

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

August 2026



FROM THE EDITOR

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

If you are in anyway interested in art, then August is an amazing month because SALA (South Australian Living Artists) runs for the whole month right across the state and exhibitions and galleries will be popping up everywhere. SALA will be happening at the Clayton Bay Community Hall over the last 2 weekends of August - please see page 7.

On the 2nd to last page I have included the 2026/27 Kerbside Collection Calendar - if you want you could remove this page and stick it on your fridge for easy reference.

The first week of August is Loneliness Awareness Week - see page 16, if you are feeling lonely or know someone who is there will be a free coffee and a chat at the Milang Caravan Park. Please stay safe, warm and have a great month.

Cheers

Cathy Fish

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

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Chairperson's Monthly Report

July 2026



The monthly MADCA Committee meeting was held on Thursday 23rd of July 2026 at the Milang Institute. Apologies Committee persons Cathy Fish and Penny Whittaker.

Lakes Home Care Manager Annie Whyte presented the Lakes Home Care monthly Management and Clinical Governance Reports: -

External consultants Ernst & Young Business Advisory Team report was tabled for consideration. All recommendations are to be implemented.

New client management, compliance platforms and alternate systems and technologies are under review and 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, youth training. Asha Jones continues to manage weekend operations well.

Butter Factory nomination for Regional Showcase Award is underway.

Local, Mally Earthworks has been engaged to attend to Butter Factory Carpark resurfacing in August.

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:- Grant application: - \$5000 Alexandrina Council Wellbeing grant for Milang Youth Hub has been submitted and is awaiting outcome.

Child Care: -ESB inspection/findings acknowledged. Service approval and Provider Certification issued.

All Committee persons to complete mandatory child safety training by 27.08.26.

Milang Youth Hub:-Re-construction has commenced. Timber rot identified to the lower level framework and has been addressed. Three of the four MOSHCC bikes have been repaired by Youth Hub participants. MOSHCC bike hire to be re-commenced.

Volunteers:- 107 registered volunteers with 6,523 hours contributed YTD. Welcome to new volunteers Leyon Sadler-Birt and Kaaran Moody.

Collaborative support for emergency relief and housing-related needs re Fleurieu Community Foundation being investigated.

Child Safe Environments "Through their eyes" training underway.

Dates for your diary:-

- MADCA AGM with guest invite Andrew Mc Donald, Chief Executive Officer Alexandrina Council in attendance on Thursday 24th of September 6pm at Milang Institute. Come along and have your say.
- MOSHCC 23rd Birthday @ ACE Space Friday 16th of October 2026
- Final Friday Feast Luncheon @ ACE Space Friday 4th of December 2026
- Volunteers Christmas Luncheon @ Butter Factory Friday 11th of December 2026

Treasurer Karen Burkinshaw MADCA financial report June 2026 and YTD against budget. Significant variations against budget were discussed. Treasurer and CEO to meet to discuss remedial strategy going forward with their recommendations to be tabled at next MADCA Committee meeting.

Community Gardens update provided by Committee member Ros Francis.

Mushroom compost ordered under grant funding.

Garden members support in principle the Milang Providor concept / proposed renovation/conversion of the derelict BF Fodder Store subject to Federal Gov. grant availability.

Understand that the opportunity is available for your written feedback and/or constructive criticism to be addressed to MADCA CEO Stuart Jones email stuart@moschcc.com.au safe in the knowledge that your submission will be tabled and responded to at our next available Committee meeting.

Kind regards

Wayne Footer / MADCA Chairperson

TRIVIA



By Jude Aquilina

Answers Page 43

1. Carnegie Hall is a concert venue in which US city?
2. A coating of which metal is applied in the process of galvanization?
3. Name Australia's first legal nude beach
4. What term is applied to someone who makes or repairs barrels?
5. How many humps does a dromedary camel have?
6. In which country was Lego invented?
7. What colour is sable?
8. In which country was the wheelbarrow invented?
9. How many wings does a butterfly have?
10. What is South Australia's floral emblem?

VINYL REWIND

SOUNDTRACK OF THE 70S



FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST

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Tickets \$22 plus \$15 transport from MOSHCC
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8537 0687

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



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GOOLWA

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Rainfall for July 2026

Information sourced from the BOM
website - rainfall to 9am



Wed 01/07/26	9.00 mm
Thu 02/07/26	22.40 mm
Fri 03/07/26	2.80 mm
Sat 04/07/26	1.20 mm
Sun 05/07/26	0.20 mm
Thu 09/07/26	0.20 mm
Sun 12/07/26	4.60 mm
Mon 13/07/26	0.80 mm
Tue 14/07/26	0.80 mm
Thu 16/07/26	0.20 mm
Mon 20/07/26	0.20 mm
Thu 23/07/26	2.60 mm
Fri 24/07/26	2.00 mm
Sun 26/07/26	4.40 mm
Wed 29/07/26	2.40 mm
Thu 30/07/26	1.20 mm
Fri 31/07/26	1.20 mm
July 2026 Total	56.20 mm

MOSHCC MOVIE

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**AUG 28
2:00 PM**



**AFTERNOON TEA
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ACE SPACE 24-25 Daranda Tce, Milang SA



The Condor

Stephanie Russell

The Condor hangs suspended
in airs exhaled from a land beyond time
its curved black wingtips
caress air like the touch of a conductor's baton
in a moment of enchantment
that we feel only once
and never again

it circles wide and slow
searching the long grass and granite rocks
for the least trace of a living prayer
in Patagonian wilderness
searching the Lenga forest and Calafate bush
between snowdrifts
between puma prints on ice-filled glacial lakes

then away
like the copperplate script of a poet's hand
smooth
with grace and elegance
until suspended again
held for ever in a painted masterpiece
of memory



A Giggle of Galahs at Sunset

Deb Stewart

their collective wings make the sound of a wet umbrella
being shaken out, as they rise en masse
from the tall gum tree in a neighbouring yard
and wheel across the sky, a noisy cloud of pink and grey,
to merge with another mob of squawking mates
then circle back to roost.

