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WHAT'S INSIDE THE CRIER THIS MONTH:



Frontier Services



Reinterment of Matthew Flinders



Destination Outback 2024





Book Week parade 2024

FRONTIER SERVICES

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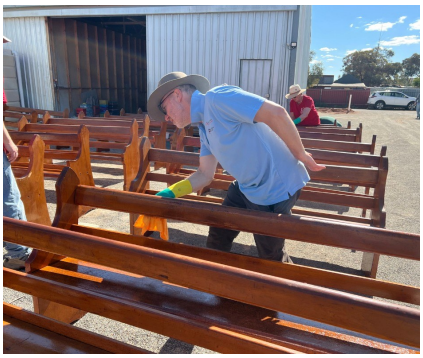








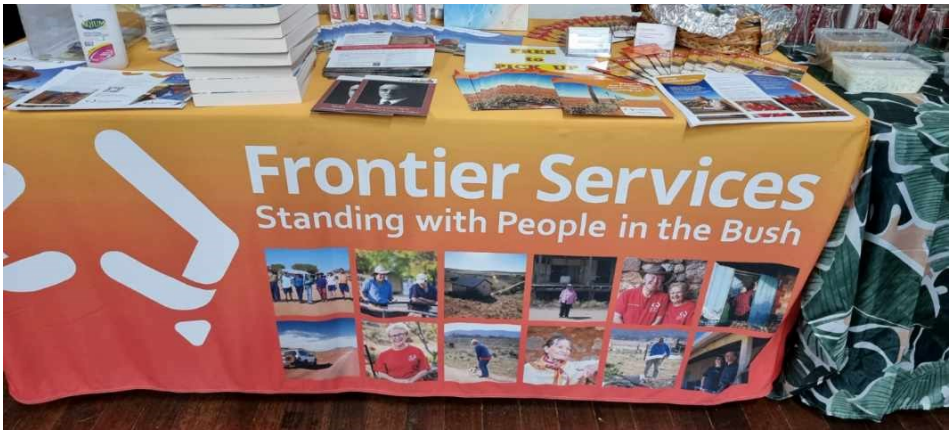




FRONTIER SERVICES WORK PARTY

Did you notice the number of people in our town last week with their red volunteer t-shirts? We were fortunate enough to have them here for the week completing church and community projects. Saturday night began with a delicious Indian Dinner prepared by Eva and her volunteers. The hall was decorated with Saris and balloons as we celebrated Sunny Kadaparambil's ten years with Frontier services.

Then it was down to hard work. Pavers were laid at the Uniting Church and Hawker Motors, Wirreanda Cottages have freshly stained verandas, yards have had a clean up, windows cleaned and other jobs. Thank you to the volunteers who completed all this work. Thank you to the Flinders Ranges Council for their assistance.





Time for dinner. What would you choose?





Some of Eva's upcycling handiwork.



Everyone enjoying delicious curries.



Congratulations Sunny on your ten years of service to the Frontier Services.

Ring my office for an appointment next time I am in **Hawker** or if more urgent ring or email my office and I will get back to

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Caring for our community

Health
Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network



Hawker Health Service Update August 2024

Many thanks to the Hospital Auxiliary for their gardening efforts during their last working bee. We have some beautiful bulbs that have just started flowering and the irises have been providing us with several vases of flowers throughout the facility.

Kate our Nursing unit Manager recently saved a little terrier called Lulu. Lulu has had several visits with the residents and they have all fallen in love with her.

We are looking forward to welcoming some more permanent staff over the next few months. They will be introduced to you all in the Town Crier as they arrive.

Save the dates -

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network Board of Management Annual Public Meeting

- Thursday 21st November

- Hawker Memorial Hospital Residents Lounge

Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council Annual General Meeting

- Thursday 14th November

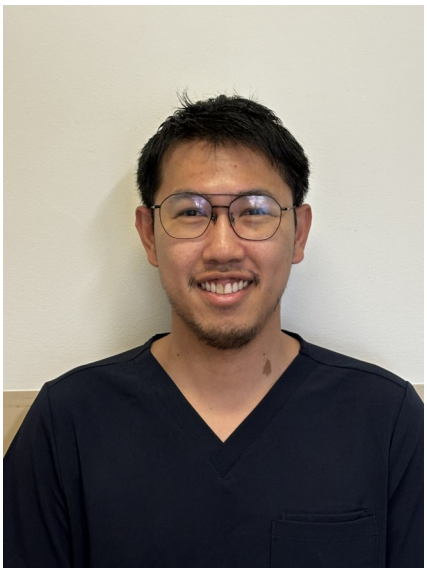
- Hawker Memorial Hospital Residents Lounge







New Staff



Welcome to Hawker Pax!

Pax is an RN originally from Thailand.

He came to Hawker due to gaining employment at the Hospital.

While here he is hoping to gain more nursing skills, learn more about the Australian culture and become a good nurse.

Pax comes across as shy but more than happy to have a chat if you let him.

Aged Care Employee Day

Staff gathered together on the 7th of August to celebrate National Aged Care Employee Day with a morning tea.



Ebony



Resident Jenny Smith and Chelsea

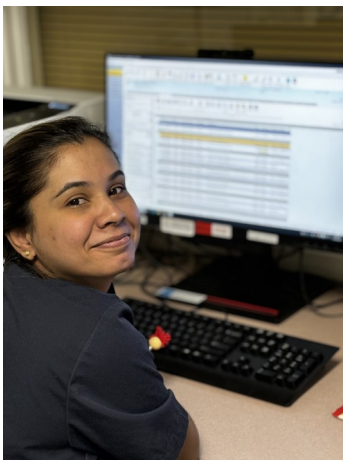
Jarvinia







Moose



Dilshani

Medical Centre News

The Private Podiatrist Nevenka will be in Hawker on Monday 30th of September. Fees do apply. For information about these appointments and bookings, call the Medical Centre on 86484172.

We have a new administration system and with it comes the opportunity to update our records. Please spare some time on your next visit to ensure that all your details are correct.

Resident Happenings

Kevin celebrated his 97th birthday on the 4th of August, he had many visitors who spent the day sharing a yarn with him. He has also planted out 2 ghost gums, 3 quandong and 1 Eremophila in the garden.

We had a barbecue of burgers on the front veranda taking in the lovely mild weather.

