

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

April 2026



FROM THE EDITOR

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

What a huge month March was and also what April is shaping up to be.

We had the World's Greatest Shave (see page 14), Harmony Week with the banner of gorgeous handmade orange flowers (see page 12) and fabulous times are being had at the Butter Factory (see page 36). Make sure that you make your way to the Milang Easter Market on Saturday 4th April, there are lots of amazing stalls.

The ANZAC Day service will commence at 10.30 at the Soldiers Memorial Garden on Saturday 25th April followed by refreshments at the Milang Institute.

Please stay safe and have a great month.

Cheers

Cathy Fish

editor@milang.org.au

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

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

"Our Lands, Our Waters, Our People, All Living Things are connected. We implore people to respect our Ruwe (Country) as it was created in the Kaldowinyeri (the Creation). We long for sparkling, clean waters, healthy land and people and all living things. We long for the 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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The Editor eagerly looks forward to receiving articles and welcomes suggestions from community members for stories and photographs.

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- **Finniss General Store**
- **The Local—Clayton Bay**

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Chairperson's Monthly Report

March 2026



MADCA's quarterly Public Meeting was held 6.30pm at the Milang Institute Thursday 26th of March 2026. Apologies from Committee persons John Whyte, Treasurer Karen Burkinshaw and Vice Chairperson Mike Galea who sought

and was granted leave of absence for the April and May MADCA meetings.

MADCA CEO Stuart Jones presented his monthly report along with the MADCA financial report for month ending 28th of February 2026.:-

The Butter Factory Kitchen currently operates with a mix of loyal volunteers and paid casual staff. The Butter Factory Operation Team (BFOT) has been actively working through options to support the long term viability and sustainability of the kitchen. One option under consideration is to issue an Expression of Interest (EOI) to invite an independent operator to run the Butter Factory kitchen (when not in use by Lakes Home Care). This may present an opportunity for a small business to work collaboratively with us while supporting activation of the space. The MADCA Committee voted unanimously to support further exploration of this initiative, provided any commercial arrangement protects the character and community purpose of the Butter Factory.

The Committee authorised a top up to the funds raised of \$2144 by the Butter Factory for the conservation and display of the two original blueprint plans of the Butter Factory.

Volunteer & Community Programs - Vickie Schmidt our Volunteer Coordinator and Community Development Officer (8537 0687) reports that our team has grown to 105 volunteers who have contributed 2,357 hours service so far in 2026.

We also welcomed five new Milang Primary School student volunteers to participate in our Friday Feasts exploring a new collaboration where students interview Friday Feast participants and volunteers to explore themes of "belonging" in our Community.

Highlights from our programs and activities this period:-

- "5 Ways in 5 Days to Wellbeing" workshops.
- Trade Practices White Card training/certification in support of the Youth Hub restoration.
- Community Garden Bird netting purchase through DHS Social Impact Grant with further approval items to follow.
- Child Safe Environment training "Through their eyes"

Future Dates for your diary :-

Milang Easter Market Sat. 4th April, Anzac Day Commemoration Sat. 25th April, Biggest Morning Tea Wed. 20th May and MADCA Volunteer Lunch Friday 22nd May.

Grant Applications :- Staff are currently exploring grant opportunities for a number of projects including, a mural on the BF Tank, technology upgrades for volunteer programs, and Community Garden support.

Lakes Home Care Manager Annie Whyte presented her monthly report and emphasised ongoing commitment to ensure continued support for older people in our community to remain living safely at home.:-

- a) Refine internal systems and processes and identify the importance of balancing consumer preferences with clinical necessity as a result of increased administration complexity under the Aged Care Act 2024 .
- b) Strengthen communication pathways with a commitment to working collaboratively with consumers to identify best possible solutions and outcomes.
- c) Ensure compliance with Govt. Support at Home program.

Committee person Ros Francis provided a Community Garden update.

Motion -That we rename the "Milang Community News: to "Milang and District Community News" to better represent our demographic was deferred to a subsequent MADCA meeting when all Committee Persons are in attendance.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

PS- A reminder that there is a MADCA Committee Persons nomination form available for your signature at MOSHCC/Community Centre if you would like pro-active participation in the decision making processes that effect your association going forward.

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**



Tai Chi

helps open, support & protect the joints in the body.
It improves balance, flexibility & 'whole body' relaxation,
amongst other things.

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.

Tai Chi eventually taps into internal energy
- mind, body and soul all connected.
It is an internal martial art, so the principles of centring,
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

MILANG
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Stepping On' Keep Active ... Stay Strong



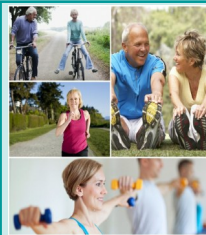
Strength for Life

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.

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 being taken

Market Stalls \$25 each + optional tables \$5
(same as last year)

Bookings Contact - Cathy Fish (Editor)

Please send an email to editor@milang.org.au
(preferred)

OR call 0416 077 584 and leave a message.

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

MILANG
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE



Hello Milang & Districts Community

You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

Host Milang Old School House Community Centre

Where Milang Institute

Date 13th of May

Time 10 am - 11:30 am

Details Join us for a morning tea in support of the Cancer Council, to connect and unwind

RSVP by May 6th

Phone/Email 8537 0687 reception@moshcc.com.au



PHOTOGRAPHY IN NATURE

1 on 1 Session with Pam
located in Milang
flexible times & days

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

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



Contact MOSHCC reception
for bookings

8537 0687 **MILANG**
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Easter at Kuitpo Forest

Berni Morrison

Good Friday, and the fish is baking
in a trusty old camp oven
over glowing coals
of the obligatory camp fire;
potatoes are wrapped in foil
and scattered in the coals.

The whole family
is hunting for easter eggs
hidden around the campsite
amongst the Easter lilies,
long frosty cold grass patches
even close to their tents and swags.

After a delicious lunch
of fish, potatoes and coleslaw
we satisfy our palates with Hot Cross Buns
dripping with butter
and, of course, chocolates and eggs.

There is no better way
to celebrate Easter than with
all branches of our family
camping together in the bush
making lifelong memories.

Chocolate Galore
Carole Ainsworth

My favourite celebration
of the year has always been Easter
chocolate abundance,
the smile and laughter
of my children's chocolatey faces,
wanting more.
Hot Cross buns toasted,
dripping with butter for breaky,
Yummy memories.
My favourite: marshmallow bunnies...
But when did Bilbies replace Bunnies?

Easter Buns
Margaret Gardner

Hot x buns from the 1949 bakery,
Easter buns, the delight of our hearts.
Good Friday morn Dad rode on his bike,
to be in the line at 6am to collect eight-
een.
Three sets of eyes look out to the street,
for a sign he's returning with buns.
At last Dad appears puffing with joy,
a bulging string bag in his hand
With shouts of delight, we all rush to his
side
Then scamper to table for a once-a-year
treat.
It's three buns a piece...could you fit in
one more?
This Easter ritual, a joy hard to repeat,
is the one I remember the best.

