

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

July 2026



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the July 2026 edition of the Milang Community News. The community had a lot of great activities over the month. The Earth, Wind & Fibre Fair was a great success yet again, please see pages 14 to 16 for lots of great pictures and it was also lovely to see that the proceeds from the fair were donated to the Youth Hub, well done!

Our volunteers were also celebrated at the fantastic lunch that was given at the Butter Factory with Rebekha Sharkie handing out certificates, please see pages 17 to 19.

Also a very special 'Hopgood Family Memorial Seat' has been unveiled at the Cemetery recognising all of the hard work and commitment given by Mervyn Hopgood and his family, please see page 13.

Please stay safe, warm 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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Chairperson's Monthly Report

June 2026



The monthly MADCA Committee meeting was held on Thursday 25th of June 2026 at the Milang Institute - Apologies Committee person Michael Galea.

Lakes Home Care Manager Annie Whyte presented the Lakes

Home Care monthly Management and Clinical Governance Reports. External consultants Ernst & Young Business Advisory Team have been engaged, at no cost to MADCA, to review LHC operations.

LHC operations: New Client management and compliance platform and alternate systems and technologies are under review, to be compared against current platforms that have been in place for the last seven years.

MADCA CEO Stuart Jones presented his monthly report :-

Staffing: Butter Factory Kitchen staffing has transitioned from volunteer support to casual part-time local employment and continues to perform positively providing important benefits through local employment and youth training.

An alternative External Catering Management model has been considered, however, MADCA Committee voted unanimously to continue with the current paid staff roster to ensure on-going continuity with MADCA community objectives.

Thanks to David and Sue from Kanoetree Wines, Norm and Glenys Foster and "JB" Bradford for their on-going co-ordination of Live Music and Open Mic events which have maintained public attendance into the cooler months.

General:

Grants and Community donations have resulted in sufficient funds raised towards the restoration of the Butter Factory original blueprint plans.

Grant applications:

- . An application for a GrainCorp grant was explored for the the Butter Factory rainwater tank mural but did not fit the guidelines. Federal MP Rebekha Sharkie has offered guidance to explore other avenues.
- . Our expression of interest in the 2025-2026 Volunteers grants has been successful, which we intend fund a TV and Laptop upgrade in the ACE Space to support training. Final outcomes of the grant process still to be advised later in the year.
- . We have submitted an Alexandrina Council Wellbeing grant for the Milang Youth Hub.
- . Our application to SA Water/Community Partnership program grant was unsuccessful but we will continue to look for funding support to upgrade site irrigation.

Volunteers:

As at the 11th of June 2026 we have 107 Volunteers registered who have contributed an extraordinary 6,035 hours of service.

Welcome to new volunteers Elder Nethercott, Mully Nethercott, Kaaran Moody and Leyon Sadler-Bert. Special thanks to Jen Dawes for her ongoing work in sorting out many years of archiving. Also, thanks to Driver Warren O'Neill who received outstanding feedback from the community for his assistance.

Highlights from our programs:

- . The Milang Anzac Garden Rotunda Garden Piano project has been installed in conjunction with Leah Grace Arts and Cultural Development Officer Alexandrina Council and Artist Kyle Armstrong who facilitated workshops in collaboration with local Milang Primary school students.
- . Pleasing to note that the long awaited renovation work to the Milang Youth Club is underway.
- . The annual Earth, Wind and Fibre Fair at the Milang Institute was a great success. Congratulations to Danielle Hobbs and Robyn Shearer for their outstanding effort. The Fibre Art group have generously donated their \$723.75 raffle proceeds to the Milang Youth Hub.
- . National Volunteer week and Volunteer luncheon at Butter Factory on Friday 6th June 2026 was well received with 60 in attendance along with Federal MP Rebekha Sharkie who presented a number of Volunteer Service Certificates.
- . Stickybeaks River cruise to Swan Reach on the Marion was a success. Next outing is scheduled for go-carting at the "Bend" racecourse.

Dates for your diary :-

- . MOSHCC Movies are back for the fourth Friday in the Month.
- . MADCA AGM Thursday 24th of September 6pm at Milang Institute with guest invitee Andrew Mc Donald, Chief Executive Officer Alexandrina Council in attendance. Come along and have your say.
- . Child Safety Environments training at the Ace Space 8th July 2026

MADCA Treasurer Karen Burkinshaw tabled the MADCA financial report for June 2026 and YTD against budget. Karen and CEO Stuart Jones are working together on budgets and Xero updates for the new year.

- . Committee person Ros Francis reported on Community Gardens progress.
- . Feedback as to Community Gardens support to the concept of the "Butter Factory A Team" renovating/converting the existing derelict Butter Factory Fodder Store/Possum Sanctuary into a functioning Providore/Community Store whilst retaining the external character of the building. A concept, following a favourable discussion with Federal MP Rebekha Sharkie, which may well receive grant assistance/ support.

Kind regards

Wayne Footer / MADCA Chairperson

TRIVIA



Answers Page 47

By Jude Aquilina

1. Name Australia's highest mountain
2. What does 'all thumbs' mean?
3. Which composer's middle name was Amadeus?
4. Which plant is used to make linen?
5. In most birds of prey, which is larger – the male of the female?
6. In the nursery rhyme *Sing a Song of Sixpence*, what was the queen eating?
7. How many US cents are in a nickel?
8. Do toads have wet or dry skin?
9. How many lines in a limerick?
10. What does a cobbler mend?

