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Hawker Health Service Update
January 2026

The last couple of months have seen us all hiding from the heat. The residents had a quiet Christmas with plenty of gifts. New Years was also a subdued event with most in bed before midnight.

To compliment Ian Carpenter's donated sculpture we have included a solar fire pit. At night there is the gently glow of flames keeping 'Kevvie' warm. Once again we thank Ian for the sculpture, it is a nice representation of all things 'Kevvie"

This coming year will see an Enrolled Nurse cadet starting, new grad nurses coming to Hawker to start their nursing careers and hopefully we will see a few student nurses as well.

We will make sure to introduce them all to you as they arrive.

All the best for 2026









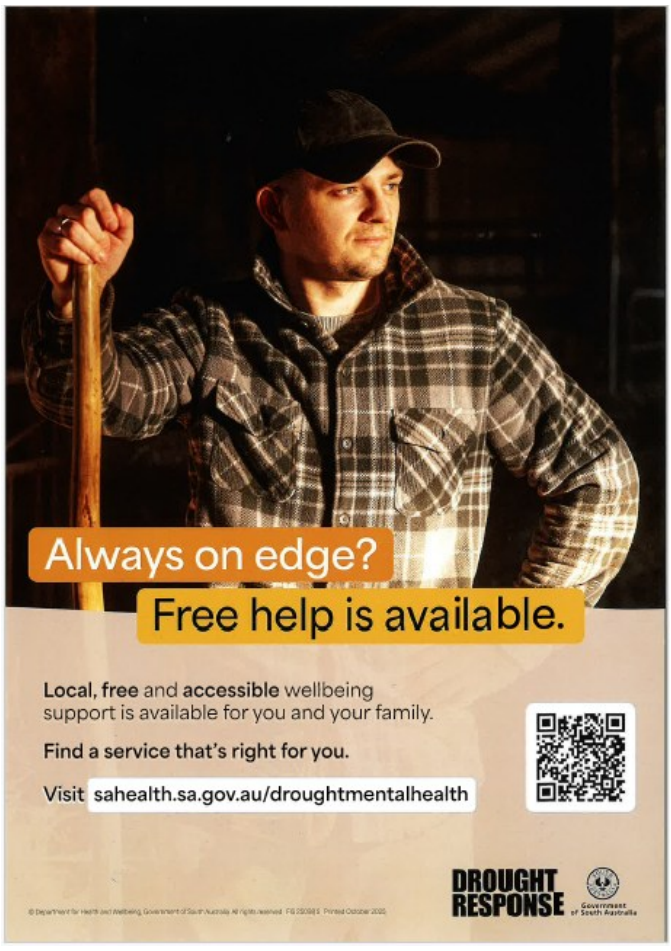
Meet Emma



We'd like to welcome Emma Allen to our team. Emma is sharing the Medical Centre Admin role with Esther and will also start doing Diversional Therapy with the residents.

Emma is well known in the community and will be a great addition to the hospital team





100 YEARS 1923 - 2023 OF CARING AT HAWKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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Want to help someone doing it tough?

Join us for free training

Limited spaces - get in quick to reserve your place

Tough times, including those during drought, can affect us all in different ways. Looking out for each other can help.

If you are noticing people in your community struggling and you want to build your skills and confidence to be there for them, please join us for a free training session over dinner about **connecting with people.**

Learn how to:

- recognise distress
- start a supportive conversation
- respond safely
- reduce stigma

Scan the QR code to find out more or email:
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Lifeline: 13 11 14

Mental Health Triage (SA): 13 14 65

Triple Zero: 000

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

The Hawker Hospital Health Advisory Council (HAC)

The Hawker Hospital Health Advisory Council (HAC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday 19 February 2026.

The Presiding Members Forum for Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN) will be held on Friday 6 February 2026. This forum is an opportunity for the Presiding Members from all the HACS in FUNLHN to meet and relay ideas and views from each Community to FUNLHN. These ideas are used in planning for new and improved services.

As the Presiding Member I will make myself available on the second Friday of each month at the Hawker General Store from 10am to 12pm, affording community members the opportunity to raise new ideas, perceived gaps in service delivery and feedback (complaints, compliments and suggestions), that I can advocate for at the local HAC and Presiding Members Forum.