POETS CORNER

Easter?
Joan Eisemann

Easter, how stupid, a rabbit
bringing eggs, and empty, no doubt.

We country kids grew up with wisdom.
How senseless a rabbit
bringing chocolate, and of all things, eggs.
Our rabbits had rabbits
and our chooks laid the eggs that turned into chickens.
We lived in a wise world of reason,
but we happily played the Easter game
when the great aunts brought us the eggs.

So why Jesus?
Easter without Jesus
is like an egg without a yolk,
a wheel without a centre
or a bed without a bloke.



*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*



The Aretha Hour

Tania Savelli takes inspiration from the Queen of Soul in this live music extravaganza.

Complete with a six-piece live band made up of Adelaide's most seasoned musicians, this show is a must-see for any Aretha Franklin lover. Performing Aretha's most popular hits such as 'Respect', 'Natural Woman', 'Rocksteady' and more.

Tania explores these famous classics through her own personal stories.

Take a trip to Soulville and be prepared to leave feeling inspired.

Friday 17th April 2:00 pm
Goolwa Centennial Hall, Goolwa

Tickets \$22 & transport from MOSHCC \$15
bookings via reception@moshcc.com.au
8537 0687



MILANG
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE



GOOLWA CENTENARY HALL
14 CADELL STREET, GOOLWA

Milang Gopha Girls



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



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

A large open door
leads to the family table at Easter
this door will not accept, judgement,
ridicule or self-serving ideologies.
Gatherings are loud and not for the faint hearted
there will be words about politics,
relationships and work hum-drum days
there will be wordsmiths
and silent observers who wait
patiently for their time to shine.
We will remember those who were once
part of this family dynamic
who have left us for worlds unknown.
Seated are vegetarians, pescatarians,
carnivores, grazers, sweet tooths,
food and wine critics all eager and happy
to facilitate everyone's needs.
Plates will be passed around
as conversation and laughter
bring the mish mash of a blended family together,
privilege and gratitude observed.
There are no certainties that everyone
will leave content or fulfilled,
the only certainty, and it's not an assumption
or a guess on the parental part:
you eat the ears of the chocolate bunny first,
the head and body are consumed last.



Excited kids, chocolate eggs
Garden hid, with love and care
An Easter egg hunt, so much fun
What could go wrong there?

Well, Johnny's arm is stuck fast
In the hollowed fallen log
And Peter's feeding chocolate
To Henry, the family dog

Sobbing Susie's yet to find an egg
Greedy Bradley's eaten three
Gary's fallen into a rose bush
Millie's finger bitten by a bee

Sally's high pitch screaming,
Ankle deep in a nest of ants
Trevor's naked in the pampas grass
Having removed his pooey pants

Henry dog's erupting ingested foil
Annie's turning an allergic red
Bruce is terrorizing the small kids
With garden snails, crushed dead

Amy's lost her left sandal
And egg with its fluffy chicken
Michael's slipped in canine vomit,
Whilst the dog its 'bits' is lickin'

Sandra's headbutted the tank-stand
bleeding gash below her eye
The Egg hunt is drawn to a sobbing close
In chaotic defeat, I sigh

At Ed with Sandra's facial gash
and wheezy Annie's swollen tongue
I question my Easter game choice
All over before it begun

As a kid I loved an Easter hunt
A fun childhood memory, dear
But I can tell you now, never again
It's bloody eggs inside next year.

An ANZAC Prayer

by Grace S Hopgood,
written in 1918, at *Oakdene* Nurragi

A PRAYER FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Oh God, who watches over all,
Who is our Saviour Dear,
Who hears and answers every call,
And takes away our fear,
Oh hear the broken words that fall,
From thousands, with a tear.

Oh Saviour, bless our fighting men,
Who bravely go to war,
And give them strength and courage, when,
They leave their native shore,
And bring them home to us again,
When fighting days are o'er.

Oh bless the wounded and the weak,
the suff'ring ones of war,
The weary ones who cannot speak
But suffer all the more,
And ease the aching hearts that seek,

To find a resting shore.
But those dear Father, who must die,
Who die to live again,
Give answer to their wounded cry,
And sweet release from pain,
And take them to Thyself on high,
Forever there to reign.

But bless the loving ones they leave,
In sorrow and in grief,
And round their troubled spirits, weave,
In thee, a true belief,
And may their trusting souls receive
Some comfort and relief.

Oh God, we can but cry to Thee,
To Thee who knowest best,
To ease the pain and agony,
And give the suff'ring rest,
And may this world, on land and sea,
With peace again be blest.





Anzac Portal
anzacportal.dva.gov.au



Scan here
for more information
about the poster.

ANZAC DAY

25 APRIL



ANZAC Day Service

The Milang Anzac Day Service will commence on Saturday 25th April 2026
10.30am at the Milang Soldiers Memorial Gardens — Anzac Park
Refreshments to follow at the Milang Institute

Steven Shevett

HARMONY WEEK

EVERYONE BELONGS



With the 2026 motto “*Everyone belongs*”, Harmony Week encourages us to appreciate our differences and similarities, promote inclusiveness and show mutual respect for all—regardless of race, colour, religion, or background.

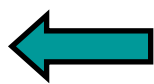
As part of the celebrations, a special **Harmony Day Friday Feast** was held at the Milang Old School House Community Centre, honouring Australia’s rich cultural diversity. Throughout the week, we showcased the beautiful 12 month banner project created by our local Yarning Group, welcomed students from Milang Upper Primary School for a guided tour, and wrapped up the festivities with a delicious home cooked community feast.

The week shone a light on inclusiveness, respect, and a deep sense of belonging for all Australians—from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have travelled here from countries around the world, helping to build a community where everyone truly belongs.

Heartfelt thanks to Anne Fraser for her beautiful performance, and to everyone whose involvement and support helped make this week such a remarkable success!

Vickie Schmidt
Volunteer Coordinator &
Community Neighbourhood
Development Officer





Some of the 'Yarners' who created the flowers on the banner and Ivy from Lakeside Curtains who kindly supplied the weights for the banner.

From the left: Glenis Foster, Ros Francis, Ivy Fraser, Yvonne Rhodes, Jean McCormick, Lyn Unwin and Cathy Fish



Having shaved down to a "number 4" in 2006, in support of the World's Greatest Shave, all this time later too many folk are enduring Blood Cancer: with my friend of 46 years, Bob, living locally & diagnosed with Blood Cancer last year I decided to shave again. He is conquering this & Doctors say his tenacity is remarkable!

Blood washes & transfusions & biopsies & travelling to Flinders Medical Centre 3 times a week... let alone scans & waiting for results & feeling like shite!!!

