where they will be put to good use as soon as needed.



## HARMONY WEEK

Remember the 'orange flowers Just Yarning started making last year?



Well take a look in this edition to see how they have grown !!

**Harmony Week** is in March, so lookout for the banner, adverts and events that will be happening at MOSHCC.!!!



**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

This is the first survey to see whether the once abundant lokeri (in Ngarrindjeri, *and v. ambiguous* in Latin) is recovering from recent conditions including drought, poor/low river flows, rising salinity and toxins and decline in food supply.

## Muscling though the mud

Dozens of researchers and citizen scientists have been sifting through the mud of lakes Alexandrina and Albert to determine the health of lokeri – our local floodplain mussel.



A project from the Coorong, Lower lakes and Murray Mouth Research Centre (CLLMMRC) is examining recovery rates after the mussel disappeared during the Millennium Drought.



*Julie Jones*



*Kirsten set quadrat*



“We really don’t know much about lokeri so have had several field trips to historic sites to see if we could find living animals,” says Dr Scotte Wedderburn, who leads this project to build a knowledge base about an animal whose very existence is an indicator of the health of our river systems.

Thirty-four known historical sites in the lower lakes were explored with teams shuffling through the mud using their feet to find them, and with some success!

“This field work found loke-ar (plural) at several sites in Lake Alexandrina, and we can tell their age from annual marks on their shell so we know how old they are and how their growth can be related to environmental conditions,” says Scotte. Height, length, width and weight were recorded later in the laboratory.

Lokeri has always been important to the Ngarrindjeri people as a food source, for tools and decoration, and many local First Nations people participated in both the field and laboratory work. Lokeri is also important throughout the CLLMM region because the animals and their shells help create healthy sediments, recycle

nutrients, rehabilitate habitats and are essential for biofiltration which removes pollutants.

“Finding lokeri during our research may represent the very early stage of recovery following the catastrophic impacts of drought. Numbers were not high. Lokeri existence is still vulnerable so improving understanding of growth and reproduction in changing conditions is vital for management and decision-making on the use of water in the River Murray and Lower Lakes,” says Scotte.

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



*Chase on the microscope*

## Milang “Yesterday’s Power Rally



The 29<sup>th</sup> Power Rally was successfully held on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Nearly 900 visitors made the most of the good weather to view large number of displays of old machines, cars, tractors, motorcycles and trucks. There were approximately 60 exhibitors, many of whom displayed more than one machine.

Visitors had a choice of static displays, working engines, and watching the popular tractor-pull where competitors competed against each other by dragging a moving weight over the longest distance possible.

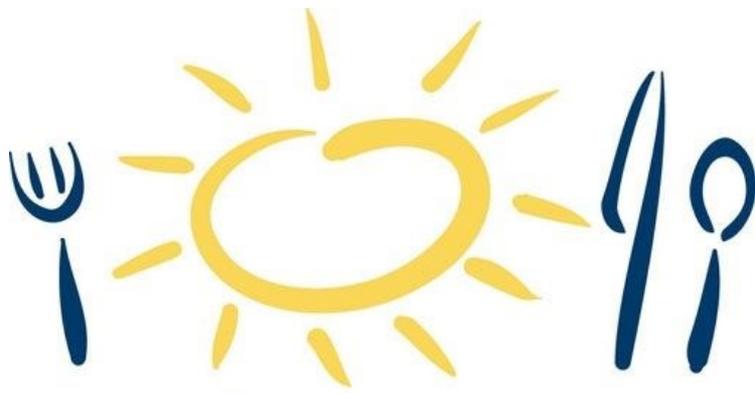
This year the rally featured Austin trucks, BSA motorcycle, Blackstone engines and Chamberlain tractors.

Again, there was a fly-over of vintage Tiger Moth planes, and the spectacle of a working 1907 Fowler steam tractor lumbering around the oval.

29 people took advantage of a free shuttle-bus to take a short cruise on the Oscar W paddle steamer. The bus allowed passengers to visit the Port Milang Railway Museum and Butter Factory.

Next year, the 30<sup>th</sup> Rally, promises to be better and will feature Volkswagen vehicles, and AJS & Matchless motorcycles.

**Article by Gerry Thompson**



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- Suicide call back: 1300 659 467
- Living beyond Suicide: 1300 761 193
- Men's Health Line: 1300 789 978
- Parent Helpline: 1300 364 100
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Rural & Remote Mental Health 1300 515 951

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## Red Cross News

### March 2026

Thanks to everyone for your support for the Red Cross.

