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Hawker Health Service Update May 2025

Please Welcome to Hawker



Nimesh has been lent to us by Quorn Hospital while one of our staff has leave.

Nimesh will be part of the cleaning team and kitchen staff at night.

Thank you Nimesh for helping us out

Meet Jaco (Yako), a 2nd year student studying Registered Nursing.

Jaco will be with us for 4 weeks and has already started at the gym and exploring the region.

You will see Jaco when you attend the ED department as he is eager to learn all the facets of nursing.

Please give him a nod/wave if you see him out and about



National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

This year's theme is *Bridging Now to Next* which reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. *Bridging Now to Next* calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

The NRW 2025 theme artwork was created by a Kalkadoon woman, Bree Buttenshaw which features native plants, known for regenerating after fire and thriving through adversity, symbolising our collective strength and the possibilities of renewal. This is a time for growth, reflection, and commitment to walking together.

Mothers Day



Residents requested a barbecue for Mothers Day. Thankfully the sun was out and we had minimal wind so everyone ate on the front veranda.

Just after lunch we had a visit from Louie that happily cleaned up any minor spills before getting a pat from each and every resident



Hospital Fairy Garden



Many thanks to Keira, Isla and Remy for creating the fairy garden outside room 11.

The stump from the old bush has been covered in colourful treasures to attract fairies into the garden and to give everyone something to admire.

How many different items can you find on your next visit?



Medical Centre News

June 2nd the Private Podiatrist Nevenka will be consulting and will be back again on 25th of August. Please contact the Medical Centre if you require an appointment

The Skin Cancer Screening Clinic will be mid-August at this stage, if you would like your name put on the waitlist please let us know.

Flu vaccinations are in the clinic for those eligible. Those eligible are
children 6 months to 5 years

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 6 months and older

Pregnant people

People aged 65 and older

People 6 months of age or older with underlying chronic medical conditions.

For those not eligible you will need to get a script from the doctor please make an appointment for a script and for when you have filled it.

We have a wait list for the Covid-19 vaccine boosters. Please advise us if you would like to be added to the list and contact will be made once a date is confirmed

Please remember to make an appointment with our Practice Nurse for complete health checks— Penny is here every second Thursday- contact the clinic for dates and appointments or to have any questions you may have answered

Those eligible are

over 75's

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (715 health check—get a free tshirt)

those with chronic health conditions and between 45-49 years of age.



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- call us on 13 20 50 if you are unwell. We value the health of our clients and staff, and we appreciate your help in minimising the spread of illness.

For more information, visit www.breastscreen.sa.gov.au

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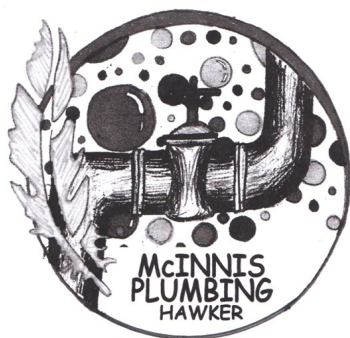
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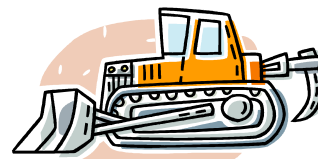
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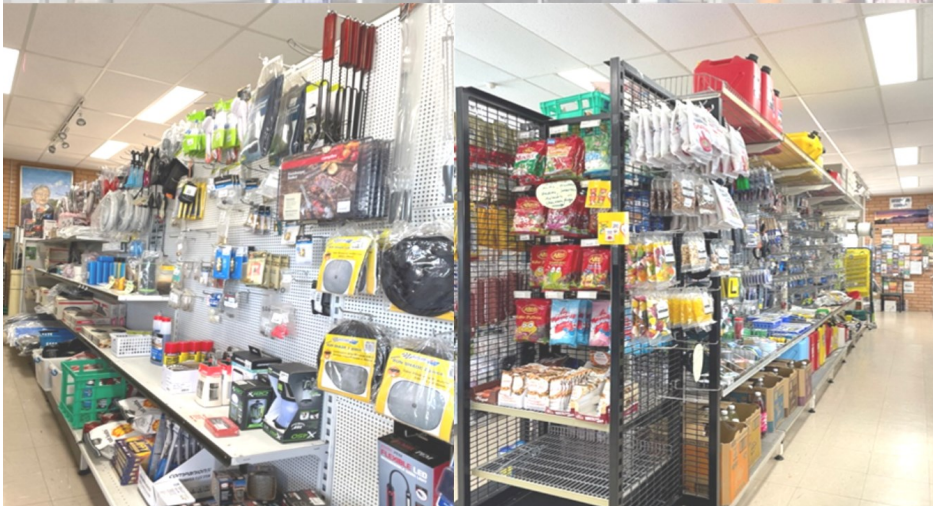
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HAWKER TEAM



The Hawker SA Ambulance team receiving their Volunteer Week gifts at the station community opening on Sunday May 25th. Unfortunately Scott Teague and Ric Onley were unable to attend and will receive their gift later.

