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Thank you to all who generously contributed photos for this issue.

Hawker Races 2026





Fashions of the Field winners: Local Lady winner, Amanda Gill (pictured right with her son Troy) and Annalise Fisher (pictured above with her mother Anne Marie, winner of The In-Between Icon (ages 13-17). Fashionista of the Future winner, (12 & under) Lily Morgan (top).

Government of South Australia
Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council Inc.

Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council

You are a vital partner in your own health, the health of your community, and in designing and delivering better healthcare in our region.

Health Services in our region realise the value of consumer and carer engagement and participation.

Involving consumers and carers in health decision making provides an important balance to the views of health professionals.

The Health Advisory Council in our region is all about giving members of the community the opportunity to have a say about the way in which health services provide for our health care needs.

It is also about making community members more aware of current trends in health care provision and the impact that any proposed changes may have on the delivery of health care.

Presiding Member Update:

The Presiding Member of the HAC:

- Shared employment opportunities at the Hawker Hospital on Social Media.
- 14 May 2026 met with Anne O'Reilly Project Officer, Aged Care and Health Engagement Local Network, Australian Government, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to discuss Aged Care issues, services and concerns in Hawker area.
- 20 May 2026 met with representative from Flinders Ranges Council and other community groups to look at the program for Seniors Week being held from 14-19 June. Look out for events to be held in Hawker during Seniors Week.

Health Advisory Council Meeting

- The Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council (HAC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday 18 June 2026.

HAC Chat (Community Consultation)

Providing community members with an opportunity to have a say in health care in Hawker.

I will be available at the Hawker General Store on Friday 12 June 2026, 10.00am-12.00pm if you would like to catch up with me.

Julie Brown
Presiding Member
Hawker Memorial Hospital HAC
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Acknowledgement

The Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council would like to acknowledge and thank the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary for the great work they do fundraising for the hospital. The auxiliary were recognised by Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network during Volunteer Week.



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And Hawker Medical Centre.

Seasonal: 2026 Annual Funded Influenza Program

South Australia Schedule

Funded influenza vaccines should be offered to all those in the following groups:

- All people aged 6 months and older with medical risk factors (listed below)
- All pregnant women
- All Aboriginal** people aged 6 months and older
- All children aged 6 months to less than 5 years
- All people aged 65 years and older
- All people experiencing homelessness***

Medical Risk Factors (refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook)

Cardiac Disease	Chronic Respiratory Conditions	Chronic Neurological Conditions	Other Risk Conditions
• Congenital heart disease • Congestive heart failure • Coronary artery disease	• Severe asthma • Cystic fibrosis • Bronchiectasis • Suppurative lung disease • Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease • Chronic emphysema	• Hereditary and degenerative CNS diseases • Seizure disorders • Spinal cord injuries • Neuromuscular disorders • Conditions which impair respiratory or airway function	• Diabetes and other metabolic disorders • Renal disease • Haemoglobinopathies • Immunocompromising conditions due to diseases or treatment, asplenia or splenic dysfunction, HIV infection • Long term aspirin therapy in children aged 6 months to 10 years

** The term Aboriginal is inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

*** **Adults and children experiencing homelessness and living in:**

- improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping rough
- supported accommodation for the homeless
- boarding houses or other temporary dwellings
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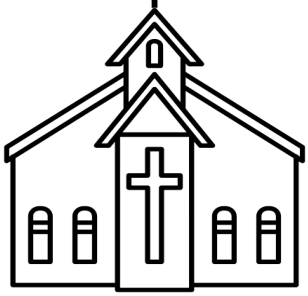
Fellowship

Next Meeting

June 24th Farina (perhaps)

HAWKER CATHOLIC CHURCH
Hawker: Sunday 10:30am

Weekly Services
Quorn Sunday 8:15am
Carrieton Saturday 6:00pm
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Sunday Mass

Hawker 10.30am

Jessica Fels from Merna Mora Station, has decided to take an amazing opportunity to extend her knowledge in Agriculture, in Canada. She will be working for a family running a Black Angus Cattle Stud in the state of Alberta, about 1½ hours South-east of Calgary. Leading up to this amazing experience, Jessica completed an Agricultural Science Degree, then went to further her studies in Far North Queensland in her graduate year.



Phillip, Jessica and Sonya Fels on their way to Adelaide to see Jessica on the plane for Canada.

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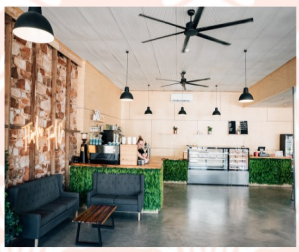
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The Hawker Railway Dam

Following the railway closure, the dam I'd known since I was a boy held only a few feet of water because it had become heavily silted. Leo Collins, a long-time respected resident, and I often spoke of the advantages of cleaning it out for gardeners especially as the local bore supply that at the time wasn't desalinated.

I was the manager at the Barytes mine at the time and had access to machinery. Nearing our Christmas break I said I would use our 933 track loader and see how we go at getting the silt out. When it was time to start it raised some eyebrows and as expected the loader had to be pulled out, the council supplied their dozer for some days until the loader was able to get in and out by itself. I keenly let any of my workers drive the loader, but rather than move the silt any distance it was piled on top of the original iron fence to form much higher banks than they were originally. Three weeks later plus some bull-dozer work it was job done.

Lindsay Clarke our very popular council chief at the time sent me a letter of thanks, saying without my effort it may have never been done, and because of the use of the water for the Blue Burt Park I was given the honour of planting the federation tree there. However, since the council amalgamation, it would seem Quorn wants to make a cash cow out of the whole setup that has run smoothly for years, supplying water well above mains quality for gardeners in the town and the Blue Burt Park lawns.