Rainfall for June 2026

Please note: the rainfall from last month did not include the last day of May, so the total rainfall for May 2026 was 18.8mm - not 16.4mm



Mon 01/06/2026	1.6	mm
Tue 02/06/2026	6.2	mm
Wed 03/06/2026	1.2	mm
Thu 04/06/2026	0.2	mm
Fri 05/06/2026	3.8	mm
Sat 06/06/2026	0.2	mm
Sun 07/06/2026	0.2	mm
Wed 10/06/2026	1.2	mm
Thu 11/06/2026	0.2	mm
Sat 13/06/2026	2.2	mm
Sun 14/06/2026	4.4	mm
Tue 16/06/2026	7.6	mm
Wed 17/06/2026	0.6	mm
Thu 18/06/2026	0.6	mm
Fri 19/06/2026	1.2	mm
Sat 20/06/2026	11.4	mm
Sun 21/06/2026	0.4	mm
Mon 22/06/2026	0.2	mm
June 2026 Total	43.4	mm

Information sourced from the Elders Weather website - rainfall to 9am

A POETRY EVENING

On Saturday 18th July Lee West, a foundation member of the South Australian Bush Poets Association will present an evening of his poetry, not only Bush but of most genres of poetry.

@ The Church of Christ Hall
starting at 7pm.

A gold coin donation will gain you entry, the proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross.

Tea, coffee and a snack included.

Enquiries: Lee West 0477 461 411



CLOSE TO YOU CARPENTER TRIBUTE

FRIDAY
17TH JULY



Celebrate the timeless music and unmistakable voice of Karen Carpenter in this beautiful live tribute to one of the world's most loved musical duos. Featuring enduring classics including "(They Long To Be) Close To You," "Rainy Days and Mondays," "Superstar," and "Yesterday Once More," this nostalgic concert experience

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

Departs MOSHCC at 1 pm for a 2 pm show
at CENTENARY HALL GOOLWA



GOOLWA
CENTENARY HALL
14 CADELL STREET,
GOOLWA

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

Memorandum to Staff

Erica Dicker

It has come to my attention, that a review of your duties has not been undertaken, for three years. In future a review will be conducted every four months to enable higher standards of care and attention required to maintain my good health and well being

To assist in the performance of your duties I have comprised a list outlying my specific needs. Compiled in particular order of preference

I prefer to sleep seventy five percent of the day. Dislike being woken for purely trivial reasons baths, or vacuuming the area I'm occupying.

Walks, must be regular, 15 minutes, twice a day. Allowing adequate time for browsing my 'Pee-Mail': a vital source of information. Cutting walks short for staff to carouse at the RSL is totally unacceptable.

Meals, to be of high-quality cooked meats. Preferably chicken, vegetables, and if you must, a portion of kibble, for balance.

A clean bowl of fresh water each day, is essential, especially in warmer weather. Regular grooming, massages, pats, ear rugs and the occasional muzzle nuzzle will enhance my overall wellbeing.

Closed doors give me a feeling of rejection as does being left alone, regardless of your reasons. Finally, three beds are possibly adequate but a fourth, placed on the patio is suggested for warmer months.

In summary I advise referral to section A, subclause 2, outlining adopted 'Pawrents' duties and responsibilities, i.e. care, housing and welfare of the adoptee: one four-year-old, red fawn greyhound, named Jack I trust your next staff assessment will show vast improvement. Regards, your handsome, browned eyed, long legged golden boy Captain 'Jack' Harkness.



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

Whale Song

Geoff Graetz

POETS CORNER

Ancient mariners lived in fear lest Leviathan suddenly appear one took Johah by surprise spat him out on shoreline rise.

Long centuries slowly rolled as whales breeched, so ever bold from icy floes to balmy bight Baleen, Humpback, Southern Right.

Along their pathways through the sea diving deep and breathing free until harpoons were aimed to kill making oil from blubber at their will.

Today they're free to come and go birthing calves in ocean glow great creatures with awe we view they sing their songs for ever true.



Cemetery

Karen Robinson

Lonesome, but with my Mum and Dad. Alone, but with many others Companionless, but surrounded by love and memories, etched permanently, until the elements of life wear... knowing it was their time.

A camera roll of life, innate pictures, opening up chapters and ending like the turn of mustard corners in a beloved book.

Peacock blue coolness engulfs, reflections have used more time, and the spring green coolness creates tears of impending departure.

The cemetery, a memento a keepsake album shared by so many.





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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

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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.

CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS TRAINING

Wednesday 8th July

@ 12.45 pm SHARP

*Arrivals after 12.55 pm will have to rebook

session time 1 pm - 4 pm (approx)



**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.



Please contact MOSHCC to register
ph. 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



Clayton Bay Winter Solstice Bonfire

The annual Clayton Bay Winter Solstice Bonfire happened again at dusk on 20th June 2026 at the foreshore. It was very nearly a 'wash out' with heaps of rain that didn't let up until the morning of the event, then the sun came out and we ended up with a beautiful, calm evening for a Bonfire, which was great.

The 'effigy' this year was a great big 'Mozzie' that was created by our amazing local artist Sam Mulcahy, fantastic job & well done Sam.

As always events of this size don't happen without the assistance of our amazing volunteers including the CFS and the Clayton Bay Community Association, as well as all of the community who come along and support the event.



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


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MOSHCC MOVIE

WANT TO KNOW WHAT MOVIE IS
UP NEXT OR BOOK YOUR SPOT?
CALL MOSHCC RECEPTION ON
8537 0687

A fun, leisurely afternoon of
movie-watching together!
We'd love to see you there!

JULY 24
2:00 PM

 **AFTERNOON TEA**
\$2.50

ACE SPACE 24-25 Daranda Tce, Milang SA



CARD AFTERNOONS

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

Time is from 1pm to 4 pm with a cuppa and cake included at a cost of \$2.50. The games played are Crib, Canasta and Jonola, but could include Euchre and Rummy.

Those wishing to learn will be given free tuition. Come along for a fun couple of hours.

For more information,
phone MOSHCC on 85370687



Women's Circle

Fridays 10-11am

ACE Space @ MOSHCC
24-25 Daranda Tce. Milang

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

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



Hello Milang! ♥



MEET YOUR LOCAL PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Welcome to my business!

