

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

October 2026



FROM THE EDITOR

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

I always say, once the October Long Weekend has been and gone then it's Christmas before we know it...what a scary thought!!

MOSHCC will be helping to make Christmas Hampers again and if you feel that you would like to donate to someone in need this year please see page 21 for more details. Karyn Bradford is having an exhibition at the Butter Factory entitled 'An Artisan's Life' and it will be in place until late October, so make sure you pop in and have a look.

On the front page you will see photo's of 3 of our volunteers, Peter Williams, Lyn Unwin and Neil Johnson (June Dolling was absent) who have received Life Membership of MADCA, congratulations..

Please stay safe and have a great month.

Cheers

Cathy Fish

editor@milang.org.au

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

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

"Our Lands, Our Waters, Our People, All Living Things are connected. We implore people to respect our Ruwe (Country) as it was created in the Kaldowinyeri (the Creation). We long for sparkling, clean waters, healthy land and people and all living things. We long for the Yarlurwaru Ruwe (Sea Country) of our ancestors. Our vision is all people Caring, Sharing, Knowing and Respecting the lands, the waters and all living things." - From Ngarrindjeri Nation Yarlurwar-ruwe plan 2006

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Chairperson's Monthly Report

September 2026



Milang and District Community Association AGM was held in the Milang Institute Hall, Thursday 24th of September 2026.

Guest speaker, Alexandrina Council CEO – Andrew MacDonald presented details of the upcoming Council elections along with a summary of the Alexandrina Council Annual Community Plan 2026/27 focusing on financial sustainability.

The following Q&A were discussed:-

- Ongoing issue regarding the lack of public transport available to residents of Milang (and Clayton Bay), Andrew to speak further with MADCA CEO Stuart Jones as to what council can do to assist.
- With reference to the proposed Tennis Court development and why the unsafe playground equipment upgrade is to be deferred as stage. Is the existing playground AS4685 compliant ? Andrew undertook to investigate and advise.
- Concerns were raised regarding road signage for lakeside 'wildlife safety'. The response received from council seems to be more related to 'driver safety' instead of 'wildlife safety'. Andrew stated Council wants less sign not more signs and will review this matter.
- Had the administrative cost advantage of amalgamation of the 3 Fleurieu Peninsular councils been considered? Andrew stated that this had been considered but advised that the preferred option is an increase in 'shared services' across the various councils.
- Comment passed re the Public Toilet cleaning and it needs better attention. Andrew is to raise this issue with Contractor.
- Issue raised the issue of the Milang Institute toilet smell as to whether the septic clean was overdue with the smell of the toilet in the Institute and also the un-repaired condition of the front entry door.
- The question was asked as to whether Council could lobby Dept. of Environment and Water for public consultation in regard to D.E.& W. proposal to install non-public access friendly rock lakeside erosion retention in front of the Milang shacks.

Andrew undertook to follow up on all these matters.

Chairperson's, Treasurer's and CEO Reports were presented as per the 2026 Annual Report.

Secretary Cathy Fish advised that in terms of the MADCA Constitution, Committee persons are to serve for a minimum period of two years and that we currently have 4 vacancies on the MADCA Committee. Vice Chairperson Mike Galea and Secretary Cathy Fish have completed their term and have not re-applied. Both Mike and Cathy were thanked for their service.

Two Committee nominations were received from Su Hall and Ashton Brown and are to be considered at the next MADCA meeting.

The 2026/27 MADCA carry over Committee positions are:- Chairperson-Wayne Footer, Vice-Chairperson-Penny Whittaker, Treasurer-Karen Burkinshaw.

Committee: John Whyte, Rosalind Francis, Suzanne Haeusler and Lyn Unwin.

Presentation of MADCA Life Memberships: June Dolling (7355 continual volunteer hours), Peter Williams (6470 hours), Lyn Unwin (5537 hours), Neil Johnson (4280 hours). New Life Members were presented with Certificates of Life Membership and a wonderful piece of indigenous local artwork. (See photo's on the front page)

NB. Full copies of 2026 MADCA Annual Report including our Vision/Strategic Plan and reports are available at MOSHCC reception for your information and review.

Kind regards

Wayne Footer / MADCA Chairperson

TRIVIA



By Jude Aquilina

Answers Page 44

1. Who is the only Australian Prime Minister in the Guinness Book of Records?
2. Named after Anna Pavlova, in which country did the pavlova originate?
3. What is the largest natural harbour in Australia?
4. Who was the first explorer to reach the geographic South Pole?
5. What is the hardest substance in the human body?
6. Which Australian actor was born Eric Banadinovich?
7. What was the first country to give women the right to vote?
8. Which country is the sculptor who made the statue on the Milang foreshore 'Run Like the Wind' from?
9. What does a mycologist study?
10. What year was Facebook founded?



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

Rainfall for September 2026

Information sourced from the Elders website - rainfall to 9am



Wed 02/09/2026	2.20	mm
Thu 03/09/2026	0.20	mm
Sat 05/09/2026	3.80	mm
Sun 06/09/2026	0.20	mm
Mon 07/09/2026	1.40	mm
Wed 09/09/2026	0.60	mm
Thu 10/09/2026	0.20	mm
Sun 13/09/2026	0.20	mm
Mon 14/09/2026	3.20	mm
Tue 15/09/2026	0.20	mm
Mon 21/09/2026	1.60	mm
Sat 26/09/2026	1.80	mm
Sun 27/09/2026	2.60	mm
September 2026 Total	18.20	mm

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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Clothes Line
Bryan Francis

*I'd like a dollar for every shirt,
pair of jocks, socks and pants
that have been pegged
to that old girl, Dad would say.*

The clothes line
or more rightly described,
our Hills Hoist,
stood at the bottom of the garden
waiting, turning in the breeze
spiderwebs, glistening dew,
birds alighting, having rested.

Its lonely existence
spoke of family life,
of domestic duties
we took for granted.
How many hours
did Mum spend under it
pegging, unpegging
clothes, for the rest of us,
airing blankets and quilts,
drying towels and sheets?

Anything needing hanging
would hang on our clothes line
of post, arms and wire.
Once bright silver
sturdy and strong.
It was built to last,
if not for two boys
swinging on its arms,
its perfect symmetry
would be intact today.