No rain forecast today, only the silver spray of rainwater
from the hose as I water the pumpkins,
lettuces, carrots and beans.
Later, around midnight, the sky will break open
unexpectedly and rain will fall regardless.

Perhaps the galahs are trying to tell me
my efforts are unnecessary
as they startle me on sunset
with their swiftly shifting canopy of wings
and I swear their squawking
bears the hint of a giggle.



Hope

after Emily Dickinson

by Geoff Graetz

Hope is a thing with feathers
catching the winds that sail
lifting me over the storm
flying in the face of a gale.

Riding over bumpy clouds
visioning a place to land
promising a safe arrival
even if not near to hand.



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

Multiculturalism

Harry Theodoros

Multiculturalism blooms like a flower in spring.
Eclectic diversity it's enough to make you sing.
Your looks may come from Asia
or perhaps the Middle East,
these skin tones are the melting pot
of the country we now live in.

We live with our First Nation,
a culture centuries' old.
It seems as if the new folk
will never understand
how they, back then, did feel
when strangers took their land.

Cast aside the xenophobes
who fear the change within.
Cast aside their rhetoric
that their perceived superiority brings.
The richness of outbreeding
is the wealth our future needs.



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Line Dancing

@ Milang Institute Hall
23 Coxes St, Milang

Every Tuesday
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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.

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Tai Chi eventually taps into internal energy
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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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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.

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
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Art Classes

Saturday & Monday Morning
Classes available

Beginners to Experienced welcome

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One Day Workshops
Short Courses

Book Your Spot

online: maearts.com.au

email: madielkinartist@gmail.com

mobile: 0401 839 592

(local artist: Madeleine Elkin)



CARD AFTERNOONS

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

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

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

For more information,

phone MOSHCC on 85370687



Women's Circle

Fridays 10-11am

ACE Space @ MOSHCC

24-25 Daranda Tce. Milang

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

Facilitated by Kathryn from AKOM Counselling

(not sure what to expect, have a Chat with Kathryn 0447 144 119)

Free, bookings not necessary



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Fear of the Blank Canvas

(and how to Get Past It)



You know that feeling when you open a fresh document or stare at a blank page, and suddenly your brain goes... quiet? Not in a peaceful way—in a “where did all my ideas go?” kind of way. That’s the fear of the blank canvas, and honestly, it happens to everyone.

It’s weird, right? You’d think having endless possibilities would feel exciting. But instead, it can feel like pressure. Like whatever you put down has to be *the* idea. The perfect one. And if it’s not? Well... better not start at all.

That’s where we get stuck.

The thing is, the blank canvas isn’t actually the problem. It’s the expectations we bring to it. We tell ourselves the first sentence has to be brilliant, the first sketch has to look good, the first idea has to be original. That’s a lot to ask from a starting point.

In reality, creativity is rarely neat or polished at the beginning. It’s messy. It’s awkward. Sometimes it’s just plain bad—and that’s completely normal.

One of the easiest ways to break through that block is to lower the stakes. Seriously, give yourself permission to make something *terrible*. Set a timer for ten minutes and just go. Write nonsense. Doodle randomly. Get words or shapes on the page without

overthinking. The goal isn’t to impress anyone—it’s just to start. Once the page isn’t blank anymore, it already feels less intimidating.

Another trick? Add a few limits. It sounds backwards, but having too many options can freeze you up. Try working with a small set of colours, a short word count, or a simple idea to build from. When you don’t have to choose from everything, it’s much easier to take that first step.

It also helps to remember that fear usually means you care. If the blank canvas feels intimidating, it’s probably because the work matters to you. And that’s a good thing. You don’t need to get it right straight away—you just need to get it going.

Most importantly, keep showing up. The more often you face that blank page, the less scary it becomes. You start to trust yourself. You realise that ideas come *after* you begin, not before. And you get more comfortable with the fact that the first version doesn’t have to be the final one.

At the end of the day, the blank canvas isn’t something to fear—it’s just a starting point. A space to play, experiment, and figure things out as you go.

So don’t wait for the perfect idea - Just start!

Happy Creating.

Cheers

Madeleine Elkin - Artist

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Finniss Update for Milang News

Ministerial Visit Highlights Importance of the Coorong and Lower Lakes

On 30 June, I accompanied the Hon. Emily Bourke MLC, Minister for Climate, Environment and Tourism, on a visit to the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre and a tour aboard the *Spirit of the Coorong*.

The visit brought together the CLLMM Research Centre, River Lakes and Coorong Action Group (RLAG), Ngarrindjeri representatives, Indigenous Rangers, the SA River Murray Commissioner, environmental organisations and government agencies working to protect this nationally significant landscape.

Seeing the region from the water highlighted both its beauty and its challenges. We discussed the impacts of climate change, the importance of ongoing research and restoration, and the need for strong partnerships between community, Traditional Owners, scientists and government.

The Coorong and Lower Lakes are not only vital to South Australia but to the entire Murray-Darling Basin. As the end point of Australia's largest river system, they are a key measure of the Basin's health. Decisions made upstream have real consequences for our communities, environment and industries downstream.

As implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan continues, it is essential that the voices of Lower Lakes and Coorong communities are heard and that South Australia's interests remain front and centre in national discussions.

I was pleased Minister Bourke took the time to see these issues firsthand and meet the people working every day to safeguard this remarkable environment. The Minister also returned to Goolwa on 6 July for the Bird Flu Community Forum.

If you have concerns, observations or ideas regarding the Coorong, Lower Lakes, Murray-Darling Basin or avian influenza, I encourage you to contact my office.

Lou Nicholson MP

Independent Member for Finniss



Lou Nicholson MP

Independent Member for Finniss

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

"My office is open, and I warmly welcome constituents to get in touch about the issues that matter to them and to our community. I am here to listen, to help, and to work with you"

Lou.