Vickie Schmidt at MOSHCC welcomed my request to utilise the site & wisely chose the verandah for the event: my gratitude to her, Leigh & Stuart Jones for their support!

Sandi at the Milang MiniMart donated a bar cake to sell to raise money, as did Milang Bakery- with short notice, donated a huge Brownie cake!


We cut the cakes up & offered them for donations & sold out!

Vickie also liaised with The Argus & Southern Fleurieu Papers - journalists arrived to hear my story & passion for supporting Leukaemia Foundation for much needed & ongoing support.

Many local folk joined us on 13th March & with The Womens' Group contributing to a fun morning: I dropped the "F"bomb when the cold confronted me with the clipper after many mini snips: lots of banter & giggles & laughter was so supportive!

It was a great day.



**SCAN TO DONATE
TO MY PAGE AND
HELP CHANGE LIVES**

Worlds Greatest Shave used to be on a specified date, now they welcome anytime for anyone to raise much needed Funds...

100% of funds are used for Counselling, Accommodation, Transport, Research & Support of Folk enduring this Cancer.

The Bus is booked!

If you are interested in watching the 'Kick off ya boots' (KOYB) show, please **get in quick & book your seat on the bus** by contacting **MOSHCC reception 8537 0687**.

KOYB has been filmed from a live production and in early 2024 received funding for the movie event to be taken around to rural communities across South Australia.

The movie follows a farming family, The Connor's who face the everyday challenges of drought, finances, family communication and mental health and well-being, as well as creating strategies for a well-balanced work life.



Little Town Productions presents In partnership with ifarmwell

Kick Off ya BOOTS

COMMUNITY MOVIE EVENT
Strathalbyn Show Hall
Friday, 17th April @ 6pm
Tickets \$20 (or book a table of 8 for \$160)
~ Movie & Light Supper ~
BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES
Doors open at 6pm for 7pm Movie Screening



**SCAN FOR
TICKETS**



*This project received funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund

How Artists Really “See”

(And How Anyone Can Learn It)

When people say artists “see differently,” it can sound mysterious—like a talent you’re either born with or not. But in reality, this way of seeing isn’t a gift reserved for a few. It’s a skill, and like any skill, it can be learned, practiced, and strengthened over time.

At its core, learning to see as an artist means shifting from recognising to observing.

Most of us move through the world identifying things quickly: “tree,” “face,” “cup.” Our brains are wired for efficiency, so they simplify what we see into symbols. A beginner artist often draws from these mental shortcuts—what they think something looks like—rather than what’s actually in front of them. That’s why early drawings can feel flat or slightly “off,” even when you can’t quite explain why.

Artists train themselves to slow down this process.

Instead of drawing a “tree,” they notice the angle of each branch, the way light breaks across the leaves, and how the trunk subtly shifts in colour and thickness. Instead of drawing an “eye,” they observe the shapes around it—the shadow of the brow, the reflection in the iris, the soft transitions of tone.

In other words, they stop drawing objects and start drawing relationships: shapes, values, edges, and proportions.

For beginners, this shift can feel challenging—but also exciting. It’s like learning a new language. A helpful place to start is by simplifying what you see into basic shapes. Squint your eyes slightly and look for large areas of light and dark. Try drawing the space around an object, rather than the object itself.

Another powerful habit is to slow down. Give yourself permission to spend more time looking than drawing. Many beginners rush to “get it right,” but accuracy comes from careful observation, not speed. The more time you spend really looking, the more information your brain begins to notice.


For more experienced artists, “seeing” becomes less about learning the basics and more about refining sensitivity. You may already observe shapes and proportions well, but the next level lies in subtlety— seeing temperature shifts in colour, noticing barely perceptible value changes, or capturing the character of a subject with just a few marks.

Experienced artists also learn to balance observation with interpretation. Seeing isn’t only about accuracy; it’s about intention. What do you choose to emphasise? What do you leave out? Two artists can observe the same subject and create completely different works because of how they prioritise what they see.

No matter your level, the key is consistency. The more you practice observing the world closely, the more natural it becomes. Over time, you’ll find that this way of seeing extends beyond drawing—it changes how you experience everyday life, making ordinary moments feel richer and more detailed.

Learning to see like an artist isn’t about perfection. It’s about curiosity. And the good news is, anyone willing to look a little longer and a little deeper can begin.

If you’d like guided support in developing this way of seeing, Madeleine Elkin will be running a one-day workshop this April focused on practical, accessible exercises that help retrain your eye. Designed for both beginners and those looking to deepen their observational skills, the workshop will walk you step 1 by-step through ways of slowing down, simplifying, and truly seeing what’s in front of you—so you can draw with greater confidence and clarity.



Drawing Workshop
with artist Madeleine Elkin

Draw from Observation -
Enhance Your Ability to See

When: 25th April 2026
10.00am - 4.00pm

Where: Home Studio
61 Alexandrina Dr, Clayton Bay

LIMITED SPACES
Contact Madeleine on 0401 839 592
to secure your spot.

www.maeArts.com

Playgroup at EFS Milang Campus April 2026



End Of Term Picnic
Milang Foreshore Playground
Tuesday 7th April
9.30am to 11am.



Meet at Playgroup and we will walk together to the playground.
Please bring snacks and drink as usual to bring with us.

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Embracing Neurodiversity

Create a space where every brain belongs

Join our two **FREE** workshops designed to equip you with the tools and insights to build a more inclusive community

Friendly, practical sessions for people involved in community services, sporting clubs and volunteering. Learn the basics of neurodiversity and how to enhance inclusion and participation for neurodiverse children and young people.

BOOK



Thursday 30 April, 2-4:30pm
Strathalbyn Library and Council Office
1 Colman Terrace, Strathalbyn

BOOK



Monday 11 May, 6-7:30pm
Port Elliot Oval Clubrooms
North Terrace, Port Elliot

LIMITED PLACES - BOOK NOW

For more information:
training@connectedself.com.au



Eastern Fleurieu

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



FRIDAYS
TERM 1
2026

Arvo Club
8-12yrs



Teen Hang
13yrs +



3:30 - 4:30

4:30 - 6:00

3 - APR

NO SESSION - GOOD FRIDAY

10 - APR

OLD SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



MILANG
COMMUNITY CENTRE



CDF

CONTACT LOREN
loren.steenkamp@reclink.or.au



Fleurieu School Holiday Program

Looking for things to do this school holidays?