Clonlea Skate Park
Geoff Graetz

Small girl
rides pink scooter
big brother pedalling
parents watching from velvet lawn
screen free

Casuarina
Chris Battams

POETS CORNER

It was the last Casuarina along the marbled rise
that caressed the breeze under azure skies
bending softly in the morning light
it spoke of lovers in the night
and of how when the great moon came
they found their cave alright

Here and there the orchid flower
speaks to me of a Divine power
and honeyeaters drooping along the fronds
gurggle their essence in their song
the song that is the voice of the world
since time began and flowers uncurled
the honeyeaters sing this is the place
the bower of the human race

Those carefully woven fronds
make a universe of warbled song
the last long-haired Casuarina stands
and in its glory displays the land
it sings and whispers in the morning breeze
and its message floats among the trees



butterfly
Jules Leigh Koch

into the spring
a butterfly lifts

its psychedelic wings

its every
brief moment

recolouring the world

*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*



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FUN | MUSIC | MOVEMENT
● COME & JOIN IN!

Line Dancing

\$5 Session

@ Milang Institute Hall
23 Coxe St, Milang

**Every Tuesday
1pm-2:30pm**

wear comfy clothes & bring your
water bottle

Register with reception: **8537 0687**

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



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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Please Note: There will be 3 weeks with no Tai Chi classes in October. They will resume on Wednesday October 21st and run till Wednesday December 9th.



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.

Live Well Locally

Hello locals,

We would love to hear from you!

Did you know that we have some wonderful local groups, activities and services, and we are exploring what local support could look like to help people **stay active, independent and comfortable**.

The trouble is, a lot of people simply haven't heard about them.

Which of the following are you aware of?

Activities in Milang	Activities in Clayton Bay
Physiotherapy	Line Dancing
Physio-led small group classes	Yoga
Pilates small group classes	Pilates
Massage	Clumba
Line Dancing	Bike riding
Yoga	Indoor bowls
Tai Chi	Bluetits swimmers
Stepping On exercise class	

It would be great to hear what would genuinely help you, your family and our community.

That is why we have put together a short, simple survey. It asks things like what activities you already know about, what you would like to see more of, and anything that makes it hard for you to get involved.

It only takes about 5 minutes.

Two easy ways to have your say:



1. Scan the code above with your phone's camera
2. Or ask us for a paper copy to fill in by hand

Thank you for taking the time!

Have any questions? Get in touch:

Lien Van Duppen, 0416 318 423, Lien@togrowphysio.com.au

To Grow Physiotherapy - Shop 4, 10 – 17 Daranda Terrace, Milang



TINA TURNER TRIBUTE



A thrilling Tina Turner tribute.

The Love Soul Deep (LSD), Adelaide's premiere 9-piece soul/funk band celebrating her electrifying legacy. Remembering classic memories, her in Mad Max, dancing to the Madison to Nutbush, & Australia's Rugby League.



Friday
9 Oct, 2026



Departs MOSHCC
1 pm for 2pm Show



Goolwa Centenary Hall
14 Cadell Street, Goolwa

CONTACT US

bookings via reception@moshcc.com.au



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CENTENARY HALL
14 CADELL STREET,
GOOLWA

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GARDEN TO PLATE

**RAISED GARDEN
AND
WICKING BEDS**



**Join the Garden to
Plate Team**

Learn practical gardening skills with raised garden beds and wicking beds, while helping grow and harvest fresh produce for our community kitchen.

new
time &
day

Friday's
10am - 12pm
LAKESIDE BUTTER
FACTORY GARDEN

**CONTACT MOSHCC
RECEPTION FOR MORE
INFORMATION
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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!

**OCT 23
2:00 PM**



**AFTERNOON TEA
\$2.50**

ACE SPACE 24-25 Daranda Tce, Milang SA



FRIDAY FEAST

All Welcome
Come join us to enjoy
\$12 - 2 Course Meal

♥ Vegetarian Options Available ♥
Free meal raffle ticket drawn each week

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Call Reception - 8537 0687

**MILANG OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE**
23-24 Daranda Tce, Milang

12:30 pm Lunch

Free transport available

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A pretty annoying weed!

CBNEG (Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group) has launched the “Proud to be Gazania Free” project where residents who have removed gazanias from their garden and verge, receive a sign to display on their property.

Gazania is an escaped garden plant and is a highly invasive weed that is a problem because it is an aggressive, drought-tolerant invasive weed that chokes out native plants and ruins farmland. It is a declared weed under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019.



1 becomes many



Why It Is Harmful

- Crowds out native species:** It forms dense, thick carpets that blanket the ground and block light, water, and nutrients from reaching local plants.
 - Destroys farm productivity:** The weed invades agricultural paddocks and pastures, taking over fields and making it impossible to grow crops.
 - Toxic to livestock:** Eating large amounts of the plant can poison grazing animals.
- Spreads very easily:** One flower can make over 60 seeds that travel by wind or water for kilometers. It also resprouts from leftover root fragments and dumped garden waste.

Click the link to find out more. [Why are Gazanias a problem?](#)

Did you know that at least three-quarters of weeds established in Australia have come from escaped garden plants!



Above: Recipients of “Proud to be Gazania Free” signs.

Tim and Linda Fuller, Mick Daw, Gary Parker, Alison and Kevin Garrett.

Right: Gazania free sign. Scan the QR code to find out more about problem garden weeds.

Pizza & wine

2nd & 4th Fridays of each month

at the Milang Lakeside
Butter Factory

23 OCTOBER MILANG COMEDY SHOW
STARTS AT 7.30- 18+-TICKET REQUIRED

5-8pm
0480 512 457

with wine by:

Kanoetree
Wines



open

2nd & 4th Friday 5-8pm
pizza & wine

Saturday & Sunday 10-4pm
kitchen is open for light meals, coffee and cake

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

WE ALSO HOST

Kanoetree Wines Cellar Door
Local providore

Local artists' work on display
Butter and cheesemaking museum

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



KANOETREE
WINES

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

Live Comedy Heads to Lakeside Butter Factory

This October, an all-star comedy lineup featuring some of South Australia's top comedians will take to the stage at the iconic Lakeside Butter Factory for the very first time.

****Internationally experienced Jacob Jackman**** brings his trademark dry, slacker charm, blending darkly philosophical observations with a gleefully absurd style of humour that has won audiences over time and time again. Jacob will also host proceedings for the evening.