Hi,
I'm Lien ♥

I'm Lien, a local physiotherapist passionate about helping people of all ages move well, feel better and get back to doing what they love.



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME

I completed my Master's degree in Belgium 10 years ago and worked in private practice with adults. I went travelling and met my lovely partner in Argentina.

We decided to move to Adelaide where I specialised in physiotherapy for children and babies.



PHYSIOTHERAPY WITH PURPOSE

I love working with all ages – from aches and pains to more complex chronic conditions. I look at the whole picture to **understand why** pain is happening and work with you to **get back to the things you love**.

Treatment may include hands-on therapy, exercises, dry needling, education and self-management strategies.



I CAN HELP WITH:

- ✓ Back, neck or shoulder pain
- ✓ Joint pain (knees, hips, ankles, wrists)
- ✓ Recovery after surgery
- ✓ Work-related injuries
- ✓ Headaches and jaw pain
- ✓ Nerve pain
- ✓ Dizziness, vertigo and vestibular conditions
- ✓ Neurological conditions (MS, Parkinsons...)
- ✓ Chronic pain conditions
- ✓ Arthritis
- ✓ Difficulty walking, balance and falls
- ✓ Delayed motor milestones (rolling, sitting)
- ✓ Autism, Down Syndrome, CP, Genetic and Neurological conditions



It is always worth checking in if you are not sure if physiotherapy can help. Not every problem requires ongoing appointments. Sometimes **one session** to properly understand what is happening is exactly what is needed.

I have a HICAPS machine at the clinic and accept:



Private health



Medicare referrals



WorkCover



NDIS



Support at Home Packages



DVA

Come and say hello! ♥



The clinic is open at **Shop 4, 10-17 Daranda Terrace**, next to the Chemist.



I work **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**.

Need another day? Just give me a call and I will do my best to accommodate you.



CALL
0416 318 423



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The Finniss Office is Open



Lou Nicholson MP

Independent Member for Finniss

- ✉ Finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au
- ☎ (08) 8552 2152
- 📍 71 Victoria St, Victor Harbor SA, 5211

Register your interest in meeting with Lou at Milang 20-24th July 2026.

Contact the office so you can be informed about the planned visit.

Local voice - community first



MEDIA RELEASE



Lou Nicholson MP
Independent Member for Finniss

✉ Finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au

☎ (08) 8552 2152

📍 71 Victoria St, Victor Harbor SA, 5211

24 June 2026

Finniss Update for Milang News

It has been a busy and exciting start to my role as your elected Member, and I thank the community for its warm welcome. My team and I are based at the Finniss Electorate Office, 71 Victoria Street, Victor Harbor (Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm), and can assist with state government matters, community group printing, petitions and local information. To arrange a meeting, please email **Finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au**.

I will be visiting Milang one day between 20–24 July for community chats. I encourage residents, businesses and organisations to register their interest to stay informed about times and locations. It's a great opportunity to raise local issues, showcase your work or connect.

Road safety remains a priority. Upgrades are underway on Goolwa Road between Mount Compass and Goolwa, including new barriers, line marking and road rehabilitation to improve safety for daily users. Following the recent tragic incident at Hindmarsh Tiers Road, I have raised community concerns with the relevant Ministers and will continue to advocate for further improvements.

While the 2026 State Budget included broad investments, key priorities for Finniss were not funded. I will continue to advocate for the infrastructure, services and investment our growing region needs, while maintaining a strong on-the-ground presence.

My team and I welcome you to get in touch at any time.

INVITATION TO SALA
@ CLAYTON BAY 2026
ANNUAL ART & EXHIBITION
50 SHADES OF GREEN



Clayton Bay Community Association
6 Alexandrina Drive, Clayton Bay
10am to 4pm



Opening Dates
August 22nd & 23rd
and 29th & 30th



Featuring:
A photo booth with costumes and headwear
Our Annual Mosaic Challenge - this is our year of the Dragonfly
Art demonstrations
A wonderful mixed array of local artworks
Refreshments available



HOPGOOD FAMILY

MEMORIAL SEAT

Welcome everyone here today as we honour a special family in our town. Mervyn, Alvyn, along with members of the Hopgood family, Joyce, Greg, Andrew, Mervyn's Grandchildren & friends of the cemetery have made this cemetery the special place it is today.

As you walk around and remember those that we have lost you can see the wonderful work they have put into this cemetery preserving the graves and our history so that future generations can reflect and learn of their family and the township of Milang. Joyce and Mervyn told me that the flowers that are grown up here can be picked and placed on graves if you wish to, which I do when I'm up here. What a wonderful thing to do for the community. Red Cross has also been able to use them for Anzac Day tributes over the years. We appreciate the work and commitment that has gone into the grounds.

In 2014 Milang Red Cross obtained a grant to plant 100 roses for 100 years of Red Cross. We planted 20 around the Rotunda in the Soldiers Memorial Park in Milang and 80 came up here. We did this with the help of Alvyn and Mervyn who made this space here in the Returned Soldiers section of the cemetery for our roses to be planted. The Hopgood family as well as friends of the Cemetery since then have helped taken care of these roses which are scattered throughout the grounds making sure these and all the plants here are well taken care of, pruned, mulched and fertilized every year, which we are grateful for. We hope that these beautiful roses will be here for many years to come as we continue to raise funds to contribute to this corner of the cemetery.

Mervyn was a huge supporter of this going ahead, we would always see him up here tending to the roses and restoring graves and though he is no longer with us he is never far from our thoughts, every time we are up here and see the beautiful blooms that display here year after year. I'm sure Mervyn is here with us today and I hope he feels our thanks to him for all he did, and if his family ever needs a quiet place to sit with him, I hope this spot will bring comfort and a smile in his memory.