Our resident lounge is getting a daily workout with residents having an in house competition with the Tovertafel to see which team can get the highest score.

An all hospital competition has started with 100 numbered yellow ducks being hidden around the hospital. Residents have enjoyed pointing them out to staff to add their name to the score board. If you find one while visiting be sure to let the staff know.









Dementia Australia

Understanding Dementia

Port Augusta SA
9 October 2024

This session provides an introduction to dementia including an overview of different types of dementia, diagnosis, planning ahead and how to support someone living with dementia.

You will gain knowledge in:

- types of dementia, signs and symptoms
- the experience of living with dementia
- available services and where to access support.

Suitable for: People living with dementia, their family carers, family members, and people who are concerned they or someone they know may have dementia. This session is not suitable for volunteers, professional carers or people employed in the health or aged care industries.



When: Wednesday 9 Oct 2024
10.30am - 12.30pm, 2 hours

Where: Port Augusta Yacht Club
1 El Alamein Road
Port Augusta SA 5700

Cost: Free

Additional information:
Bookings are essential via Eventbrite.

RSVP by Monday 7 October 2024

Tea & Coffee provided

Find out more
Please contact Tanya Liddell on 0491 695 144 or email Tanya.Liddell@dementia.org.au
Book on: https://UD_PA_9Oct.eventbrite.com.au

This program and the National Dementia Helpline are funded by the Australian Government.

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HAWKER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER - SEAN HOLDEN (CEO, FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL)

ALL POSITIONS OPEN - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER @ 7PM

WHERE: HAWKER SPORTS CENTRE

SHORT BOARD MEETING OF NEW COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW AGM

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE IDEAS & HELP WITH EXCITING COMMUNITY PROJECTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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by Anne Winckel

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- Hear from The Hon. Hieu Van Le AC (former SA Governor) who wrote the Foreword.
- Meet the artist and the author; and stay on for afternoon tea and have your copy signed!



From the back cover:

How did a labourer, grader driver and house painter become a successful fine artist, a world-renowned panorama painter, and a recipient of the Order of Australia Medal? How did a misfit kid from Wirrabara Forest Primary School end up building an extraordinary gallery in South Australia's outback town of Hawker?

Jeff Morgan has now shared his story – including his secrets, his passions, and his obsession with rocks and cars. Jeff's journey highlights his love for family, the bush and his creator; but most astonishing is the litany of close calls that threatened to finish him along the way. Jeff's art is a gift and his life is nothing short of a miracle.

Friday 27 September 2024

2.30pm @ Hawker

Jeff Morgan Gallery,
61 Cradock Road,
Hawker, South Australia

Saturday 28 September 2024

2.30pm @ Laura

Courthouse Gallery,
5 Hughes Street,
Laura, South Australia

Sunday 29 September 2024

2.30pm @ Marion, Adelaide

Vietnam Veterans Federation,
The Yerbury Centre,
31–39 Norfolk Rd,
Marion, South Australia

RSVP by Friday 13.9.24 to either **Jeff & Miriam Morgan** on 0428 456 133 | jeffmorgangallery@dodo.com.au
or **Anne Winckel** on 0408 519 122 | anne@annewinckel.com (providing all names; and which dates)



Hawker School Community Library Opening Times					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School term	9:00-4:00	10:30-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-3:30
Holidays	Closed	12:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-3:30

Book Week at Hawker Area School

August 19-23, 2024



Reading is Magic was the theme for Book Week 2024. What a great theme. To me, reading magically takes me to another place, time, culture, even if it reflects my own. It gives me opportunity to escape where I am and live another life for a short period of time. I am often encouraged and refreshed. Thus, I am thankful that the power of reading is celebrate nationally every year, and that our children are inspired to read more due to this celebration.

Book Week Dress-up Day & Parade

Once again, we were blessed to have lovely weather for our Book Week Parade, which was held on Tuesday, August 20. The Kindy joined us as we ambled along the paths surrounding our playground and F-2 class, with parents, grandparents and friends watching on.

Kate and Navita from Disability Rights and Advocacy Service joined us for this event. They judged the dress-up competition, ably supported by Leonie. I very much appreciated the effort put into this by these ladies and the help that Steve provided in setting up the sound system and manning the music.

After the parade, we gathered in the library to read one of the books on the Book Week shortlist, The Concrete Garden, before heading out into the sunshine again in multi-aged groups and enjoying drawing our own pictures in chalk on the path.

The winners of the dress-up competition were…

Most creative costume: **Noah Merchant & Peter Russell**
Most glamorous costume: **Lily Morgan & Joëlle Sharples**
Most unique costume: **Archie Morgan & Lisa O'Neill**
Most original costume: **Liam Teague & Ailsa Green**
Most interesting costume: **Archie Anderson & Penny McCulloch**
Most colourful costume: **Markesha Coulthard & Emily Fels**
Most elaborate costume: **Emily Newsholme & Ingrid Condon**
Most inspirational costume: **Ben Morgan & Priya Moyle**

Gwen Telfer - In Memorium -

The Telfer family gathered to place Gwen's ashes alongside her husband Bill's ashes at a simple ceremony conducted by Rev. John Dihm. He remembered Gwen to us as a compassionate and insightful person.

The ceremony was conducted at "Bill's Paddock", a small corner of the paddock on Telfer Rd near Windy Hill. Bill was born and lived his whole life at Windy Hill. Bill's Paddock was fenced off (and named) by Trav McCourt.

Bill's Paddock contains the grave of William Telfer who died in infancy circa 1880, and the aches of Bill ashes and Dean McEvoy (Lorna's late husband). Gwen was placed next to Bill - they were married for 55 years, were rarely apart, and are together again now.

The immediate family were all present, along with descendants of the original Willow Plains settler community – Ron and Jenny McInnis, and Anne McCourt.

Tom Cooper travelled from Dubbo, and Patrick Telfer and Celeste de Claro came in from Melbourne. A barbeque dinner was enjoyed at Maraby afterwards with, as is usual, tall stories and true around the campfire.

John travelled from Perth for the event. It was both Gwen's and John's wish for John to preside at her funeral, but those plans were unfortunately scuppered by COVID travel restrictions at that time. The family thank John for his efforts.