Headlining the show is ****Marc Ryan, AKA The Beautiful Bogan****. Marc is not only a comedian but a passionate advocate for mental health, and he loves nothing more than bringing people together in small communities for a good laugh.

Joining them is ****Canada's finest export Kent Michael****, the fabulously funny ****Ally Dent****, and Murraylands local comedy newcomer ****Wayne Batson****.

With a mix of experienced performers and fresh local talent, this promises to be a great night of live comedy and plenty of laughs.

****Friday, October 23rd****

****Meals and bar available from 6pm****

****Show starts at 7:30pm****

Why not make a night of it? Come down early, grab a meal and a drink, and settle in for an evening of live comedy at the Lakeside Butter Factory.

****Early bird tickets are just \$25 until October 18th, or \$30 at the door.****

For tickets, scan the QR code on the advertisement or visit:

www.trybooking.com/DPGGN

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 7:30PM

LAKE SIDE BUTTER FACTORY

ALL STARS LIVE
PRESENTS

MILANG



JACOB JACKMAN



MARC RYAN

COMEDY



KENT MICHAEL



ALLY DENT



WAYNE BATSON

SHOW

EARLYBIRD
TICKETS **\$25**

BOOK NOW

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SHOW CONTAINS
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📍 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 you and to our community."

I am here to listen and to work with you"

Lou.

Local voice - community first



18 September 2026 - MEDIA RELEASE

Parliament Unites Behind Independent MP Lou Nicholson's Call for South Australia to Stand Firm in Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review

The South Australian House of Assembly has unanimously supported a motion moved by Independent Member for Finniss, Lou Nicholson MP, calling for South Australia's interests to remain at the forefront of the current Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review.

The motion, moved on Wednesday 16 September, comes as the first major statutory review of the Basin Plan since its adoption in 2012 enters its final stages, with recommendations due in December.

First introduced in the Legislative Council by Environment and Water Minister Emily Bourke and strengthened through amendments proposed by Liberal Member Nicola Centofanti, the motion reaffirms South Australia's expectation that Murray-Darling Basin Plan commitments will be honoured and that the environmental water needed to sustain the Lower Murray, Lower Lakes, Coorong and Murray Mouth will be protected.

Ms Nicholson said the unanimous vote demonstrated that, while South Australians may differ on many issues, Parliament was united on the importance of defending the state's interests in the Basin Plan Review.

"The South Australian House of Assembly has spoken with one voice."

"For fourteen years South Australia has negotiated in good faith. We have compromised, adapted and waited. We now expect agreed outcomes to be delivered."

Ms Nicholson said she was proud to move the motion in the House of Assembly on behalf of communities at the end of the river system that understand better than most what is at stake.

"Communities across the Lower Lakes and Coorong lived through the consequences of a failing river system during the Millennium Drought."

"We saw environmental decline, economic hardship and enormous impacts on people's wellbeing. South Australians know exactly what is at stake."

While the Murray-Darling Basin is often viewed as a regional issue, Ms Nicholson said its future matters to every South Australian.

"Up to 90 per cent of South Australians rely on the Murray directly or indirectly."

"Every decision made upstream eventually affects South Australia. This is about our water security, our environment, our economy and the future health of the river system."

Ms Nicholson said the review represented a critical moment for South Australia.

"The final report is only months away. This is a crucial window for South Australia."

"The environmental water secured through the Basin Plan is not an optional extra. It is fundamental to the long-term health of the river and the communities, industries and ecosystems that depend upon it."

Ms Nicholson acknowledged the generations of South Australians whose advocacy helped secure the Basin Plan and protect the river during the Millennium Drought.

"This week's outcome belongs to the many people who have spent years, and in some cases decades, fighting for the health of the River Murray."

"Their advocacy helped secure one of Australia's most important water reforms. We owe it to them, and to future generations, to stand firm now."

PHOTO: 30/06/2026 Local advocacy during a trip on the Spirit of the Coorong with Commissioner for River Murray, Minister for Environment and Tourism with the River Lakes Coorong Action Group and hosted by CLLMM Research Centre

L-R: Dr Emma Carmody, South Australian Commissioner for the River Murray, Lou Nicholson MP, Hon. Emily Bourke MLC, Minister for Environment and Tourism, Jane French, Centre Manager for CLLMM Research Centre and Julie Jones, President of the River Lakes Coorong Action Group.



Plein Air

Artists creating while you watch

Strathalbyn



Sunday 11th October 2026

10.30am - 4pm

Contact: 0429 477 515

Presented by: Strathalbyn Tourism Association
Rotary Strathalbyn
Station Master's Art Gallery



Intuition vs Planning

When I'm painting, I often find myself caught between two things: **planning and intuition**.



Part of me likes to have a plan. I want to know what I'm painting, where the main shapes are going to sit, what the light is doing and roughly where I'm heading.

But then there's the other part of me that says, "*Just start painting and see what happens!*"

I think both are important.

Planning gives me somewhere to start. It helps me work out the composition and colour palette based on what I want the painting to say or feel like. Even a simple plan can make a big difference, and frees my mind during the painting process, as I have already made some decisions.

However, those decisions aren't carved in cement. Now I've made some decisions, I can relax and get on with painting and that's when intuition comes in.

A colour might look better than I expected. A mark might create an interesting shape. I might put something in the wrong place and suddenly realise that it actually works better somewhere else. You don't always know why, and you probably couldn't explain it if someone asked you. You just have a feeling that something needs to change.

Intuition, to me, comes with time spent on the brush and isn't something that only certain artists are born with.



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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The more we draw and paint, the more we train our eyes. We start to notice shapes, colours, light, balance and relationships without having to consciously think about every single thing. So, what feels like an intuitive decision is often the result of years of looking, experimenting and learning.

I see this a lot when I'm teaching. Beginners can sometimes feel they need to know exactly what they're doing before they start. They worry about getting it wrong or think there must be a correct way to approach a painting. But painting doesn't really work like that.

I might have a clear idea when I start a painting, but that doesn't mean I know exactly how it will finish. I want to leave some room for the painting to develop along the way. Sometimes I'll change a colour, simplify a shape, make a mark stronger or completely abandon something I thought was a great idea! And that's okay - not every piece will be a masterpiece.

So, do we plan or do we trust our intuition? For me, it's a definite both. There's certain things I always do in my pre-planning stage and I find this helps calm my head and brings me into focus of what I am trying to achieve with this particular painting. And then I just start painting and I love the freedom that intuition gives you, when you allow it to step up and just go with the flow.