The current team is small with two support volunteers: Jane Tanner and John Shute and operational volunteers Charlie Eager, Deb Youle, Jess Morgan and Esther Eager. If you have some free time to volunteer, the week days are the hardest to cover and we need volunteers to crew the ambulance.



OPEN DAY AT THE NEW HAWKER AMBULANCE CENTRE



Over 60 members of the community took the opportunity to inspect the new Ambulance Centre on Sunday May 25th.

A sausage sizzle was available and members from Port Augusta were on hand to assist the local volunteers in demonstrating CPR and answering questions



HAWKER'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Friday June 6th

Hawker Motors

Boxes of muffins available

from 10.00am



HAWKER CRAFT AND QUILTS

The annual Craft Mart and Quilt Show will be held from Saturday 20th September to Monday October 6th
Opening hours will be from 9am to 5pm daily

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All articles will be accepted. No limit per person.

We reserve the right **NOT** to display articles of an unacceptable standard.

ARTICLES MUST BE TOTALLY HOME MADE AND OF NEW MATERIALS

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)

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).

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.

Home Craft items – cakes, biscuits, jams etc – are admissible if they will keep longer than 1 day.
Cakes, Biscuits etc should be sealed in plastic and dated with the date on which they are submitted.

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 7/7/2025

All articles must be in the hands of the conveners by 12 noon on Friday 19th September unless otherwise arranged.

Unsold goods can be collected at the close of the Craft Mart (12 noon Monday 6th October).

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

Monies owed will be forwarded by 31st October 2025

Communications to be addressed to – Hawker Craft Mart,

C/o Box 27

Hawker 5434

Phone enquiries to 0429199334

Regenerative Grazing workshop

Delivered on one of the dustiest days, a regenerative Grazing workshop held at Matt and Charmayne Clark's property Pine Grove on Monday 26 May still attracted high attendance from local farmers.

Delivered by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board and the Second Nature Conservancy, [Mexican rancher Alejandro Carrillo and Australian farmer Colin Seis's workshop focussed on re-establishing and rebuilding native pastures, reviving the small water cycle and creating healthier soils for a more resilient future. Charmayne also shared insights into the regenerative practices implemented at Pine Grove.](#)

Colin spoke about the ecological and economic benefits of functioning grasslands. He shared restoration strategies for degraded properties, tips for managing dry seasons while improving profitability, the role of native grasslands, native seed harvesting techniques and holistic grazing management emphasising long plant recovery times.

Alejandro shared a personal account of regenerating his land in the Chihuahuan Desert of northern Mexico, where his property receives just nine inches of annual rainfall. He spoke about developing reliable water infrastructure to support rotational grazing, implementing long rest periods to allow ecological recovery, and strategic selection and culling to enhance herd and flock performance. He also discussed the importance of community in sustaining regenerative efforts and viewing the farm as a living laboratory for learning and adaption.

The workshop was offered in partnership with the Grasslands Regeneration Project and received funding from the Second Nature Conservancy through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.



Wirreanda Cottages Fundraising Dinner

The theme will be Weddings

July 12th 2025



Please join us on July 12th

From 6pm

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Country Health Connect Hawker Update

May 2025

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Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

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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
10	38	8	1	3
Allied Health Professionals April 2025 Visiting Schedule:				
27th May				
Physiotherapy Dietitian				



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CHICKEN DINNER

CHICKEN MULLIGATAWNY SOUP

- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 large carrots, finely chopped
- 2 celery sticks, finely chopped
- 4 cm piece fresh ginger, peeled, grated
- 1½ tbs curry powder
- 700g chicken thigh fillets, trimmed
- 1 litre chicken stock
- 400ml can coconut milk
- 2 red apples
- ½ cup basmati rice, rinsed
- 2 tbs lemon juice
- 1 cup chopped coriander

Heat a lightly oiled stockpot over medium heat. Add onion, carrot, celery and ginger. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes until vegetables are just tender. Add curry powder and cook, stirring, one minute. Add chicken. Turn to coat with curry mixture until fragrant. Stir in stock and coconut milk and bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes until chicken is cooked. Lift out chicken, transfer to a plate and cover loosely with foil. Peel, core and finely chop 1 apple. Stir apple into soup with the rice. Simmer, covered, 15 minutes until rice is tender. Thinly slice chicken and add to the soup. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 2-3 minutes until heated through. Stir in 1 tbs lemon juice and half the coriander. Season with salt and black pepper to taste. Cut the remaining apple, unpeeled, into thin matchsticks. Place in a bowl with the remaining lemon juice and coriander. Toss to combine. Serve soup topped with the apple mixture.