Left to right: Warren McEvoy, Jake Paul, Celeste de Claro, Patrick Telfer, Sarah Telfer, Isabel Telfer, Andrew Telfer, Tom Cooper, Lorna McEvoy, Jim Telfer, Julie McIntyre, Neville Simmons. (Photo: Jenny McInnis)



John Dihm in “Bill’s Paddock”, with Windy Hill in the background, and Gwen/Bill’s, William’s and Dean’s headstones in the foreground (Photo: Jenny McInnis).



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"Pause to enjoy God's good gifts
And to give thanks for what
He has done in our lives"

NEUROODLA SCHOOL 1962 PART 3

Ross Argent, who now lives at Kadina, was the last teacher at Neuroodla School in 1962. The school closed at the end of 1962 and the children travelled by bus to Hawker School from the beginning of 1963. Ross has recently retired, but was Principal at Kadina Primary School for many years prior to his retirement. He has agreed to share his memories of his appointment to Neuroodla School for his first year of teaching in 1962.

My diet during the week would hardly excite a nutritionist. My evening meals consisted of a rotation of chops, sausages, tinned baked beans and spaghetti often with a fried egg on toast, all prepared on the wood stove. This was followed by tinned fruit. Breakfast was usually cereal and toast and jam if I could be bothered lighting the fire. I can't remember what I ate for lunch, probably cheese and biscuits. Nor can I remember ordering fresh fruit. Occasional meals were had at fettlers homes, and I can remember eating kangaroo, and once emu. Eating out wasn't frequent, as all families had a sufficient economic challenge to feed themselves and their children on quite meagre wages. These were denuded further by house rent and furniture hire deducted from their wages, as was the cost of their weekly supplies. I had the luxury of paying by cheque.

I would usually spend two weekends in a row at Neuroodla, and one away. It was a fairly lonely three-week period, but I managed to fill my time satisfactorily with lesson preparation, sweeping the school and house, cooking (if it can be called that), and going for walks along Neuroodla Creek and into the sand hills. The quietness on these walks seem to enhance the tranquillity of the environment, as well as creating many wild life sightings. Sturt Pea in season were prolific and just magnificent.

I ordered a newspaper from Port Augusta and this was thrown from a passing train. With no television or radio and only a kerosene lamp to read by, early nights were the go. Often after school I would kick a football backwards and forwards. Usually, the Gliesche girls would come out to join me, which was helpful as they would retrieve the ball and return it. This saved me aiming at poles or railway trucks, then fetching it myself. One time I ventured to Mount Eyre and climbed to the top where I caught a glimpse of Lake Torrens in the distance.

NEUROODLA SCHOOL 1962 PART 3

Once a month, the Methodist minister from Hawker would visit. Trevor Hoffman was his name, I think. He visited every family, irrespective of their religious beliefs and attitude to preachers. After a meal with the Gliesches, he would conduct a church service in the school. The only attendees were Werner and Gerda Gliesche, their two girls and me. No disrespect, but my attendance was motivated by the opportunity to break up the mundane nature of my week.



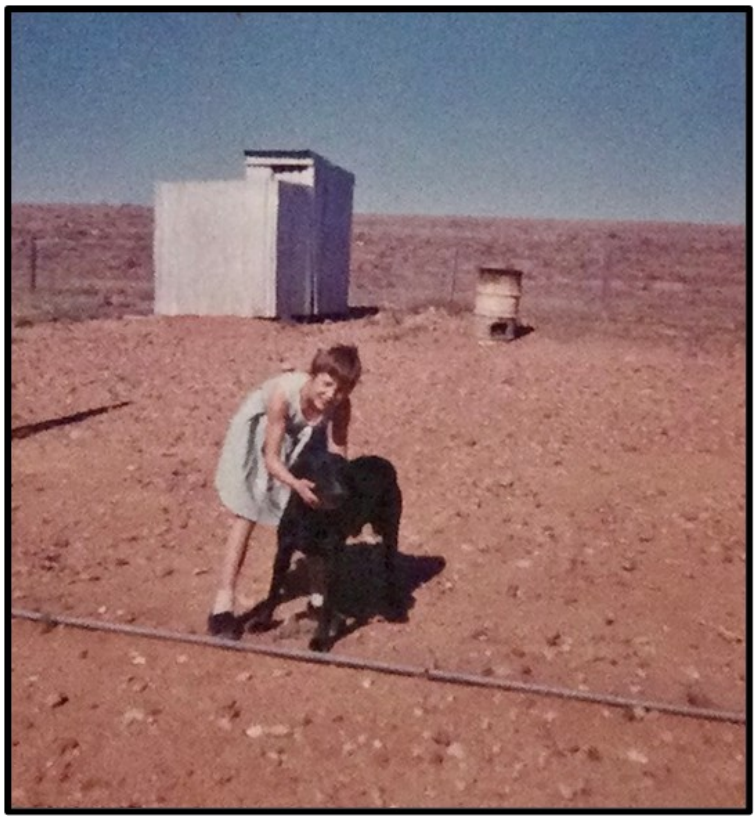
Neuroodla School, which also functioned as a church. (erected after the fire)

Hawker visitor centre, hawkervic.info

Only two fettlers owned cars during my time in Neuroodla – Bill Clements and Werner Gliesche. Both would travel to Hawker most weekends – one on a Saturday, the other on a Sunday. I was able to travel in on both of these visits if I was in the camp on a weekend. Each journey was for a vastly different purpose. Bill would go on Saturdays to spend time at the Hawker hotel. During winter drinking time was curtailed a little though, as he and I played football in Hawker. It was the last year of the Far Northern Football League. With numbers down, the league decided to “pool” the players from previous sides Hawker and Waybacks, and call them Hawker Red and Hawker Green. Bill and I were in the Green team. Carrieton was the other club in the league. I played about five games, one of these at Carrieton. I have little recollection of results, though I do remember that the Carrieton oval was rock hard and when a skinny bloke like myself got thrown it jarred. Teams were finalised in the pub before games and a bee-line was made there afterwards.