So, for the beginner, I say have enough of a plan to get you started, but don't be afraid to change direction when your instincts tell you to. And if something unexpected happens, don't immediately reach for the eraser or try to fix it. Stop - step back - take a look at that mark you've just made - it may just be the beginning of something much more interesting.

Cheers

Madeleine Elkin - Artist

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/madielkin/?hl=en>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeE9kNld3Vui4HUXeAX4ejQ>





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

*BreastScreen SA are encouraging
women aged 40+ to 'just bloomin'
book it'*

*Spring is the perfect time to tick
your breast screen off your to-do
list.*

*It takes just 15 minutes and could
save your life.*

*Book online at
www.breastscreen.sa.gov.au
or call 13 20 50*

We are the FIBRE ART GROUP

We meet at the Milang Institute on
Tuesdays
at 10.30 am. to 3.00 pm.



Bring your own creative fibre work :-
Knitting, Crochet, Spinning,
Weaving, Sewing, etc. etc.



We charge a \$3 attendance fee which
covers Tea or Coffee and Hall fee.
Bring your own lunch!



Occasional Tutorials
during the year.



Phone Heather :-0424395503.

forget-me-not
book your spot

Spring
into action



Breast
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WOW
is back!

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Op Shop Day

6th of October



Limited seats!



Bus: \$15

Depart MOSHCC @9am
Op Shop adventure
Lunch - own arrangements
Bookings via MOSHCC Reception
8537 0687

NEEDLE FELTING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

CREATE • RELAX • LEARN A NEW SKILL

15th
OCT
2026

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

What you will learn:

- ✓ Build on your felting skills
- ✓ Learn shaping and detail techniques
- ✓ Create a more advanced project
- ✓ All materials provided

You don't need to attend all three workshops, but each session builds on the previous one and becomes slightly more advanced



WHAT TO BRING

- craft scissors
- glue
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Playgroup at EFS Milang Campus - Term 4
Celebrations in my world
Tuesday mornings 9am - 11.30am



Week	Date	Activity focus
1	13/10/26	Welcome back to Playgroup!
2	20/10/26	Fun with puppets; Puppet stories, play with puppets. Make our own puppets
3	27/10/26	Fun with kites Make & play with kites Story about Ping
4	3/11/26	Celebrations around the world Story - a life like mine. Making cards for people we love. Che Che Coollay Dance
5	10/11/26	Fun with glitter Make sparkly craft creations.
6	17/11/26	Twinkle twinkle little star Collect sticks to make stars
7	24/11/26	Five stars shining.. learn new song Paint & decorate stars
8	1/12/26	Cook gingerbread stars Christmas story
9	8/12/26	Last day of playgroup for the year. Picnic at Milang Foreshore playground. Share Christmas stars.



Playgroup

Milang & Langhorne Creek R-6 Campuses

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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
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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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Pick up items from the Christmas Hamper shopping list and drop them at:

- Food Shelf in Woolworths for the month of November
- Strathalbyn Churches Bookshop, Dawson Street
- MOSHCC
- Strathalbyn Neighbourhood Centre
- Pantry Club

2. Donate Financially

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Christmas Hampers

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Soap or body wash
Soup (cans or packets)
Sweet or savory biscuits
Tea or coffee
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salmon
Tissues/ toothpaste
NO PET FOOD

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**You can also leave cash donations in an envelope marked
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Dame Joan Sutherland Centenary Birthday Tribute

Saturday 7 November is the birthday of one of the worlds greatest opera singers, Dame Joan Sutherland. Born in 1926 in Sydney, this year her birthday marks the 100th anniversary of her birth. Her international career spanned over 40 years, and she appeared in all the major opera houses of the world. She sang well over forty roles, left a recording legacy that included over 240 commercial recordings and appeared on stage in over one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six performances.

Friend of Dame Joan and her conductor husband Richard Bonyngé Letho Kostoglou, will honour the life and career of this extraordinary woman in a two-hour lecture which will look back on her life and career in her own words coupled with video interviews and audio clips. It will take place on the day of the centenary of her birth, the 7 November at the Clayton Bay Community Hall at 4pm.

It's a free event but bookings are essential through Humanitix. This is a once in a life time opportunity to take part in the celebration of one of Australia's famous iconic opera singers and a down to earth diva who never displayed any Prima Donna attitudes.

Centennial tribute to Dame Joan Sutherland

***Saturday 7 November 4 – 6pm
Clayton Bay Community Hall
6 Alexandrina Drive Clayton Bay
Bar open 3pm***

Celebrate the extraordinary life and career of Dame Joan Sutherland OM, AC, DBE through:

- photos
- video interviews
- opera clips

This **FREE** event celebrates the centenary of Dame Joan Sutherland's birth, featuring Letho Kostoglou, friend of Dame Joan, as the narrator and presenter who will blend storytelling, biographical highlights, and multimedia elements to honour her extraordinary life and career.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. To secure your seat Scan the QR code or phone 0407 394 907



 Proudly supported by the Clayton Bay Community Association & Alexandrina Arts and Cultural Events program. 



Milang Cottage Garden Club monthly outing report

Hi everyone, September 9th dawned a cool fine morning with the promise of some sunshine. We left Milang for the Deep Creek Conservation Park and I expected to see some evidence of the dramatic fires from early in the year but nothing. We received a warm welcome from Quinten the owner of Raywood Nursery which was more than you could say about the weather, yes it was fine, but the wind was bitter. We all braved it to find those special plants Quinten is famous for and we all found something. From here we back tracked to Morgan Park for more shopping and to all eat our lunches in the bus as it was too cold to go to our usual spot on the foreshore.

Next stop Bunnings where I found the most beautiful Azalia in the most delicate lavender colour, I had never seen one like it. As it was not getting any warmer, we decided to cut our losses and head for Goolwa and visit the Surf Life Club venue once again for a warming cup of coffee. They were closed so we ended up in the arcade where we were made most welcome wishing Margaret Happy Birthday for Saturday a big birthday and drawing the raffle which was won by Bev.

The next trip will be on the 14th October when we will visit Semaphore, Pets and Gardens, followed by other nurseries like Hynes, and Norwood.