Bernie Matthews





Work on the Railway Dam, January, 1983. (right and below)

Spiers family collection



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From the *TOWN CRIER* Archives

36 Years Ago - June 1990 (Cover Price 70c)

Weather: The highest maximum for the month of May was 27.6 C, the lowest minimum was 2.8 C and 43.6mm of rain was recorded.

Historical notes: At least one Australian had two bob each way during the heated federation debate in the 1890's. James Edmonds, an associated editor with the Bulletin, entered an essay contest run by Edward Cole, owner of Melbourne's famous book arcade. Edmonds won 100 pounds for the best essay in favour of federation. Then, under a pseudonym, he also wrote the best essay opposing federation and should have won another 100 pounds, however Mr Coles refused to hand over the prize, claiming Edmond's duel effort was contrary to the spirit of the competition.

On June 13th 1927 Gordon Kirlpatrick, better known as Slim Dusty was born.

On June 14th 1883 a banquet for over 1000guests was held at Albury to celebrate the connection of the railways of NSW and Victoria.

On the 17th June 1939 the murderer Eugene Weidmann was the last person in France to be guillotined in public.

20 Years Ago - June 2006 (Cover Price $2.00)

Hawker Races: "They're racing in the bush: Hawker blitzes field" featured on the ABC North and West programme.

Rawnsley Eco –villas were officially opened by Hon Tim Fischer on June 2nd.

Hawker Area School: students and staff enjoyed a camp to Kangaroo Island including travelling on the Sea Link Ferry.

Historical Notes: Does this give you food for thought.

Thank God for dirty dishes,
They have a yarn to tell,
And by the stacks I have, it seems,
We are living very well.
While people in some countries starve, I haven't the heart to fuss,
For, by the stack of evidence,
God's awfully good to us.

10 Years Ago June 2016 (Cover Price $2.00)

Hawker Races: Approximately 840 patrons passed through the gate. On a sunny day. The Fashions in the field was a tough pick for the judges. Andrea Teague won the "Millinery" award, Aurelia Reynolds best dressed "Under 18", and Fashions on the Field award went to Rachel Villa.

The Toyota Cup was won by In Taipei trained by Wally Bencic of Orroroo and ridden by Ashley Doyle

Hawker Cricket Club: On 30th April The Hawker Cricket Club in conjunction with Rawnsley Park Station held a fundraising event detailing as many Dohne merino wether lambs as possible by lunchtime. A grand total of 240 lambs were shorn over the four stands. Volunteers donated their time and professional skills to the club and raised $1240 for their efforts. A significant portion of this money was forwarded to the Hawker Junior Sports Club.

Golf News: Winners of May 7th Stroke were A Grade Jezza Burt, B Grade Ken Dyker, C Grade Simon Hilder. May 14th Stableford winner was Mike Doughty, May 28th Cradock Hotel trophy winner was Chris McAuley. Nearest the pin Scott Teague.



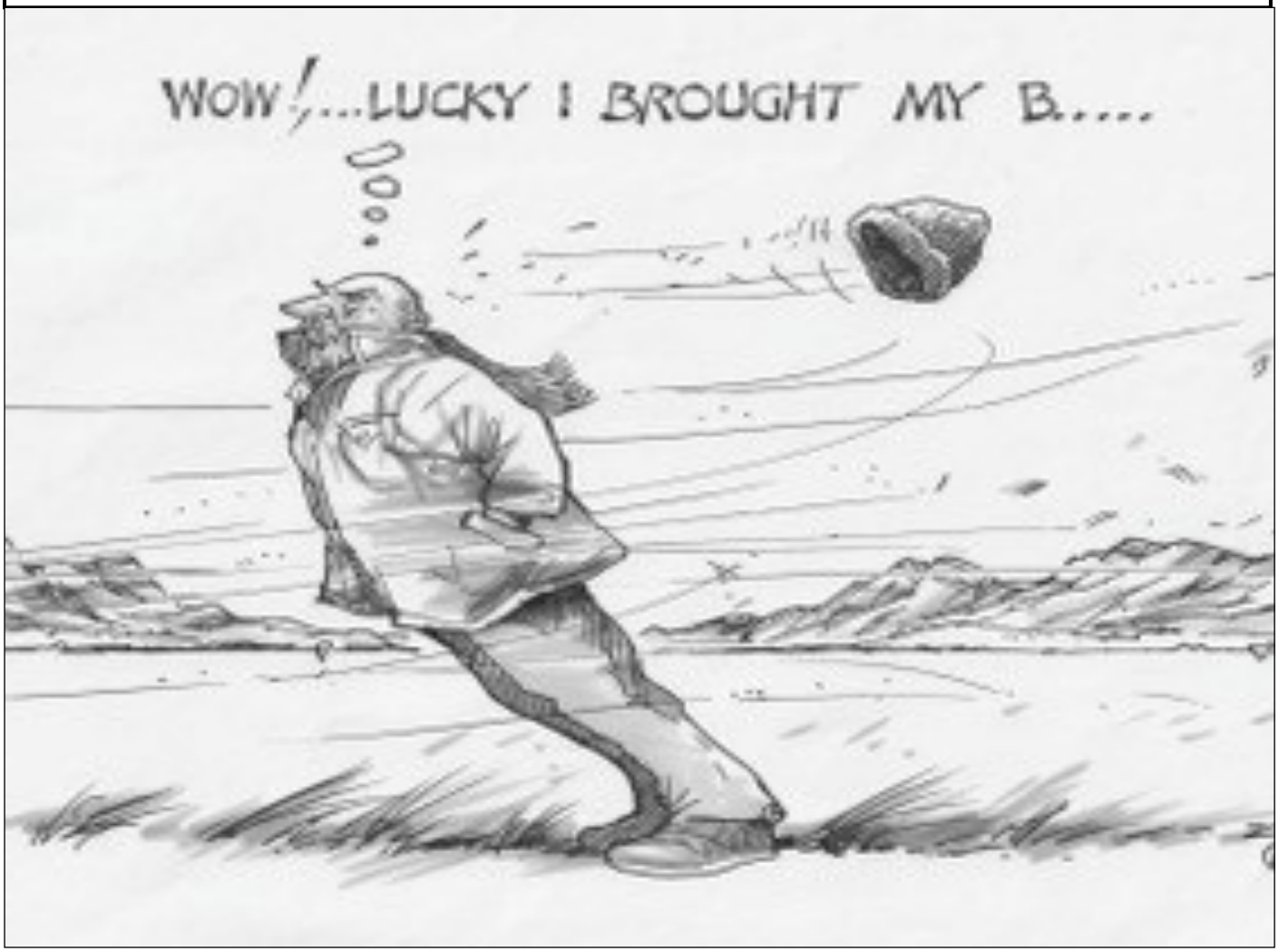
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COMMUNITY NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who celebrate birthdays in June, especially