Local voice - community first



On the last playgroup session of term 2, Milang Playgroup enjoyed a fun visit to the local Milang Railway museum. We enjoyed making our own cut out trains, pretending to drive a train, having a ride in a locomotive and exploring lots of train displays with our friends and families. Thanks Peter for making it an enjoyable time for everyone!



Playgroup resumes for term 3 on 21/7/26.

Milang Playgroup meets every Tuesday morning from 9am to 11.30am at the EFS Milang Campus. All welcome!



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



TERM 3 @ MILANG YOUTH HUB FRIDAYS

ARVO CLUB

8-14 YEARS

3:30PM - 5PM

DATES

- > 31 JULY
- > 14 AUGUST
- > 28 AUGUST
- > 11 SEPTEMBER
- > 25 SEPTEMBER

TEEN HANG

14+ YEARS

4PM - 6PM

DATES

- > 24 JULY
- > 7 AUGUST
- > 21 AUGUST
- > 4 SEPTEMBER
- > 18 SEPTEMBER

+ THURS JULY 23 - TENNIS COURT RENEWAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - 4PM
+ AUGUST 31ST - MYH WORKING BEE - 10AM-2PM

FREE PROGRAM - FOOD PROVIDED

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MILANG CAMPUS

Eastern Fleurieu School

Last term the Milang students worked with Second Nature Conservancy and Alexandrina Council to plant 300 bushes/trees in the local park at Jupiter Reserve. The students were so keen and we had a great morning working together.



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



Week	Date	Activity focus.
3	4/8/26	Animals around the world & in our world .. Story Handas surprise .. wild toy animals.
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!

MILANG CAMPUS

Eastern Fleurieu School

The students from Milang Campus enjoyed a wonderful camp at Woodhouse last term. Lots of outdoor activities and challenges to be had.



WOW is back!

Join us for a planning catch-up and help shape future Women on Wheels activities. Share your ideas, meet new friends & reconnect with the WOW community.



Women's Planning & Social Morning
Help Plan Future WOW Activities



Limited seats!
Activity Costs - will be advised

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Wednesday 30th September
10am-11am
@MOSHCC ACE SPACE
Morning Tea provided

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**LONELINESS
AWARENESS
WEEK AUS**



Make Room for Connection on the Fleurieu

Drop by for a free coffee and chat

Monday August 3

9am-12pm, Rapid Bay Primary School
12.30pm-5pm, Rapid Bay Caravan Park

Tuesday August 4

9am-12pm, Belvidere Soldier's Memorial Hall
12.30pm-5pm, Richardson Hall, Woodchester

Thursday August 6

9am-12pm, Currency Creek Hall
12.30pm-5pm, Milang Caravan Park

Friday August 7

9am-12pm, Parawa Hall
12.30pm-5pm, Cape Jervis Tavern



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Program**
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seeking volunteers

👉 We Need YOU! 👈

Find your perfect role!
Enjoy a variety of rewarding volunteer opportunities, including training and support every step of the way.

Whether you're keen to:

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- 👂 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!

Love helping your local community? ☀️
Join us, meet great people, learn new skills, and make a real difference!

We'd love to hear from you! 💬

More information :

📞 8537 0687 📧 reception@moshcc.com.au



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Join us for a fun and relaxing needle felting workshop where you'll create your own handmade wool sculpture! Previous workshop experience required

What you will learn:

Workshop - Advanced working with Armature

Thursday 27 August

For those who have completed the Beginners workshop or have some felting experience

- ✓ Build on your felting skills
- ✓ Learn shaping and detail techniques
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- ✓ All materials provided

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Limited places Reserve your Spot!

Location: MOSHCC ACE SPACE
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**payment required at time of booking includes equipment & light morning tea*

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WHAT TO BRING

- Craft Scissors
- Permanent marker

Perfect for a relaxing, creative, and mindful experience. ✨

'Make room for connection this loneliness awareness week'



Franki Scarfo (Junction Australia), Deb Gregory (Alexandrina Council), Mark Irwin (Rotary Club of Victor Harbor), Emma Heidenreich (Skylight Mental Health) and Jazmyn James (The Brew Box).

Loneliness Awareness Week is running from August 3-9 and the Fleurieu is hosting a range of social events aimed at those experiencing loneliness under the theme 'Make Room for Connection'.

Eight Fleurieu communities will play host to a free coffee van catch-up, giving residents an opportunity to meet neighbours, learn about local activities and connect with community groups.

The coffee van will visit **Milang**, Woodchester, Currency Creek, Belvidere, Cape Jervis, Parawa and Rapid Bay. The program is being run in partnership with a number of community groups and local businesses, with Skylight Mental Health teaming up with both Alexandrina Council and the District of Yankalilla Council, as well as Junction Australia, Rotary Victor Harbor and The Brew Box. Emma Heidenreich of the Community Connections Program at Skylight Mental Health is encouraging everyone to come along.

"If there's someone in your life you want to make room for connection, bring them along, bring your friend, bring your neighbour, bring the dog," Ms Heidenreich said.

"It's really about getting people to think about loneliness and talk about it. That might be the first step for someone who's experiencing it.

"The intention is to hear the voice of the community and understand what causes loneliness on the Fleurieu."

Mark Irwin of Rotary Victor Harbor said the club will look to help in any way they can.

"We support nearly any community initiative, and we're happy to be involved," Mark said.

The coffee on the day will be supplied by local business The Brew Box and Owner Jazmyn James says this is an extremely important cause.

"I'm very excited to be involved with Loneliness Awareness Week, we will be making free coffees at different locations over the week, so people can come along, have a chat and explore our amazing communities," she said.

"Community is so important, it's really important to be part of and give back to a community, but also to connect within your communities, go to community events and meet people from your area."

The Brew Box coffee van will be at AM locations from 9am-12pm and PM locations from 12.30pm-5pm.