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MEDIA RELEASE

On ground works start on Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail

3 September August 2026

Alexandrina Council and our Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail project partners marked the start of physical works on site with a groundbreaking ceremony on 3 September 2026.

The sod-turning event in Alfred Langhorne Park marked this important milestone and drew representatives from Council, the Project Partnership Group, and Fleurieu-based construction firm, 35 South Building Co.

Over the next month, early works on the Discovery Trail will involve (weather permitting) the following:

- The establishment of site compounds and storage area within Frank Potts Reserve, First Reserve, and Alfred Langhorne Park.
- The creation of access to areas of the project.
- Notification to key members of the public of upcoming works.
- Completion of key in-ground services such as connections to power and water.

In August 2025, Council secured a \$7.06 million grant from the Australian Government's regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) to develop the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail and create new opportunities for tourism and investment in the region.

The 2.8km walking and cycling trail is being built between Bremerton Wines and Bleasdale Wines and is scheduled to be completed by April 2027.

The Discovery Trail is a community-driven project, guided by the Project Partnership Group comprising Council, the Langhorne Creek Hub, Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Association, and Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation.

Council is leading the delivery of essential infrastructure, while the Project Partnership Group, in collaboration with Council's Economic Development team, is focused on activating the trail and developing the tourism product.

"Starting on-ground works is an important milestone for this project which has been many years in the making," Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes said.

"The Langhorne Creek community came up with the initial vision for this trail, and Council has been a strong advocate and is now the project lead to get the infrastructure built.

"This event follows a successful In-Region Reveal at Langhorne Creek in mid-August where more than 60 residents were able to see final designs and artist renders.

"We're really excited to see this project take shape and thank the Langhorne Creek community in advance for their support for the Discovery Trail and their patience as we go through the construction phase."

Ongoing communications with local residents and stakeholders will occur throughout the project, related to construction and any interruptions that may be experienced.

For the latest information about the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail project, head to <https://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/discoverytrail>



Image: Officially turning the soil to mark the start of physical works for the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail are Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes, left, 35 South Building Company Director Tom Shaw, and Project Partnership Group representatives John Eckert and Lian Jaensch, ably assisted by young local Harvey Longden.

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Milang Lakeside Butter Factory

Report

September 2026

September began with the Butter Factory offering a roast for Father's Day. Asha and the team in the kitchen cooked a delicious Roast Beef. The day was well attended and the afternoon entertainment by local regulars Sam Hissey and Ellie Boss was enjoyed by all. September continued to be a busy month with entertainment and events. Galactic Jelly, a great party band, inspired a lively audience to dress up in wigs which were judged at the end of the day.

The next week we hosted the group 3 Legged Dog who were headlined by Pancho Maracca. The music style was southern blues featuring harmonica and was enjoyed by the audience and diners.

The 2nd week of the month Open Mic was a great success with a variety of entertainers including our young Scarlet, Anne Fraser a songwriter and storyteller, as well as a mother and son duo, 2 poets, and 4 individual singers and musicians.

We were sad to announce that the Althorpe Island presentation of Michiel Lucieer could not go ahead but we will reschedule for next year.

We continue to host exhibitions by local artists and artisans which are curated by our volunteer Su Hall. The most recent opening was held on the 25th of September where Karyn Bradford displayed her artworks "An Artisan's Life". Karyn shared her love of creating artworks in various media since the 1980's which has included silk painting and textile art, lampwork glass sculpture and jewellery and currently mixed media and collage work. Her exhibition will be in place until late October so pop in and have a look if you are passing by.

The volunteers have been steadily updating the sound systems at the Butter Factory and music and entertainers can be heard inside, on the front deck, in the pergola and at the kitchen.

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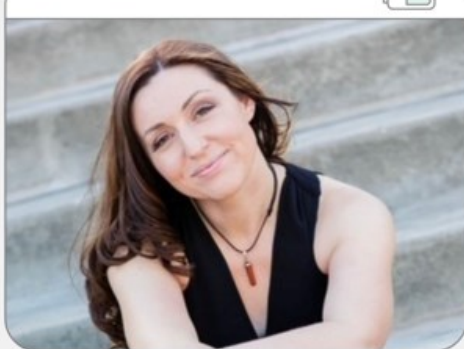
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The latest addition has been the capacity to screen free to air television events the first being the AFL Grand Final. Those that attended enjoyed a great afternoon of footy, food and wine. Thanks to Neil Johnson for donating an aerial and cables.

Already Read Books has reached a milestone this month in raising \$20,000 since its inception. These funds are used to support the continued maintenance of the buildings and other necessities. During the month the volunteer work crew have been split between the Butter Factory and the Youth Hub. The internal painting is going well at the Youth Hub and should be finished in a couple of weeks.

We have been delighted to learn that the Milang and District Community Association has recognised 4 of our volunteers for their sustained efforts, supporting the Butter Factory and MOSHCC over many years and we congratulate Lyn Unwin, Neil Johnson, Peter Williams and June Dolling.

On the October Long Weekend the duo “No Strings Attached” will be performing on Sunday 4th. This will be a popular event so please make a booking and if you fancy a platter for lunch you are welcome to pre order when you make your booking. It is a great help to the kitchen staff. Ph 0480512457.

Cheers JB



Karyn Bradford - 'An artisans life' exhibition

Photo courtesy of Su Hall



Galactic Jelly



George and Family enjoying Father's Day with Ellie and Sam playing in the background



Pancho and Mate Singing the Blues

Milang Community Garden

Newsletter October 2026

Ahh! Spring in the garden is the best time of the year! The blossoms are blooming, the greens are greener, the flowers are flowering! The birds are chirping, the bees are buzzing, and the worms are ecstatically wriggling and eating their way through the soil keeping it rich and conditioned! The earlier crops are now coming in, ready for picking and eating!

The gardeners have been working extremely hard throughout August and September. Most of the work has been cleaning up, preparing new beds, planting new crops of onions, carrots, parsnips, brassicas, beetroot, peas and flowers to keep the bees interested and busy! There has also been a lot of rubbish removal and tidying up. The new wicking beds are now fully planted and the plants are growing well.



The warmer weather also signals the time for making sure the irrigation system is in good repair and remaining vigilant that the beds don't dry out too quickly, whilst keeping up awareness of water conservation!