COQ AU VIN

- 1½ chicken thigh cutlets without skin
- ¼ cup plain flour, seasoned with salt & pepper
- 200g short cut bacon rashers, chopped
- 12 (400g) pickling onions, peeled
- 2 tbs fresh thyme leaves, plus extra to serve
- ¼ cup tomato paste
- 1½ cups red wine
- ½ cup chicken stock
- 2 dried bay leaves
- 2 bunches Dutch carrots, peeled, trimmed
- 300g button mushrooms
- creamy mashed potato to serve

Toss chicken in seasoned flour in a large bowl. Shake off excess and reserve remaining flour. Heat an oiled, heavy based, flame proof 12 cup casserole dish over high heat. Add chicken in 2 batches. Cook 2-3 minutes each side until browned. Remove to a plate. Reduce heat to medium. Add bacon, onions and thyme. Cook, stirring, until lightly browned. Stir in tomato paste and reserved flour. Add wine, stock and bay leaves and stir well. Return chicken to dish with carrots. Bring to boil and cover. Move casserole to the oven and bake at 160C for 30 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook, covered, for a further 30 minutes until chicken is cooked. Serve with creamy mashed potato and garnish with extra thyme.

HAWKER UNITING CHURCH
10am Every Sunday

Fellowship

Contact Janice McInnis
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Next Meeting: June 25th 2pm

Theme: Our Treasures

All Welcome

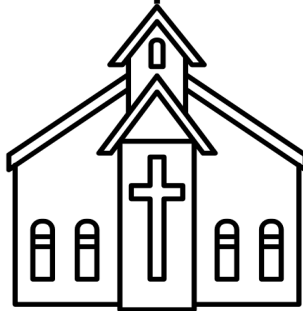
HAWKER CATHOLIC CHURCH
Hawker: Sunday 10:30am

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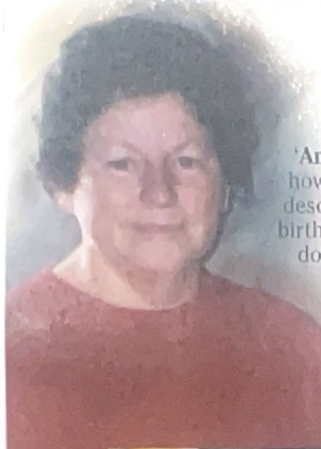
HAWKER FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday 28th May 9 ladies gathered at the Hawker Uniting Church to listen to Jenny and David Marshman who presented an interesting illustrated talk on the work of the leprosy Mission. Following the presentation we viewed the goods for sale and enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

Among the ladies present was Mary Fisher from Blinman who had visited India to see the work of the Leprosy Mission first hand. Her story is printed in this issue of the Town Crier.



I am Mary... a servant of God



Mary Fisher

'An ordinary country woman'. That is how Mary Fisher, of Terowie, S.A. would describe herself. However, for her fiftieth birthday she asked family and friends to donate towards the cost of a ticket for the TLMA 2000 India Familiarisation Tour. This was when God shared a special truth with an 'ordinary' woman.

Mary thoroughly enjoyed the people, the culture and insights into TLM's work in India, but one thing concerned her. While at Purulia Hospital she wrote in her diary; "Every time our people are introduced I hear 'Ron, State Director, Ian, State Director, Peter, Physiotherapist, Jeff, Engineer, Margaret, Occupational Therapist and Mary—?' I always feel rejected or added on."

God is quick to comfort His loved ones. When Mary woke up the next morning, "...God was speaking to me, just

reminding me of what I have done for Him. God said 'You are my chosen one... You are my servant. No-one is better than the other, we are all children of God.'

That morning when the tour group was introduced at the hospital devotions, Mary rose with a new confidence when her turn came. "I am Mary," she said simply, "a servant of God. I am here to serve you." It was a special moment.

And serve she did. Her willing heart responded to a reminder of the power of touch. "As I walked around the hospital... I was able to reach out and touch; this was a very moving experience... I couldn't speak the language but I could communicate the way God wanted."

Everywhere people, especially children, responded to this simple sign of love. Mary particularly delighted in the children who always seemed to be drawn to her. Mary loved to be with them and to be able to "...touch them, shake hands, look at and touch ankle bracelets, ear-rings and nose rings."

Amid the busyness, Mary, like our Lord, could still pick out the individuals and feel for them. At Anandaban Hospital in Nepal, she ached for the elderly man facing his own heart-breaking Everest. "I watched him thread his shoes with fingerless hands then battle to tie them. I wished that I could have helped him, but he had to do it."

2000 years ago, God touched another 'ordinary country girl' in Palestine. "Mary," He said, "you have found favour with Me. I have chosen you... don't be afraid." Her response showed why God had chosen her when she answered, "I am the handmaiden of the Lord. Be it unto me according to Your word."

Mary Fisher too, has opened her heart, mind and will to God. Like Mary, she has been blessed and been a blessing, to her fellow travellers, and to many in India and Nepal.