Aug 3: AM - Rapid Bay Primary School/ PM - Rapid Bay Caravan Park

Aug 4: AM - Belvidere Soldier's Memorial Hall/ PM - Richardson Hall, Woodchester

Aug 6: AM - Currency Creek Community Hall/ PM - Milang Caravan Park

Aug 7: AM - Parawa Hall Campground/ PM - Cape Jervis Community Hub

Along with this, research project Spark is also coming to Alexandrina Council.

Spark is inviting people in Alexandrina to help create meaningful, community-led solutions to address loneliness.

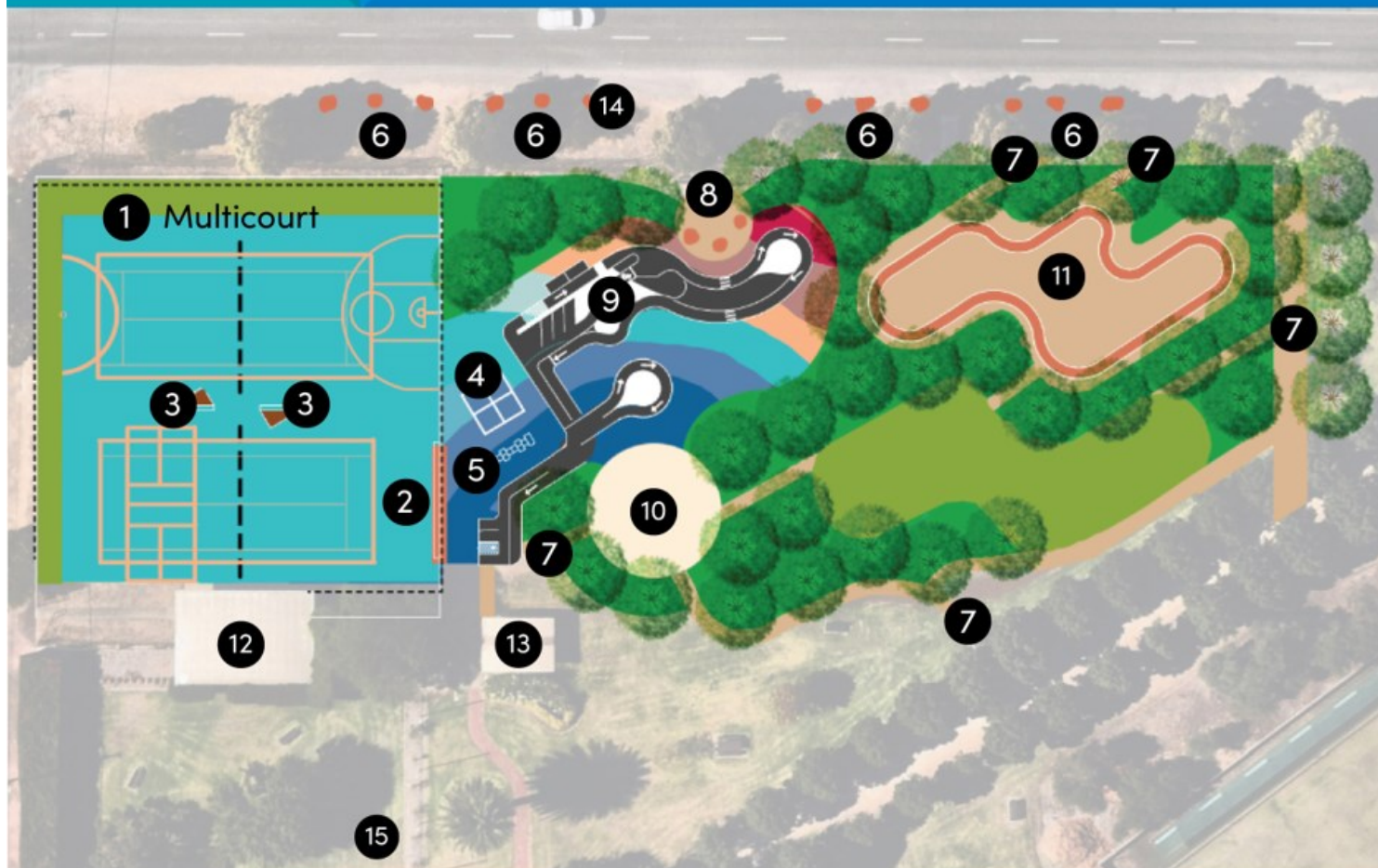
Working with partners, including Adelaide University and Skylight Mental Health, you don't have to be experiencing loneliness to have a unique perspective and some great ideas.

To learn more, head to https://adelaideuniwide.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_55Tq48UcEQX4jpY

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Milang Soldiers Memorial Garden Courts renewal - Design



-  Proposed tree plantings
-  Proposed lawn space
-  Proposed buffer plantings
-  Repaint existing court surface



Council is proposing to repurpose the Milang tennis court grounds with a broader range of recreational activities. This map shows the preliminary concept design for community feedback.

- 1 Multicourts: basketball, netball, tennis, pickleball
- 2 Brick practice wall for tennis and soccer
- 3 Add timer bench to existing concrete seating wall
- 4 Four-square
- 5 Hopscotch
- 6 Rock boulders to identify car parking bays
- 7 New path connections
- 8 Entry
- 9 Learn-to-ride
- 10 Future location for playground (separate project)
- 11 Pump track
- 12 Existing club room (to be retained)
- 13 Existing toilet (to be retained)
- 14 Possible removal of three existing Itchy Pod Trees (*Lagunaria patersonia*) and establish replacement trees better suited to the location.
- 15 Anzac Park/ Milang Soldiers Memorial Gardens (no works proposed within this area for this project)

mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/milang-tennis-courts

Creating more opportunities
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Milang Soldiers Memorial Garden Courts renewal – Design

Submit your
feedback before
5pm, Friday
14 August 2026

The five tennis courts at Milang Soldiers Memorial Garden are due for renewal. Alexandrina Council is seeking feedback on a preliminary concept design to repurpose the courts for a broader range of recreational activities to better respond to community needs.