The never-ending battle of warding off those hungry bugs and critters that also enjoy the produce! White fly and aphids have been particularly aggressive causing some losses and poor yields in the cauliflowers, cabbages and other leafy plants. The silver beet has been the most productive crop over the season and is still going strong!

We are now back to loading excess produce on the cart most weeks as the more of the produce ripens. We also welcome hungry people looking for some goodies, for a donation, on Tuesday mornings!



We have had the opportunity to spread lots of mulch from the council tree trimming which gives the garden a soft look and suppresses those pesky weeds!

The 45 fruit trees are budding and beginning to set. We look forward to the usual abundant crops of stone fruits, apples, figs, citrus and quinces.

As we have done over past years, that garden has been entered into the Strathalbyn Garden Show. Over the years we have won a number of prizes and hope to continue this great tradition! Judging was completed last week and we eagerly await the results to be announced at the Show on 5th October.

The garden is looking better than ever and has expanded with the hard work of our volunteers who are now in our senior years. We would very much love to welcome any keen new comers with some energy and time to join our crew in keeping the Community Garden growing for years to come.



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

Meetings every Sunday at 5pm

Reg Sissons Day Care Centre, High St Strathalbyn

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Red Cross News October 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.

Lee west raised a total of \$170 which was presented to the branch on Sunday which we are most grateful for.

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



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

This is a story about a 1936 Indiana Truck, model 86.R. which John McInnes of Milang owned from 1949 to May 1953. This model Indiana was powered by a 6 cylinder Hercules side valve petrol engine which was noted for its lugging power under load.

This truck had several owners from being new at Strathalbyn, then from 1941 to 1949, Ted May at Langhorne Creek owned it before selling it to John McInnes.

The Indiana trucks were in the 1930's part of the White Motor Company of America and manufactured by the Indiana motor division which had been bought by Whites in the early 1930's and sold as a separate line of trucks.

When our family owned the Indiana from 1949 to 1953 it was used as a farm truck and sometimes as Milang's Fire Truck such as in late December 1951 when a steam train started a fire at Sandergrove and burnt through to Nurragi. Because of the high fire danger, John had a water tank and the new Rex 10m fire pump which had only been issued to the Milang E.F.S. 2 months before on the Indiana ready for action.

After the truck was traded in on the 1942 Ford at Strathalbyn, it was bought by Mattner Brothers and driven to Keith in the Southeast by Malcolm Clark and used by them for some years and then to a owner at Padthaway and finally to a farmer near Keith where it surfaced at a farm auction in August and I had the opportunity to be reunited with it after 73 years, see photo.



These trucks were imported minus cabins and trays which were fitted in Adelaide. I had always thought it might have had a cabin built by the body builders, Lawton's in Adelaide. While looking under the paint for a builder's plate I was surprised to find a plate inside saying cabin built by Horwood Bagshaw and a serial number. Soon after John purchased it he had a new wooden tray built by Mr. Hopkins at Strathalbyn who used to make trailers and truck trays.

The years have taken a toll on this 90 year old truck, but is another survivor with a bit of South Australian manufacturing history thrown in.

Contributed by Allan McInnes
Ph 0437800811



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Ramsar and healthy, wealthy wetlands

Wetlands of the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) are home to many native species, and host to over 230 species of migratory birds now flying south on the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, some non-stop for up to 10,000km!

Recognition of the significance of the Coorong and Lakes Alexandrina and Albert (CLL) Wetland to the ecology/health of local and global bird populations was formalised with a listing by the Ramsar Convention in November 1985, to help conserve the immense ecological, cultural and economic value of an area covering approximately 45,000 hectares.

So what is Ramsar?

It's not an acronym! It's the town in Iran where the first modern global intergovernmental treaty on natural resource conservation was signed!

The Ramsar Convention includes clear expectations for '*proactive conservation, institutional strengthening and knowledge-sharing.*'

Our Ramsar site has 23 distinct wetland types, supporting nationally and/or internationally threatened species and an extensive list of local birds (emu, wren, bittern, curlew, terns and plovers). Annual avian visitors currently en route can include the Red-necked Stint (tiny shorebirds travelling massive distances in large flocks), the Eastern Curlew and Bar-tailed Godwit (large, wading birds feeding in shallow

waters) and the Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – up to 30% of the world's population can gather here!

The site is also unique in supporting species not encountered together elsewhere, and at different critical stages of their life cycles

Efforts to protect the health/wealth of biodiversity are affected by past, existing and emerging challenges (most recently Avian influenza, H5 bird flu), and by the many uses and users including conservation, recreation, water storage and extraction, grazing and cropping, and increasing urban and residential development. There are also many organisations involved in its management, including State and Federal departments.

Flinders University law student, Anara Watson, has completed her Honours Thesis supported by the CLLMM Research Centre, examining the role of international treaties/conventions such as a Ramsar listing, the responsibilities it brings, and how it assist locally in wetland conservation and water use.

Her research indicates that while there are laws/norms in place, reform is needed for greater conservation through the CLL which she describes as a 'patchwork system of fragmented, politically mediated domestic regimes' requiring a more inclusive approach which recognises Indigenous knowledge/experience and cumulative local knowledge for site specific action.

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 Alvyn Hopgood

Stan Holman

Stan Holman was born on 10th November 1878, and moved to Toora in Victoria in 1898. He returned to Milang to marry Elsie May Schmooch on 23rd August 1911. They lived on a small farm about two kilometres north of Milang on the Strathalbyn Road.

Stan had a small lucerne area watered by a windmill and elevated tank, which supplied vital feed for his milking cows in summer. He used to scythe his lucerne patch, rake it into heaps and transport it to his 10 to 12 milking herd. On one occasion, when picking up the cut lucerne, he was bitten by a tiger snake. He was treated by the local doctor at Strathalbyn, and luckily made a full recovery.