Other members of the HAC who can also raise issues and concerns on behalf of the community are:

- Donald Fels
- Victor Clark
- Emma Allen
- Jo Du Bois
- Robyn McInnis
- John Teague (representing Member of Parliament, Eddie Hughes)
- Hayley Brown (Staff Representative)
- Greg Flint (FRC Representative)

I will be at the Hawker General Store on Friday 13 February 2026, 10am-12pm if you would like to catch up with me.

Regards

Julie Brown (Presiding Member)
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UNITING SA

Ladies **WELLNESS HIGH TEA**

The **UnitingSA Drought Recovery Program** invites drought affected women to a FREE Health & Social Wellness High Tea in Hawker this March.

Enjoy lunch, connection and wellness activities in a relaxed, supportive setting.

To help us choose the best date, please indicate your preferred option:

4 MARCH 2026	**5 MARCH 2026**	**11 MARCH 2026**
12 MARCH 2026	**18 MARCH 2026**	**19 MARCH 2026**

Register your interest by emailing Mel with your preferred date and number attending:

Email: mschenck@unitingsa.com.au



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PODIATRY IN HOME SERVICES

Tailored podiatry services - Your care is designed to meet your individual needs.

Next Visit to Hawker is on Monday 09th February 2026. Please call Hawker Medical Centre to make an appointment on 86484172.

Congratulations to Madison Hately who has been accepted into Flinders University to study a Bachelor in Accounting and Graduate Certificates in Business and Commerce.

Madison presented a great graduation speech at the Hawker Area School Presentation night and as she talked about the community we thought it would be appropriate to publish it in this issue of the Town Crier. The Hawker Community wish Madison all the best for her move to Adelaide and her studies.



Today I stand before you as the only student graduating. At first, that felt overwhelming — one person representing an entire year. But then I realised... this moment isn't just about me. It's about all of us. It's about the teachers who never gave up on me, the staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, my peers who walked beside me, and the community that shaped me into who I am.

To my teachers — you've been more than educators. You've been mentors, role models, and in many ways, family. You taught me far more than what's written in a curriculum. You showed me resilience, the value of effort, and that failure is never final unless we stop trying. Every lesson, every piece of advice, every time you believed in me when I doubted myself — that's what carried me to this moment.

To the school staff — from the office, to the cleaners, to the groundskeepers, to those who guided my wellbeing — you may not always be seen, but you are always felt. You've built an environment where I could grow, dream, and succeed. Without you, none of this would have been possible.

To my peers — although I'm graduating alone, I've never truly been alone. Together, we've shared laughter in classrooms, encouragement in hard times, and memories that will stay with me for life. You've reminded me that success is sweeter when it's shared, and that the real lesson of school is not found in exams, but in the people we walk this journey with.

And to my community — thank you. You are the roots of who I am. This school doesn't exist in isolation; it stands on the shoulders of families, friends, and a community that supports and nurtures us. Today I graduate carrying your hopes, your lessons, and your strength with me. I am proud not only to represent myself, but to represent us.

Graduation is often seen as an ending, but I see it as a beginning. A beginning that reminds me of where I've come from and where I am going. Though I may leave these classrooms behind, I will always carry the lessons, the friendships, and the spirit of this school and this community within me.

So today, I don't just say goodbye. I say thank you. Thank you to my teachers, my peers, the staff, and this community. Thank you for shaping me, supporting me, and believing in me.I leave here proud of what I've achieved, but more importantly, proud of where I've come from — because I know that no matter where life takes me, a part of this place, and a part of all of you, will always walk with me.



Tom, pictured with his sister Pauline (Polly) and brother-in-law Russell Foulis prior to his departure from Hawker.

The Crossman Families of Hawker

Last October Tom Crossman (Tommy as everyone called him) moved from Hawker to Port Augusta. This meant he was the last Crossman to leave Hawker after his forbears first settled on a block between Wilson and Cradock. Some families left the district in the following years while others settled in various locations in the area. Tommy's grandfather settled at Shaggy Ridge, east of Hawker. Most of the next generation who stayed in the Hawker district have now passed away and their families live elsewhere.

(See more detail in the Families section of the "Hawker Hub of the Flinders Revisited 2005).

Thus Tommy was the last Crossman for quite a few years living In Hawker. He only recently resigned from the Grounds-man job at the Hawker Area School, which he had done for fifty years or more.

In typical Tommy fashion he was just going to leave Hawker until a local suddenly realized he was going and that Tommy was the last Crossman to leave Hawker. A few photos were taken, which of course Tomy did not want, but his sister Pauline and brother-in-law, Russel Foulis, persuaded him to have the photos taken.