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

However, we will be open on **Easter Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

If anyone needs 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.

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 5<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30 at Bec's Kitchen.

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

Please follow our Facebook page for any updates.

**Doris & Chris Lambert**

**Publicity Officers**

# CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS TRAINING

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
@ 9:30am - 12:30pm



**Location: Milang Lakeside Butter Factory  
22-23 Daranda Tce, Milang SA 5256**

## **ABOUT CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS: THROUGH THEIR EYES TRAINING**

CSET: topics include:

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

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

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

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



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ph. 8537 0687**



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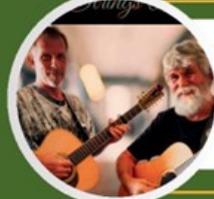
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This live music event is FREE but we welcome donations to help us host more local musicians.

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Beautiful sunset taken from the back of the Butter Factory—credit to Su Hall

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

From Page 16

*By Jude Aquilina*



1. Lake Alexandrina
2. A leap of leopards
3. Vitamin C
4. Sean Connery
5. Venus (400 degrees celcius)
6. Bob Hawke, for beer drinking
7. The Andes
8. By bumping foreheads
9. The Arab horse
10. 18 years of age

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# MILK AND CREAM SUPPLIERS TO MILANG BUTTER FACTORY

by Alwyn Hopgood

## The McMillan Family

In 1901, John and Mary McMillan came by wagon from Balaklava to take up Sections 589, 590 and 591 near Nurragi Railway Siding, five miles from Milang. John, a man of over 50 years of age, only lived four years after coming to Nurragi, and his wife Mary died seven years later. This left the oldest daughter Agnes to bring up some of the children.

The McMillans had a dairy of around 20 cows and delivered their cream to the Milang Butter Factory by horse and cart until the mid-1930s. The McMillan family was one of the most respected families ever to grace the Milang area, with Jack and Joe enlisting in WWI. Both returned with injuries. Jim married in 1919 but died in 1920.

Most of the McMillan family were good sportspeople, and it was quite a sight to see Paddy Bagley roving to the giant Jack McMillan for the Milang Football Club. In 1913, Jack was Vice Captain of the club. Jack also played League football in the Adelaide SAFL.

Jack was a champion sheaf tosser, competing in many country and city shows, never defeated, I believe. This sport consisted of tossing a sheaf of hay, enclosed in hessian or jute, with a three-pronged fork over a crossbar held in position by two high poles, with the cross bar adjustable to indicate the height of the sheaf: the winner achieving the highest toss.

The scrub farmers were instrumental in getting *McMillan's Crossing*, when they made a deputation to the Minister of Public Works in 1902. *McMillan's Crossing* was later called Nurragi and was a busy siding approximately five miles from Milang on the Sandergrove line to Strathalbyn. Records show that in 1910, 3,576 tons of goods came into Milang and 1970 tons of good went out, with 16,000 livestock also going out. Later, in 1950, 1,580 tons of goods came into Milang Station and 1,615 tons of goods went out, with 861 livestock in and 1948 livestock out.

The McMillans sold their property in the 1930s but during their stay in the Milang District, Bill McMillan was an active member of the Milang Bureau, giving talks on clearing and cultivating mallee scrub lands. He was a keen live coursing supporter, and a very competitive footballer for the Milang Club.

The McMillan girls—Matilda, Elizabeth and Agnes—were quite competitive tennis players. Agnes was later employed by Balfours in Adelaide as a leading hand for many years in their cake and confectionery business.

In all fairness, you could say the McMillan family didn't have an enemy in the world and their tireless input and genuineness were great assets for the Milang District.



*The children of the late John and Mary McMillan who took up a scrub block in 1901.  
L to R: Jim, Matilda, Joe, Elizabeth, Bill, Agnes, Jack.*



# Butter Factory Report February 2026

Following from the wonderful success of music every weekend during January we had some great acts during February. First up was Sam Hissey and Ellie Boss, local favourites, playing to a full house. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month we had the regular Open Mic, hosting a few newcomers and also some poets and orators. On the 7th February Brian Letton performed country music with Dianne Coombes. This seated performance was enjoyed by a full house of dedicated country music fans and we were delighted to host Brian for the first time at the Butter Factory. Megan Laurie was the next on the bill at the Sunday live music sessions and once again there was a crowd attending who enjoyed the music, Kanoetree wines and the delicious food.