Mary also has a special word of encouragement to all TLM supporters. "Go ahead, your money is well spent! If you ever have the opportunity to go on a trip, do so!"



Tour party with children at Belkuri Village. Left to right: Mary Fisher, Peter Hawke, Ian Morley, Margaret Petherick, Liz Reid, Ron Dawes, Jeff Anderson.

Top: "I was able to reach out and touch..."
Above: "I longed to help him..."



BALKURI VILLAGE-

Where stigma is not an issue

Mary particularly remembers the visit to Balkuri, a small rural village. "I guess, being a country person, I loved the village and the farming and gardens."

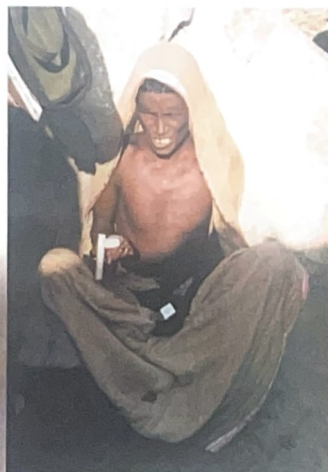
Liz Reid, our Publicity Coordinator and another 'country girl', also loved Balkuri. "The tour gave insights you would never see as a tourist," she said. "Balkuri gave me a chance to see leprosy in the context of real people!"

The group visited a delightful old lady, Suluchano, who had been cured of leprosy. She had cataracts but refused the operation stating, 'My time is nearly over so don't waste money on me. Let someone else be cared for instead!' She was able to live a life of dignity because her family was caring for her. That made all the difference!

Padhu Mahatao, a grandfather and head of his family, also showed the benefits of family support. Happily living with his wife, eldest son and his grandchildren, he cared for himself conscientiously and could look forward to an old age without serious leprosy-related disability.

"Not all stories were so happy," said Liz. "Balkuri gave me a chance to see the problems facing the leprosy teams as they work with villagers. Lathu Ragwai, a cow herder with badly deformed feet and hands, was desperately poor and simply too busy to put the team's training into practice. Horen Mahato, another villager, needed a hand operation but had been too busy for that, or to care for his hands and feet properly."

Despite those problems, the visit left Liz with a feeling of hope. "As a whole, the people seemed to be caring for themselves well. Balkuri seemed to be a place where stigma was not an issue. They have pride, and families stick together. I felt rather awkward 'intruding' into their lives—but it was a wonderful chance to see the difference TLM's work makes in ordinary people's lives."



Above: Suluchano -- a dignified old age

Top right: Lathu Ragwai -- not all stories have a happy ending

Left: Visitors! And a crowd of curious children gather in seconds

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- acting as a determined advocate for the cause of people affected by leprosy world-wide
- working in 29 countries world-wide providing appropriate medication for at least 83,000 people with active leprosy and care after cure to over 100,000 people suffering from the effects of having had leprosy
- detecting nearly 100 new cases every day through its program—over 13 of these are children
- working with disability—15% of all people newly detected by TLM as having leprosy already have irreversible disability
- serving populations conservatively estimated at 179 million
- performing 23,585 surgical interventions world-wide in 1998, including nearly 10,000 eye operations for non-leprosy patients
- treating close to half a million non-leprosy patients at outpatient clinics
- helping 49,886 people through socio-economic assistance

HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE NEWS

JUNE²⁰²⁵

BAR ROSTER

7th JUNE SCOTT TEAGUE

14TH JUNE BEN DUBOIS

21ST JUNE LOUISE WATSON

28TH JUNE SAUL WEBB

Bowls	Peter Zadow
Cricket	Brendon McInnis
Tennis	Daren O'Neill
Golf	Ben DuBois
Netball	Stef Teague

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED NETBALL EVERY FORTNIGHT

GOLF PROGRAMME

JUNE

7TH KEN DYKER MEMORIAL DAY TEA

15TH 2ND ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND TEA

28TH 3RD ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND TEA

JULY

12TH ELDERS DAY 4 PERSON AMBROSE TEA

26TH 4TH ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND TEA

AUGUST

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9TH HAWKER OPEN

23RD CANCER DAY TEA

31ST QUORN OPEN DAY

CLOSING DAY 20TH SEPTEMBER



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MAY GOLF REPORTS May 11th

Great Start to Hawker Golf Season!

It has been an enthusiastic start to the Golf Season at Hawker with a good turn out in the first two rounds. With the course prepared well in the weeks leading up to the opening round players were greeted with well-presented tee blocks and fairways ready for golf. The result of this was nine players turning out for the opening round and eleven in round two. Subs are \$70 this year, a bargain for rounds of golf at \$2 a round and the best bar for drinks and a feed for kilometres around. The first Saturday was going to be a Pinehurst round but with the odd number of players this was changed to a two-and three-man Ambrose match-up. We had some new players turning up which was great to see, with Daniel Spick, newly employed teacher at Hawker Area School, Darren Solly returning after some years away from the game and Rob Miles coming in to check out our facilities.