So Mervyn, Alvyn, Joyce, Greg, Andrew and all the Hopgood family we thank you for the contributions you have made to the town for many years, here at the cemetery, the history that is kept alive in the Community News every month, for the book that was written and the many community organisations and sporting clubs you have supported over the years. Your family is always spoken of very highly in the community and we hope that this special spot in the town will serve as an everlasting reminder of the contributions your family has made to the township of Milang now and forever as it is truly deserved and placed here with love.

3 cheers and unveil



EARTH WIND & FIBRE FAIR

Many thanks to everyone who attended and participated in the Earth, Wind & Fibre Fair on the 6th & 7th June 2026 and helped to make it a great success. We had a record number of attendance on both days. Stall holders told us they were very happy with their sales and interest in their craft.

The fair wouldn't have happened without all of the volunteers, who set up tables and put up flyers. Special

thanks to Peter for all of his hard work, thank you to John Bradford for changing the dates on the signs as he does every year. Thank you to Lorraine Footer for assisting Sarah in the kitchen all day on Sunday.

We would also like to thank the local businesses that donated prizes for our raffle which raised over \$700 for the Milang Youth Hub: Becky's Kitchen, Milang Mini Mart, Ivy's Curtains and Blinds, The Local at Clayton Bay, Bespoke Delights, the Langhorne Creek General Store and our fibre art team.

Thank you to Sarah from the Pickle Pot in Strathalbyn for keeping everyone well fed during the event with delicious soups, cakes, sausage rolls, spinach & fetta pastries etc.

It was a great weekend and we are grateful for all of the community support.

Robyn Shearer





More photo's next page



EARTH WIND & FIBRE FAIR



DISCOVER THE ART OF NEEDLE FELTING!

Join us for a fun and relaxing needle felting workshop where you'll create your own handmade wool sculpture! No experience needed.

What you will learn:

- Learn basic needle felting techniques
- Create your own cute animal or decoration
- Explore colour blending and shaping
- Take home a finished handmade piece



Reserve your Spot!

Location: MOSHCC ACE SPACE

Time: 10 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: \$30

includes equipment & light morning tea

For more information and bookings
MOSHCC reception 85370687

WHAT TO BRING

- Craft Scissors

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24 Daranda Tce,
Milang SA

23RD
JULY
2026



"Perfect for
beginners"
"Relaxing and
mindful
experience"



Friday Feast Volunteer Lunch

During National Volunteer Week 2026, with the theme *Your Year to Volunteer*, our community came together for a special Friday Feast Volunteer Lunch on 5 June at the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory to celebrate and thank our wonderful MADCA volunteers.

We were honoured to welcome Rebekha Sharkie MP, who presented certificates to several volunteers in recognition of their remarkable service and commitment. A very special congratulations goes to June Dolling for achieving more than 7,000 volunteer hours, Peter Williams for more than 6,000 hours, Lyn Unwin, John Bradford and Karyn Bradford for more than 5,000 hours, Neil Johnson for more than 4,000 hours, and the many others who have generously contributed numerous hours.

Every contribution, whether big or small, helps strengthen the heart of our community. Our volunteers give their time, skills and kindness so generously, and MADCA is deeply grateful for the important role each person plays in making Milang such a welcoming and connected place.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day so memorable. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, share a meal, enjoy each other's company and celebrate the incredible difference our volunteers make.

A heartfelt thank you also to everyone who gave their time, energy and support behind the scenes. Your generosity helped create a warm and meaningful celebration for the people who do so much for our community.



See next page for photo's



June Dolling



Lyn Unwin



Jean McCormick



John & Annie Whyte



Cathy Fish



Katie Whittam



Norm & Glenis Foster



Aleisha Lodge



Neil Johnson



Jenny Thomson



Hon Rebekha Sharkie MP, Chair Wayne Footer, CEO Stuart Jones, Volunteer Coord & CND Officer Vickie Schmidt



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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 **LAKES**
HOME CARE
your community
your choice

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



 We Need YOU! 

Winter is here — and it's the perfect time to try something new! ❄️

We've got a variety of exciting roles available, along with plenty of training to support you every step of the way. Whether you're keen to:

-  Support the team
-  Work as a Receptionist
-  Be a Driver
-  Help out as a Gardener
-  Join us as a Kitchen Hand
-  Support our Youth Group

There's something for everyone!

Got a few spare hours? Love helping your local community? ☀️
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JUST YARNING

Winter has definitely arrived and we've all felt the cold blast of air whizzing around our shoulders, necks and legs.

What a blessing it is to have a snuggly warm scarf, fingerless gloves or a cuddly blanket to ward off the chilly blast. If you are not lucky enough to own any of the above or know someone who would benefit by such necessities, contact Lyn on 0407 370 079. She has been busy during the chilly blasts delivering much needed blankets etc. to those in need



Sue just finished the last stitch to this cuddly blanket which will be going to keep someone very cuddly soon.



**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

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8-14 YEARS

3:30PM - 5PM

DATES

- > 31 JULY
- > 14 AUGUST
- > 28 AUGUST
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- > 25 SEPTEMBER

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Milang & Langhorne Creek R-6 Campuses

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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

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Head of Campus - Les Cameron
ph. 85362455



MILANG CAMPUS Eastern Fleurieu School

New Students

We have had three transition visits this term for our new mid year intake students Savannah and Aisha.

They have enjoyed their visits and the older students in the class love showing them around.

We also have welcomed a new reception Capri who has settled in very well since moving into the Milang Community.



MILANG CAMPUS

Eastern Fleurieu School

NAIDOC WEEK AT MILANG

Students from Milang, Langhorne Creek and Ashbourne Campus came together for NAIDOC week at Milang Campus.

They worked together in small groups rotating through activities including face painting, craft, chalk drawing, storytelling and games all focusing on First Nations culture and history.