Many will remember Tommy in the school yard raking up all the leaves and bark in the yard, the leaves had no chance if they landed on the pathway!!

Thanks Tommy for all your work at the school. Tommy has settled in well in Port Augusta. If you see Tommy shopping in Port Augusta say hello, he will be pleased.

Hawker Holiday Swim Program Makes a Splash Once Again

The Hawker Holiday Swim Program, delivered through Royal Life Saving SA, was a huge success this year, welcoming 57 students across a wide range of abilities and ages. From our youngest participants in the Wonder classes swimming alongside their parents, right through to those undertaking the challenging Bronze Medallion courses, the program showcased skill development, confidence building and a strong sense of community.

With growing participation numbers this year, the program expanded to include three dedicated instructors — Naomi, Maddison and Khobi — whose commitment, professionalism and enthusiasm ensured every participant was supported and encouraged throughout the week.

Despite extreme temperatures reaching the high 40s, the excitement and motivation of students and families never wavered. The pool was filled with determination, laughter and a shared focus on water safety, even in challenging conditions.

A special mention must go to our Bronze Medallion students — Pippa, Annalise, Lucy, and Maddison and Khobi, who completed a refresher course. The Bronze Medallion is a nationally recognised qualification and is no easy feat, particularly within such a short timeframe. With demanding timed swims and rescue tows, their persistence, resilience and commitment truly shone.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the many families who travelled to Hawker to take part in the program. Your willingness to journey to our community and your support of local businesses during your stay is greatly appreciated. To our local families, thank you for your flexibility and generosity in accommodating visitors — your support helps make programs like this possible.

The Hawker Holiday Swim Program continues to grow, strengthening water safety skills and community connections. We look forward to welcoming everyone back again in 2027 for another fantastic program.

Naomi Arthurson

Swim and Survive Instructor 2026



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SUNDAY 11AM - 3PM

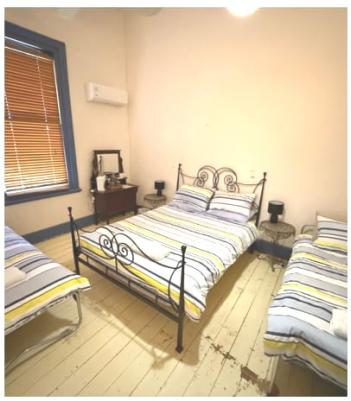
Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 6-8pm
Call 8648 4107 or info@thecradockhotel.com.au
Bookings appreciated



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ONSITE ROOMS

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HAWKER UNITING CHURCH
10am Every Sunday

Fellowship

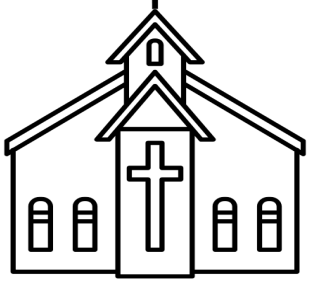
Contact Janice McInnis
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Next meeting:

February 24th 2.00pm

HAWKER CATHOLIC CHURCH
Hawker: Sunday 10:30am

Weekly Services
Quorn Sunday 8:15am
Carrieton Saturday 6:00pm
Please contact the Parish Office
Sacramental Programme Grade 3 and 4 for the Rite of Reconciliation and First Communion;
Grade 6 and 7 for Confirmation
Adult faith talks, Baptism and Christian Marriage preparation
Parish Office: 86486185



Every so often a book comes along unlike any other…

Eddie Jaku's autobiography **'The Happiest Man on Earth'**, is one of them!



Eddie was born in Germany in 1920.

In World War 2, Eddie was imprisoned in Buchenwald and Auschwitz concentration camps. In 1945, he was sent on a death march but escaped. Finally he was rescued by Allied soldiers.

1n 1950 he moved with family to Australia. In 2020 Eddie celebrated his 100th birthday, and began writing his autobiography having been asked to do so. He only died recently in 2021 at the ripe old age of 101.

It must have been very hard and painful to relive memories so horrific he'd sought to forget. But through it all he made a promise.

He promised when he came out of the darkest hours of his life that he would be happy for the rest of his life and smile! He concludes: *'No one has ever said that life is easy, but it is easier if you love it; if you take time to appreciate every moment of your life - the good, the bad. Sometimes there will be tears. Sometimes there will be laughter. And if you are lucky, there will be friends to share it all with….Please, every day, remember to be happy, and to make others happy too. Make yourself a friend to the world. Do this for your new friend, Eddie.'*

Highly recommended reading for Secondary students and older.