With the two and three man teams the standard of play was good for the first round of the season when everyone is a bit rusty. The winning team on the day was the team of three experienced players in Alby Ireland, Simon Hilder (coming back from absences too) and Andrew McInnis who shot a very solid score of 70, Nett 60 on the day, with a handicap of 10, a great score. Alby also polished off the day with a Nearest the Pin prize on the second hole. All the other teams were two-man groups and shot very competitive scores as well. There was tie for second place, with Mark McAuley and Rob Miles shooting 80, Nett 66.75, with Chris Wenham and Darren Solly also Netting 66.75, Chris and Darren shooting 81 off the stick. Within the tight group of scores Daren O'Neill and Daniel Spick also came in around the mark with 81, Nett 68.25 for the day.

If nine players was pleasing to see turn up, the next week was even better with eleven players turning out for the Par round. On top of this we also had a new group of players turn out again for the round with Adam Gill, Ruthie Dyker, Brendon McInnis, Alex Morgan, Angus McInnis (playing a great round of -2) and Saul Webb also landing for their first hit of the year. On a competitive day there were some good scores, Adam Gill took the prize however with a +5, rarely seen in Par rounds. Hitting the ball typically clean for most of the day, the highlight came on the 16th hole, (the 7th the second time round) when Adam shot the ball over 300m off the day, as witnessed by the players teeing off the 17th hole! Scores were competitive and some great shots were hit, Mark McAuley playing straight enough to shoot a solid +1 for the day, taking a ball home in the process. Alby Ireland also played solidly, coming out with a -1 for the day, beating off Brendon McInnis on countback in the process. Other players to put in notable rounds included Angus McInnis with a -2, with Simon Hilder and Alex Morgan stroking the same score.

It was a great day, and a wonderful atmosphere in the clubhouse afterwards. Coming up on our program, next week we have a Stableford round with Saul Webb the starter and Saul and Chris Wenham on scrapes duty. The next weekend, May 24th we have the first round of the club championships with Alby Ireland and Simon Hilder on scrapes and Alby and Simon Hilder on scrapes. Tees open at 11.30am with golf normally starting by around 12. See you at the golf!

MAY GOLF REPORTS May 18th 2025

Angus Annexes the Field!

We had another good turnout of seven players for Saturday's Stableford round at Hawker Golf Club. The weather was cooler but still very suitable for golf, but the course still bared its teeth. We divided the field up into three groups, Ruthie Dyker, Angus McInnis and Simon Hilder teeing off first, followed by Daren O'Neill and Scott Teague and finally Ben DuBois and Saul Webb. Each group had a story of the day to tell.

Angus came out the winner for the day after a handicap smashing 46 points for the day, adding up to 98 off the stick, a great round of golf for someone who is enjoying the game and has developed a really good swing to boot. With a round like this there were highlights, including his Nearest the Pin on the second hole, along with a spectacular finish on the last hole where his approach from 50 metres out finished up in the hole, to provide a repeat of last week where he and Alex Morgan both chipped in on the seventh. Both Simon and Ruthie also had solid rounds, but the most noteworthy shot was Simon's tee shot on the second time around at the seventh where he successfully landed the ball on the fifth scrape! This created some entertaining conversation as Daren and Scott were just approaching the fifth scrape at the same time, debate revolving around who the extra ball belonged to!

Daren and Scott both went around in 30 points for the day, having some good holes but just a few letdowns to affect the score. Scott's day featured quite a few power drives off the tee on the par four and five holes, with his characteristic draw resulting in some longer distances. One interesting hiccup for Scott was on the sixth the second time round when his tee shot cannoned into a metal plate on the ladies' tee and bounced all the way back to the men's tee block, he proceeded to tee off again and literally hit the same spot to send the ball once again backwards! Despite this adventure Scott's round was also characterised by more than a few three pointers. Daren's round similarly had its pros and cons. A few three pointers and a lot of twos, were intersected by a couple of dud holes to bring the score down, emphasised by the third hole the second time round when he landed in the creek and took four shots to eventually get out, terminating any chance of a score. Saul Webb and Ben DuBois also had a competitive day, Saul finishing off with 33 points to have a solid day. The day was highlighted by some good and not so good tee shots, the best story being Saul's boast that he outdrove Ben on the second last hole, Ben stating that this was fine as he only hit off with a four iron! Players then proceeded down the fairway to finish with a par to Ben and a five to Saul.