Formerly home to the Milang Tennis Club, the courts have not been associated with an active club since its disbandment in 2016. The site is also surrounded by ageing infrastructure, including fencing and seating, and is located alongside open public space and community facilities.

Proposed design for renewal and repurpose

- Retention and upgrade of two tennis courts with resurfacing and additional line marking for multipurpose use (netball, basketball, pickle ball and tennis).
- The two courts will remain available for competition tennis should the club reform. Conversion of three courts into a learn-to-ride surface and pump track.
- Tree planting
- Brick practice wall for tennis and soccer
- Updated seating
- Four-square
- Hopscotch
- Rock boulders (to identify carparking bays)
- New pathway connections
- Fencing upgrade.
- Updated access from Luard Street

What will be retained?

- Existing toilet
- Original tennis clubroom
- The playground (with provision in the concept plan for possible future relocation closer to the learn-to-ride area when the playground is due for renewal).

- The concept design does not propose any works within the Anzac Park/Milang Soldiers Memorial Gardens.

Community feedback will help shape the final concept design. Council is seeking input on the proposed plans, how often the space is currently used, which features are most important to the community, and any additional ideas that could enhance the site.

We welcome feedback from all ages:

- Online: mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/milang-tennis-courts
- Email your submission to alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
- Post your feedback to Att: CEO, Alexandrina Council, PO Box 21, Goolwa SA 5214
- Drop your feedback off at the Strathalbyn or Goolwa Council offices

What Happens Next?

Feedback received during the consultation period will be reviewed and considered as part of the development of the final concept and detailed designs. A Community Engagement Report summarising the feedback received will be published on the My Say project page following the consultation period.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact the Open Space and Buildings team by calling 08555 7000 or via email.

This project is included in the Annual Community Plan (Project 200411) and the Milang Master Plan.

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Already Read Books (ARB)

Some of our regular readers may have noticed an absence of ARB volunteers during the cold wet windy July. It was decided not to staff ARB during July however, Butter Factory and ARB Visitors could still peruse the book shop and place their donations for books/jigsaws/dvd's/cd's etc in the donations tins provided.

A big thank you to those of you who generously donated in our absence.



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.

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Last month Lyn delivered 5 bags of cuddly blankets to Geoff of the United Church in Mt Barker.



The lovely Kate, granddaughter of Peg (our home knitter, who recently died) delivered Peg's final squares to us in June.

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Cindi displaying her lovingly made 77 squares crocheted blanket. This will soon be donated to someone who will enjoy the benefits of Cindi's talents.



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Red Cross News August 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 2nd September 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

Milang Red Cross Update

Milang Red Cross held its Annual General Meeting on 1 July, with the following office bearers elected for the coming year:

•**President:** Katherine Stanley-Murray

•**Vice Presidents:** Beck Holt and Tracy Falzon

•**Treasurer:** John Bogaerts

Secretary: Pauline Collins

We warmly welcome our newest volunteers, Helen and Karen to the branch. Our small but dedicated team is always looking for new volunteers to help operate the Cheer Up Hut. Volunteering is a rewarding way to support the local community, with opportunities to assist customers, merchandise stock, and enjoy a tea or coffee while chatting with customers and fellow volunteers. If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Red Cross Milang was honoured to be invited to Lee West's Poetry Night on Saturday, 18 July. Beck Holt and Tracy Falzon attended on behalf of the branch and Lee has stated that the proceeds from this night will be donated to Milang Red Cross. This donation will go towards helping us continue to support our local community through local programs. We would like to publicly thank Lee for his continued support.

On 19th July, Beck, Tracy and Helen represented Red Cross Milang at the Milang Football Club's celebration of the 40th anniversary of the clubrooms opening, alongside their Beyond Blue Day. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with community members and talk about the important work Red Cross does to help reduce social isolation. We also shared the message that checking in with friends and family, talking openly about how you're feeling, and seeking help when needed are all important steps towards maintaining good mental health.

Our Cheer Up Hut continues to open on the **first Wednesday and first Saturday of each month**, from **9.00 am to 12.00 pm**, offering a wide range of quality items at affordable prices. Please note that purchases are **cash only**.

The self-service hut located at the entrance to the oval is restocked regularly and is available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. All items are clearly priced, with a cash tin located at the back of the hut for payments.

We're also excited to announce that **Red Cross Milang is now on Facebook!** Follow our page to keep up to date with Cheer Up Hut opening hours, upcoming events, branch meetings and special in-store deals.

Finally, if you or someone you know is in need of clothing at any time, please contact **Tracy on 0417 299 391**. Assistance is provided with complete discretion and confidentiality.



Photos from 20th July at Milang Football Club



Milang Cottage Garden Club

monthly outing report

Firstly thank you to MOSHCC for allowing just a few of us to have the bus, so much room. We started our trip with a coffee at Langhorne Creek then on to Murray Bridge.

First stop was Woods and Forest nursery, so many healthy plants what a wonderful selection. Serenity Nursery became our second stop, again a great place to visit and then Peter drove us to a lovely place on the river for lunch.

Knotts Nursery was next, lucky we had plenty of space for our purchases. After our next coffee stop at Bunnings we took a very scenic journey home on a long back road.

Anne Feast

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“100 Not Out”

This is about a 100 year old Caterpillar tractor that has survived when many others have not.

This tractor was manufactured in the Caterpillar factory in Peoria, Illinois, U. S.A. in 1926 and exported to South Australia. Serial number 72423. This model tractor is called a 2 ton because that is what it weighs. These small crawler tractors were designed for farmers who wanted to replace their horses on heavy work.