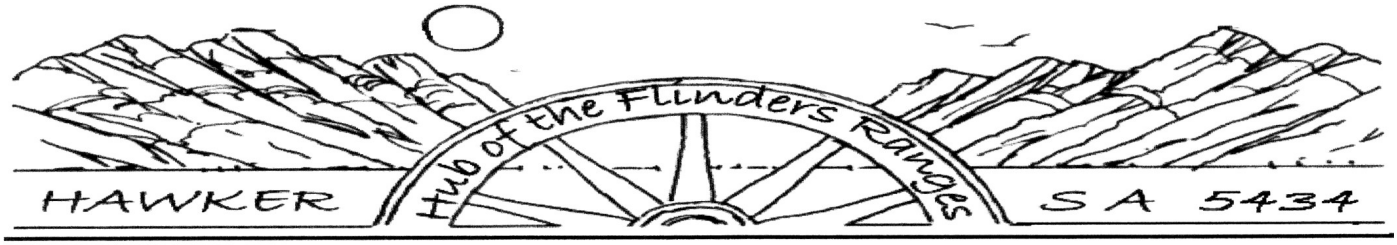
Submitted by Miriam Morgan

World Day of Prayer 2026

Focus on **Nigeria**



Service date	Friday, March 6, for Morning Tea followed by the Prayer Service
Location	Hawker Uniting Church
Address	Cradock Rd, Hawker
Time	10 am. **Wear something green and white.
Contact	Lisa O'Neill, 0417 184 623



Hawker Community Development Board Inc.

HCDB MEMBERS: Julia Henderson, (Chairperson, Treasurer), Susi Andersson (Vice Chairperson), Catherine Burt (Secretary), Graham Lawrence (Public Officer), Mike Doughty, Chris Wenham, Greg Flint (FRC Rep), John Teague, Janet Teague, Charlie Eager, Steve Youle, Ric Onley, Esther Eager

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Many visitors to the 2025 Drought Muster took the opportunity to provide their thoughts and ideas about future projects and initiatives they would like to see Flinders Ranges Council (FRC) and the HCDB collaborating on in the future.

Suggestions and comments provided by community members:

FACILITIES

Footpaths – disabled persons; Footpath – Chace View Terrace

Truck parking definitely needed on Outback Highway, esp for road trains and facilities for their use

Cemetery: shrubs, fence

RECREATION

Music Event yearly

Social dances

Greening of Hawker oval

Hawker Racecourse Walkway

Pool – metal rail on ramp too hot

-Rail needed on pool steps for easier access

SERVICES

Cat desexing support

Health evenings

Community Bus – access to Pt Aug without a car

OTHER

RYPEN- Rotary for young people, for those 14 -17 years; RYLA – Rotary for 18 years plus

The FRC has invited HCDB to collaborate on the following:

- Blue Burt Park Revitalisation
- Hawker Dam Reimagining
- Artist in Residence Program
- Hawker Institute and Foresters Hall upgrades
- Community Bus

HCDB and community members identified other projects needing attention, including:

- Use of the Recreation Ground shed
- Parking bay for trucks adjacent Outback Highway
- Bitumen road past the Recreation Ground
- Solar lights in public spaces

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

A successful Christmas Lights Competition was held in December 2025.

Congratulations to the winners:

1st prize $100 bundle - Wayne and Vicki Cameron

2nd prize $75 bundle – Lydia Hearn, Claire, Mike Doughty

3rd prize Flinders Food Co $50 voucher – Barbara George

HCDB is very grateful for the support from our generous sponsors, FRC Councillors Greg Flint and Steve Taylor; and Doogal and Louise Hannagan from Flinders Food Co for these terrific prizes. There was wonderful community support with many lights twinkling in the dark. It's a lot of work setting up, but we all enjoyed them.

Thank you all for celebrating Hawker's community Christmas spirit.

SWIMMING POOL

HCDB is subsidising all swimmers aged 16 and under for the 2025/26 swimming season.

To date 23 subsidised swim passes have been issued.

We encourage all who are eligible to take up this opportunity.

HAWKER INSTITUTE

Water damage to the ceiling in the side gallery has been repaired, but is yet to be painted.

The ongoing cause of water damage is the box gutter, as well as other gutters and downpipes filling with leaf waste.