Janet Patterson - 71

GET WELL

Our thoughts and prayers are with all in our community who are not well or have recently had an operation.

DEATHS

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

Hilder, Graham John

1/4/1947 to 29/5/2026
Loved husband of Margaret
Treasured father of Ben
Rest in Peace

BIRTHS



Congratulations to Luke and Claire Helmore on the birth of *Henry Fletcher.*
Born 22/5/26

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brendon McInnis who was recently awarded his 20 year service medal in CFS.

HAWKER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Held 3rd Thursday of each month.
Come as you are, pay for what you order, enjoy a chat and catch up.

For more information and to book your seat
Contact: Social Secretary

David Meekhums
(08) 8648 4114

Next Gathering:

NO JUNE GATHERING

(Due to other commitments in town)

All Ages Welcome!
New members are most welcome!

SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE

5TH	Environment Day
8th	King's Birthday
9th	Donald Duck Day
11th	FIFA World Cup 2026
14th	World Blood Donor Day
21st	International Day of Yoga
30th	International Asteroid Day





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- Morning tea.

WHEN: 27th July 2026
WHERE: Hawker Library
TIME: 9:30am - 11:00am
- check in 9:15am

10 seats per event
If 27th books out one will be held on 28th - at the same time

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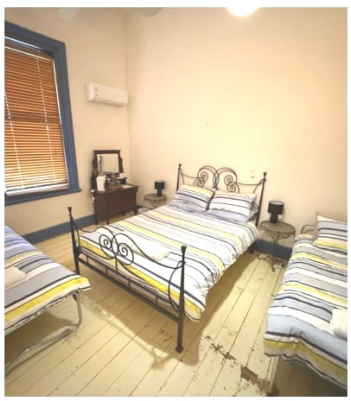
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MEDIA RELEASE

New ultrasound technology to improve patient care at Hawker Memorial Hospital

13 May 2026

A new handheld ultrasound vein finder will help improve patient care at Hawker Memorial Hospital following a $7,241 donation from Freemasons SA & NT, supported by the Quorn Lodge.

The funding has enabled the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary to purchase a Butterfly handheld ultrasound vein finder machine, providing doctors and nursing staff with advanced technology to assist in delivering faster, safer and more comfortable treatment for patients across the Hawker and Flinders Ranges communities.

The equipment will assist staff in locating veins in difficult cases, particularly for elderly patients, babies and people requiring urgent treatment or ongoing medical care. It can also be used for a range of bedside diagnostic procedures including bladder scans, nerve blocks, fetal heart rate monitoring and identifying foreign bodies or infections.

Hawker Memorial Hospital is the last hospital north along the Outback Highway, servicing not only local residents but also travellers, tourists and remote communities throughout the Flinders Ranges region.

Representatives from Quorn Lodge recently joined members of the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary and hospital staff for a cheque presentation and afternoon tea to celebrate the donation and the partnership behind the project.

Nurse Unit Manager Kate Ticehurst demonstrated the new machine during the presentation and outlined the benefits it would provide to both staff and patients, while Acting EO and Director of Nursing Trudy Bowshire thanked the Auxiliary, Quorn Lodge and Freemasons SA & NT for supporting the initiative.

Quorn Lodge members, including Scott and John Teague, supported the application after recognising the important role the hospital plays in delivering healthcare services across the region, including emergency response support for tourists and travellers.

Hawker Hospital Auxiliary President Carmel Reynolds said the new technology would make a significant difference for both patients and staff at the Hawker Memorial Hospital.

• **Media: Michael Owen | 0400 042 214 | michael@owenmediarelations.com.au**

"This equipment will help improve comfort and care for patients who often face difficult or stressful procedures, particularly elderly residents, children and people requiring ongoing treatment," she said.

"For a small regional hospital like Hawker, having access to this type of modern technology is incredibly valuable and will help staff deliver better care closer to home.

"We are very grateful to Freemasons SA & NT and the Quorn Lodge for recognising the importance of regional healthcare and supporting our community in a practical way."

Quorn Lodge Master Scott Teague said members were proud to support a project that would deliver lasting benefits to the Hawker and Flinders Ranges communities.

"Regional hospitals play a critical role in supporting local communities and travellers alike, and this project stood out because it provides practical benefits for both patients and healthcare staff," he said.

"Our members were pleased to work alongside the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary and Masonic Charities to help bring this equipment to Hawker Memorial Hospital."

Freemasons SA & NT Grand Master William Merrill said: "Freemasons have a long history of supporting regional communities and this donation is another example of local people working together to improve important community services."



Scott Teague presents the cheque to Carmel Reynolds, along with Freemasons L to R John Hills, Steve Fawcett, John Teague and Darryl Fels; with Jane Tanner holding the Vein Finder

HAWKER RACES 2026



A family catch-up– Bernie & Louise Reid (nee McAuley) and her sister Therese & husband, Greg.

Paul Thornton, Mark Lindblom and Tammy Lindblom enjoying the day.