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

Scan the QR Code to download the program

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



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



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)

MILANG
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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
Providore Sales - Butter Factory
Kitchen Hand - Fri pm, Sat, Sun

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

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10:30AM - 12PM**

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Rainfall for March 2026



Sun 01/03/2026	7.8 mm
Mon 02/03/2026	11.8 mm
Tue 03/03/2026	0.2 mm
Mon 16/03/2026	1.4 mm
Tue 17/03/2026	10.2 mm
Wed 18/03/2026	0.2 mm
Thu 19/03/2026	0.8 mm
Thu 26/03/2026	0.2 mm
Fri 27/03/2026	1 mm
Sat 28/03/2026	0.2 mm
Sun 29/03/2026	0.6 mm
March Total	34.4 mm

Information sourced from the Elders Weather website

TRIVIA



Answers Page 52

By Jade Aquilina

- Where were the 2026 Winter Olympics held?
- What is the nickname for an adult male gorilla?
- How many times has Novak Djokovic won the Australian Open?
- Which stretch of water separates Kangaroo Island from the mainland?
- What is the only mammal that can fly?
- Who famously said, *Shoot straight, you bastards?*
- What is the largest gland in the human body?
- What is known as 'God's acre'?
- What is the term for a group of toads?
- Which city was the capital of Australia before Canberra?

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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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.

JUST YARNING

A lovingly, knitted, cuddly, colourful, expertly crocheted together blanket squares, making a very desirable bed mate.!!!



So, we might be struggling through 30+ degree days, but they won't last forever and the nights will draw in chilly very soon. Another blanket just 'cast off' the needles is ready to be stored for those chilly nights just mentioned.

Mittens are also on the needles, growing slowly at the moment, but will be ready when needed.

If you or someone you know would benefit by a cuddly blanket or needing a neck warmer scarf or fingerless mittens to warm hands, ring Lyn on 0407 370 079



ALREADY READ BOOKS



Lexi (bottom left), enjoying time out with mum, aunty and cousins in ARB whilst celebrating her 7th birthday with mum, aunty, and cousins Kerry & Lindsay. The girls found exactly what they wanted in the Kids Section and spent their money wisely.

For generations (since 1963) their parents and families have owned 4 shacks on the foreshore in Milang and make regular trips to enjoy the Butter Factory and other attractions in the area.



**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 Oval Museum

Open Sunday 1pm-4pm

Entry Gold Coin Donation

Other times by appointment

Call 0437 800 811 or 0438 843 367

5 Ways in 5 Days to Wellbeing – Be Active

Community members enjoyed a relaxing afternoon at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory during the second workshop 'Be Active' in the '5 Ways in 5 Days to Wellbeing' series, in late February this year. Participants connected through an energising drumming circle presented by Smile n Drum, followed by a calming creative arts therapy session led by Holistic Counsellor Rossy Reeves. The event provided a safe and welcoming space for individuals to share their personal journeys, listen to others, and exchange supportive insights. As the first workshop to combine both drumming and creative arts therapy, it was inspiring to see participants gradually unwind and transition smoothly between activities, creating a truly enriching and enjoyable experience.

Inspired by the Alexandrina Council's Community Wellbeing Action Plan—and supported by SA Health, Alexandrina Council, and the Lakeside Men's Shed—the Milang Old School House Community Centre is proud to present this suite of wellbeing workshops to the local community. The program promotes collaboration while building community capacity, empowering individuals to recognise and overcome their own barriers. These workshops also provide local agencies and support services with a valuable platform to showcase their work, share resources, and contribute to a more connected and resilient community. By sharing our skills and supporting one another, we strengthen the fabric of our community—creating a place where everyone can shine and celebrate the beauty that Milang has to offer.

A warm thank you goes to our volunteers for their invaluable assistance, the Butter Factory work crew, JB and Neil for helping create a comfortable space, and Rylee for preparing a beautiful spread of food.

These workshops aim to support people of all ages, and we look forward to presenting the third workshop, 'Be Aware', to the Milang Youth Hub students during the school holidays. This session will focus on education, encouraging active, healthy lifestyles and building awareness to support overall health and wellbeing.

Session	Theme	Presenters
Day 1 November 2025	Be Educated – provided information exploring the 5 Ways to Wellbeing framework, ways to support people during difficult times and explored self-help activities through expressive artworks.	Kathryn Buckby – AKOM Counselling Clive Sweetman - Strath Suicide Prevention Network Kyla McHughes – Ngarrindjeri Artist, Culture & Language Consultant
Day 2 February 2026	Be Active – explored a mix of a physical drumming circle with a mindful artistic expression activity	Vickie Schmidt – Smile n Drum Rossy Reeves – Holistic Arts Therapy Counsellor
Day 3 April 2026	Be Aware – offering supportive information for the Milang Youth Hub students and exploring expression through singing, drumming and arts activities	Headspace presentation Loren Kate – original music artist Vickie Schmidt – Smile n Drum Rossy Reeves – Holistic Arts Therapy Counsellor
Day 4 Yet to be determined	Be Helpful	To be advised
Day 5 Yet to be determined	Be Connected	To be advised





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Justices of the Peace

Please ring for an appointment

Leon O'Driscoll 8537 0051

Karyn Bradford 0412 036 900

Gloria Jones 0427 370 047

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

Meetings every Sunday at 5pm

Reg Sissons Day Care Centre, High St Strathalbyn

Contact 24 hours (08) 8221 6999

Mental Health Support

- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Beyondblue: 1300 22 4636
- Suicide call back: 1300 659 467
- Living beyond Suicide: 1300 761 193
- Men's Health Line: 1300 789 978
- Parent Helpline: 1300 364 100
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Rural & Remote Mental Health 1300 515 951

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Red Cross News

April 2026

Thanks to everyone for your support for the Red Cross.

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

However, we will be open on Easter Saturday 4th April. We will also meet on 1st April at 1.45 at the Hut to get ready for Easter Saturday.

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 6th May 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

5 WAYS IN 5 DAYS TO WELLBEING

DAY 3
BE AWARE

20.04.2026



11YRS - 14YRS OF AGE

TIME: 1PM - 330PM

LOCATED: LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY

22-23 DARANDA TERRACE, MILANG



LIMITED BOOKINGS
FOR BOOKING USE QR CODE

WHAT THE DAY HAS TO OFFER

- **Headspace - service information** - Free, youth-friendly support, counselling and programs for ages 12–25.
- **Loren Kate** - singing workshop
- **Smile N Drum:** Community Connection Drumming offers a fun, energising, and social experience that supports overall wellness.
- **Rossy Reeves:** A supportive, gentle, guided creative process workshop facilitated by licensed Holistic Counsellor Rossy Reeves
- **Afternoon Tea included** - time to relax, connect and debrief

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LAKESIDE
MEN'S SHED IN MILANG

Sea Spurge and other scourges



Over seven thousand years, the dune fields forming in the Coorong have protected this unique environment from erosion and flooding.

“Sand dunes are formed by wind and water, and while they are always dynamic, the Coorong is currently in a period of stabilisation due to increasing vegetation cover,” says Professor Patrick Hesp.



He leads a team of researchers from Flinders University at the Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Research Centre (CLLMMRC) examining coastal dunes and assessing vegetation cover, estimated to have increased by 30% between 1945 and 2025.

Vegetation is vital to dune stability.