All require regular three monthly maintenance.

Roof inspection identified a number of broken solar panels, as well as the possibility of the inverter not functioning.

NEXT MEETING: WED. 11TH FEB. 2026, 7.00PM SPORTS CENTRE ALL WELCOME

Mike Doughty

Hawker Community Development Board Perpetual Merit Award winner

Mike has now been bar manager of the Hawker Community Sports Centre for a number of years. He contributes far above and beyond what he is paid for in this role. It is all of his behind the scenes work that can easily pass un-noticed. He sets up and packs up the Centre for community events, checking and consulting with the event organisers, be it a funeral, a meeting or a training day, to ensure all the facilities they may require are in place. Mike also covers the Friday night bar roster at the Club, always ensuring everything is in place for the smooth running of the Centre.

Mike has also contributed and continues to take part in other community organisations.
He is a former CFS volunteer. Mike actively supports the ongoing work of Claire and Lydia in the Wildlife Rescue Service. Mike has also recently joined the HCDB.
In whatever community role, he is always very calm, approachable, responsible and efficient. Another quiet achiever in our midst. We are very privileged and grateful to have Mike in our town.
Finally, his fabulous Christmas light displays are becoming the stuff of legends.

The Flinders Ranges Council Citizen of the Year Award 2026

John Teague

John is a lifelong committed, passionate and knowledgeable advocate for Hawker and the Flinders Ranges and Outback. John has been, and continues to be, a long standing and active member of many local and regional community organisations, including the Hawker Hospital Board and currently the Health Advisory Committee, Wirreanda Cottages, Hawker Community Development Board, Hawker Institute, Hawker Art Exhibition and Freemasons. John was also a member of the Flinders Regional Tourism Group. John has been a local Justice of the Peace (JP) for many years. Apart from formal engagement with community groups, John is always a willing and generous helper at any local event. Over many years John has provided out of hours service and support to stranded travellers in the district.

John regularly liaises with representatives of organisations such as the Royal Flying Doctor, Telstra and RAA, as well as relevant politicians, advocating and promoting the needs and interests of the region and the local community. Support for the Cancer Council is also provided each year by hosting the Biggest Morning Tea at Hawker Motors. John's advocacy is always well informed, calm and considered, as he speaks or seeks assistance on behalf of other community members or the region as a whole. John's respect and status in the community means he is often called upon by media organisations to be the spokesperson on a range of issues affecting the region.

John has fulfilled the role of community resource person for many years. His knowledge and skills in areas as diverse as local history and geography, geo-science, mechanics and technology, telecommunications, and local weather events, to name a few, are frequently sought by locals and visitors alike. John's patience and willingness to engage with people, means that each enquiry is respectfully and comprehensively attended to.

John has never sought publicity or the limelight, but his actions are those of a true 'Quiet Achiever'. His opinions and knowledge are frequently sought by those far and wide, including media organisations.

John has a policy of employing and training young local staff through his family business, Hawker Motors. This opportunity enables these young people to gain employment skills and confidence, as well as having John as a credible referee, enhancing their resumes and future career opportunities.

Whenever assistance is needed, John is the first to volunteer. In addition, John is frequently the person who identifies a need, be it someone or something in the community, that is then met, and attended to, in a timely manner. There are countless examples of John quietly and efficiently going out of his way to generously provide practical assistance to others, be they visitors or community members of all ages and backgrounds.

John's stellar reputation as a key identity of the region extends far beyond the local community. He is viewed with warmth and appreciation by all who have the privilege to encounter him.



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LANGUAGE ORIGINS WORD SEARCH



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HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE NEWS

2026

FEBRUARY



BAR ROSTER

FEB
7TH SCOTT TEAGUE
14TH LOUISE WATSON
22ND (SUNDAY) KELLIE ZADOW
28TH SAUL WEBB

MARCH
7TH PETER ZADOW
14TH ANDREW MCINNIS
21SR LISA O'NEILL
28TH ALEX MORGAN

2025/2026 Northern Areas Cricket Program

1st November	Hawker v Quorn	@ Hawker
1st November	Copley v Blinman	@ Copley
22nd November	Blinman v Hawker	@ Blinman
29th November	Quorn v Blinman	@ Quorn
6th December	Copley v Quorn	@ Copley
13th December	Copley v Hawker	@ Copley
17th January	Quorn v Copley	@ Quorn
17th January	Hawker v Blinman	@ Hawker
7th February	Hawker v Copley	@ Hawker
7th February	Blinman v Quorn	@ Blinman
21st February	Blinman v Copley	@ Blinman
22nd February SUNDAY	Quorn v Hawker	@ Quorn
28th February	CRADOCK MATCH	@ CRADOCK
21st March	Grand Final	