Former Hawker Residents L to R Margie Rowe, Shirley Carn, Jill McHendrie and Eileen Smith (nee Haynes)









Current and former residents John Shute, Brendan Reynolds, Allan Gregory, Graham Shute, Kym Gregory, Stephen Gregory and Peter Gregory enjoying the day at the races.

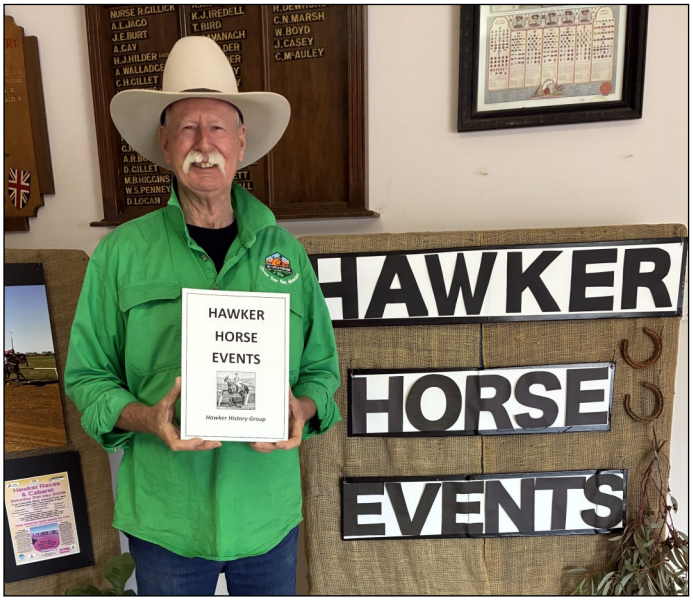
History Exhibition Opening



ABOVE : Catching up with their sister Maggie Goddard were race enthusiasts friend, Ian Hedges, and her brothers Mike and Paul Skully.



RIGHT: Sharon Ackland (nee Hall), Peggy Norton (nee Hall) and Ken Norton in front of John Hall's display at the Hawker Horse Events history exhibition





Lorna McEvoy (nee Telfer), Helen Fels, Rosie Luckraft (above) at the opening of the Hawker Horse Events.

Richard Stevens (left) with the exhibition book, a copy of which he kindly donates to the Hawker School Community Library.

Cruising Classic Cars

An impressive collection of classic cars were recently spotted cruising the streets of Hawker before heading off to lunch at Cradock. Squashed grasshoppers proved a challenge for some enthusiasts!

Maggie Goddard captured some of the chrome classics!





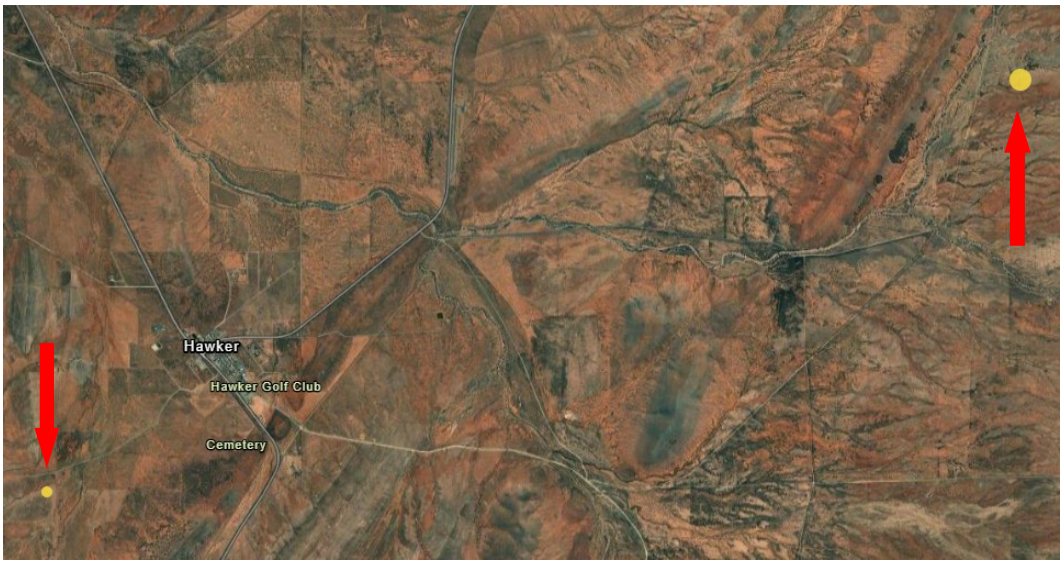








Earthquakes



The red arrows point to the yellow dots which mark the location of the earthquakes.

There were two earthquakes near Hawker in May, one NE of Hawker and east of Glenlyle on 03/05/2026 at 11:24:36 AM. This earthquake was a Magnitude: 3.7 and at a Depth: 5 kms. This was felt by many people in Hawker. The other was west of Hawker and near the original Burt family home, on 07/05/2026 02:25:52 PM with a Magnitude: 2.2 and Depth of 10 kms. More information on the web at https://earthquakes.ga.gov.au/ Please see more information about the earthquake on page 23.

HAWKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 'THANK-YOU' AFTERNOON TEA…

On Wednesday, 29th April, staff and residents joined members of the Hospital Auxiliary and Quorn Freemason Lodge, at the special afternoon tea arranged to say thank-you, particularly for the support and donation of Masonic Charities.





The afternoon began with Auxiliary President, Carmel Reynolds welcoming the 27 people present, and then Quorn Lodge Secretary, John Teague, gave a background of the SA Freemasons, Quorn Lodge and the Masonic Charities.

Secretary of the Auxiliary, Jane Tanner continued with an explanation of the request from Hospital staff for the Handheld Ultrasonic Vein Finder which was considered by the Auxiliary. The donation application idea came from John and was supported by the Quorn Lodge, with Annette Seelinger, the Freemason Benevolence Manager, helping the Auxiliary through the process that saw this successful outcome.