We have hosted a couple of workshops during the month. Sue Hall and Candy Scown, the "Lily Ladies" hosted an opportunity for an art workshop highlighting the endangered garland lily which is local to the Milang area.

On the working bee front the A team volunteers have been installing the base for the historic diesel motor positioning. Great to welcome Mike Turner onto the volunteer team. We appreciate the hard work of all of the volunteers. There has been some work done to tidy up the edges of the carpark. Special thanks to Di and Phil for their work in this space.

**Cheers**

**JB**

*Packed room for Brian and Dianne*



*Lily Ladies*



*Stretch/ Adrian Hall at Open Mic*



*Two oldies*



# Stickybeaks February Outing

## Bowled over in the Bridge

Seven Stickies headed to the inaugural Ten Pin Bowling competition.

Arriving at the Bridge heading for Sturt Reserve for morning tea we were greeted by a cold front, howling winds and showers so Bill Quinn came up with the novel suggestion to shelter in the underground carpark at Woolies. We found a secluded corner on the lower level, out of the wind and we even had a view of the river.

From there we arrived at Bridge Bowl and were subjected to the great shoe try on. Splitting into two teams we were asked by the Manager if we wanted bumpers in or out so one team had one bumper in, go figure! The action was fast and furious and it became quite obvious the some of us had no idea what we were doing but it was good fun all the same. Darryl came up with the winning score. From bowling we visited Bunnings, Bridge Building Supplies and then had a great lunch at the Murray Bridge Community Club. Heading home we had the obligatory icecream, a quick trip to Cash Converters and the usual call into Brinkley Salvage and Save.

An enjoyable day reliving a sport that a number of us had tried much earlier with our families.

Next month's trip is to the Adelaide Goal and hopefully we'll return with the same numbers we went with.

**Cheers JB**



*Our new champ Darryl showing his style*



*The bowlers*



*Luncheon is served*



*Darryl with his trophy*

## Dates to keep in mind for Sticky Beaks adventures Projected activities for 2026

| Month | Date | Event                                      | Location                           | Price                                                            |
|-------|------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mar   | 17th | Adelaide Goal                              | Adelaide                           | Tour \$17.50<br>bus \$15                                         |
| Apr   | 21st | LLOYD GRIFFITHS<br>CAR<br>COLLECTION       | ALAWOONA                           | Tour \$20<br>Bus \$15<br>Lunch additional cost<br>@Paruna Store  |
| May   | 19th | National Wine<br>Centre<br>Tram to Glenelg | Adelaide to<br>Glenelg<br>- Return | Tour \$25<br>bus \$15<br>Tram free for SA senior card<br>holders |
| Jun   | 3rd  | PS Marion<br>Day Cruise                    | Swan Reach<br>- Bowhill            | Tour \$75<br>bus \$15                                            |
| Jul   | 21st | Go<br>Karting                              | Motorsports park<br>Tailem Bend    | Karting \$35<br>bus \$15                                         |



### Milang Oval Museum

Open Sunday 1pm-4pm

Entry Gold Coin Donation

Other times by appointment

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### Stickybeaks Men's Group

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

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

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



# ADELAIDE GAOL



Date  
17<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2026

Case Number:  
5256

BILLED TO: STICKY BEAKS MEN'S GROUP

COURT DATE: 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

## YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED!

Dear Sticky Beaks members,

You are receiving this letter to advise you on your up coming adventure to the Adelaide Gaol.

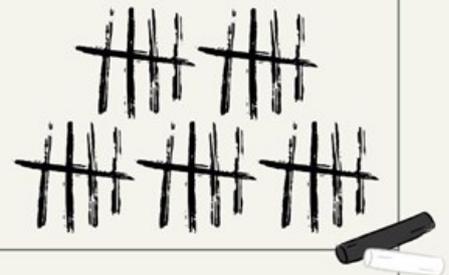
You will be processed onto the bus at 9am from MOSHCC and driven to the Adelaide Gaol to serve your sentence!