The day was a lot of fun for all who turned out. Angus' total annexation of the field led to him winning the day and also receiving balls for the Nearest the Pin and the ball comp. Coming in second for a ball in the ball comp was Saul Webb, leaving everyone else to talk about the inevitable 'what could have been' stories. Next week is our first round of the Club Championships, always a good day for a turn out, with Alby Ireland the starter and Alby and Simon on scrapes. The next week is the bye for the Hawker Races followed by the Ken Dyker Memorial Day on June 7th, with Ben Dubois the Starter and Ben and Scott on scrapes. Players can also keep in mind the second round of the Club Championships the week after on Sunday June 15th.

MAY GOLF REPORTS

May 24th Line up of Champions

It was a line-up of potential club champions that turned out for the first round of the club championships at Hawker Golf Club on Saturday. Once again it was another good turnout of nine players, that were destined to be tested by the conditions.

With at times a good dose of dust blowing around the place, players needed to adapt to the conditions in order to get a competitive score. The result was some pretty competitive scores considering the conditions faced. A large portion of the field finished up with scores in the Net low to mid 70s, most players would have been happy with this on the day we had. However continuing his great start to a season of golf, Angus McInnis managed to blow (in the windy conditions) all comers away with a great score of 86, Nett 44, in another round bound to guarantee a low handicap, as Angus has now played his third round with a formal handicap coming next time he ventures out. Angus' round was once again characterised by a great developing golf swing and clean hitting.

Following up the rest of the field just 20 to 30 shots behind was still a group of solid contributors who battled away in the conditions. In the A Grade Ben DuBois finished with a 78, Nett 69, a great score in the prevailing weather, with a spectacular highlight being his revenge on the third hole, the dogleg between the creek and the boundary fence where he drove the scrape off the tee on the 336m fairway. Coming second in the A Grade, still with a good result of 85 Nett 72 was Adam Gill. The B Grade also saw some positive scores as players adapted to the wind. Mark McAuley hit the best score of the day here with an 88 Nett 72, narrowly ahead of Daren O'Neill who stroked a 90, Nett 73, after a poor start on the first three holes where he shot an 8 on the par 5 first, a 6 on the par 3 second and a 7 on the par 4 third where he came to grief once again in the creek.

The C Graders also performed notably and it was great to see some more juniors out to join Angus. Second place in the grade went to Andrew McInnis who shot 100 Nett 72, while Will DuBois worked hard in the conditions to finish on Nett 76, with Harry McAuley on Nett 89. Just to emphasise the difficulty of the windy conditions the Nearest the Pin on the Par 3 fourth hole had no successful tee shots.

The Ken Dyker Memorial event will be held on June 7th, with Ben DuBois the starter and Ben and Scott Teague on scrapes duty. On Sunday June 15th, the club has the second round of the club championships, followed by a Stableford event on June 21st.

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The HAWKER WALKERS are off again for 2025 and had a gradual introduction to getting moving together on Wed. April 30th at Worumba Station – a beautiful day for walking...

First thing on arrival was to walk around Mary's garden – and the first exercise was bending and straightening at her veggie patch to pull off as many cabbage moth caterpillars as we could find – and there were lots!!

After that warm-up exercise, we deserved sitting to chat over morning tea ☺️. Then we visited the new woolshed on the way to drive to the top of Mt Plantagenet to show the newcomers the splendid sights – and this exercise was lots of side stretches and stomach holding in, to try to stay straight in the slightly bouncing car!



Joy, Mary, Jane, Terry & Penny at the top of the mountain.



Looking North toward Wilpena Pound



East,



South toward the homestead,



Now what were we looking at here?
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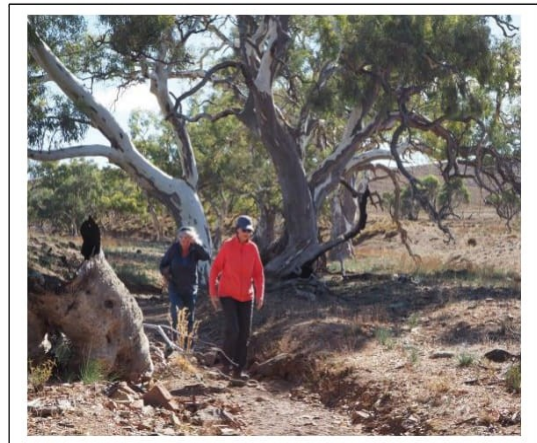
and West with the road to Hawker.

On the way driving down the mountain, there was more stopping and walking...

We walked to an 'unusual rock', on its own and looking like a dome, just a little way from the track
... and we walked to a nice-looking log to sit on for lunch!



Then we headed off along the gravel bottomed creek for a good time of walking, talking and discovery...



...and just a little up and down before heading back to the track and home after a terrific day –
thanks Mary!



Oh - the cool-down exercise was rounding up cattle in the garden and getting them out through the gate!!

Our next walk will be on the last Monday of May – and then the last week of June on the Tuesday!
Anyone wishing to join in, please let Jane know at email: tannerja@bigpond.com

The Headstone Project SA

The Headstone Project SA is a voluntary organisation that seeks to locate World War 1 veterans buried in unmarked graves throughout South Australia. The project then places a prescribed military headstone on their graves to recognise their service to Australia.