Nurse Unit Manager at Hawker Memorial Hospital, Kate Ticehurst, showed the machine and described some of its uses, as did Acting EO and Director of Nursing, Trudy Bowshire, who likewise thanked both the Auxiliary and the Masonic Charity and highlighted how helpful it will be.



Kate Ticehurst shows the new machine and as it was handed around to feel its surprisingly heavy weight, she gave insight to its various uses and how many permanent staff will be trained in using it.



"The new device will assist doctors and nursing staff in locating veins in difficult cases, particularly for elderly patients, babies and people who require urgent or ongoing medical treatment. It can also be used for a range of bedside diagnostic procedures, including bladder scans, foetal heart rate monitoring, nerve blocks and identifying infections or foreign bodies", Trudy Bowshire added.

Scott Teague, the Quorn Lodge Master, presented the novelty cheque to Carmel with congratulations and Carmel returned appreciation for the $7241.30 donation toward the $8037.70 paid by the Auxiliary, thanking all involved.

Photos and afternoon tea provided by the hospital and Auxiliary members followed.



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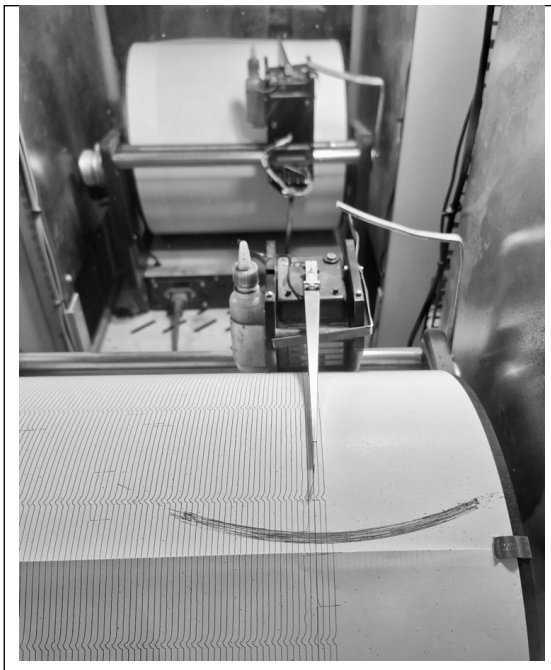


Scott and Carmel with Auxiliary members present, L-R Back, Noreen Pardoe, Helen Fels, Trudy Bowshire, Jenny McInnis, Kaye Fels, Kate Ticehurst & Front, Mary Clock-Clarke, Janet Teague and Jane.

All are feeling quite excited at meeting together as well as for the future opportunities that have been provided by this project – you will know what you are looking at if it is now used on you!

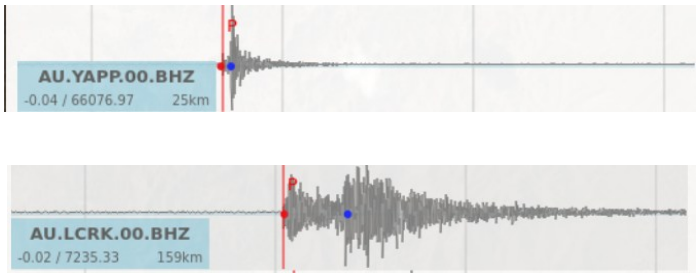
The Hospital Auxiliary's next meeting will be its AGM on Monday, 3rd August in the Resident's Lounge at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea will again be served, and any interested community members are most welcome to attend and even join in to help as we continue to raise funds and consider extra requirements for our hospital.

LOCAL EARTH MOVEMENT ON 3RD MAY 2026.



The Seismograph at Hawker Motors showing the reading of the same tremor, unfortunately the pen jammed.

This is the how a digital recorder records the same event on different recorders depending on the location.



TOP: Recording Station located west of Jarvis Hill range.

BOTTOM: Leigh Creek Recording Station.

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2. We reserve the right **NOT** to display articles of an unacceptable standard.
   ARTICLES MUST BE **TOTALLY** HOME MADE AND OF NEW MATERIALS

3. Commission of 20% will be charged on all sales. (However, if you can help with selling at the Mart only 10% will be charged. –At least 2 sessions)

4. Articles must be individually priced and numbered by the owner when the goods are handed to the conveners. Contributors will be given a number that must be put on each article (for identification) followed by the number of the article. (for example your number/article number).

5. A descriptive list of articles and prices must be submitted **ON LINED PAPER** by the owner when the goods are handed to the conveners.

   eg 1. Tee Shirt $5.00
   2. Tee Shirt $2.50
   3. Cake $4.50

6. Articles not numbered correctly will not necessarily be accepted.

7. No Perishable goods will be accepted.
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   Cakes, Biscuits etc should be sealed in plastic and dated with the date on which they are submitted.

8. All foodstuffs **must** be labeled with details as required by the **Food Act 1985**. (A sample label is shown)

   (Contributors number) 7/1

   Citrus Marmalade
   Ingredients – citrus fruit, sugar, water
   Made 7/7/2026

9. All articles must be in the hands of the conveners by 12 noon on Friday18th September unless otherwise arranged.

10. Unsold goods can be collected at the close of the Craft Mart (12 noon Monday 5th October).

11. Goods may be collected any day before the close of the Craft Mart provided arrangements are made prior to time of collection.

12. Monies owed will be forwarded by 31st October 2026

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SUNDAY 14TH JUNE
TIME
10.00 am- 12.00 pm

Pimp your Gopher Parade and FREE Jam and Scones to Senior Card Holders - Desert Voices Choir

Dress up your gopher and join Quorn & Hawker SAPOL staff for some fun then enjoy morning tea while listing to the Desert Voices Choir on the precinct stage.