Playgroup at EFS Milang Campus. Term 3. Me and my world.
 Tuesday mornings 9am – 11.30am



Week	Date	Activity focus.
1	21/7/26	Welcome back to Playgroup!
2	28/7/26	Storytelling around the world .. Storybooks & Puppet play.
3	4/8/26	Animals around the world & in our world .. Story Handas surprise .. wild toy animals. Turtles in the lake ..paper plate turtles.
4	11/8/26	Who helps keep us safe in our world? Milang Fire Engine visit
5	18/8/26	How do families live around the world? Share stories from around the world And from our own family. Make clay pots.
6	25/8/26	Ernie Dances to the Didgeridoo Stories about aboriginal families in our world. Music with rhythm sticks and percussion
7	1/9/26	Having fun together in our world. Visit Strathalbyn Kindergym For fun activities. Meet at 10.30am at Strathalbyn Kindergym
8	8/9/26	Learning together in our world Make a mural for School Art week next week. Visit school library for a story.
9	15/9/26	Friends together in our world. Visit creche for a play in their yard. Story .. Whoever you are
10	22/9/26	Travel around the world. Cars, trains, boat play. Look forward to the holidays!



ALREADY READ BOOKS - June



Take a look at these beautiful, almost pristine condition children's books. Generously donated to ARB by Renee and family of Strathalbyn. Thank you Renee and the many other generous contribution we have recently had.

We are still (now) desperately trying to 'find' space to shelve them. Pop into ARB to check it all out.

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You can also get back copies of the community news in case you missed something



A BIG **THANK YOU** to Ivy of Milang Curtains who donated her time, effort and expertise to recover and restore one of our old, tatty screens. It now does it's job better than ever !!!

Fleurieu School Holiday Program

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

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AUGUST 2026



Tractor Pull

- Gate Entry \$5/pp - Kids under 14 Free
- \$10 per tractor - Fill in Entry form
- Entrant must have Public Liability eg NHMA insurance cost \$22, please apply before event
- Enter Cars, Trucks, Tractors & collectables to display
- Loading ramp available
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Milang & District Historical Society Inc
P.O. Box 297, Milang, S.A. 5256

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



It is 60 years ago this year that the Milang Emergency Fire Service purchased their first four wheel drive truck for firefighting purposes, it being the 1959 ex-Army MK I International T S E 35 with petrol motor and four speed gearbox.

This truck was purchased from the Department of Supply for the sum of \$1,300 after our then brigade Chief Officer, the late John McInnes (my father) and myself attended a Government Auction at Pennington and inspected this truck which was in the holding yard and due to be offered in the next Auction.

After holding a Committee meeting of the Brigade we returned for another inspection, this time accompanied by the late Ray Bartlett who was Deputy Chief and our Secretary the late Len Schubert. Everyone agreed this truck was the type of vehicle that would be ideal as it was fitted with large 1200 x 20 tyres for cross country conditions.

The Director of S.A. Emergency Fire Services, the late Fred Kerr, who was a family friend arranged for the truck to be withdrawn from the Auction on the condition that a tender of the reserve price \$1,300 be submitted, which was accepted.

While this was happening, the Strathalbyn District Council was asked to supply a fully enclosed 40 foot x 30 foot timber framed shed for a new fire station. This was completed in July 1966 by Voluntary labour under the supervision of the late Howard Mugg of

Strathalbyn who was a builder and also the Strathalbyn District Fire Supervisor.

The late Glen Vaughton of Milang supervised the laying of the concrete floor which was mixed by hand and wheelbarrowed inside by Volunteers (yes, I was one of them).

Glen suggested that the floor have a one inch fall towards the front doors so that the station could be hosed out with water, which it used to be.

This truck was previously owned and used by the Department of Supply at Woomera, S.A. The MK I Internationals were designed and built in Australia at the Dandenong truck plant in Victoria with a contract let in 1958 for 100 to be built, with 20 issued to South Australia and ours being Chassis No. T.S.E.35.

John and I travelled to Adelaide on a Bus in early September 1966, caught a taxi to Fred Kerr's office at the Thebarton S.A. Police Barracks and then out to Pennington to drive the truck to Milang.

The truck was then painted, tray sides covered in and the water tank and 10 m Rex pump which was on the 1951 Austin truck were fixed to the wooden tray with all work done by Volunteers.

There were some very proud people present when Fred Kerr commissioned the truck and presented the keys to John McInnes in the newly built station in October 1966.

The truck was our main Fire Appliance for 24 years until September 1990 when it was decommissioned and donated to the Milang and District Historical Society Museum where it takes pride of place and attracts interesting comments from visitors, especially from former Fire Service Members.

Contributed by Allan McInnes, Ph 0437800811



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- Living beyond Suicide: 1300 761 193
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- Parent Helpline: 1300 364 100
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Rural & Remote Mental Health 1300 515 951

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Red Cross News

July 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.

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 1st July at 12.30 at Bec's Kitchen, this will also be the AGM.

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

Preparing the Coorong for a different future

With Australians now being warned to expect another strong *El Nino* – a long dry period of with increased risk of heatwaves, drought and flooding – it’s timely to consider what we know from previous climate events which challenged the very existence of local ecosystems, industries, communities. and our water supply.

New research from the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Research Centre (CLLMM RC) shows the region is already facing a clear challenge from climate change, pushing the system beyond what ‘business as usual’ can handle.

Droughts are becoming longer and more severe. Floods are less predictable. As freshwater flows decline, salinity rises, habitats degrade, and impacts ripple through local fisheries, agriculture and our water supply. During the Millennium Drought alone, more than \$800 million was spent responding to that crisis, with major losses to tourism, infrastructure and the environment.

“But the key question is no longer what has happened. It is whether we are ready for what comes next,” says Neville Crossman, leader of the collaborative study by Flinders University, the University of Adelaide and CSIRO.