NEUROODLA SCHOOL 1962 PART 3

In summer, longer and more relaxed drinking time could be had till the local policeman arrived at 6 o'clock to ensure a 6.10 pm closing. I was not much of a drinker and needed to pace myself. This was necessary as between Hawker and Neuroodla there were four gates to open and Bill thought it necessary to open a long neck at several of them on the way home.
It was on an early trip to the hotel with Bill that I acquired a black labrador dog – Bongo – given to me by a shearer who could no longer keep him. He was a good companion for many months until he got into a dog fight and bit Mrs Tuttle who tried to break it up. It was decided Bongo had to go – a task performed by one of the fettlers, and to which I reluctantly, but necessarily agreed.

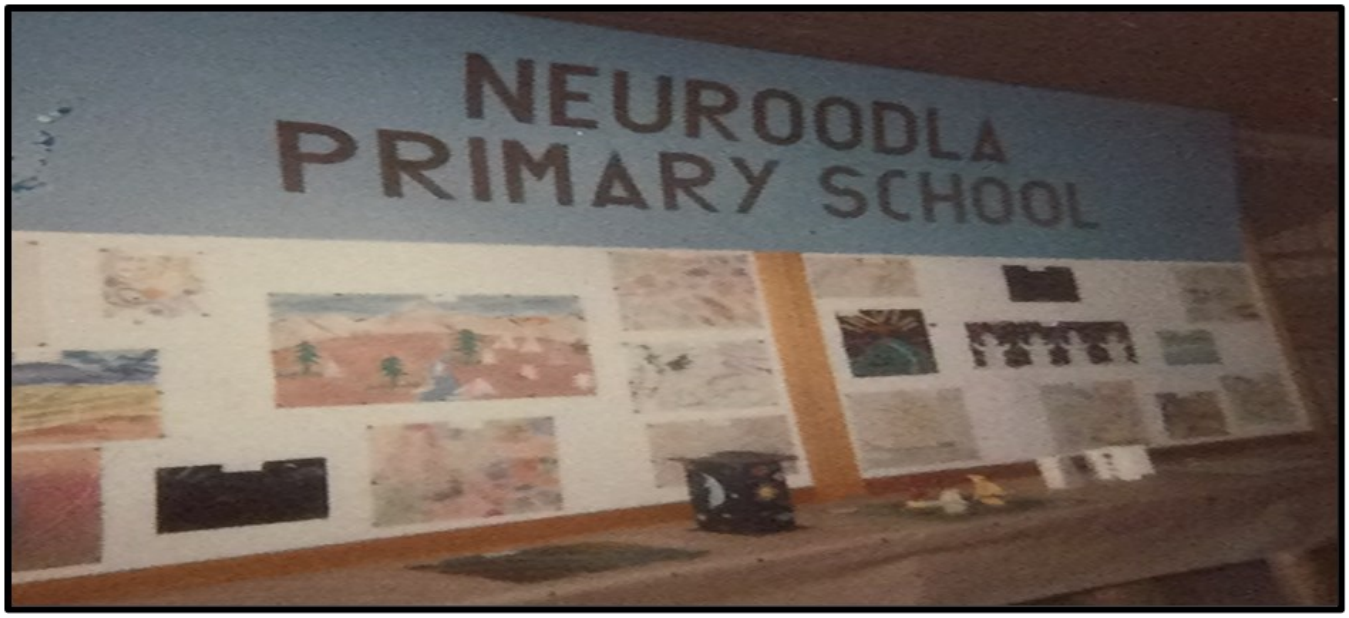


Shirley Clements with Banjo. School toilet in the background. *Ross Argent*

Werner's visits were of an entirely different nature. He and his family would go to Hawker to have a meal with the principal of Hawker school, Mr Wendlebaum, I think, then go to church in the evening. I was made welcome on this event and I gladly accepted the invitation.

NEUROODLA SCHOOL 1962 PART 3

As a result of these weekend visits to Hawker for quite diverse reasons, my fondness for the town was immense. Compared to Neuroodla, Hawker felt like New York City, and I have never lost my love for the place. My wife and I enjoy visiting, and for many years regularly attended the Hawker Cup race meeting with friends. We never not stop on our trips to the Flinders, and a beer at the Hawker Pub, which has hardly changed in 60 years, is nostalgic nectar.



Neuroodla School display at 1962 Hawker Show. Identifying panel made by one of the fettlers.

Towards the end of the year, it was decided to close Neuroodla School and transport the children by bus to Hawker (guess they got rid of the gates for grids!) Thus, came to an end the educational institution of Neuroodla Rural School after a brief history –seven years, 1956 – 1962. I'm not sure how much the students learnt during my time there, but I learnt plenty. The first was to get by with not much, look after yourself and get on with it. The second and most important was that "book learning" was only one aspect of knowledge and that cleverness comes in many forms. My experience among mainly "unschooled" fettlers taught me to value skills, abilities and helpfulness amongst all people irrespective of their economic status and educational background. Without the practical resourcefulness of the fettlers and the help they provided me, I would have struggled big time. They were battlers, but incredibly street smart, something I was not. They showed me much kindness in a most undemonstrative manner. My year there was not bliss, but it did me no harm and a lot of good and has left me with many sentimental memories. Distance lends enchantment, I guess.

The Reinterment of Captain Matthew Flinders in Donington, Lincolnshire, Saturday July 13th 2024 by Amy Morgan



St Mary and the Holy Rood Church in Donington



Inside the church where Matthew Flinders was laid to rest.



Matthew Flinders' Ledger Stone, which was made specially in Ireland to match the other ledger stones in the church.



The orignal coffin plate of Matthew Flinders which allowed his remains to be identified during the excavations at Euston Station in 2019. The coffin plate was presented to the Governor General of South Australia by members of the Flinders Family at the reinterment, and will be on display at the South Australian Maritime museum at Port Adelaide.



Matthew Flinders was carried through the his home village of Donington in a hearse, following the Bishop of Lincoln and followed by the Naval Standards and RNA Guard of Honour.



Crowds of people came to celebrate Matthew Flinders coming home to Donington.



Matthew Flinders was carried into the church by six naval ensigns, following the Bishop of Lincoln.

Quite by chance, we found ourselves at the reinterment of Captain Matthew Flinders.

We had visited the village of Donington on our last visit to the UK. It was close to my hometown, and we were interested to see where the man whose name is all over South Australia came from. At that time, there was a notice up in the church of St Mary and the Holy Rood about the reinterment of Matthew Flinders being postponed because of covid.