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



Sports Centre: 86484115
Bookings: 86484014
Email:sportscentre5434@gmail.om

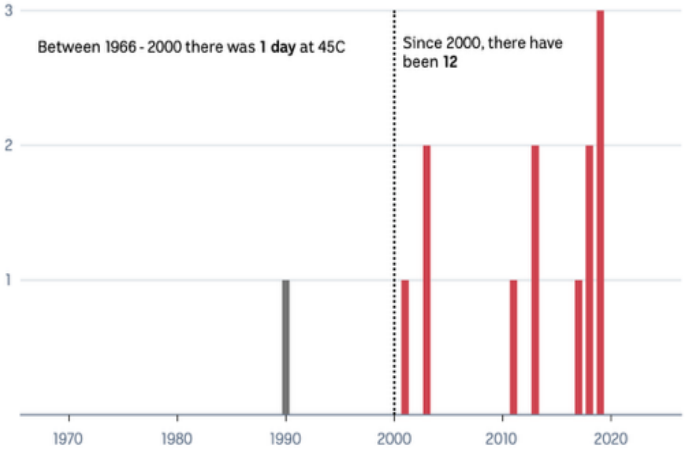






And for Hawker, in South Australia's Flinders Ranges, another town that could see six days in a row over 40C during this event.

Number of days per year at or above 45C in Hawker, SA



ABC News / Source: BOM / Get the data

Australia Day Cradock









Despite the heat, about 20 people met in the late evening at Cradock to participate in a brief ceremony and flag raising to celebrate Australia Day. This was followed by a traditional sausage sizzle and evening of shared companionship. Thanks again to Maurie and Maggie for organising and the usual volunteers for helping to make another pleasant get together.

Australia Day Hawker









Australia Day Hawker







Hawker Community Sports Centre News

The paving project around the bowling green, partly funded by the Flinders Ranges Council community grant is underway. A busy bee saw many volunteers digging out dirt in preparation for the paving. Ryan McMillan is doing the paving and fixing other problems that have arisen!

It will look great and ensure the facilities will last for many more years!



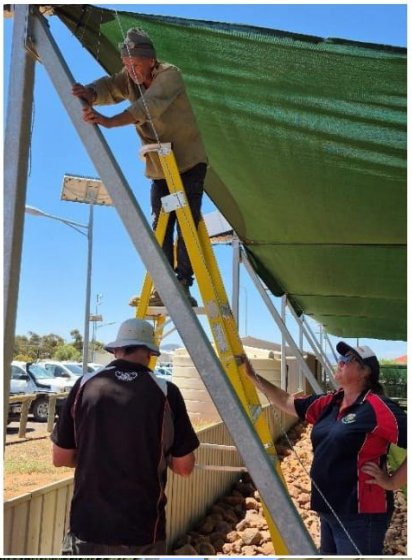




Huge thanks to everyone who helped. It was hot, hard work and your help is greatly appreciated. Other maintenance and repair work has also been carried out. Volunteers are an important part of the club, and we recognise the amount of time people have given to help out.