Family members of Ezra, Headstone Project volunteers, Flinders Ranges Council representatives and Hawker community members at the service at Hawker Cemetery.



On Saturday 24th May the Headstone Project came to Hawker to remember the service of Ezra Glasson. Ezra was born in Moonta, South Australia to Cornish parents. After enlisting and serving in World War I in Europe, he returned to Australia. He died at Wilson in 1930, aged 51 and was subsequently buried at Hawker Cemetery.

Further details on Ezra Glasson's life: Virtual War Memorial Australia, <https://vwma.org.au>

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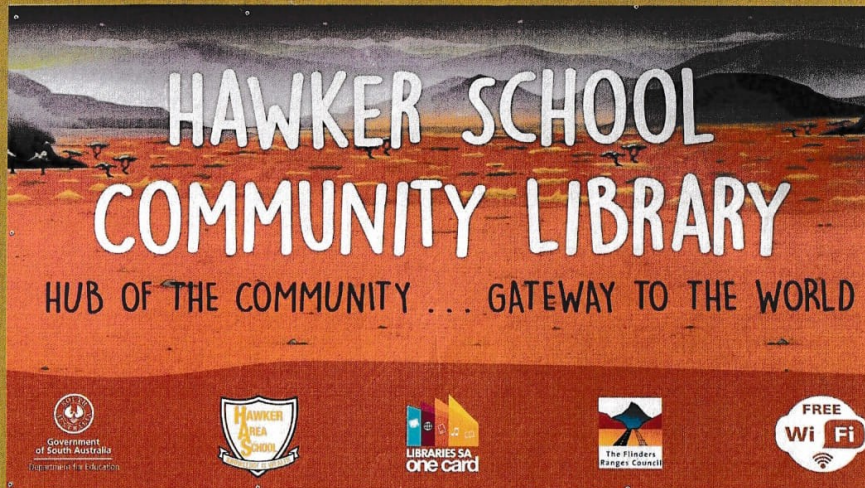
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HAWKER RESILIENCE BATTERY

INFORMATION SESSION



SA Power Networks and The Flinders Ranges Council are working together on a community resilience battery for Hawker to provide support during long power outages.

The community battery is part of a statewide project, jointly funded by SA Power Networks and the Australian Renewable Energy Agency.

We would like to invite community members to an information session, ahead of Council's Ordinary Council Meeting, on:

Tuesday 17 June at 5.30pm at the Hawker Community Sports Centre.

This will provide an opportunity to learn more about the battery for Hawker and the portfolio of batteries being installed across the state.

Representatives from SA Power Networks will provide a presentation on the battery project and the community will have the opportunity to ask questions.

We hope you can join us.



Flinders Food Co Tasting Australia

On Thursday 8th May Doogal and Louise Hannagan from Flinders Food Co. staged an event in Victoria Square, Adelaide, at the Town Square Canteen



Photos courtesy of Chris Wenham.

THE CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

Some time ago an English lady was looking for rooms in a little village in Switzerland and asked the local schoolmaster if he would recommend any. He took her to several delightful places and everything being arranged she decided to take one of them. On the way home however it occurred to her that she had not noticed any W.C. so she immediately wrote to her friend and asked if there was one in or near the house.

The Schoolmaster receiving the letter was in much trouble, for his English, being limited, he did not understand the abbreviation. Finally he asked the parish priest to help him, and between them they tried to make out what she meant. At last they came to the conclusion that she meant a wood chapel or a chapel in the woods so they replied as follows.

Your Ladyship,

I have much pleasure in informing you that the W.C. is situated 9 miles from the house, in the centre of a beautiful grove of pine trees, and surrounded by wonderful scenery.

It is open only on Tuesdays and Sundays of each week as there are a good number of visitors during the Autumn and Summer months, I would advise you to go along early as there is plenty of standing room.

This is an unfortunate position for you if you are in the habit of going regularly but no doubt you will be glad to know that quite a lot of people take their lunch and make a day of it, while others who cannot spare the time, travel by car and arrive just in time.

I would especially recommend your ladyship to pay a visit on Tuesday, as there is an organ accompaniment. The sounding is excellent, and even the most delicate sounds are audible.

A small woodland stream runs close by and the murmur of the flowing water can be heard when inside the W.C. It may interest you to know that my daughter was married in the W.C. and it was there that she first met her husband.

I remember the marriage well on account of the rush for seats. There were ten people on the seat I usually occupy, and it was a wonderful sight to watch the expression on their faces.

My father has been there regularly ever since he was christened. A wealthy resident of the ditrict recently erected a bell over our W.C. which rings every time a person enters. A bazaar is to be held ther soon and the proceeds will go towards helping to furnish plush seats and members feel that it is a long felt want.