We landed in the UK on the 12th July for a family holiday, and I knew the next day we would be driving from Norfolk up to Yorkshire. I knew it wasn't much of a detour to Donington, so I Googled if the reinterment had happened, only to discover that it was happening the next day! We had to go, and I am so glad we made the effort.



A model of the HMS Investigator, the ship in which Flinders mapped the Southern coast of Australia. The plaque reads:
HMS INVESTIGATOR Donated to St. Marys Church, Donington, 13 July 2024, in the 250th year since the birth of Capt. Matthew Flinders, by Ken Messenger of Adelaide, Past President of the Seven Seas Club of Australia



A cake of Matthew Flinders was made by a local cake maker, modelled on the statue of Flinders that is in the village. It was a Victoria sponge with white chocolate ganache. It was eaten after the Church service.

There was a whole day of events planned for the 13th July. A local group called ‘Matthew Flinders Bring Him Home’ played a pivotal part of making sure the famous Captain was laid to rest in his hometown. They helped to plan the day and were a big part of what made the day such a success.

We arrived at Donington about 1pm. We made it to the church not long afterwards, where I spied a stall selling some souvenirs. After grabbing the essentials (including a magnet and tea towel!) we discovered that the reinterment service itself inside the church was a balloted ticket event, with dignitaries, diplomats and descendants in attendance. I was disappointed we couldn’t get in the church to have a look, but I started chatting to this nice Aussie chap, and after I had told him where we had come from, he said we should go inside and ‘take a look’, and make sure we find the cake as it was incredible. So in we went, very out of place in our jeans and waterproof jackets, surrounded by people in formal attire and decorated Naval Officers wearing multiple medals.

But we managed to have a good look and got to see first hand Flinders’ final resting place, along with his ledger stone, his original coffin plate, a model of the HMS Investigator, and of course the very impressive cake! Once we had finished, we hastily made our exit, and found a spot opposite the church to view Matthew Flinders making his way to his final resting place.

At 1:45pm, Flinders’ hearse began the journey through Donington to the church, with the road lined with people coming to experience this once in-a-lifetime event. The hearse met with the Bishop of Lincoln, Church Wardens, a Navy Guard of Honour and Sea Cadets. Flinders’ coffin was carried into the church by 6 Naval ensigns, where there was a display of Naval Standards and RNA Guard of Honour. At 2:30pm, a Naval party fired a salut before the service began.



The stunning stained glass window in the Church of St Mary and the Holy Rood, featuring Matthew Flinders and also Joseph Banks (who was a great patron of Flinders) and George Bass (who had, with Flinders discovered that Tasmania was an island).

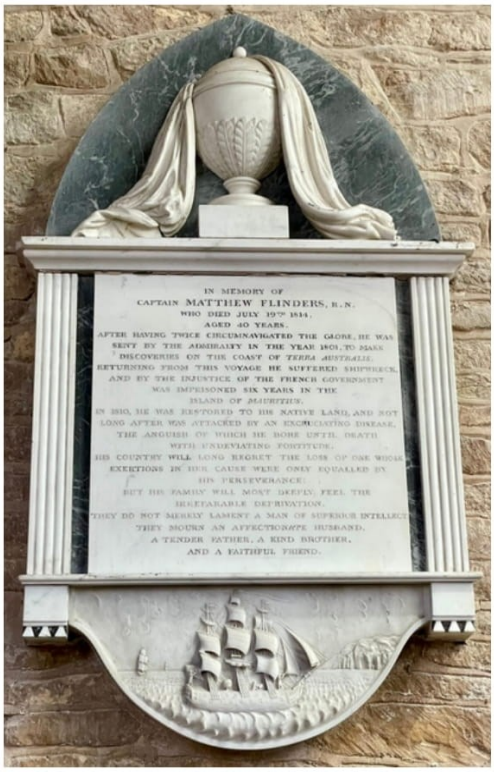
Once the service had begun, the crowds started to dissipate, and we went off to find something to eat, and what could be more British than some fish and chips! But before we left Donington to make our way up to Yorkshire, we headed back to the church, as I wanted to find the Wollemi Pine that I had read that had been gifted to the Church for the reinterment. These critically endangered species were accidentally discovered in 1994, when scientists looking for canyons in NSW discovered these trees. Less than 100 individual adult trees are known in the wild, so having specimens planted across the globe will help to ensure the future of these unique trees. It was fantastic to see such a special tree in real life, as seeing them in the wild is impossible as the location of the grove in Wollemi National Park in NSW is a closely guarded secret.



A statue of Flinders in the centre of Donington, featuring his cat Trim, which accompanied him on his trip circumnavigating Australia.



A Wollemi Pine (*Wollemia nobilis*) was gifted to the Church and planted in it's grounds. The only other examples of this critically endangered species of tree in the UK are found in botanic gardens.



IN MEMORY OF
CAPTAIN MATTHEW FLINDERS, R.N.
WHO DIED JULY 19T™ 1814,
AGED 40 YEARS.
AFTER HAVING TWICE CIRCUMNAVIGATED THE GLOBE, HE WAS SENT BY THE ADMIRALITY IN THE YEAR 1801, TO MAKE DISCOVERIES ON THE COAST OF TERRA AUSTRALIS. RETURNING FROM THIS VOYAGE HE SUFFERED SHIPWRECK, AND BY THE INJUSTICE OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS IMPRISONED SIX YEARS IN THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS.
IN 1810, HE WAS RESTORED TO HIS NATIVE LAND, AND NOT LONG AFTER WAS ATTACKED BY AN EXCRUCIATING DISEASE, THE ANGUISH OF WHICH HE BORE UNTIL DEATH WITH UNDEVIATING FORTITUDE.
HIS COUNTRY WILL LONG REGRET THE LOSS OF ONE WHOSE EXERTIONS IN HER CAUSE WERE ONLY EQUALLED BY HIS PERSEVERANCE:
BUT HIS FAMILY WILL MOST DEEPLY FEEL THE IRREPARABLE DEPRIVATION.
THEY DO NOT MERELY LAMENT A MAN OF SUPERIOR INTELLECT THEY MOURN AN AFFECTIONATE HUSBAND, A TENDER FATHER, A KIND BROTHER, AND A FAITHFUL FRIEND.

A remembrance plaque to Matthew Flinders in the church. The text has been copied for easier reading.