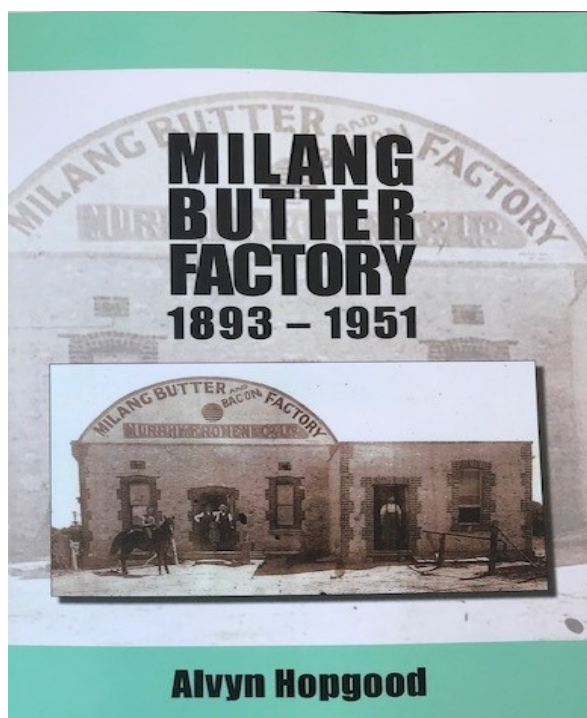
Milking by hand and feeding calves was only part of Stan's dairy work, as he would have to transport his cream to the Milang Butter Factory the best way he could, by horse and cart most likely.

Stan's wife, May, died in 1930. He remarried in 1940 and, after selling his Milang farm, he and his second wife, Edith, moved to Strathalbyn to live. Stan died in 1952 and is buried in the Strathalbyn Cemetery.

Stan had a brother, George 'Tim' Holman, who in 1892, became apprenticed to Adolphe Emile Marval of Pirie Street in Adelaide—a fine arts dealer. On Mr Marval's death in the late 1920s, Tim Holman opened his own shop in Pirie Street and remained there till March 3rd, 1967, when he was aged 92. He was an undisputed authority on antiques and fine arts, and his knowledge and taste helped shape nearly all the worthwhile collections in South Australia. He died aged 94, after 75 years in the antiques and fine arts business.



Stan Holman



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As a Milang local I am thrilled to present Alvyn Hopgood's slices of social history in this brilliantly researched book—of our own town, the people who once lived here, of the lake and cream delivering paddle steamers, and of award winning butter made at Milang Butter Factory, I commend Alvyn Hopgood on his marvelous book.

Jude Aquilina, editor, publisher

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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**.

Lakeside Men's Shed

at the oval

BBQ every Thursday (donation)

From 12:00 noon

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

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ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

Historic Graves of Milang Cemetery

Alf and Maggie Little

by Alvyn Hoptood

Alf Little was little by stature and by name. He originally lived at Clayton where he worked on the Dunn family farm for many years. Alf married Margaret (Maggie) Hopgood and had two daughters, Winnie and Margary, and a son, Len.

Once, when Alf Little was on a trip to Milang Grocer's with a horse and cart, a strange happening occurred. Alf, a pipe smoker of some repute, had broken in a new pipe carefully over a period of time, placing different mixtures into the pipe to 'cure' it. Halfway into Milang, on the pipe's first trip, the horse swished its tail up and sent the pipe down onto the roadway. Unfortunately, the wheel of the cart ran over it – not a fair ending for Alf's new pipe.

Alf's retirement to Milang was quite an event. Alf's wife Maggie was a cat fancier, and it was left to my father Whinham Hopgood to take care of the cat, while travelling to its new residence in Milang by motorbike and side car. When the small cage was opened on the kitchen table, the cat was a bit shaken up and it leapt out at rocket-pace, and seeing a large glass window, decided to exit through it. It charged through with great speed and force, never to be seen again.

The Littles, in their time at Milang and Clayton, were a very respected family. Maggie was from the Hopgood family at Nurragi near Milang, where they sold farm products at the railway siding in the early years, including mallee stumps for the home fires in Adelaide. Alf and Maggie were Whinham Hopgood's uncle and aunty, and he spent a great deal of time with.

The house where the Littles lived in Milang was in Markland Street, and was originally a large block of land, but is now subdivided with five new houses on the site. The Littles who are buried in the Milang Cemetery are: Len, who died on February 8th 1902, aged two years and nine months; Alf, who died on July 24th 1937, aged 80 years; Maggie, who died on May 24th 1954, aged 80 years; and Margary, who died on April 20th 1995, aged 80 years.





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The museum has just gained a new exhibit; a wagon donated by the family of Henry and Gloria Jones, long term residents of Clayton Bay who fought for the wellbeing of the River Murray over many decades.

In the 1840s, Dr. John Rankine purchased 900 acres on the mainland at Clayton Bay and 1,500 acres opposite on Hindmarsh Island. He needed to transport wool, dairy produce, people, sheep and other livestock across the river. He therefore established a punt ferry to do the job.



On a couple of occasions, the ferry was cut loose by a paddle-steamer while crossing. By the 1920s, Rankine's Ferry was just a fond memory and no longer in use.

The wagon was used to move wool and other loads from the wool shed to the ferry. In the wool shed, the bales of wool were dropped down through a hole in the floor onto this wagon which was hand pushed along a tunnel and out to the jetty.



If anyone has more information or photos, please contact Peter Lucas, the museum secretary, on 0414232060.

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SA was the first state to introduce a drink Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) back in 1977. All other states have belatedly followed with their own CDS. It is possible that for the sake of uniformity a nationally regulated CDS scheme will emerge in the future. Meanwhile, SA continues to recover and recycle deposit drink containers at the highest rate in Australia (76% in 2022-2023 and 72.5% in 2024-2025). It is somewhat alarming that despite the best efforts of both commercial recycling depots and volunteer operated community service recycling depots such as **MEC** that the 2024-2025 recovery rate was the lowest since 2007-2008. That is the bad news. The good news is that SA apparently leads the other states in recovery of commercial or ‘business waste’ at 73.7%. There is still much to be done to further reduce the 26.3% of ‘business waste’ which goes into landfill. Annually each of us disposes of more than 500 kg of general or ‘public waste’ which is what goes into your rubbish bins. SA which is in third place in recovery rate of ‘public waste’ still sends 38.8% to landfill compared to the ACT 18.6% and Victoria 36.8%. **Milang Environmental Centre** continues to make significant contribution to waste recovery in SA by accepting refund drink containers, scrap metal and green garden waste that would otherwise go to landfill or pollute the environment.