*Fun Fact -The Adelaide Gaol is one of the oldest remaining colonial public buildings in Adelaide and is the site of some of the State's more interesting, grisly past.*

What to expect - A 60 minute guided tour

What to bring - Your cheeky behavior

Lunch - Slop (Additional arrangement)



|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| Tour  | \$17.50 |
| Bus   | \$15    |
| Total | \$32.50 |

**life sentence** : **Having to much fun**  
Bus departure : 9am - MOSHCC

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Please advise **head office** (reception @ MOSHCC) of your attendance  
limited bookings - contact by 10<sup>th</sup> February  
8537 0687

# HISTORICAL GRAVES OF MILANG CEMETERY

## THE OVERALL FAMILY

by Alwyn Hopgood

The Overall family have had a long association with Milang Church, sporting clubs and businesses, dating back to October 1854. In this year, George Overall helped to form the first district council in the Milang area – The Bremer Council.

In 1903, Horace Overall purchased Block 40 in the Watson Park sub-division. And, in the early 1900s, Bill Overall witnessed the first tractor in the district – a Fordson – being driven at a field day on Mr Leslie's property. Small business played an important part in early Milang, with Ada Overall working as fruiterer, Walter and Jane Overall running the general store, and Walter Overall working as a road contractor.

Other Overalls to play their part in supporting Milang, were Mrs Overall who took part in the 1908 Church of Christ Jubilee; Syd Overall, who was in the district council, and was also the first President of the Milang Fire Service in 1948.

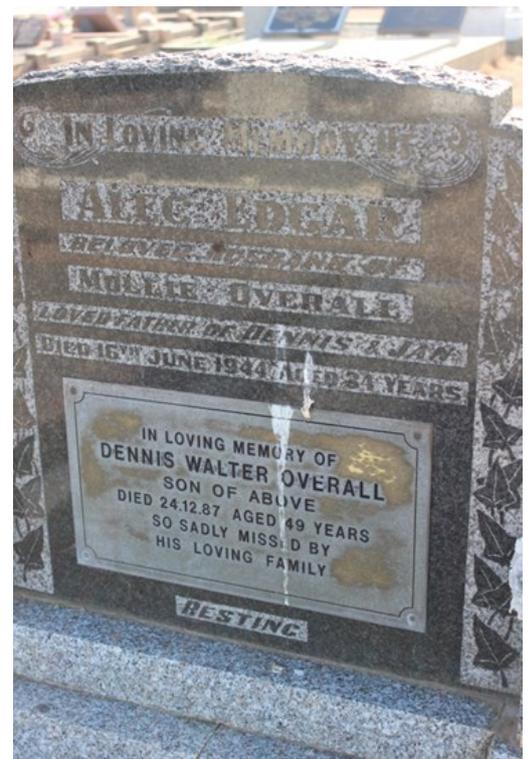
Mrs K Overall was a Sunday school teacher at the Church of England. Jean Overall taught at Milang Primary School, volunteered in the Country Women's Association and played hockey, as well as being a member of the Church of Christ.

Alec and Molly Overall ran a deli in Milang and also helped organise the WWII war effort concerts at the Melodeon and Dramatic Clubs. And Mrs K overall was organiser of the Milang reunions at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

In the very early days, before 1929, Walter and Horace Overall supplied their four-horse van to transport the Milang Football Team to play their matches at Strathalbyn, Goolwa, Finniss, Mount Barker and Langhorne Creek. Alec Overall was an outstanding sports person in the Milang Cricket Team – an opening bowler and number three batsman. He also played fullback in the Milang Football team, was a golfer, a top billiard player and a very competitive tennis player. All in all, Alec was most likely Milang's greatest athlete.

Ian Dennis Overall, Alec and Molly's son, was a racing car driver who achieved South Australian Champion, driving his Austin 7, as well as many other car racing accolades.

There are over 10 Overalls interred at the Milang Cemetery.





Visiting the Butter Factory are Dean Hockley and Chrissy Biggs with JB and Wayne Footer

(photo credit Lorraine Schwartz )

# Weekends at Milang Station 12 to 4



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

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

## Lakeside Men's Shed at the oval

**BBQ every Thursday (donation)**

**From 12:00 noon**

Come and experience our relaxed atmosphere and share yarns with other like-minded people.