First in was native spinifex, helping steady the movement of sand, and developing habitat for wildlife. However, this ‘pioneer’ plant is now under major threat from invasive species such as Euphorbia - aka sea spurge. Significant invasion of *Thinopyrum* (sea wheat grass, migrating across from Victoria) has also been occurring since the 1980s and other invasive species such as pyp grass have significant presence in some areas, notably behind Beacon 19 where it was planted after success in European dune rehabilitation projects.

Since 2000, drought and lack of rainfall, groundwater depletion and sea and storm activity have also affected the spread of vegetation, with some species declining and just hanging on, while others establish.

“Invasive species are highly drought adaptive for coastal dune environments and have very rapid root growth rates, producing massive amounts of seeds – up to 10,000 from a single Sea Spurge plant!” says Professor Hesp.

As sea wheat grass displaces native vegetation, ramifications include damage to hooded plover nesting sites, often located on the backshore where *Thinopyrum* now grows in the sand close to the fore-dune.

There is greater available historical data for Youngusband than Sir Richard sand fields, with recovery in vegetation due to some notable decreases in human and animal activity.

“In the 1880s hundreds of horses, sheep and cattle were grazing in the region, and the introduced rabbit population was exploding, leading to soil erosion and vegetation loss. Eradication of rabbits has been a very positive impact for vegetation which is adaptive and tenacious, with root systems which quickly grow downwards towards the water table,” says Professor Hesp.

The Youngusband is the bigger dune system, with less vegetation changes. The Sir Richard system shows changes after storm-driven high tides, creating scarps and cliffs and generally recovers well.

One location where dune dynamics is currently seen is at the Goolwa Beach car park area, where some mild dune movement is taking place.

“While the entire peninsula is largely vegetated at 2025, invasive species need to be actively managed and their impacts understood so we can consider possible adaptation scenarios for the fragile ecosystem of what is now formally recognised as a ‘critically endangered’ area,” says Professor Hesp.

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

MILANG OLD SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE'S
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FIBRE
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JUNE 6th & 7th (Sat & Sun) 10am to 3pm

Milang Institute

cnr Coxe Street and Ameroo Ave Milang SA



weaving .. rag rug making .. knitters .. crafts .. spinning ..
homespun wool .. felting / needle felting .. basket weaving ..
fleece and equipment sales ..
Demonstrations by local Artisans

Light lunch and refreshments available (GF and veg options available)

Contact :- Danielle 0415692855 or Robyn 0431072195

Raffia Basket Weaving Workshop

Saturday 2nd May

9 am - 1 pm

**@Ace Space, Milang Old School House Community Centre
24-25 Daranda Tce, Milang**

**Learn to make a gorgeous random-weave basket with Danielle from Creative Raffia
Perfect for a thoughtful Mother's Day gift**

**All materials supplied, including morning tea
Cost \$39**

Bookings via MOSHCC reception 8537 0687



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Sunday 22nd

@ the Butter Factory

Sunday 22nd March we were entertained at the Butter Factory by Chooker Parker from Callington celebrating his 32nd birthday & wearing one of Sue Halls beanie's.

Chooker saw our newly donated pianola, sat down & played some amazing music all from memory. Hopefully he will visit again & play in the open Mic. Many thanks Chooker.

Glenis Foster



MILANG CFS NEWS

Alistair McInnes

Again, our bridge has been fairly busy. On the 17th of February at 2.30am a cascading strike team from the Strathalbyn group, made up of five trucks and a command car, was sent to Macclesfield to assist with a grassfire that was encroaching on the township. Our strike team assisted with asset protection and backburning to gain control. Fortunately, there were no assets lost. The fire was started by a faulty power line.

Milang Brigade also attended various other callouts, including a vehicle rollover on the Finnis-Milang Road, followed by a helicopter landing. Recently, we held a working bee at our station to complete some small jobs including painting and maintaining storm water drainage.

Some of you may have noticed that we have started running our siren again on Tuesday nights as part of our station checks. This will only be done between 7pm and 8pm on Tuesday nights when we are training. These days the siren is really only used as a community warning device, as the CFS crew are contacted via their pagers. The Macclesfield fire highlighted the importance of using a siren to warn the community, as residents were asleep when the fire started.

A friendly reminder that if you are going to have a cooking/comfort fire in your backyard, you need to be compliant with the regulations that can be found on the CFS website. It's also important to keep the smoke to a minimum so surrounding residents don't get smoked out.

We welcome two new members to our brigade: Colin McPherson and Reece Megson. Colin who now lives in Milang after transferring from Lobethal; and Reece, who lives just out of town, was a CFS cadet until he recently turned 18. If you are interested in joining the Milang CFS, please contact us via our Facebook page.



These photos are of the Macclesfield fire.





2nd & 4th Friday 5-8pm

pizza & wine

Saturday & Sunday 10-4pm

kitchen is open for light meals, coffee and cake

We hold regular live music events - check our Facebook and Instagram for details

**WE ALSO
HOST**

Kanoetree Wines Cellar Door

Local providore

Local artists' work on display

Butter and cheesemaking museum

Already Read Books - second hand bookstore raising money for continued maintenance of the Butter Factory



**KANOETREE
WINES**

DARANDA TCE, MILANG - TO BOOK CALL: 0480 512 457

LIVE MUSIC
in

MILANG LAKESIDE
BUTTER FACTORY

APRIL & MAY

SUNDAY SESSIONS 1-4PM



5
APR

CRAIG ATKINS



12
APR

EDDY'S ACOUSTIC MIX



26
APR

NO STRINGS ATTACHED



10
MAY

ELLA & SIENNA



24
MAY

JESSI JASMINE & LUKE



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

Light meals, coffee, cake and drinks available for purchase

DARANDA TCE, MILANG
TO BOOK CALL: 0480 512 457



KANOETREE
WINES

MILK AND CREAM SUPPLIERS TO MILANG BUTTER FACTORY

by Alwyn Hopgood

Jack and May Jolly

Jack and May Jolly were small cream suppliers to the Milang Butter Factory. Their house was on the corner of Stephenson and Bulkeley Streets.

Four cows would have probably been the maximum herd which could be pastured in town blocks and the District Council Commonage, which was once a portion of the old Milang Golf Links.

I remember Jack and May in trouble with one of their cows, a large Friesian named Lena. The Clerk of Strathalbyn District Council wrote, wanting to ban Lena from the commonage. The reason given was that she was pushing over nearly every fence post in the paddock with her immense weight, as she fed on grass outside the fence line. I don't recall the outcome of this matter.

When I was attending Milang Primary School, I often saw Jack Jolly taking a can of cream past the school in a wheelbarrow to the Milang Butter Factory.

Jack Jolly was always whistling, and seemed to be happy with life, although he was not in the best of health at times.

Jack and May had three children: Trevor, Colin and Janet, who all attended Milang Primary School.