Ryan McMillan

Paving



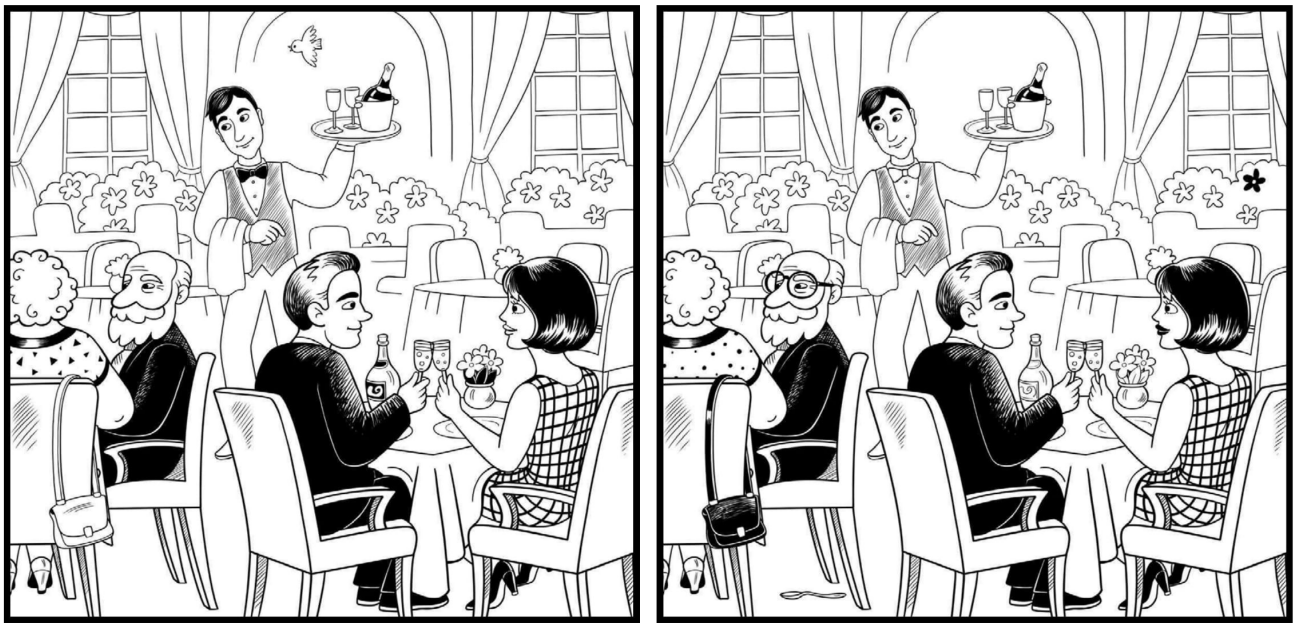
HISTORY NOTES

Minutes of Meeting of the Warcowie Agricultural Bureau which was held on Aug6th 1930 in the Warcowie School room. Members present were Messrs T. Ryan in the chair, A.J.Crossman, Bert Crossman, Walt Crossman, Mick Ryan, Herb Jarvis, Rex Jarvis. E.L. Orchard (Dist Agric Instructor) and F. Richard (Assist General Sec) and a very large attendance of visitors of whom five were once members of the branch, namely Tom Donnellan (who was the foundation chairman in 1911) Cliff Hilder, Stanley Bennett, Walter and Ted Sanders.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence read, advising our branch that the 41st Congress will be held in the Wayville Show Hall, Adelaide on Sept 15th, 16th & 17th and could we nominate two members to attend same. However as no member was prepared to attend this year the matter was dropped. The following people were nominated to become members for the coming year. Messrs GT Hilder, Dick Pumpa, Eric Growden, Frank Growden, Hurtle Sanders, Walter Sanders, Dick Felton and Clem Sanders. Mr Richards then favoured us with a song after which he addressed the meeting, chiefly the ladies, with a view to starting a women's branch at Warcowie. Mr Orchard then gave a short address on what was done at the Conference held at Tarcowie July 17th 1930. After the meeting was concluded a concert was held and items were given by the following. An organ solo by Mrs Ted Sanders, Mandolin by Connie Woodhead, Recitations by Rodney Crossman, Sylvia Sanders, Mrs Arch Crossman and Doris Sanders, Viv Sanders and John Thamm. Songs by Connie and Nesta Woodhead, Edna Webb, Dick Pumpa, John Thamm, Ted Sanders, Arch Crossman and Walt Crossman.

Supper was provided by the ladies and dancing indulged in till 3 o'clock after which 3 hearty cheers were given to all who helped make the evening a success.

Spot the Differences 10 to find!



ALL COOL

PINEAPPLE PUNCH POPSICLE

450g can crushed pineapple in syrup

1½ cups tropical punch fruit drink

1¼ cups coconut water

¼ cup passionfruit pulp

½ x 250g punnet strawberries, finely chopped

Drain pineapple, reserving ¾ cup of the syrup. Combine reserved syrup, fruit drink, coconut water and passionfruit pulp in a large jug. Stir in pineapple and strawberries. Pour into 12 x 100ml popsicle moulds with lids that include sticks. Fit lids and freeze overnight. To serve, run moulds under warm water for a couple of seconds to remove popsicles.

If your moulds do not have lids with sticks, simply freeze popsicles for about 1 ½ hours before inserting sticks. The popsicle should be solid enough to hold the sticks upright.