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

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



## Milang Environmental Centre Serving our community

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

Ph: Geoff 0428 845 171 or Chris 0411 474 529



Services:

- Recycling depot for glass, plastics, metal and garden organics.
- Bottles and cans deposit paid.
- Recycled items for sale.
- Electronics, household and garden wastes incur a fee.
- Nutrient-rich Garden Mulch for sale

Hours: Wednesday and Saturday 10am - 3pm

Corner of Weeroona Drive and Jupiter Street MILANG

# All Aboard

## Volunteering at the Railway Museum is fun

The Milang Railway Museum currently has just twenty volunteers and we do it because it's a great way to spend a bit of time each month. Few rules, no paperwork, no politics ..... We just get on and do what we're good at and enjoy doing. And with some success. Last year the number of visitors were up 53% over the previous year and we are now averaging around a hundred and fifty visitors each weekend.

There are several volunteer opportunities at the museum. For start, we need two more train drivers to take our visitors on Saturday and Sunday afternoon train rides. The commitment we look for is two afternoons a month; one showing visitors around the station and the other driving the train. There is, of course, some training involved, which we do in house, and usually drivers are ready to take visitors after about four months.



We are also looking for volunteers in the cafeteria car which is getting increasingly busy serving lunches and Devonshire Teas on Sunday afternoons. Again, we look for at least one afternoon a month cooking or serving.

An important weekend role is showing visitors around the station and telling them the interesting bits of history we have at Milang. In this role we ask volunteers to do at least one afternoon a month. And yes, as Jenny will confirm, you can bring your dog.

If your weekends are busy with other activities then how about joining us on Tuesday and/or Friday mornings when we do maintenance work, plus a lot of chatting and a cuppa, from 8am to around 10:30am. We do track maintenance, vehicle restoration, painting, display development, gardening, cleaning, etc.



For information please email

[secretary@milangrailway.org.au](mailto:secretary@milangrailway.org.au) or contact the secretary, Peter Lucas, on 0414 232 060. Our web site is at [www.milangrailway.org.au](http://www.milangrailway.org.au).

# Milang Community Garden

## Newsletter Article

March 2026

The gardeners have been very busy dealing with a deluge of fruit ripening during the hot weather. The loaded trees tend to drop excess fruit quickly. The apples and pears have been coming off fast. Fortunately, we moved it on through visitors, friends and our members taking it home to turn into jams pickles or stewed fruit. *"Waste not want not"*! We have also been regularly loading the cart, thus giving more people access to the fruit and other produce.

Other crops such as carrots, parsnips, potatoes, capsicum and other delights are now coming along nicely. The grapes on the fence are very tasty and should hang around for a while yet!

The new native plants along the Rivers St. fence line are establishing well and have survived the extremely hot weather. The gardeners have installed an irrigation system on the now large ornamental garden, which will help with water efficiency. The garden is full of flowers that attract a wide variety of bees and other insects that help with pollination across the garden, as well as looking pretty.

*The very big news* is that we have been able to have *Christopher Day*, (who is an expert tree pruner, plant specialist and educator,) come in and help our gardeners with the very large trees in the orchard. They have become too big to manage. This work will enable the gardeners manage the trees and fruit crops more easily next year, and to have room to move and work more efficiently around the orchard.

The Community Gardeners have been out and about this month. A group of us had an enjoyable day visiting *Glen Devon's Red Cross Party* with guest speaker Sophie Thompson at Mt Pleasant. Some of our gardeners also had the pleasure of helping out during the *"Harvest Gardens Festival Weekend"* run by *Open Gardens SA.*, at the beautiful garden in Strathalbyn called *"PunkiPot"* . The festival featured a number of gardens in the Hills and Southern district. The weekend raised \$40,000.00 for the charity *"Food On The Table"*.

We enjoy having visitors showing interest in the community garden. Most walk out with something to eat in a bag! We are always looking for *newbies* to join us. Many hands make light work! *Tuesday* is garden day! :)



## Garden plants for pollinators

- > **SIMPLE ANNUAL FLOWERS AND HERBS:** alyssum, basil, borage, calendula, chicory, coriander, cosmos, dill, evening primrose, nasturtium, paper daisies, Queen Ann's lace, rocket, salvia, sunflowers, zinnia, wildflowers from your local area.
- > **PERENNIAL HERBS:** bulbine lily, chives, clover, lavender, lemon-scented geranium, native flax lily, oregano, rosemary, sage, strawberries, the mints (especially lemon balm), thyme, yarrow.
- > **SHRUBS:** *Acacia* spp., *Banksia* spp., *Callistemon* spp., *Correa* spp., daisies, *Grevillea* spp., *Hakea* spp., *Melaleuca* spp., night-scented jasmine, *Westringea* spp..
- > **GROUND COVERS AND CLIMBERS:** *Hardenbergia* spp., *Hibbertia*, *Kennedia* spp., native violets, passionfruit, pigface, prostrate rosemary.
- > **TREES:** *Eucalyptus* spp., fruit trees, *Grevillea robusta*, native frangipani, most flowering trees.