The Caterpillar company was formed in 1925 when the HOLT manufacturing company and the C.L. Best tractor company merged their business. Then the 2 ton HOLT tractor became the 2 ton Caterpillar in 1925 with the new Caterpillar wavy logo embossed on the radiator top tank with the colour of the tractor being grey as yellow was not introduced to 1931. This tractor is powered by a 4 cylinder petrol engine with overhead camshaft, overhead valves and a gear driven fan and a displacement of 276 cubic inches producing 15 horse power at the drawbar and 25 horse power on the belt pulley at 1,000 engine r.p.m. 3 forward speeds were provided. Production of the 2 ton ceased in 1928. Local owners of these 2 ton Cats included our neighbours, the Tee Bros., the Vivian family and Roy Williams. The tractor described was purchased by me in July 1976 to prevent it being scrapped, as the previous owner had run the engine out of oil until it ceased up.



See photo of it hitched up to a an ex Council road grader that my father purchased in 1956 for 35 pounds to grade new fence lines. In 1924 there were only 882 tractors in use on farms in South Australia but by 1928 this had increased to 2,503.

Contributed by Allan Mc Innes.
Ph 0437800811



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Butter Factory Report July 2026

It's been a quiet month on the working bee front at the Butter Factory. Some maintenance work, weeding and some small repairs to the display fridge. The work crew have been helping the building contractors with the refit of the Youth Hub (former regatta club) removing old timbers, sandbags and installing insulation in the walls.

We contracted local earthmover Mally's to top dress the carpark with limestone gravel to help with heavy rain periods and summer dust.

The Open Mic Night was a packed out event on the 2nd Friday of the month. First on stage was the Smile & Drum and Aleppo drummers followed by an action packed night of wide ranging musical items, poetry and finishing up with a comedian. Thanks to all the artists for sharing their talents with the audience. You are very much appreciated. Who knew that we had so much local talent.



Drummers at Open Mic

The Sunday afternoon sessions are always a great day out. On the 12th July "Duo of One" performed contemporary country music and on 26th Zara Chantelle returned to perform her diverse range of music.

Zara is currently a competitor in the National songwriting competition.

Upcoming music events are local favourites "The Renegades" on 9th August, "Seven Fold" on 23rd August. Keep an eye out for two ticketed events coming up in September.

Over the last few weeks we have hosted the annual art exhibition of the Strathalbyn U3A. The artists supplied a great diversity of paintings and there were some sales made. We are delighted to hang a new exhibition by Wayne Whitfield. Wayne was brought up in a mission home, adopted at 13 and more recently has reconnected with his biological Ngarrindjeri family. His artwork conveys the enormity and vastness of the landscape and night-time sky. Thanks Sutree for convening the exhibitions.



Sutree with Wayne Whitfield Exhibition



Spirit of Goolwa

The Strathalbyn Aboriginal Advisory Research Group (SAARG) hosted a weaving workshop on Sat 25th with Berni the weaving supervisor. Meals were provided from the BF kitchen and a great day was had by the 24 attendees.



Kyla weaving a turtle

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MILK AND CREAM SUPPLIERS TO MILANG BUTTER FACTORY

by Alwyn Hopgood

Ben and Mary Casley

In 1924, Ben and Mary Casley took up 198 acres on an area that is now on Richmore Road, approximately three miles north-east of the Milang township. Mary Casley originally came from Kangaroo Island. The Casleys had around 20 milking cows and heifers, which were Friesian Jersey cross—they were one of the few in the district with this type of milking cow. Ben bought most of his bulls from Mr Arch Kelly, who had a successful Jersey stud not far away on Ballandown Road.

The Casleys milked mostly by hand, except for a short period of time when an early milking machine was trialled. Some of the early milking machines were hard on the cows, which resulted in a change back to hand milking. So, Ben and Mary hand milked until they retired to Strathalbyn in 1964. This Strathalbyn property is still in the Casley family.

Cream was delivered to the Milang Butter Factory until it closed in February 1951, when other arrangements were made to deliver the cream by train and motor truck to other venues, until 1964.

I remember Mr and Mrs Casley bringing their cream to the Milang Butter Factory at least once a week, mostly on a Friday. They parked their black utility near Ross's workshop on the corner of Coxe and Markland Street, next to Mr Laurie Ward's Bakery. When at Milang, Mrs Casley would do the week's shopping and Ben would talk politics with his great friend Andrew Ross.

The Casley family consisted of six children: John, Maurice, Mary, Irene, Peter and Nigel—all of whom helped at some stage in running the dairy and farm. All the Casley children attended the Milang Primary School.

Peter is the only sibling left now. He continued dairying in the Adelaide Hills area for some time after leaving Milang in 1955. Peter's daughter, Leah Leibelt, and her husband Rex reside in Strathalbyn.



The Casleys



Ben Casley

Ben Casley's WWI AIF Record

	
Benjamin Noel CASLEY	
Regimental number	64
Place of birth	Wideland New South Wales
Religion	Congregational
Occupation	Clerk
Address	Carlton Parade, Torrensville, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Ann Casley, Carlton Parade, Torrensville, South Australia
Enlistment date	9 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	32nd Battalion, A Company (showUnitCode=INF32CA)
AIF Enlistment Roll number	23461
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A2 'Geelong' on 18 November 1915. The 32nd Bn (Headquarters, Signaller, A, B, C, and D Companies) embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on two ships, HMAT A2 'Geelong', on 18 November 1915, and HMAT A13 'Kalamina', on 24 November 1915. The Embarkation Roll does not distinguish between these ships, and it is therefore not possible from the Embarkation Roll to ascertain on which ship an individual embarked.
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Rank from Nominal Roll	Private

HISTORIC GRAVES OF THE MILANG CEMETERY –

THE TEE FAMILY

by Alvyn Hopgood

The Tee family were in the Milang area since the early 1900s, when they were fishermen, then shearers and farmers. Their small property of about 250 acres was approximately two kilometres north-west of Milang – and it is now owned by the McInnes family.

When Fred Tee went to shearing jobs, he always drove his Ford Model T car, with his fox terrier dog on the front seat. And Fred's right boot would be out on the running board.

Glouster (Glos) Tee was the father figure of a family of six: Selina, Eva, Ern, George, Janis and Fred. Selina married Ern Newell.