A bust of Matthew Flinders by sculptor Arthur Fleischmann on display at the church

On this page and the previous, I have included some of the photos I took on our already mentioned trip to Donington in 2022. That was a completely different experience, being the only ones in the church and the streets of Donington empty. The stained glass window was magnificent, and I was glad to see that Flinders was going to be buried next to it. In the church there was also a bust, and a remembrance plaque. Other members of Matthew Flinders family had also been buried in the church's graveyard. In the centre of the village of Donington is a statue of Flinders featuring his cat Trim and a map of Australia.

Considering that Matthew Flinders' name is so well known and is a common sight in Australia, and South Australia in particular, he was a humble explorer and named nothing after himself. His contribution to Australian history is recognised widely, being the first person to circumnavigate the continent, and by using the name 'Australia' in his writings, brought the name into common use.

A quote from Flinders in Voyage to Terra Australis, 1814: *Had I permitted myself any innovation upon the original term Terra Australis, it would have been to convert it into Australia; as being more agreeable to the ear, and as an assimilation to the names of the other great portions of the earth.*

WORSHIP DATES FOR HAWKER UNITING CHURCH

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Notes from the Town Crier September 1988

The District Council of Hawker celebrated 100 years of service to the Community.

Opera in the Outback

The outback was privileged to witness a Bicentennial event promoted internationally, and to have the opportunity to enjoy what is usually predominately city culture. Although some enjoyed city restaurant service the majority did not go hungry with a variety of foodstalls including local produce. The main beneficiary of the event was the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Late in the afternoon patrons were encouraged to leave for Yulkarinha Gorge, several hours walk away or a very slow trip in a car. Walking along the graded Trebilcock Creek bed from the main road to the Opera site did not seem quite right, but was well appreciated on the walk back in the dark – only being illuminated with fairy lights.

The breeze dropped, as the sun did between the hills, and the soft dusk light was replaced by the electronic lighting, which complimented the orchestral music. Local cockatoos wheeled and screeched as the music disturbed their usual evening quietness, but were soon silent, as was the human audience, captivated by the purer, clear, crisp notes of music.

Historic Beltana Church Service –associated with Opera in the Outback

On Sunday morning September 4th a large crowd estimated at over 1000 people gathered outside the small "Smith of Dunesk" church at the old township of Beltana.

The Beltana Church has historical significance in being the base for Smith of Dunesk mission, over 60 years ago, from which John Flynn began his Australian Inland Mission. The people had come to give thanks for the past, and to honour the work of the rev John Flynn, whose vision gave to Australia, the mantle of safety provided by the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Padre Bill Paynter arrived in a replica of John Flynn's vehicle from the 1920's. The old buckboard was complete with pedal wireless, boxes, lantern, billycan and emergency medical equipment. Three original Nursing sisters, Mrs "Possum" Kipling, Mrs Jack Nugent and Mrs Henry McCourt, who worked afterwards in the Mitchell's Home were among the congregation.

The Avenue of Honour – Hawker Railway Park

32 people planted 130 trees and shrubs and 5 more shrubs were planted by the Kindergarten children. On Friday September 16th the final dedication of the "Avenue of Honour" will happen with the unveiling of a plaque and the students of Hawker Area School and distinguished community members will plant shrubs to commemorate the philosophy of the "Avenue".

The End of an Era in Hawker

At 8:00am on Wednesday, September 7th 1988, the last official manually operated telephone exchange in South Australia, situated in the red brick Communications Building, Elder Tce Hawker, was converted to STD. The girl on the switchboard that morning, was Cynthia Nutt, but the other girls were also present, when all the shutters fell at once to indicate the Manual Exchange was dead. So ended almost 63 years of continuous service by the manual exchange staff to the people of Hawker and district. The Post Office was built in 1882 for the sum of $1828.00. The telephone was installed in this building in 1922, when it was operated by the postal staff between the hours of 9am and 6pm. It became a 24 hour service in 1926. The last call from the Hawker Manual exchange was the one that activated the Fire siren, signalling the end of an era.

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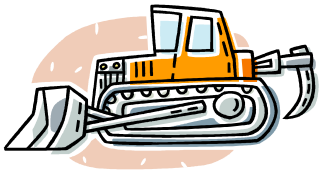
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750g cauliflower cut into florets

500g broccoli cut into florets

½ cup soy sauce

2 garlic cloves, crushed

2 tsp finely grated fresh ginger

¼ cup mirin seasoning

1 cup cornflour

vegetable oil for shallow frying

2 tsp sesame seeds, toasted

steamed Asian greens and white rice to serve

Japanese mayonnaise and tonkatsu sauce to serve

Cook cauliflower and broccoli in a saucepan of boiling water about 5 minutes until broccoli is bright green and almost tender. Do not overcook. Drain and refresh under cold water. Drain well. Combine soy sauce, garlic, ginger and mirin in a medium bowl. Add the cauliflower mixture and toss to coat. Stand 10 minutes to absorb flavour, tossing occasionally. Place cornflour in a bowl. Drain cauliflower mixture and discard marinade. Pour enough vegetable oil into a large, deep frying pan to reach 1cm up the side. Heat over medium high heat. Working with a few florets at a time, toss cauliflower and broccoli in cornflour to coat. Shallow fry vegetables 2-3 minutes each side until golden and crisp. Drain on paper towels. Repeat with the remaining florets. Sprinkle vegetables with the sesame seeds. Serve with steamed greens, rice, mayonnaise and a drizzle of tonkatsu sauce. Mirin is a Japanese wine and can be substituted with rice or whit wine vinegar. Tonkatsu is a Japanese seasoning that can be substituted with Worcestershire sauce.

CAULIFLOWER & CHICKPEA CURRY

2 tbs olive oil

1 onion, thickly sliced

2 tbs Indian curry paste of your choice

400g diced tomatoes

1 ½ cups vegetable stock

1 head cauliflower, cut into florets

400g chickpeas, rinsed, drained

250g green beans, trimmed, halved

1 bunch kale, trimmed, roughly chopped

plain yoghurt to serve

CAULIFLOWER & CHICKPEA CURRY cont.