On one hand, communities are adapting. Farmers are investing in water efficient technologies. Tourism operators are diversifying. Fishers are adjusting practices. These responses show resilience and innovation.

On the other hand, much of this adaptation is short term and reactive, focused on surviving the next shock rather than preparing for long term change. Many businesses face rising costs, limited finance, and

complex regulations, leaving little capacity to plan ahead.”

Climate change in the Coorong is not just about managing extreme events such as the anticipated *El Nino*. It is about adapting to a system that is fundamentally changing, including the possibility that parts of the region move toward more marine conditions.

Delay makes adaptation harder and more disruptive. A critical shift is needed away from reactive crisis management to planned, forward looking adaptation.

The report identifies four priorities key to managing change:

- Clear, local information to support better decisions
- Targeted financial support to enable adaptation
- Coordinated planning across sectors and governments
- Recognition of local and First Nations knowledge

“The choices we make now will determine whether the region adapts gradually or faces more abrupt and costly change in the future,” says Neville.

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



MILK AND CREAM SUPPLIERS TO MILANG BUTTER FACTORY

by Alwyn Hopgood

The Turvey Family

Don Turvey began at *Watsondale* in 1923. This property was situated on the east side of the Milang township, on Richmore Road. Jersey cows were his favoured breed, and he kept improving his herd over the years.

Don's son Ken maintained the stud's high standard by purchasing excellent bulls. Eventually Ken had successes in the Royal Adelaide Show. I remember Ken's cows were average size but mostly darker in colour than other Jerseys in the district.

Ken's knowledge in water and pasture is shown by the channel that was dug with horse, plough and scoop, to allow some of his low lying and flooded areas to be drained during wet months. Ken's first dairy shed enabled him to milk 30 to 40 cows, with the cream and milk being processed at the Milang Butter Factory for many years. With banks and drains Ken managed to push water around to his advantage and produced good pasture for his Jersey herd.

Ken had some high producing butterfat cows, which he had tested regularly for the purpose of culling if they did not conform to his required standard. With his limited acreage, only the best producers were kept.

Ken Turvey spent some time with South Australian Dairyman's Association as a committee member, which kept him busy with frequent meetings in Adelaide. A key business discussion was about the cream and milk price to be paid to farmers by the factories.

Ken was a keen cricketer, as was his great grandfather. Ken was also one of three men held responsible for the Milang Cricket Club formation after WWII. He was president.

In late 1940s Ken married Jean Pridham, a local primary school teacher. They had two children, Heather and Ian, who are still interested, with their excellent foresight, in renovating their great grandfather's house in Milang, as a memorial to the Turvey dynasty.

Ken employed a local man to help him with his dairy, and to allow him to pursue his love of dairy farming to the end.

Over the years, Ken's land holding increased with more land being purchased, enabling him to increase his herd and make use of a pumping scheme from the lake. In later years, Ken built a new dairy with a feed loft on top, which was a great improvement.

Ken and Jean were prominent in several organisations in town and were a respected family in the Milang area. Ken was president of many committees, and I always regarded him as one of the best presidents to ever grace Milang, especially with his knowledge of how to run a meeting. Ken passed away on 3rd December 1998, aged 82 and Jean on 21st January 2007, aged 90. Both are buried at the Milang Cemetery.



Donald Turvey



Kenneth Turvey



Stooking hay at Watsondale Farm



Cattle at Watsondale Farm



Watsondale Farm draught horse in trench

MILANG BUTTER FACTORY
1893 - 1951

Alwyn Hopgood

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Jude Aquilina, editor, publisher

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HISTORIC GRAVES OF THE MILANG CEMETERY

THE KRUSE FAMILY

by Alwyn Hopgood

Between 1860 and 1870, the Kruses of Milang were the second landowners in a survey conducted by Corporal Brooking. In a report to parliament in 1860, the township of Milang had 109 lots, and of these 94 lots had been sold, which brought in £2,016-40-0 for the Government of South Australia.

In 1867, Carl HF Kruse sailed down the Coorong, doing government survey work. In 1870, he again sailed the Coorong in the *Punkerri*, a three-masted vessel delivering chaff, once a week, for the horses working on the Salt Creek to Naracoorte Road.

In 1870, the *Punkerri*, under Captain Kruse's command, sailed from the Milang jetty out of Lake Alexandrina to Blind Creek, nine miles south of Wellington, to deliver a load of wool to Cook's Plains. In 1890, the *Punkerri* did its last trip as a cargo carrier, delivering a load of fencing wire to Mr TR Bowman. Captain CHF Kruse died in 1911, aged 88. He had been a committee man for the Milang Regatta Club and also a time-keeper in the Regatta boat races for a very long time; he was awarded a life membership.

Fred Kruse played football in 1905 for Milang, and in 1916 was on the committee of the Milang Agricultural Bureau.

Heinrich Christian Ferdinand Kruse was chairman for the District Council of Bremer for several years in the 1930s. He died in 1935 while still in office. He is interred in the Milang Cemetery.

In 1913, Fred Kruse was Captain of the Milang Football Club, and in 1920, he was Vice President of the Milang Cricket Club.

Captain Carl Kruse's son Fardie Kruse was born in 1860 and started his river career with his father on the *Punkerri*, and later he worked on the steamer *Dispatch* as a deckhand. Fardie Kruse had the rare experience of talking to Prince George (later to become King George V) and his brother Prince Albert, when the two Princes were being taken across Lake Alexandrina in 1881 to join a kangaroo hunt at Campbell Park on the property of the Bowman Family.

Fardie Kruse owned some land on the Nine Mile Road, but did not clear it and later it was purchased by Ben Hopgood Snr. A friend of mine told the story of Fardie Kruse owning a small shop on the south corner of the intersection of Watson Street and Orana Street. The young lads of the town would often meet there. Once Fardie said, 'The first of you to come back here after you run around the block will get a chocolate.' But when the boys returned, the shop was shut. I don't think they were caught again.