Reference: ABC Organic Gardener :Issue 152 p45.

Chris and Margo at the garden



## “DEPOSIT SCHEME EXPANDS”

MILANG ENVIRONMENT CENTRE corner of Weeroona Drive & Jupiter Street Milang

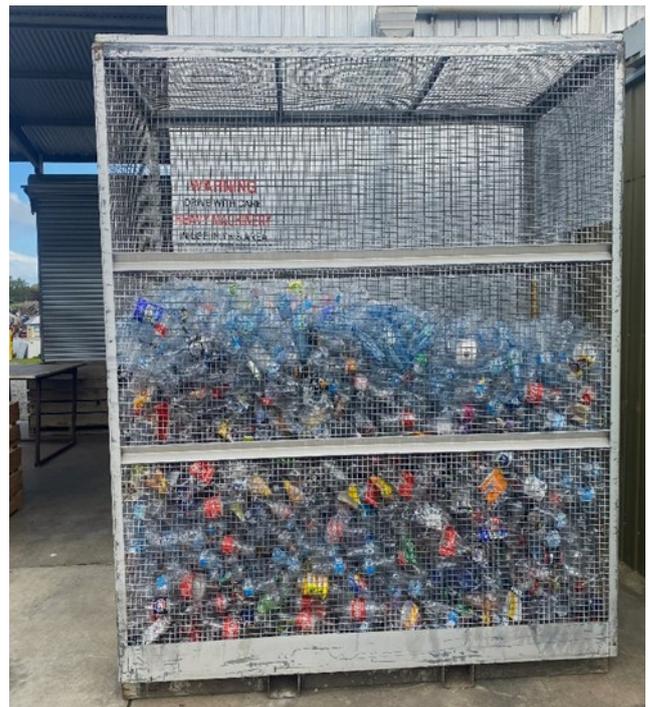
P O Box 338 Milang SA 5256 Ph: 85370201 E: [milangenvironmentalcentre@gmail.com](mailto:milangenvironmentalcentre@gmail.com)

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

The **Milang Environment Centre** (MEC) has had an on-off start to 2026 with high temperatures causing MEC to remain closed on several days scheduled for “Open”. That meant on the days it did open the small group of volunteers were extremely busy processing extraordinarily high volumes of recyclable drink containers. MEC head volunteer **Geoff Dungey** thinks the experience was a foretaste of what MEC can expect when the **SA Container Deposit Scheme** expands in **2027**. In anticipation of significantly increased numbers of recyclable items to be processed, MEC has introduced large storage cages that are filling much quicker than expected.



Aluminium Soft Drink cans are now stored in a cage declared full at 10,000 units.



Clear Plastic Bottles now stored in a cage declared full at 5,000 units.

MEC volunteers are processing more recyclable items: counting items, paying refunds, storing and transporting items to super-collector depots than ever before. **The SA Govt will introduce deposit refunds on ALL drink containers except plain milk in 2027. The volume of recyclable items the MEC anticipates processing may increase as much as 50%.**

South Australia was the trailblazing state that first introduced a Container Deposit Scheme in 1977 with the intention of reducing the amount of glass, aluminium and plastic waste going into landfill or worse littering the environment. It was an innovative scheme that other states have gradually followed encouraging development of a nation-wide recycling industry. Despite the success of the SACDS including an estimated \$70 million refunded each year to SA consumers and 700 million drink containers recovered annually, more needed to be done.

In 2027 **SA, NT** and **NSW** will expand their respective Container Deposit Schemes to include 10c deposit refunds for wine, spirit, cordial, juice concentrate, fruit and vegetable juice, flavoured milk, and large containers up to 3 litres. Plain milk and medicine containers will be excluded. The move has the support of the Australian Council of Recycling, and it is hoped other states will follow.