In a large saucepan, heat half the oil on medium. Saute onion 4-5 minutes until golden. Add paste and cook 2 minutes until fragrant. Stir in tomatoes and stock and bring to boil. Add cauliflower and simmer 4-5 minutes until just tender. Mix in chickpeas and bean and cook 2-3 minutes until vegetables are tender. Season to taste. Heat remaining oil in a large frying pan and cook kale, covered, 1-2 minutes until just wilted. Season to taste. Serve curry hot with kale and yoghurt on the side. Silver beet can be used in place of kale.

CREAMY CAULIFLOWER SOUP

1 large onion, finely chopped

1 large carrot, chopped

1 stalk celery, finely sliced

1 tbs Moroccan seasoning

1 tsp ground turmeric

1 litre vegetable stock

270ml can coconut milk

750g cauliflower, cut into florets

300g potatoes peeled, chopped

1 lemon halved

1/3 cup finely chopped coriander

Heat an oiled stockpot over medium heat. Add onion, carrot and celery. Cook, stirring, about 3 minutes until onion has softened. Add seasonings and cook 1 minute, stirring. Add 1 cup water, stock, coconut milk, cauliflower, potatoes and lemon halves. Stir to combine. Bring to boil, cover and simmer about 10 minutes until cauliflower and potatoes are tender. Remove pot from heat. Using tongs, squeeze juice from lemons into soup then discard lemon. Cool soup slightly then blend until smooth. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Stir in coriander and serve piping hot with crusty bread.

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DESTINATION OUTBACK 2024

Wow what a wonderful weekend we had here at Merna Mora Station, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August.

We had the privilege of hosting 162 members from Destination Outback 2024 from Dubbo South Rotary Club. What an amazing group of people who are dedicated to helping the smaller communities. With $10,000 donated around the Hawker Community, Wireanda Cottages, Hawker Hospital Auxiliary & Hawker Community Sports Centre.

As a part of the Hawker community, we are very thankful for the generosity and kind donation from the Destination Outback committee. A special thanks goes out to Grant Spencer and his team for choosing to stay here at Merna Mora Station.

I would also like to thank our family and friends for all their help over the weekend, we wouldn't have pulled off such a great weekend without you.

A big thank you to the Destination Outback group for all their amazing fundraising they do for the smaller communities.

THANK YOU

From the FELS Family

Merna Mora Station









Donations donated to:

Hawker Hospital Auxiliary, Wirreanda Cottages & Hawker Community Sports Centre.





Community News



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS



to all those who celebrate birthdays in September

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GET WELL



Our thoughts and prayers are with all in our community who are not well.

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DEATHS

Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are with all community members who have lost a family member or friend recently, especially

Family and Friends of John Verdon Hall

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to *Michael and Marlene McAuley* who will celebrate their 60th (Diamond) Wedding Anniversary at the end of this month.

Belated congratulations to *David (Chocko) and Kay Lindblom* who celebrated their 55th wedding Anniversary last month.

Best Wishes to both couples for the future!

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FAREWELL

To Robert and Barbara Webb for their move to Adelaide

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Next Gathering:

Thursday 19th September

12 noon at Old Ghan Restaurant

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

To all our Fathers present we hope that you had a wonderful day and we also remember with love those who have passed.

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NEWS from the HAWKER HOSPITAL AUXILIARY…

Our AGM was held on Monday, 5th August and these are the Officer positions for the coming year –
Jenny McInnis, President; Carmel Reynolds, Vice-President;
Jane Tanner, Secretary; and Janet Teague, Treasurer.

Outgoing President, Noreen Pardoe, gave this report to summarize our special centenary year …

The past year has been quite a busy one for us, as we have witnessed the front lawn & garden improvements provided by Patricks Landscaping, and the installation of two bench seats in the Sensory Garden. Our garden maintenance has been ongoing.

Prior to the celebrations for the 100 years of the Hawker Hospital and Auxiliary, Ric Onley completed the paving edges around the roses, and they were fertilized. The privacy panel at the emergency entrance was provided by our funds from the Hawker Arts Exhibition committee, the plaque being installed by HAC members. The Centenary celebration was very well attended and from our community, we presented Dr. Susi Andersson, our long-serving and much-loved Doctor, with a Copper Garden Sculpture.

The Annual Carols Night was a great success and after this event we were approached by Paula Osborn at Flinders Ranges Council regarding a recognition certificate for our community Christmas Carols. The certificate was presented on Australia Day 2024.

Julia Henderson asked for comments to support the application of an Australia Day award for Doctor Susi. This request was fulfilled, and Dr. Susi received her award on Australia Day 2024.

We also contributed to the Community Health gathering run by Penny Hooper at the Sports & Community Centre on 24th June 2024.

Although we had many successful & pleasant outcomes this year, a lot of our questions to Ashley have not resulted in feedback. During the last two meetings, Ashley was only able to spend very little time with us due to some incoming messages when he had to leave the room. Whilst we are aware of his very busy workload, it has been disheartening to not be able to receive answers to our questions for our way forward.

Thanks go to everyone on the Auxiliary and those who have helped with our functioning.

Noreen Pardoe

Since the AGM we have again been active with garden maintenance – and here are a few photos from August 19th & 20th… ***Keep 30th November free for this year's Carol Night!***





Country Health Connect Hawker Update

September 2024

Connecting your health and wellbeing with Community based health professionals from Country Health Connect

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

To Access these services

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Hawker July 2024 Service Report:				
New referrals received	Number of in person services	Number of phone services	Number of telehealth / video conferencing services/Other	Number of "consumer not attended" services
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Allied Health Professionals September 2024 Visiting Schedule:				
24th September				
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28TH SEPT MIKE DOUGHTY

Bowls	**Peter Zadow**
Cricket	**Brendan McInnis**
Tennis	**Daren O'Neill**
Golf	**Ben Dubois**
Netball	**Stef Teague**



GOLF PROGRAMME

7TH SEPTEMBER	STABLEFORD
8TH SEPTEMBER	QUORN OPEN
14TH SEPTEMBER	PAR
21ST SEPTEMBER	CLOSING DAY

MIXED NETBALL
Friday Nights
Juniors 5.30pm
Seniors 6.30pm

Sports Centre
AGM
Friday 6th September
7.30pm

THE HAWKER WALKERS…

FROM ROAD BRIDGE TO RAILWAY BRIDGE!

July 22nd we switched to Monday for walking and again had a great day together: Julia, Janet, Maggie & Jane





We were heading down Wirreanda Creek from the road bridge – firstly along the bank, to the first water pool.