During the WWII years, the School Patriotic Fund (SPF) could always rely on a donation from Jack and May. They were known for having a pleasant disposition.



John William
and Ellen May
Jolly



Reg



Molly



Colin and Janet



Do you like watching movies?
 Join us on the last Monday of the month from 2 pm in the ACE Space at the Milang Old School House Community Centre.

Share some time watching a movie with an afternoon tea

You can check what the next movie is and book your seat by contacting the MOSHCC reception on 8537 0687



Cost of Afternoon Tea \$2.50

We hope to see you there!



Please help us with this Survey

1	What movies would you like to watch?	
2	What genre of movies would you like to watch?	
3	What is your favourite movie?	
4	Would you prefer the Movie Day to be on a Monday or a Friday	



Butter Factory Report March 2026

March was bookended by fantastic performances by the Renegades, both times with their full line up. There was a full house on the last Sunday with many enjoying the magnificent weather, music and the delicious meals from the kitchen and the palate pleasing wines from the Kanoetree cellar door. Other performances during the month featured Angie Star and All Star Showcase and a very eclectic Open Mic on the 2nd Friday of the month featured a band of young folk from the South Coast, The Cyclonics.

During the month a very old, and well used pianola was donated to the Butter Factory. One of our regulars, Di, hopes to play at our next Open Mic in April.

The Strathalbyn Lions Club visited for a pizza dinner and tour of the Butter Factory. They were interested in the history of the building, the dedication of the volunteers and the employment opportunities for young people to take up hospitality training in the BF kitchen.

The Butter Factory Committee would like to welcome new volunteer Jen Dinnison in her role as Meeter and Greeter. Jen has enthusiastically taken to the role and when on duty wears an historical costume of the buttermaid. When you drop in, make sure you take the chance to have a chat with Jen.

An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has been installed adjacent to the main entrance door (on the side) of the Butter Factory building. It is easily accessed from the front or rear of the building via the ramp or steps.

The Butter Factory will be open on Saturday (from 9am) and Sunday from (10am) over Easter weekend. After you've been to the Market on Saturday, pop up to the Butter Factory for brekkie or brunch. The Kitchen will be cooking up deliciousness with Breakfast Pizza, Nachos, Toasties, Croissants, and Frittata. Come later in the day and there will be Coorong Mullet, Lasagne, Quiche, Asian Dumpling Bowls and our famous scones and delicious sweet treats and Soul City Roasters coffee.

On Easter Sunday arvo 1 – 4pm you can enjoy the soulful music of the multi talented Craig Atkins. Craig is a songwriter and performer with 15 years experience touring across the country with his 'one-man band' set up consisting of various Acoustic Guitars, Lap Slide, Box guitars, Yidaki (Didgeridoo), Harmonica and Foot Percussion with his earthy sound and style flowing through various styles of Roots, Blues, Folk, Worlds and Alt Country. Craig has just returned from touring and we're so happy to have him back entertaining at the Butter Factory. It may be wise to book a table or order a platter for two as we expect to be quite busy. Book on 0480 512 457. If no one answers leave a message and we'll get back to you.

Cheers for now

JB (John Bradford)



Bob and Gloria dancing to the music of the Renegades



Beautiful Day, doors open, band playing



Jen comes on board



JB testing the outdoor placement of the AED



Mark and Deb back with another old classic



Di playing our new/old pianola



JB receiving certificate of appreciation from Bob Willoughby Strathalbyn Lions

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

LLOYD GRIFFITHS

CAR COLLECTION



bus \$15 | tour \$20

LUNCH ADDITIONAL COST @PARUNA STORE

April **21** 2026

DEPARTING MOSHCC @9AM - LOCATION ALAWOONA

Limited spots- book by 14th April

MOSHCC RECEPTION FOR BOOKINGS 8537 0687

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



Stickybeaks

March 2026

Seven Sticky Beaks this time headed for the historic Old Adelaide Gaol next to Bonython Park. On the way we stopped to have morning tea at Ridge Park at Myrtle Bank emerging from the drizzly weather we encountered coming down the freeway.

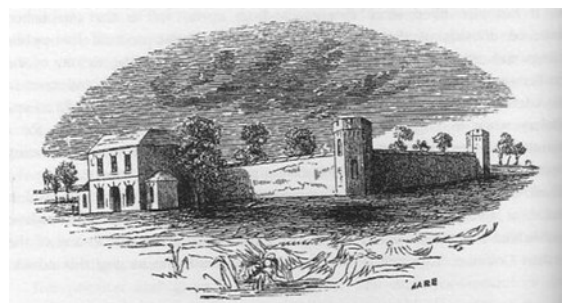
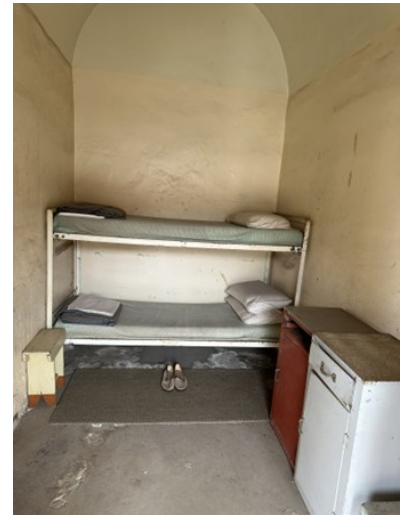
Then off to Gaol we go!...Thankfully just for a visit. Winding our way through Bonython Park as there is a large construction site next door to the Gaol with the construction of the new Women's and Children's Hospital. Looks massive!

The self-guided tour enabled us all to access the facility at our own pace and we seemed to split off from each other and immerse ourselves into the rich and dark history of South Australia's first state prison. Fortunately, this wasn't one of their ghost tours, however, it's spooky enough as you wander around you do get a sense of what a tough life it would have been for the prisoners who spent time there.

Opened in 1841 and finally closed in 1988 with around 300,000 inmates (men and women) who passed through during this time. Forty-five people were executed and their bodies are buried within the grounds. Learning of the more notorious criminals, the types of punishment metered out and the general living conditions that were endured, life in prison (especially in the 1800s) must have been nightmarish to say the least. Seeing the gallows in the Hanging Tower was especially moving if not surreal! Everyone learned something new from the experience.

We then took our hungry bodies to the Hope Inn at Hindmarsh for lunch, passing the new suburb of Southwark Grounds at the old Southwark Brewery site and the redevelopment of Thebarton and surrounds.

On the way home we deviated slightly along South Road to see what is happening with the Torrens to Darlington project which was a massively impressive sight as construction was in full swing. Then back to the freeway for home stopping for our customary ice cream at Maccas in Mt. Barker on the way.