**Non-Deposit wine, spirits, cordial glass bottles fill the MEC big truck. In 2027 these will all receive a 10c deposit refund when the SA CDS expands.**

To cope with increased volume, MEC has recently introduced new methods of storing and transporting recyclables including using large cages for plastic bottles and soft drink cans. MEC chief, **Geoff Dungey** believes the community service and volunteer operated recycle depot should inevitably be managed by a commercial enterprise. Dungey said that *“The MEC is in the process of seeking either a commercial operator or another service organisation to take over the running of the local recycle depot.”*

## MILANG BOWLING CLUB NEWS - MARCH 2026

The **Milang Bowling Club Pairs Championships** involves teams of two bowlers in a round-robin competition for ladies' pairs and knock-out format for men. High quality bowling by all competitors was a feature of the elimination rounds. The new pairing of the confident **George Dziadek** and **Peter Miller** against the older, more experienced duo of **Brian Addison** and **Peter Harris** was a close fought match ending 9 to 7 in favour of Brian and Peter who won all their matches and qualified for the final. As usual the A-Green, meticulously prepared by volunteer Greenkeeper **Greg Bowen** was appreciated by all players. A hot day ended play requiring the two finals to be rescheduled. The men finalists included Clayton Bay, father and son pairing, **Bill** and **Cale Butlin**, both strong Division 3 Pennant bowlers. Despite a brave effort in the final, **Brian Addison** and **Peter Harris** both Division 5 players had to be satisfied as runners-up to the timely, better performances of **Bill** and **Cale Butlin**, worthy **Milang Bowling Club Men's Pairs Champions 2026**. The Mixed Pairs Championship was held on 01 February.



**2026 Milang Bowling Club Pairs Champions- Cale and Bill Butlin**

The final for the MBC Women's Pairs Champions was contested between **Jacky Jacobs** paired with **Lee Robinson** against **Irene Westley** and **Cheryl Butlin**. Once again it was the Division 3 players **Jacky** and **Lee** who prevailed as worthy winners. The **Milang Bowling Club Womens' Pairs Champions 2026** are **Jacky Jacobs** and **Lee Robinson**.



**Lee Robinson**

**Jacky Jacobs**



**Jacky Jacobs**

**Kevin Newton**

The Mixed Pairs Championship saw **Jacky Jacobs** and **Kevin Newton** both Division 3 players win the final against Division 5 paired players **George Dziadek** and **Sue Bond**. High quality bowling was a feature of the tightly contested knock out rounds with **Jacky** and **Kevin** finally prevailing as **Milang Bowling Club 2026 Mixed Pairs Champions**.

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Sunday Service 9:30am

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

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

Enquiries—Nola Deer 8536 4429

Sunday Service 10.00am

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

Enquiries—Rev. Alex Stone 0405 084 794

Sunday Service—8.15am (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)

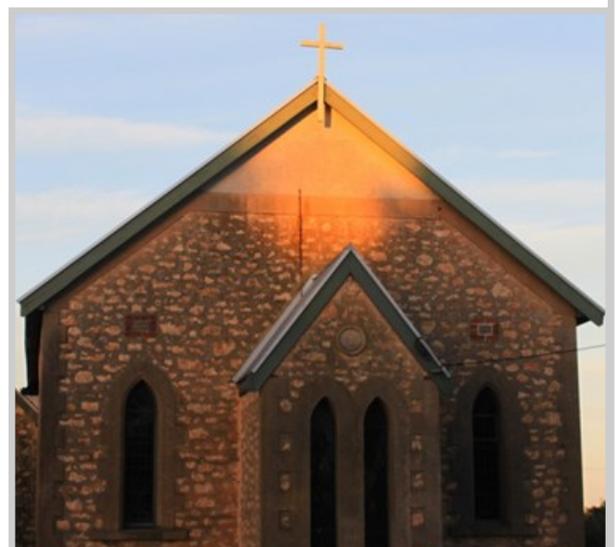
### Lutheran Church

Cnr Commercial Road & North Parade, Strathalbyn

Pastor Matthew Edgecomb 8536 3322

**Catholic Church—Good Shepherd**, East Terrace, Strathalbyn

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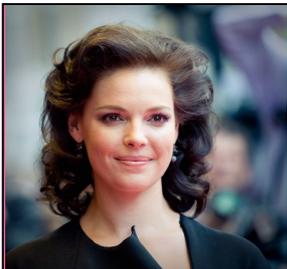
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