My wife is rather delicate and cannot attend regularly. It is six years since she went last and it pains her very much not to be able to go more often.

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HAWKER AREA SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday 21st May, Hawker School had some exciting visitors. About 40 of the riders taking part in the 2025 Outback Run of the Southern Cross Cannonball Classic stopped by for the kids to see their wonderful old classic motorbikes.

The riders can participate on any brand or model of motorbike, as long as it was manufactured before 1949 and is as close to original factory-issue as possible. They must all have support crew, including spare parts and tools to service the bikes if needed.

This year's run was from Darwin to Victor Harbor and raised funds for the RFDS. It was really great to see so many beautiful old bikes in outstanding condition, and kids and adults alike really enjoyed the opportunity.

Thanks Southern Cross Cannonball Classic team, you made our day! Ride safe.



From the *TOWN CRIER* Archives

36 Years Ago - June 1989

(Cover Price 70c)

Last linesman: On May 25th the last resident linesman, David Marron, was officially transferred by Telecom to Port Augusta which means Hawker no longer has a resident linesman or technician.

Lake Torrens: close to 6000square kilometres were covered by about 39cm water in an area that had not filled since the 1890's

Hawker Races: Despite the threat of rain approx. 750 people attended the annual Hawker Cup Race Meeting. Congratulations to the Calliss family and Military Playboy on a great wi in the cup.

Weather: The highest maximum recorded for the month of May was 22.2 C, the lowest minimum was 1.6 C and 53.2mm of rain fell.

20 Years Ago - June 2005

(Cover Price \$2.00)

School News: Monday May 30th, saw students from Hawker Area School head for Willow Springs to witness among other things blade shearing. The day was used to celebrate Harmony Day, Reconciliation and Environment day.

Senior Quiz Tournament: Six teams from Quorn. Hawker and Leigh Creek participated during the year with the Quorn "Country Cousins" team taking out the overall trophy for the second year in a row.

From the Historical Notes: The Chronicle June 27th 1968—Judges at the recent Hawker Youth Group charity Belle and Beau contest ball, held in the Hawker Institute were, Mrs George hunt- Wilpena Station and Mr and Mrs Tom Casey from Orroroo. The winners were Miss Vivian Shepherd partnered by Robert Smith.

The first issue of the Town Crier was printed on Friday April 18th 1969. It began as a school venture with Secondary students collecting information and items and they typing and printing the paper with the help of their teachers. Items included the reconstruction programme at the Wilpena Chalet, The approaching marriage of Anne Shute and Travis McCourt, the annual gymkhana.

10 Years Ago - June 2015

(Cover Price \$2.00)

Hawker Hospital : The Auxiliary held a high tea in the Community room with great decorations. Every one felt very pampered. The kitchen in the nurses quarters can now be refurbished thanks to donations from the community. The digital XRay machine id now operational.

Sports Centre: During May catered for two dinners for over 100 participants in the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs and dinner and lunch for 250 participants in the Biannual Bike SA Outback Odyssey, as well as the Hawker Races

School News: Open Night was a huge success with teachers and students working hard to ensure that displays were interesting for all.

Weather: May was characterized by excessively cloudy days although no significant rain fell. The highest maximum for the month was 27.0C and the lowest minimum was 1.0C. Only 6.8mm of rain was recorded

Community News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who celebrate birthdays in June

Janet Patterson (70)

Marlene McAuley



GET WELL

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

Bronwyn Shute

Steve Youle

Carmel Smulders

Ann Du Bois

Chelsea Haywood



DEATHS

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

Samuel Richard Coulthard

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Samuel, in particular Arthur, Di & family.

Robert John Frahan

Thoughts to Luke and family on the passing of Luke's father, Robert.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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But silent cries in corridors,
Whisper burdens that he bore.

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13th July — Devonshire Afternoon Tea

History Group Exhibitions 21st April—15th June - Hawker Rodeos and Riders

5th August—7th September—Railways in the Region: *Living on the Line*

20th Sept.—5th Oct.—Hawker War Memorial Swimming Pool

20th September—5th October — Hawker Craft Mart

27th Sept— Uniting Church Garage Sale

Community Calendar June 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
29	30					
1	2 Exercise	3	4	5	6 Biggest Morning Tea	7 Golf Tea
8	9 Kings Birthday	10	11	12	13	14
15 Golf Tea Rodeos & Riders Exhibition closes	16	17	18	19 Friendship	20	21
22	23	24	25 Fellowship	26	27	28 Golf Tea

Community Calendar July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Wirreanda Cottages Tea
13 Devonshire Afternoon Tea	14	15	16	17 Friendship Group	18	19
20	21	22	23 Fellowship	24	25	26 Golf Tea
27	28	29	30	31		

Hawker Races 2025



Fashions on the Field



Full Hawker Races 2025 Report in next issue.

Photos courtesy Janet Teague & Chris Wenham.