Mabel Tee had a house in Milang on the corner of Coxe and Story Streets. She was a great worker for the 'war effort', and I can remember going to her house with my mother to some of her fund-raising days.

I didn't know Ern Tee, but I knew George and Fred, who were good shearers around the district, and also made a 'shearing shed' at their property, for nearby farmers to use. Jim was the cow man of the family, with his prized AIS cows, which, I believe, were excellent milkers – their bulls were purchased from Victoria to improve the herd.

Fred Tee was one of the last fishermen at Milang, trying hard to keep things going after the barrages were built around 1936. He also supported the boat-building industry. Fred Tee's fishing boat was named *Glyde* and, I believe, he was quite a help at Regatta time with his boat as well as fishing.

James Tee was prominent in the sheep dog trials held at the Burgess property beside the Strathalbyn Road for five years, from 1935 to 1939.

Emma Tee was Glos Tee's wife. She was 73 when she died in 1923. Ern Tee died in 1934, aged 59. Fred died in 1950 at 55, and James was 77 when he passed away in 1966, while his wife Isabel lived to 90 and died in 2009. Mabel Tee died in 1951, aged 71. Many of the Tee descendants are interred at Milang Cemetery.



Milang Community Garden

Newsletter August 2026

June and July have flown by and we are now enjoying crisp cold weather and some very welcome rain! Fingers crossed there's more to come to help the baby new plantings grow into delicious veggies for warming soups and other Spring culinary delights!

There has been much activity at the garden over the last couple of months, with lots of behind-the-scenes preparation work. The soils in the old beds have become very tired and full of roots from the large eucalypts and other trees growing in and around the garden. This obviously effects our ability to grow quality produce, so it was time for a big overhaul and reset of the beds across the garden. Thanks to a grant through MOSHCC, and with planning and hard work by our gardeners, the beds are being replenished with new soil and mushroom compost. We now have several wicking beds set up which are planted with new crops. Thanks to Bob for sourcing and building the infrastructure, and some hard physical work by our gardeners. This will not only save water but also provide easier access and less bending for our poor old backs and knees and hopefully grow good quality veggies and salads for years to come. The compost system is also working well and providing ongoing nourishment for the soils and plants.

The tunnel has also had a big clean out and is now producing beans and cucumbers.

Weeding and cleaning up is always an ongoing issue. Finally, after a *mammoth* effort of hard digging and chopping, the forest of the overgrown mass of berries and grapevine in the back corner of the garden has been cleaned out! *(Disappointingly we did not find a sleeping princess in a castle underneath it all, which is just as well, because we simply had to face the fact that none of us really resemble a dashing young prince, anyway!)*

The flower garden is looking good and keeping the bees and 'beneficial' insects happy to ensure good pollination of the crops.

The council arborists have trimmed up the large street trees around the garden. The dead eucalyptus that was overhanging the shed and neighbour's fence has also been removed. All in all, the garden has been getting quite a face lift. The main work area has had a clean-up, getting rid of the accumulated pile of old pots and other junk that seems to collect over time. So now it's time to sit back and wait for Spring to come along and literally to enjoy the fruits (and veggies) of all the hard work!

Three of our garden members also had a fun morning at the Jupiter Street Park on Sunday 5th July, as part of the Council Biodiversity Community Planting Event. Over 600 native plants were planted and many old tree guards were removed from the earlier plantings in the park. It was great to meet more like-minded people and to connect with other local people involved in caring for our native vegetation in Milang. We were told that Milang has a *reduced vegetation canopy*, which is why this area was chosen for this event. The work was easy and we were rewarded by coffee/tea and lovely fresh sandwiches and fruit from the Minimart!



We have been joined by a couple of new members at the community garden. We love to welcome more members who wish to muck in and add their particular talents and knowledge to the success of the Milang Community Garden! We have a wide variety of gardeners ranging from our muchly appreciated and loved older and wiser members with many years of experience and knowledge, to those of us with little or no gardening experience but who are keen to learn, and all those in between! No experience necessary, just an interest in learning and enjoyment of being around plants and fresh air! Everybody has something to contribute, even if they think they don't! If you are interested in joining our merry band, please pop in on a Tuesday, or talk to one of our members and enquire at MOSHCC to sign up as a volunteer.



Kim, Georgie & Ros at Jupiter Park



Back corner clean up



Wicking beds



Tunnel - July 2026

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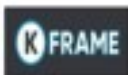
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Sticky Beaks

July 2026



On 21st of July we (the Stickybeaks) went tenpin bowling at Murray Bridge due to missing out on the planned trip to Tailern Bend for the go-cart track which had been closed for maintenance.

We had smoko at the Murray Bridge wetlands and then we went onto Bowland for a couple of games. I wasn't thinking at the time we were bowling or I could have proven how good we all were!

We then followed up with a good meal from the senior's menu at the Murray Bridge club down on the riverbank. The traditional feast was shared on the way back.

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

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

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



All aboard

Back in 1859, the railway boom was getting underway and Mr Landseer was keen to see Milang's involvement. He was lobbying hard for the main line to be built from Strathalbyn directly to Milang. His argument was that exports from Strathalbyn could be loaded into ships at Milang which could then sail through the Murray mouth direct to Port Adelaide. Unfortunately, the first ship to try it foundered at the Murray mouth and, as a result, the main line was built direct to Middleton some ten years later.

In 1881 there was a new opportunity for a railway down the Fleurieu and Mr Landseer, now a State MP and on the select committee, successfully pushed for a branch to Milang. The Mount Barker Junction to Strathalbyn line was built first followed by the line to Milang. By 1884 the track was complete and the branch line opened.



Milang Station around 1905 (State Library of SA B 22224)

The major service was a mixed passenger and goods train which connected with a Victor Harbor service at Sandergrove and an Adelaide service at Strathalbyn. However, on Sundays, Milang enjoyed a direct service from Adelaide and return in only (!) a little over four hours each way.