There are several members of the Kruse family interred in the Milang Cemetery.

2026-2027 KERBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR



FLEURIEU REGIONAL WASTE AUTHORITY



MY COLLECTION DAY IS:
See map overleaf.

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Milang Cottage Garden Club

monthly outing report

Hi fellow garden lovers, I will not say gardeners as many of us find it difficult to do that at the moment, we can only look after pots and supervise.

On the 10th of June we left on a cold cloudy morning after changing our plans for the day and planning to visit nurseries which have lots of cover so it did not rain. We welcomed Diana, she arrived at the meeting place on the off chance there would be a seat on the bus and there was as a few of our members are still on the sick or injured list we hope they are better soon and can join us, we miss them.

Our first stop was Klemzig Nursery on OG Road were there was lots of plants to see but most of us were saving our spending until we got to Cost Less which is on Seaview Road, I don't know the suburb but it is off Yatla Valley Road, and has a multitude of plants pots etc. everyone came away with something.

Next stop was Golden Grove Nursery where we enjoyed a nice lunch or at least a cup of coffee. Saw a very nice cape but did not spoil the moment by looking at the price label, things here can be on the pricey side. From here it was planned to go to Karkoo at Oakbank for our usual coffee break before heading home but we arrived five minutes after the cafe closed, so we left nearly empty handed, only one plant and Peter got some coffee grouts for his compost heap.

The next stop was a bakery at Balhannah were even though they were very busy they found us a table for eight and looked after us as though we were special, we all had coffee or tea to celebrate June's birthday and drew the raffle which was won by June.

The next trip will be on the 8th July and we will be going to Virginia, then to smaller nurseries on the way home. Hope to see you then.

Anne Feast

8537 0453



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MILANG CFS NEWS

Alistair McInnes

Milang CFS Brigade recently had its rural fire fighting uniforms upgraded to the latest design. A rep from Adelaide came and assisted with sizing. The new uniforms are a better fit with extra pockets and higher visibility.

Milang Brigade is now hosting cadets' training twice a month, this used to be only run out of Strathalbyn, but due to a high number of cadets from Milang, the coordinator is happy to run it locally. More cadets are welcome.

On the 18th of June at 5:15am, Milang CFS responded to a structure fire on McDonald Street. After being notified by multiple calls, the response was upgraded to alarm level 2, which doubled the number of appliances attending.

On arrival the front rooms of the house were fully alight, but quick work stopped the spread and further damage. We thank our neighbouring brigades, SAAS, SAPOL and SAPN for their assistance on this morning. Damages are estimated to be around \$200,000.

Milang Brigade also attended a minor two-car road crash at the corner of Coxe and Luard Streets. CFS members also helped with a 'general rescue', which involved assisting SAAS getting a casualty down from the second story of a residential building.

It is a good time of the year to check your smoke alarms and clean your combustion heater's flue to help avoid flue fires, especially now we are getting into cold weather and heaters are in full use.

If anyone is interested in joining the Milang CFS, please contact us via Facebook. We are only a small brigade so there is plenty of room for more volunteers.

The following photo's are from the structure fire on McDonald Street



Sticky Beaks 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

GO KARTING

▶▶ 21 JULY 2026 ◀◀

Departing: MOSHCC @ 9am
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Limited bookings contact by 14th April

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

Month	Date	Event	Location	Note
Aug	17th	RM Williams Tour	Salisbury	Tours on Mondays only \$60 Bus \$15
Sep	15th	Aussie Apricots	Myponga 10am	\$35 includes tour/ tea/coffee & bbq Bus \$15
Oct	20th	Island Tour	Port Adelaide	One & All Sailing Ship \$5 Bus \$15
Nov	17th	Golf	Strathalbyn	9 holes/ 18 holes TBA Bus \$15
Dec	15th Christmas	South Lakes Putt Putt	Goolwa	Putt Putt (x1 round) \$19 Bus \$15

Please note

***Some of the tours require a level of fitness or do not accommodate lifts, ramps or disabled access.**

***Some tours may change depending on availability/ weather**



Sticky Beaks

June 2026

Sticky Beaks June outing on the PS Marion from Swan Reach downstream to Bowhill

A very early start for us as we had to be in Swan Reach by 9am. Thanks to Vickie for opening MOSHCC early and organising our bbq food. Arriving at Swan Reach we boarded the PS Marion, they pulled in the gang plank and we were away.

We passed the magnificent cliffs at Big Bend and then Nildotte. Travelling at about 8-10 km per hour we had plenty of time to view the numerous settlements with plenty of million dollar homes to see. We passed Ngaut Ngaut Reserve which is an historic first nation site.

Sitting on the top level you can see into a lot of backwaters and the pelicans and waterfowl where plentiful. Along the way we were allowed to cook our lunch in the Marion's galley, thanks to Mannum Dock and Marion crew for allowing that.

Further downstream we crossed the Walkers Flat and Purnong ferries and reaching Bowhill about 5 ½ hrs latter and about 60 kms river distance. We were bussed back to Swan Reach about ½ hr to collect our vehicle and made our way home. Stopped at M/Bridge for man-

datory soft serve. One of our team bought a burger and refused to share it on the way home (thanks Rob). We arrived back home about 7pm a 12 hour day.



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



All Aboard

In 1970, the Sorrell property at Sorrells Road, Finnis included a large area of solid ground which had been reclaimed by the construction of levee banks. Those levee banks were starting to collapse so the Sorrell family decided to repair them using clay quarried on their property. At first, they used a truck to transport the clay to the levee banks but that caused more damage as a result of the levee banks collapsing under the weight of the truck. The solution was to hire a number of wagons and quantity of track from the McFarlane farm at Wellington. The track was laid from clay pits in an east/west direction across the levee banks at the northern and southern limits of the reclaimed land.