Where: Quorn Precinct

MONDAY 15 JUNE
10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Aged Care and Services Provider - MABLE - Guest Speakers - How it all works for you. Then stay for a FREE'Celebrate BeingSenior'Lunch

Come and hear about Mable Aged Care Services. Ask question of seniors using the service. Then come and enjoy a free lunch. **Bookings essential – Contact The Flinders Ranges Council to secure your booking. See contact details at the top of the page.**

Where: Quorn Town Hall

TUESDAY 16 JUNE
9.00 am - 10.00 am

FREE Quorn: Chair Yoga
FREE Yoga: Hawker

Come enjoy a free Chair Yoga lesson **Where: Quorn Town Hall**
Come enjoy a free yoga class
Where: Hawker Gym

TUESDAY 16 JUNE
10.00am - 11.00am

Learn at the Library

Need help with technology? Discover what's new at the library and come join in!

Where: Quorn Community Library

TUESDAY 16 JUNE
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Bingo Afternoon Tea

Booking are essential contact council to secure your place

Where: Hawker Community Sports Centre

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE
12.45 pm - 2.00 pm

Warm Safe Houses Activity with Family and Friends - Quorn Area School

Grandparents and friends of Quorn Area School students—join your grandchildren for a fun sharing and caring activity! Bring along a picture of your younger self and offer some advice.

Where: Quorn Area School

THURSDAY 18 JUNE
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

FREE Art Activity - Arid Botanicals Sun Print

Arid Botanicals SunPrintActivity. Enjoy artanda beverage—sign up for a relaxing afternoon. Bring a plate to share. Bookings essential - **See contact details at the top of the page to secure your place.**

Where: Flinders Gin - Quorn

FRIDAY 19 JUNE
10.00 am - 3.00 pm

FREE Bus Trip to Cradock

All aboard for a free bus trip to Cradock! Depart Quorn 10:00 am, pick up Hawker 11:00 am, then on to the Cradock Hotel. Seniors' menu available (lunch at own cost). Guest speaker Maurie Burke sharing all things Cradock. A great day out to enjoy the countryside! **See contact details at the top of the page to secure your place.**

Where:Pickup at Quorn Town Hall 10.00 am -Hawker Institute-11.00am Return to Quorn around 3.00pm



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CONTINENTAL CURRIES

INDIAN CHICKEN CURRY

3 tbs oil
1 small onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 tbs curry powder
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp paprika
1 bay leaf
½ tsp grated fresh ginger
½ tsp white sugar
salt to taste
2 skinless, boneless chicken breast diced 2cm
1 tbs tomato paste
1 cup plain yoghurt
¾ cup coconut milk
½ lemon juiced
½ tsp cayenne pepper

Heat oil in a non stick frying pan. Saute onion until lightly browned. Stir in garlic, curry powder, cinnamon, paprika, bayleaf, ginger, sugar and salt. Continue stirring for 2 minutes. Add chicken pieces, tomato paste, yoghurt and coconut milk. Bring to boil and simmer 20-25 minutes. Remove bay leaf and stir in lemon juice and cayenne. Simmer 5 more minutes.

JAMAICAN STYLE CURRY CHICKEN

¼ cup vegetable oil
1 onion, chopped
1 tomato chopped,
2 slices habanero pepper (optional)
1 garlic clove, chopped
2 tbs Jamaican style curry powder
¼ tsp ground thyme
2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts diced 3cm
1 cup water
½ tsp salt

Heat oil in a nonstick frying pan. Add onion, tomato,pepper, garlic, curry powder and thyme. Cook, stirring, untilonion is golden, about 7 minutes. Stir in chicken and cook until chicken is lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Pour water into the frying pan, reduce heat, cover and simmer 30 minutes until chicken is cooked through. Season to taste.

SRI LANKAN BEEF & COCONUT CURRY

1 ½ tbs coconut oil
1.2kg beef chuck steak, diced 3cm
1 brown onion, thinly sliced
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 tbs finely chopped fresh ginger
1 long green chilli, seeded, finely sliced
1 tbs curry powder
3 tsp ground coriander
2 tsp chicken stock powder
¾ cup passata
350g sweet potato, peeled, diced 3cm
270ml can coconut milk
2 tbs tamarind puree
2 fresh curry leave sprigs + extra to serve
5 cardamom pods, crushed
1 cinnamon stick
3 tsp brown sugar
warm roti bread to serve
steamed rice to serve

Heat 1 tbs oil in a large frying pan over high heat. Cook the beef, in batches, for 5 minutes until brown all over. Transfer beef to a slow cooker. Heat the remaining oil in the pan. Add onion. Reduce heat and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes until tender. Add garlic, ginger and chilli. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute until aromatic. Add the curry powder and coriander. Stir to coat. Add the stock powder, passata and 1 cup of water. Stir to combine. Pour the curry mixture over the beef in the slow cooker. Add sweet potato, coconut milk, tamarind, curry leaves, cardamom and cinnamon. Stir to combine. Cover and cook on high for 4 hours until the beef is very tender.. stir through the sugar and season. Sprinkle with extra curry leaves and serve with roti and rice.





We had a very busy start to the year but things seem to have slowed down for now. We currently have a mini history display from the "Schools of the Hawker Region" exhibition that was recently held at the institute. Thank you to Catherine and team for giving us the opportunity to do this.

AI Workshops and the Being Digital Program run by LibrariesSA

As part of the Libraries SA system we have access to various workshops such as the Being Digital program. If anyone is interested in taping in to these please let us know and we will talk to the Digital Literacy team at the State Library about running some of these sessions here in Hawker. There may be minimum number requirements but we are still happy to try for you.