HISTORIC GRAVES OF MILANG CEMETERY

THE STRACHEN FAMILY

by Alwyn Hopgood

The Strachen family have been well documented in the Milang area's history; and very respectfully. In a tragedy in 1919, the steamer *Jupiter*, with Arthur Strachen acting as engineer, left Milang for Meningie but returned to Milang under the control to Ted Bowden. Arthur Strachen had been killed instantly when he fell into the running engine. He was aged 44. Arthur left a widow and five children and, in the first workers' compensation case to be heard in Strathalbyn, his family was awarded £50.0.0 in cash as well as £1 per week, and the Strachen children were awarded £1.10.0 per week. The Strachen's old house at the mouth of the Bremer River, known as *Karooma Canel*, has now been demolished but was used for years as a haven for fishermen.

There must have been an ongoing connection to this area for the Strachen family, as Emily Strachen attended the 1936 *Back to Lake Plains* celebrations, when their house was still standing. Arthur Strachen and his brother George both worked for WP Dunk, and were brothers to Mrs Rueben Coppins. George ended up as assistant curator of Norwood Oval in Adelaide.

Some of the Strachen ladies married Milang men – Eileen became Mrs Harold Stewart, and Ethel, Mrs Jim Schmook. These ladies were prominent in the Milang area, especially in the Milang Red Cross and the primary school.

Mr Bill Strachen I knew very well. Bill did not marry but was a true gentleman in every way and never had an enemy. Bill served in WWI and suffered badly as a consequence. Bill Strachen resided in Milang for many years, doing odd jobs for not much in return. In the 1950s he was regular at the private 'dart club' at Whinham Hopgood's house, which was a very serious group. One night, Bill Strachen won the session. He was thrilled, that being his only win, so the lads Mervyn Hopgood Peter Bagly, Claude Sim and some others, picked him up on their shoulders and carried him around the room in appreciation of his performance – a very popular man was Bill Strachen. He passed away in 1966, aged 68.

The Strachen family were held in high respect by the people of Milang, and they contributed in many ways to the town. There are 10 interments of the Strachens in the Milang Cemetery: 1860, Lucinda Lily, aged 10 months, daughter of William G Strachen; 1884, Frederick, aged 3, son of William G; 1894, William G Strachen, aged 68; 1896, Robert G Strachen, aged 30; 1900, Eliza J, aged 52; 1915, Elizabeth Anne, aged 35; 1919, Arthur H, aged 44; and 1966, William John Strachen (son of William G), aged 68. Also, two Milang ladies, nee Strachen, are interred there: 1971, Ethel Schmook, aged 65; and 1974, Eileen Stewart, aged 71.





Milang Cottage Garden Club monthly outing report

Hi Fellow Gardener's

We are still here and loving our gardens and visiting garden centres around us. Following a planning meeting in February we embarked on our first trip of the year to the Mt Barker area visiting firstly Garden Depot where there were lots of new plants, pots etc. but big surprise none of them joined us on the bus. This changed when we visited the new Bunnings several of us had vouchers to spend and spend we did with items ranging from bulbs to cat food, boy is this place large think you could spend all day here and not see everything maybe see a bit more next time.

Next stop was in Oakbank stopping at Karkoo where we had lunch before wandering around seeing what bargains we could find. I found the bargain of the day, a poinsettia for just two dollars, all it needs is a good shower and re-potting, it has had the former with the recent rain now to repot it and hope it likes my place.

Next stop was Adelaide Hills Garden Supplies, we have been here before and did not think much of it, but boy has it changed, lots of healthy plants, pots etc. Bev found the items she was looking for, dwarf citrus trees one orange and one lemon and they joined us on the trip homeward. Firstly stopping off at Mt Barker at the Lobethal bakery for coffee and cakes to celebrate Jeff's 91st birthday and the drawing of the raffle which was won by Peter.

The next trip will be to Tupelo at Mylor followed by State Flora at Belair and Coromandel Valley if we are lucky. If you would like to join us, please phone Anne on 85370453 to see if there are any spare seats. In the meantime good gardening.

Anne Feast

Milang Community Garden

March 2026

Life at the garden has been chugging along as usual with new plantings and harvesting the last of the fruits. The fig trees have produced lots of fat juicy fruits!

We are pleased to be getting some produce on the cart more regularly and to welcome visitors popping in on Tuesdays. The gardeners are starting to build wicking beds to replace the old beds. This will help with using less water and saving our backs with less bending!!



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Big Days at Milang

The Australian Railway Historical Society (ARHS) organised several tours to Milang for railway enthusiasts. One was the "Lakes Limited" on 30th May 1964. The eight-car train was hauled by two RX class locomotives numbers 195 and 233 and departed Adelaide at 7:50am. There were water stops at Ambleside and Strathalbyn and a twelve minute stop on the line between Sandergrove and Nurragi for photos to be taken. After a couple of hours in Milang, in which both locomotives were turned, the train then returned to Adelaide with four more photo stops on the way.

A second smaller tour occurred in 1968. A single RX steam locomotive brought three coachloads of enthusiasts up to Strathalbyn where the passengers transferred to a Brill railcar and single coach trailer which then proceeded to Milang. At the station we have a video of this tour returning to Strathalbyn with the coach rocking and rolling over the track and with enthusiasts hanging out the back.



The final tour was the very last train to use the Milang railway before the track was removed. A single RX steam locomotive brought five coaches and the guards van, all full of enthusiasts, down to Milang. By then the turntable had been broken by diesel and so the loco had to come from Strathalbyn backwards so that the train could proceed back out of Milang the correct way around for photographic purposes. Both photos on this page show this final tour.



The video at the station shows all three tours and two things stand out. Firstly, the complete lack of health and safety regulations allowing kids to have a great time climbing all over the place. Secondly, we can't see anyone in the videos who looks overweight; we were a healthy bunch fifty years ago.

If you want to see what the Railway Museum is doing to handle the fuel crisis, just take a look at our Facebook page on 1st April.

MEC NEWS APRIL 2026

“MEC SHIFTS FOCUS”

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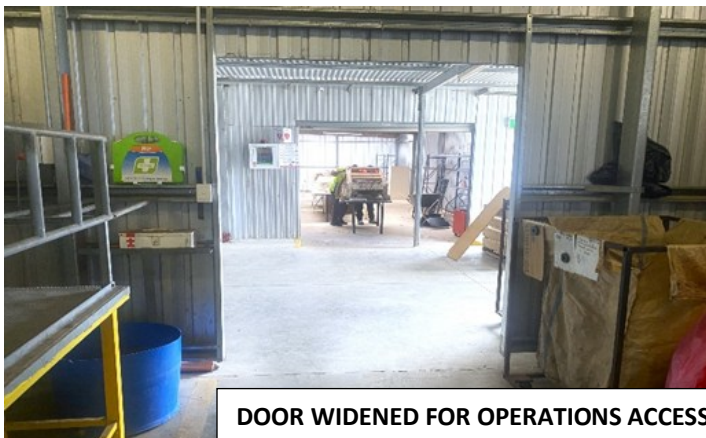
For the last six months the Milang Environment Centre has undergone significant changes in focus and operating procedures. Decreasing numbers of volunteers and increasing numbers of recyclables forced the MEC to rethink what it does, how it does it, and what the future holds. As a result, a gradual clean-up and disposal of Op-Shop type items has taken place to free up much-needed storage space. **The MEC focus in 2026 is very much on processing recyclable deposit refund drink containers.** *“We did not have any choice”,* explained MEC Director **Geoff Dungey**, *“More storage space for increasing numbers of drink containers became essential. That does not mean MEC is not continuing with other recycling services for the community such as accepting scrap metal and green garden waste. Those are not lucrative nevertheless are part of our core objectives to ensure those things do not end up polluting the local environment.”* Where there used to be old furniture, books, dvd’s and various Op-Shop items in two sections of the main MEC building most is now cleared for storage of deposit refund drink containers.