A locomotive was needed to propel the wagons. Allen took an old Morris Minor car and replaced its wheels with railway wheels. However, this did not work well with the locomotive having difficulty on bends. Therefore, a power bogie with a chain drive was constructed which pivoted around the centre of the car and that worked well. Sandbags were placed on top of the petrol tank to aid traction.



Around 1976, the condition of the levee banks had improved to the extent that the truck could be used in place of the railway. The track was taken up and was returned, with the wagons, to the owner in Wellington. The “locomotive” was dumped into a big hole and, as far as we know, is still there.

Several of the volunteers at the railway museum are keen to re-create the Sorrell “locomotive” and recently a \$200 Morris Minor was acquired. An interesting future project.



“DEPOSIT SCHEME CHANGES”

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At a time when volunteers at MEC are processing more deposit refund recyclable drink containers than ever before the SA Govt is set to apply deposit refunds on **ALL** drink containers except plain milk and medicine bottles in mid to late 2027.

Glass wine and spirit bottles will receive a deposit refund. More plastic containers will be included in the deposit refund scheme: flavoured milk, fruit, vegetable juice concentrate and cordial. MEC has been busy preparing for an expected 40 - 50% increase in the number of glass and plastic drink containers to be processed in 2027.

New MEC Chairperson, Rod Saligari told MCN that: *“MEC introduced necessary changes to streamline efficient processing and increase storage space for more drink containers prior to transportation. We now seem to have enough storage crates and space, but what we really need are more volunteers to manage the expected increase in 2027.”* Rod Saligari is new to Milang and looked for a worthy local community service organisation to contribute his time and effort. *“MEC provides a valuable service, is entirely operated by volunteers, helps protect our environment from litter and waste and importantly, recycles money back into the community through both refunds and donations-sponsorship.”*



These currently **NON-DEPOSIT** plastic bottles will receive a **REFUND** mid-2027.



Most of these **NON-DEPOSIT** plastic bottles will receive a **REFUND** mid- 2027.

The expansion of the Container Deposit Scheme will coincide with 50th anniversary of the CDS in South Australia (introduced 1977). Other changes in recycling may be implemented following a thorough review of the scheme and feedback from stakeholders.

The SA Wine industry is concerned about likely increased costs but limited benefit to the environment as non-deposit wine bottles are already recycled. One possible major change is the proposed establishment of a not-for-profit co-ordinating body to oversee the SACDS including setting key targets, service and reporting standards, and significantly contractual requirements and costs. This would significantly impact the states' three deposit container "Super-Collectors" where MEC currently send their recyclables.

Another proposed change is to increase the amount of deposit refund to 20 cents per container to encourage more recycling.

Other countries such as Germany pay 40 cents refund and achieve a return rate of 98% compared to 76% by the SACDS. Any increase in deposit container refund amount would most likely require a collaborative nationally co-ordinated decision.

Meanwhile the small, hardworking group of volunteers at MEC are hopeful that **Lyla's fresh baked cakes** will attract a few more volunteers to help with the expected increased processing in mid to late 2027.



Non-Deposit wine, spirits, cordial glass bottles fill the MEC big truck. In mid to late 2027 these will all receive a REFUND when the SACDS expands.

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MILANG BOWLING CLUB NEWS—JULY 2026

“EXECUTIVE LEGENDS”

Following a very successful 2025-2026 regional pennants competition season in which three Milang Bowling Club teams played in Grand Finals the club held its Annual General Meeting on 21st April. The executive members of the committee were re-elected and include three Life Members. The amazing **Brian Patterson** is club President. Vice Presidents are the hardworking **Greg Bowen**, and the industrious **Heather Maddern** (Life Member).

Secretary is the energetic **Pam Wait** (Life Member), and Treasurer is the competitive **Mary Lee Robinson** (Life Member). President **Brian Patterson** is a Life Member of the Great Southern Bowling Association and a long-serving member of the GSBA executive committee.

Brian became something of a legend late in the 2026 season after he broke his dominant right arm while doing volunteer work for the Steam Ranger Cockle Train. Brian simply changed to his left hand and continued to represent Milang in pennants competition bowling. As re-elected **Club President Brian Patterson** praised the loyalty, efforts and energy of all the members who contributed to the successful 2025-2026 season, especially the Ladies team who won the Division 2 final. Patterson told MCN that, *“Last season was an amazing achievement for a small club like Milang which reached three grand finals and generously hosted another club for most of the season while the Langhorne Creek bowling green was replaced .*



**Brian Patterson -
right hand bowler.**



**Brian Patterson- A Legend!
Bowling left-handed in
competition.**



**MBC President
Brian Patterson**

MBC Vice President Heather Maddern



Re-elected **Vice President Heather Maddern** is a repeat club championship winner, a valued special events organiser, sponsorship co-ordinator with legendary organisational skills and energy is a qualified bowls umpire. Heather lists road bike riding as her favourite sport after bowls.

Vice President Greg Bowen is a club legend due to his tireless devotion as greenkeeper expertly preparing the bowling rink for competition. Greg is a skilled bowler who likes birdwatching.

An accomplished bowler, **Secretary Pam Wait** (since 2014) is a club legend as the energy behind the famous fortnightly Friday dinner functions that are successful fundraisers.



Greg Bowen -Vice President & Greenkeeper. A legend.



Secretary- Pam Wait. An MBC legend.



Mary Lee Robinson – Treasurer and MBC Legend.



Re-elected **Treasurer Mary Lee Robinson** is a regional legend for her competitive bowling performances and long-term dedication to MBC activities and operation.

Photo Left: MBC President **Brian Patterson** contemplates his good fortune to lead a team of local LEGENDS.

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By Jade Aquilina



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3. Mozart
4. The flax plant
5. The female
6. Bread and honey
7. Five US cents
8. Dry skin
9. Five
10. Shoes





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