New Book Titles we have Bought Recently for the Library:

Murder in the Library by Katie Gayle

Who Killed the Earl of Moran by Stephanie Laurens

What Happened to Nina? by Dervla McTiernan

The Barefoot Bookshop on the Beach by Rebecca Raisin

The English Wife by Anna Stuart (based on the life of Clementine Churchill during WWII)

The Summerfield Saddler by Penelope Janu

Beyond her Reach by Melinda Leigh

Hercules Quick's Big Bag of Tricks by Ursula Dubosarsky

Australia's Most Freaky Animals by National Geographic

And, for the students who have been asking, books in the following Graphic Novel series:

Narwhal and Jelly by Ben Clanton

Pizza and Taco by Stephen Shaskan

Zombie Diaries by Guy Edmonds

COMING UP WE HAVE:

LibrariesSA Firstival an event in July every year that all SA Public Libraries can be a part of. This year we are running a **Create a Greeting Card workshop** in the library. Please check out the advert in this month's "Crier" for all the details. Bookings open on the 15th June.

Crochet Club with Amy organised for the students but you are welcome to attend. Starting, 30th July, Week 2 term 3 and happening every Thursday lunchtime, 12.30 – 1.15pm, until the end of term. Bring your crochet and enjoy our library space while you are being crafty!!! Happy to make a cuppa for those who need some sustenance.

Book Fair 2026 early August – more information to come in July

Book Week 2026 – "Symphony of Stories" 22 – 28 August 2026 – this event, much anticipated by students, is still being finalised but currently we are planning a Dress Up Parade and several virtual visits via Zoom from leading Australian children's authors such as Andy Lee and Matt Stanton. As a rural community we have been given access to these wonderful inspiring authors for students and members of the community to engage with. More information to follow in July.

Live streamed talk with Andy Griffiths an upcoming event that will be available free for libraries across South Australia to support engagement with reading and storytelling.
"We've been offered a fantastic opportunity, via Pan Macmillan, to participate in a live streamed talk with the current Australian Children's Laureate, Andy Griffiths."
Date and Time: Wednesday 29 July, 1.30-2.30pm (Adelaide time)
Format: Live via Zoom
Audience: Year 1- 6 students **and anyone else who is interested**
Content: Andy will speak about his role as Australian Children's Laureate, along with his upcoming book, *You & Me and the Gigantic Knucklehead*, which is being released the day before.



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GOLF REPORT

A Matter of Adapting

We had another eleven players turn out for Saturday's Par Round where the conditions were warm and a little breezy at times. Fairways were rewarding but players needed to keep an eye out when in the rough. It was a challenge for players to cut out the risky shots off the fairway and into the creek or pay the penalty.

Angus McInnis was the player who managed to adapt on the tight layout and master his slice at times. Conquering his errors Angus got around the course with a +4 score, which did include some penalties such as his drive on the third which went through the fence, only to be followed by a massive drive up the fairway.

Also playing well for the only other positive score on the day was Mark McAuley, who finished with a +1 for his round, including an unfortunate last three holes that were losses. Daren O'Neill also put in a solid round to recover from early losses to finish square with the card.

At the end of the round Angus, Mark and Daren took out the ball prizes, with Ben DuBois taking away the NTP for the best shot on the fourth. This Saturday is a Stableford round with Saul Webb the starter and he will be joined by Chris Wenham on scrapes. After this the season moves on with a Stroke round starting at 9am, followed by the first round of the Club Championship.



Almost Stuck in the Mud!

With a few drops of rain overnight the Hawker Golf Course was in a sticky state as eight players turned out for Saturday's Stableford round. Players were initially greeted by some extra wind and a bit of rain early in the round. After nine holes this developed into a welcome burst of sunlight as the afternoon went on. With strong winds and, the wet sticky ground the combination made life fun for the players.

In the end the mud also made a monopoly for the winner, as most players battled through to get scores in the 20s. Ben DuBois played a consistent game that saw him get 19 points on each nine for a score of 38 points in total. In addition to this his consistent game also resulted in a straight shot on the Nearest the Pin Sixth hole to take away the straight hitter prize. Not getting into too much trouble seemed to be the secret, but this still didn't stop an errant shot into the creek on the side of the fourth hole.

All players in different places managed to find the thick green cabbage or wards weed in the rough or in the creek. Getting stuck on the edge and then chipping in, in an effort to get across to the third fairway cost Daren O'Neill the second time around, whilst Scott Teague hit a good tee shot on the second, only to see the gentle draw hook with the wind into the rough on the left. Mark McAuley who had the second best score of 33 points, and came home with a solid 19 points the second time round, also experienced the wind and the rough. The grief was especially felt for most players around the third hole.

May 13th A Good Day for a Personal Best in the lead up to a Great Month ahead.

We had another good turnout of eight players on Saturday for our first round of Stroke golf for the Hawker Golf Season. It has been great to see so many players on the course and a lot of juniors coming out to develop their golf enjoyment and skills. In great conditions for the game we had some good scores including a personal best, which is always good to see.

Angus McInnis played a personal best round, breaking 80 for the first time at Hawker, coming out with 42 off the stick on the first nine holes, only to fire up on the back nine for 37 shots and a 79 for the day. With his form on the improve Angus is warming up nicely for some more solid rounds this season. Also in great form was Ben DuBois who battled hard on the first nine to stay in contention and likewise built on his efforts with a great back nine, finishing on 76 off the stick for the day. Similarly Mark McAuley overcame some difficulties on the first nine to then better his handicap on the last nine holes for a 92, Nett 78.

After a good day of golf Angus took out the top prize with his stroke score converting to a 65 Nett, Ben coming in second with a Nett 68 and Mark McAuley in third with his Nett 78. Continued on page 38.