MEC STORAGE SECTION #1



MEC STORAGE SECTION #2 ALMOST CLEARED



DOOR WIDENED FOR OPERATIONS ACCESS TO STORAGE SECTION #1



The SA Govt. Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) will expand in **2027** when recycling depots such as the MEC will pay deposit refunds on **ALL** drink containers except plain milk and medicine containers. Expansion of the CDS is going to increase the number of recyclable items the MEC volunteers will process and need to store prior to transportation. Local consumers will be paid 10c deposit refunds for wine, spirit, cordial, juice concentrate, fruit and vegetable juice, flavoured milk and large drink containers up to 3 litres. MEC has been preparing for the expected increase in CDS items that will be brought into the depot by streamlining processes and shifting focus. Large storage cages have been used since October 2025 for soft drink cans and clear plastic bottles. This has reduced crushing time, effort, processing and transportation expense. Other CDS items will be stored in the two sections of the MEC building now cleared of Op-Shop items. MEC hopes to reduce costs by storing higher volume of drink containers before transporting recyclables to 'super-collector depots in Adelaide. Although the Op-Shop has disappeared the MEC intends to continue accepting **green garden waste** which it converts at considerable cost into nutrient-rich garden **MULCH** and to continue accepting **scrap metal**.



MEC OPERATIONS SECTION



MEC VOLUNTEER SHARON PARKER DISMANTLES AN OLD OP-SHOP LOUNGE CHAIR FOR DISPOSAL

MEC Director, **Geoff Dungey** believes the community service, volunteer operated recycle depot is going to find it extremely difficult to continue in its current form with a decreasing volunteer team trying to process higher volumes of recyclables.

Dungey told MCN, *"For twenty-five years the MEC has played a very important role in keeping our environment clean, redistributing deposit refunds to locals, and as a not-for-profit service organisation providing sponsorship and donations to various causes and organisations. A local recycling centre depot is essential and for that reason we have initiated preliminary discussions with commercial operators and other service organisations to possibly take over the running of the Milang recycle depot."*

MILANG BOWLING CLUB - APRIL 2026

“MILANG IN REGIONAL FINALS”

The Milang Bowling Club has enjoyed a successful Regional Pennants Competition season in 2025 - 2026. Milang Division 3 team finished a well-earned second place in the minor rounds as did the Division 5 team. The finals were played in March. The Women's Division 2 team went one better and finished the season strongly in TOP place. **Club President Brian Patterson**, nursing a broken right wrist told MCN that, *“What a terrific effort from everyone at Milang Bowling Club! We are such a small club that we do not have the luxury of having substitute players to call on if someone is unavailable or breaks an arm. The fact that three Division teams have performed so well to reach the Regional Finals is an achievement of which the Club, its' members and supporters can be proud.”*

The Milang Club has seen several members playing in State Country Championship events. Jacky Jacobs and Lee Robinson were part of the Region 7 team which for the second consecutive year won the **Bowls SA Country Women's Regional Round Robin Competition**. From November 2025 up to the end of February 2026 the Club has arranged a variety of hotly contested internal championships with some refreshing results. The **MBC Women's Triples Champions for 2026** are: **Irene Westley, Bev Mullins & Jennie Barton**. The **Men's Triples Champions for 2026** are: **Brian Addison, Brian Patterson & Peter Harris**. These three gentlemen play together in the successful Division 5 Pennants team.



2025-2026 Women's Triples Champions

L-R: Irene Westley, Bev Mullins & Jennie Barton



2025-2026 Men's Triples Champions

L-R: Brian Addison, Brian Patterson & Peter Harris



**Left: Cale Butlin & Bill Butlin
Men's Pairs Champions 2026**



**Left: Jacky Jacobs & Kevin Newton
Mixed Pairs Champions 2026**

The MBC 2026 Men's Pairs Champions are father and son dynamic duo: **Cale** and **Bill Butlin** of Clayton Bay. These two gentlemen play together in the successful Division 3 Pennants team. The MBC 2026 Mixed Pairs Champions are **Jacky Jacobs** and **Kevin Newton**. These two play together in the successful Milang Division 3 team.



The **2026 Men's Singles Championship** final was played between eventual winner **Kevin Newton** (R) and runner-up **Glenn Best** (L) both of whom play in the successful Milang Division 3 team.



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MILANG WOMEN IN REGIONAL BOWLS GRAND FINAL

The Milang community can be proud of the 2025-2026 efforts of the local Women's Regional Pennant Competition team. After finishing the minor rounds in top place, the Milang Bowling Club Women's Division 2 team earned the advantage of a home first final on their own bowling green. The Milang Bowling Club was busy on Thursday 5th March as the top four woman's Regional Division 2 Pennants teams played the first finals. Milang played against second-placed McLaren Vale. Third-placed Strathalbyn played against fourth-placed Langhorne Creek. Each team enjoyed having supporters watching and cheering on a delightful sunny day with a slight cool breeze as the Milang club hosted forty-eight bowlers.

Both finals were hotly contested with the Milang ladies winning all three rinks (23 -19, 27 -18, 24 -11) and advancing to the Grand Final. McLaren Vale ladies will play a preliminary final against Langhorne Creek who defeated Strathalbyn.



Just before the rain storm reached Milang - photo by Jude Aquilina





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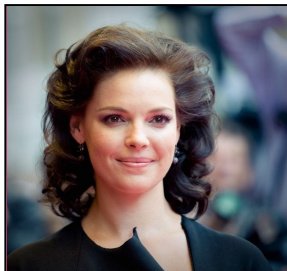
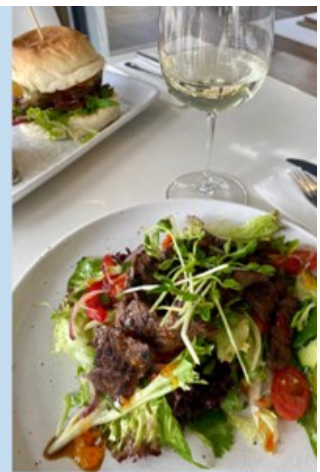
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