This impressive old tree could tell a story or two! Then it was to the creek bed with variety of views.





We walked the wrong way for the photo, but we did make it to the railway bridge! And more water!







We enjoyed lunch before heading back along the roadway… and along the old railway track… to a well-received cuppa and the interesting drive home. Thanks Mark and Jane for allowing our venture!

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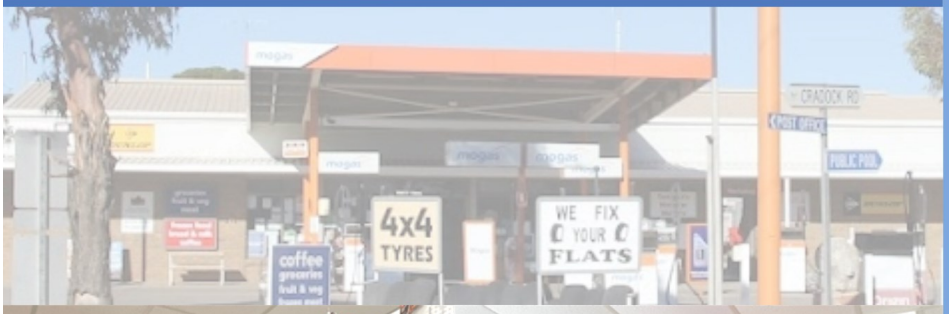
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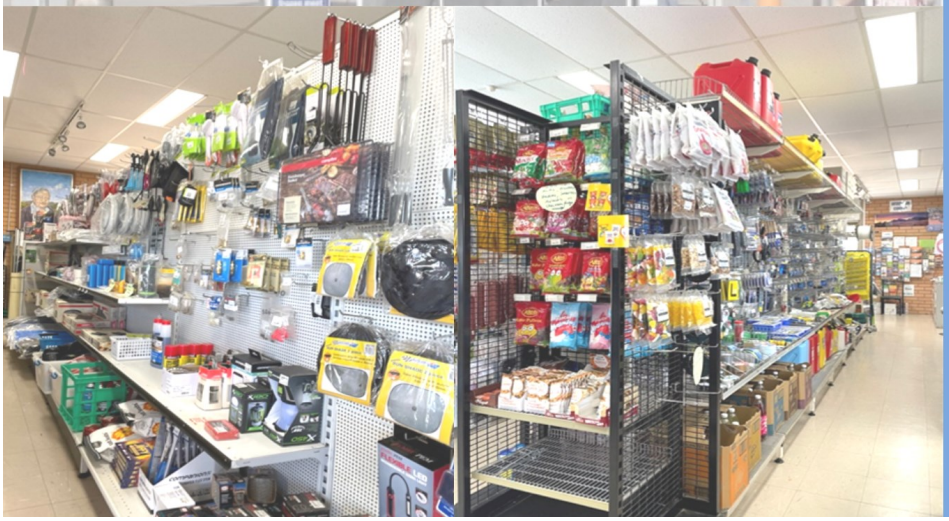
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Outback LADIES MUSTER 2024

Monday 14 October - Flinders Food Co.

- 5:00pm Registrations, Cocktail Evening & Couch Conversation

Tuesday 15 October- Hawker Institute (Hall)

- Early Morning Yoga (optional - will take bookings closer)
- Welcome Breakfast
- Keynote Speaker - 'Power Pausing' with Mia Handshin
- Speaker Sessions - Iris & Wool, Wright Social, 5431 Collective & Be Simply Free
- Lunch
- Workshops - (choice of two)
  - Upcycling and styling with indoor plants,
  - Breadmaking- ways to use dough
  - Pot plant painting
  - Defining your personal style
- Formal Dinner at Rawnsley Park Station (buses to/from Hawker included)

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Wilpena Telephone Exchange Cutover…Oct 1974. 50 years !!

From just after the First World War, telephone services were restricted in all Australian country areas, by the lack of available parts….eg telephones and associated line insulators…

Australia's telephones were purchased from various overseas sources , and the telephone line insulators as well.

After the Second World War, nothing had changed, however the demands for better communications became very important…….

About half of the telephone customers were sharing "party line" connections, many lines used various forms of insulators, including beer bottle necks..!

Privately erected telephone lines, and in association with nearby neighbours, managed to erect 'party lines', where a common line was shared with up to 6 parties…

Maintenance was difficult and not always shared..

The two larger party lines in the Wilpena area, on the Hawker to Blinman road, were at capacity, and the demands by the Wilpena Chalet and the South Australian Tourist Commission, put much pressure on the line, and to George and Betty Hunt's service.

Wilpena Chalet could not be connected to either of the party lines, because they were already maximised……so Maureen Murphy , the chalet secretary, would ride a bicycle, sometimes twice a day, to the Hunt's homestead to collect the chalet's bookings…

The demands on that party line was causing concerns to others on that line, so action was paramount….I had many long discussions with customers, Kevin Rasheed and the state and federal politicians, requesting their urgent input.

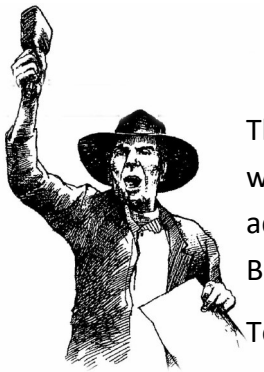
A priority was requested in late 1972, and so the proposed route was determined, the number of properties requiring basic services, the accessibility of services and type of cabling needs, the location and power supply for the new exchange…..etc etc without any thoughts of any future requirements…… eg Mobile Telephone needs .!!

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The new auto telephone exchange was located, with difficulty, on site in September, 1974……the low-loader transporting the building became severely bogged, adjacent to the site, and required two Highway's graders to assist and reinstate……1974 was a wet year, with Wilpena receiving 36 inches…..

All of the customers had the new automatic telephone installed, and the cutover successfully completed in early October, 1974…

This article was submitted by Peter Harris who was the Telecom Technician in Hawker in the 1970's



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October 14th Outback ladies Muster
November 30th Hawker Carols



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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 HCDB AGM	19Friendship Group	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Community Calendar October 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14Outback Ladies Muster	15	16	17	18Friendship Group	19
20	21	22	23Fellowhsip 100th Birthday	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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