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MEC is not the only individual or organisation contributing to waste recovery. There is a shy and selfless lady who each week collects deposit drink containers left in public areas of Milang, brings them to MEC then donates the refund to charity. In Adelaide a group of volunteers (*'Trash Hero Adelaide'*) each week collect waste from public areas. SA government initiative *'Green Adelaide'* coordinates volunteer clean-up of marine debris from beach areas. **MEC** does not accept general household waste nor commercial waste but it does accept non-deposit plastic and glass drink containers, scrap metal and green garden waste as a community service and recycles the money earned back into the community. New MEC Boss Dinosaur and Chairperson **Rod Saligari** has asked MCN to appeal to people who use the MEC to respect the fact that it is operated by local volunteers who give freely of their time and personal resources to ensure the MEC remains open and who deserve to be treated with courtesy. Customers are asked to assist the volunteers by rinsing containers clean and ensuring lids are removed prior to drop off at MEC. MEC can decline to accept dirty containers.



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MILANG BOWLING CLUB NEWS - OCTOBER 2026

“SOCIAL EVENT”

The **Pier Hotel Social Club** held a fun day event hosted at the **Milang Bowling Club** on 29th August. Instead of traditional ‘closest to the Jack’ bowling, the Social Club format was **FOOTY BOWLS** an AFL ELIMINATION FINALS series with teams of four bowlers trying to score goals and points for their respective teams: Carlton, Fremantle, Sydney, Brisbane Lions, Adelaide Crows, and Western Bulldogs. **Social Club President Warren Lowe** welcomed more than forty members to a fun day starting with a sumptuous lunch and Footy Bowls. **Warren** praised the **Pier Hotel Social Club** for supporting local businesses and sports club. Drinks were served by Milang Bowling Club legend **Mary Lee Robinson** who worked hard all day as the Social Club bowlers worked up a thirst. Delicious lunch and nibbles were provided by **Amie** from **Bespoke Delights Café** located at Daranda Terrace shops between the **Pier Hotel** and **Milang Bowling Club**. A long break was needed after the generous lunch before guests tackled delightful dessert supplied by **Milang Bakery**.



Bradley (Left) & Jack (Right) travelled with passports from faraway Salisbury to represent Fremantle in Footy Bowls but lost and were eliminated by a ‘stacked’ Carlton (76) to Freo (48).

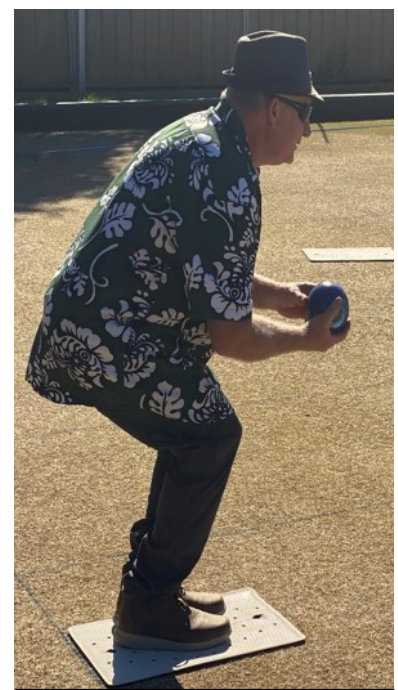


Andrea set the style for Carlton and introduced a new range of bowls fashion.

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Goal Umpires Gary (L) and Nick (R)



Andrew (Fremantle)



Western Bulldogs footy bowls team L to R: – Jorja, Steel, Mally & Kelly had fun but lost to Adelaide Crows 36 to 43.

Footy Bowls has goal and point posts at one end of the green. Players bowl from different angles trying to send their bowl through the ‘big sticks’ for a goal worth six points. **Gary and Nick** were excellent goal umpires, and the crowd cheered often when both fingers came up and two flags waved indicated a goal was scored. The “**Winners Grand Final**” a hotly contested game featured hot favourites Carlton represented by **Pier Hotel** owners **Warren & Andrea Lowe**, **Micky ‘Windows’ Blanshard** and an old guy called **Peter**. Their grand final opponents Brisbane Lions team consisted of **Milang Bakery’s Salt**, Strathalbyn ring-in **Brett**, frequent raffle winner **Graham**, and his very fit, long dog-walking partner **Gale**. After four quarters of hard-fought **Footy Bowls** scores were locked 28 points each. In thrilling extra time play Brisbane Lions Strathalbyn import **Brett** scored the final goal to win 36 to 30 points.

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“SOCIAL EVENT” *continued*

In the “**Losers Grand Final**” for teams eliminated in early rounds, Sydney (minus Pullman Hotel players) but including **Jodi, Tony, Brenton** and **Bob** were eventually beaten 42 to 36 by **AFLW** team Adelaide Crows featuring **Cheryl, Tammy, Michelle** and **Jenny**.



Pier Hotel Social Club FOOTY BOWLS winners Brisbane Lions L – R: Salt, Brett, Gale & Graham.



SALT (Brisbane Lions) - Footy Bowls Grand Final was judged MVP.



KIRSTY (Carlton) – Footy Bowls Grand Final was judged “Rising Star”.

Pier Hotel owner and **Social Club President Warren Lowe** while thanking everyone for supporting a very enjoyable day of **Footy Bowls** hosted by **Milang Bowling Club** also announced that the old guy (**Peter**) who disappointingly let down the Carlton team in the Grand Final extra-time period would be freely transferred to any other Footy Bowls team.



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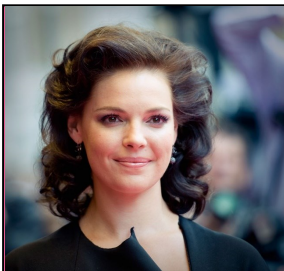
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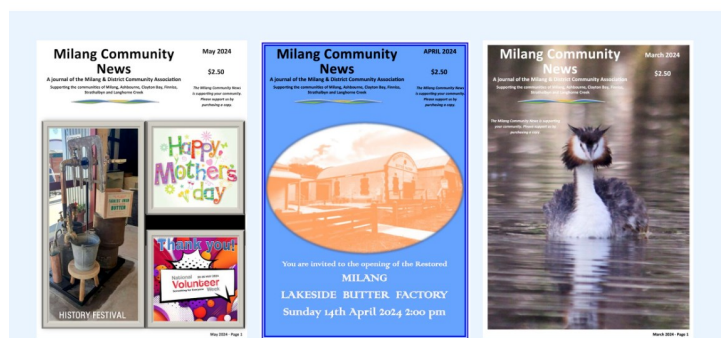
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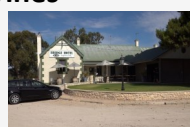


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