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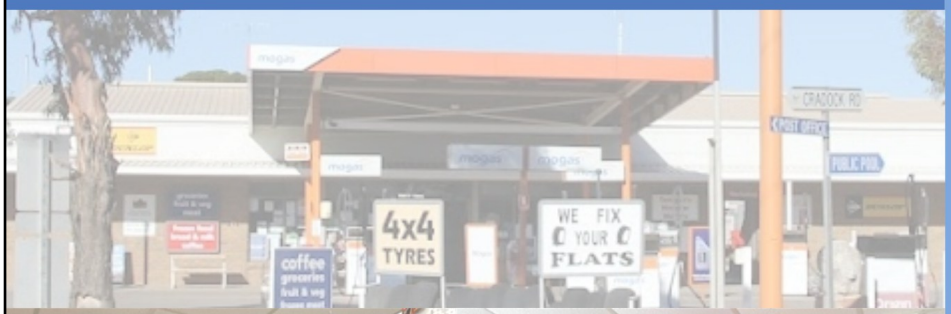
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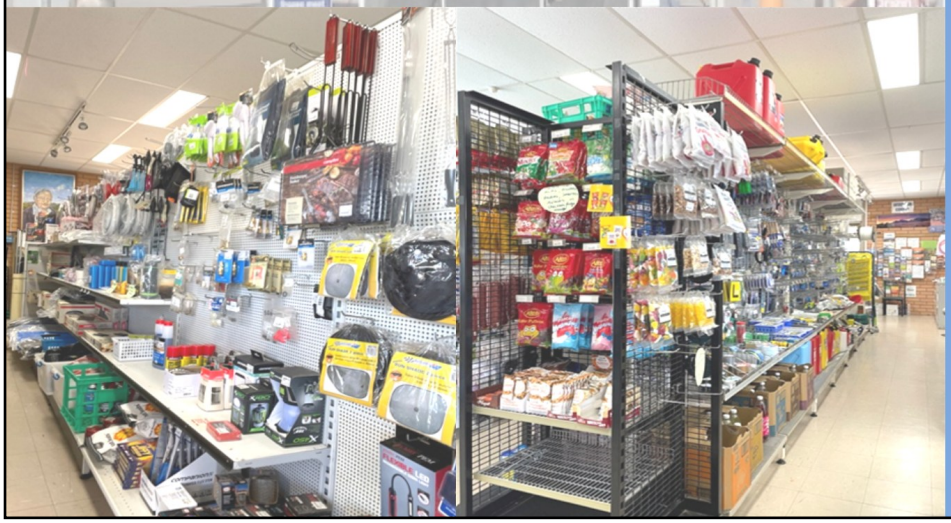
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JUNE 2026

The Sports Centre will continue to be a busy place in June.

A Shitbox Car Rally with 504 participants and about 252 cars (depending on how many will still be on the road by the time they reach Hawker!) will camp at the Sports Centre on Saturday 20th June, leaving early the next day. The Golf and Cricket club, Hawker Area School Parents and Friends and Hawker History group are capably catering for their stay, including dinner on the Saturday night, Sunday morning breakfast and a packed lunch to set them on their way. The Hawker Community Development Board is coordinating the event.

This will be another fantastic fundraising opportunity with outside money coming into the community. Huge thanks to those who have already volunteered to help. If you would like to offer your assistance, please contact Mike Doughty (Sports Centre bars), Ben DuBois (Golf/Cricket Clubs), Jo DuBois (HAS Parents & Friends), Janice McInnis/Cate Burt (History Group).

BAR ROSTER

Bar Duty commences at 6.00pm and closes no later than 12 midnight

JUNE

6 Ben DuBois

13 Scott Teague

20 Chris McAuley, plus helpers (car rally)

Inside & outside bars will be operating

27 Brendon McInnis

If you are unable to do your bar duty please organise a replacement well in advance and record your change on the roster at the Club.

Thanks Mike Doughty

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FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS

20th & 21st June 2026: Shitbox Car Rally– 504 visitors and approx. 252 cars

Help needed with catering for dinner, breakfast, packed lunch; & bar staff (two bars)

Please contact organisers: Golf & Cricket Clubs, HAS Parents & Friends, Friends of Hawker Halls/ Hawker History Group to offer your assistance.

19th Sept 2026 Craft Mart opens **3rd October 2026 Hospital Reunion**

16th & 17th Sept. 2027: World Rogaining Championships, Rawnsley Park

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After a break for the Hawker races, golf will resume with the second round of the Club Championships with Ben DuBois, Angus McInnis and Adam Gill on the meal roster, Adam Gill is the starter and Adam and Daren O'Neill are on Scrapes. This is followed by a Par round on June 13th. So a big month of golf ahead for players to tidy up their equipment and their games.

GOLF NEWS

A Grade winner	Alby (Allan) Ireland
Runner up	Ben DuBois
B Grade winner	Mark McAuley
Runner up	Daren O'Neill
C Grade winner	Angus McInnis
Runner up	Andrew McInnis

25 Season Winners



Community Calendar June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Golf Tea
7	8 King's Birthday holiday	9	10	11	12	13
14 Seniors Week 14th-19th	15	16	17	18	19	20 Shit Box Rally
21	22	23	24 Fellowship	25	26	27 Golf Tea
28 Horses History Exhib. closes	29	30				

Community Calendar July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 Exercises	7	8	9	10	11 Wirreanda Tea & Elders Day Golf
12	13	14	15	16 Friendship Group	17	18
19	20 School commences	21	22 Fellowship	23	24	25 Golf Tea
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Hawker Community Sports Centre
NEWS

The kitchen has been a busy place with lots of catering lately. 100+ for Max Gloede's funeral, packed lunches and dinner for 200 BikeSA crew & riders and the Hawker Races. THANK YOU to the many volunteers who gave up their time to help out. Each event was a great team effort.







The Sports Centre has purchased a new BBQ, hedge trimmer and new crockery and cutlery to cater for big events. Catering for 500 in the car rally is in June. The Cricket Club was successful for a FRC grant to purchase outdoor furniture to go near the playground.