Adelaide depart	9:05am	Milang depart	4:00pm
Milang arrive	1:08pm	Adelaide arrive	8:08pm

The line was operated by two "G" class 2-4-0 locomotives numbers 23 and 24 which were based in Strathalbyn. Later on, they were assisted by more powerful 'H' class 4-4-0 tender and 'K' class 0-6-4 tank locomotives.



Number 24 at Goolwa around 1895 (State Library of SA B 11913)

“MEC RECYCLES \$\$”

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The **Milang Environment Centre** (MEC) is chiefly a recycle depot. The little band of volunteers aka “dinosaurs” pay deposit refunds to local residents for drink containers. They also recycle green garden waste by turning it into nutrient-rich mulch at significant cost to MEC then sell the mulch at a cheap rate to local residents. MEC also recycles scrap metal. These activities are good for keeping our local environment unpolluted and keeps a lot of waste materials out of landfill. **BUT did you know that MEC also recycles \$\$\$ money?**

The MEC Constitution clearly states the aims and objectives of the organisation which include: “To encourage and foster any institution, society or club which may be formed for the benefit of the district and town of Milang. To make loans or give grants or gifts to other associations or clubs.”

A lot of people are not aware that MEC provides financial support to many other community service organisations and clubs.



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The income that MEC earns from recycling deposit drink containers and selling mulch is used to cover the operating expenses of the volunteer-run depot. MEC also generously provides financial support by way of donations and sponsorship to other service organisations and clubs. In the past twelve months MEC has provided significant financial support to: **Historical Railway Museum, Milang Bowling Club, Milang Football Club, Angas (Strathalbyn) Go-Kart Club, Milang Historical Society** and most recently the **Cancer Council** car rally fundraiser. The MEC then is a genuine recycle centre. MEC recycles deposit drink containers, green garden waste, scrap metal and money \$\$\$ by paying deposit refunds to residents and by providing financial support to other community service organisations.

The walls of the MEC room where volunteers enjoy coffee, tea and Lyla's delightful fresh-baked cakes, display many plaques and 'Certificates of Appreciation' as testimony to the important role MEC contributes to the community and to protecting the local environment. Some generous local residents donate their deposit container cash refund back to MEC which is gratefully accepted as MEC is a not-for-profit organization which sponsors many local community projects. New MEC **Chairperson Rod Saligari** told MCN that to sustain the good work MEC achieves keeping our environment clean of waste and recycling money \$\$ into the local community, more volunteers are needed. According to Rod, ***"In late 2027 deposit drink containers recycled by MEC are expected to double, meaning even more \$\$ will be recycled back to the community. MEC needs more volunteers to ensure that happens."***

Milang Environmental Centre Serving our community

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

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Services:

- **Recycling depot for glass, plastics, metal and garden organics.**
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MILANG BOWLING CLUB NEWS—AUGUST 2026

The **Milang Bowling Club** is quiet now as the 2026-2027 regional Pennant Competition is not due to start until October. Fortnightly **Friday Meals Nights** are not due to begin again until the first week in September. Bowling practice, competition preparation and social fun Tuesday **Night Owls** bowling will not start until September. The fact is that the Milang Bowling Club greens are having a well-deserved rest. So too is the hardworking volunteer greenkeeper, **Greg Bowen**. Greg recently travelled to the Gold Coast to compete in, watch and enjoy the Australian Open National Bowls Championship held June 7 – 20. Before departing for sunny, warm Queensland, Greg installed a system intended to deter Galahs and Corellas from attacking the bowling green grass surface. If you are walking near the MBC when the wind is blowing you may hear a strange humming noise. Greg's bird- deterrent system appears to be working which is a relief because Greg was tired of repairing the holes the raucous birds were regularly digging in the finely prepared bowling surface.



MBC volunteer Greenkeeper Greg Bowen preparing the bowling green.

Greenkeeper Greg was kept busy last season because he prepared not one but TWO greens for competition bowls. The **Langhorne Creek Bowling Club** needed to use one of the Milang greens while work was done replacing their own. During that 2025 -2026 season Greg could be seen hard at work on the two greens almost every day. The grateful Milang Bowling Club nominated **Greg Bowen** as regional **Greenkeeper of The Year**. Not only did Greg prepare greens for two clubs but the quality of the playing surface he so carefully cultivated was appreciated and praised by bowlers from all over the region. Milang Bowling Club greens are real grass not artificial surfaces as many clubs have installed. Greg's hard work ensures Milang Bowling Club continues to offer true "lawn" bowls to the many people who play and enjoy the sport.



Milang Bowling Club's Greg Bowen – a very good bowler, a hardworking, much appreciated volunteer greenkeeper.

Milang Bowling Club enjoyed success in 2025-2026 playing in three regional Grand Finals. The Club welcomes anyone who wants to bowl or learn to bowl either competitively or socially. Beginners of any age can enjoy mentoring and coaching from experienced players. The Club can supply bowls for those who want to try the sport. Experienced bowlers new to Milang and the area are especially welcome. People new to Milang are welcome to visit the Club and as members play social or competition bowls and enjoy the amenities. In the bowling season September to April the Club is a social and sporting hub with on-going events and activities.

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SATURDAY

AUGUST 29TH

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Sunday Service 10.00am

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- Saturday 9am-1pm
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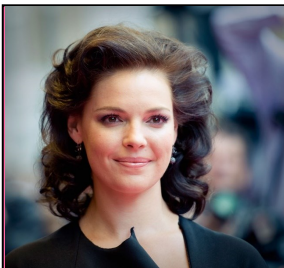
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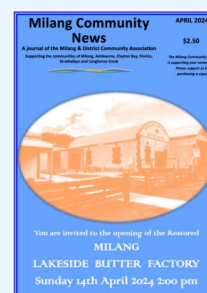
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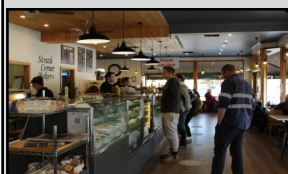
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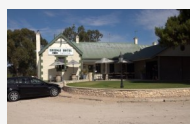


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