CAFE LATTE ICECREAM POPS

1 ½ tbs instant coffee granules

395g can sweetened condensed milk

1 ¼ cups milk

2 tsp vanilla extract

1 cup dark chocolate melts

1 tbs vegetable oil

Dissolve coffee in ¼ cup boiling water and allow to cool. Combine milks and vanilla in a large jug. Stir in coffee. Pour into 6 x 100ml popsicle moulds with lids that include sticks. Freeze overnight. Run moulds under warm water for a couple of seconds and remove pops. Place on a tray lined with baking paper and return to the freezer for 2 hours. Place chocolate and oil in a small heat-proof bowl. Sit bowl over a saucepan of simmering water and stir until melted and smooth. Allow to cool for 15 minutes. Remove popsicles from freezer and, one at a time, dip into chocolate to coat half of the popsicle. Hold for a few seconds until chocolate is set and return to the tray. Return to the freezer until serving.

BLUEBERRY BANANA FRO-YO POPS

7 butternut snap cookies

1 cup frozen blueberries

¼ cup caster sugar

2 medium banana, peeled, chopped

1 ½ cups vanilla yoghurt

Crush cookies. Process the remaining ingredients until smooth. Pour into 12 x75ml popsicle moulds. Sprinkle crumbs evenly over pops, insert popsicle sticks and freeze overnight.

PINEAPPLE CHEESECAKE-MISU

2 x 440g cans crushed pineapple in juice

¼ cup Malibu or coconut milk

400g packet sponge finger biscuits

300ml thickened cream

toasted coconut chips to decorate

CHEESECAKE FILLING

500g cream cheese, chopped, room temperature

395g can sweetened condensed milk

1 tsp vanilla extract

300ml thickened cream

1 tbsp lemon juice

Drain the pineapple, reserving 1 ½ cups of the juice. Combine the juice and Malibu in a shallow dish.

To make the filling

Process cream cheese, condensed milk and vanilla in a food processor until smooth. Add cream and juice. Process until well combined. Take 36 of the biscuits. One at a time, dip 18 into the juice mixture until soaked. Arrange over the base of a 22cmx32cm x4.5cm deep serving dish. Scatter over half the pineapple. Pour over half the filling and smooth over. Repeat layering with the other 18 biscuits. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Just before serving whip the remaining cream until soft peaks form. Spread evenly over the top of the cheesecake and scatter with toasted coconut chips.

STRAWBERRY ORANGE GRANITA

2 punnets strawberries, hulled

1 large orange, peeled, chopped

2 tbs orange juice

2 tbs caster sugar

½ tsp grated orange rind

extra orange rind cut into this strips to decorate

Place strawberries and orange in a single layer on a lined oven tray and freeze overnight. Blend or process strawberries, orange, sugar, orange juice and rind until smooth. Spoon into a 20cm x 30cm lamington tin lined with plastic wrap. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze until needed. Scoop into glasses and serve decorated with strips of orange rind.

Community News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who celebrate birthdays in January and February

Mary Clock-Clarke *80*

Christina Bunzeck

Annie Hallett

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, especially former Hawker residents.

Bischoff, Neil Kevin

Loving husband of Bev.

Adored brother and brother-in-law of

Jocelyn and Hedley, Gerald and Ursula, Frank and Heather.

Schneideriet, Derek

Brother of Michelle Mannion. Passed away suddenly.

McRae, Cathy

McCourt, (nee Smith) Helen

WELCOME

Welcome to new residents especially Mark and Nancy, manages of the Hawker Caravan Park.

BEST WISHES

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The Editor said

"It's not even 9am and I'm already sweating."

From the *TOWN CRIER* Archives

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

Australia Day: Approximately 200 people attended the annual Australia Day Mardi Gras enjoying a BBQ, refreshments and dancing under the stars to the lively music of "Country Blue". Dr John Passehl was awarded the Citizens award and Vicky Duffield the Young Citizen of the year.

Weather: Significant weather events during 1989 included the wettest 24 hour period on record of 173 mm on 14th March. The wettest month on record of 236mm in March. The coldest day on record with a maximum of 7.4 C on June 1st and coldest June morning was a minimum of—3.7 C on June 26th. The hottest day on record occurred on January 3rd 1990 of 45.0 C. The lowest minimum was 122.7 C with 38mm of rain recorded for the month.

Historical Notes: Penniless Cornish miners Richard Oates and John Deason had sailed to Australia 8 years earlier to seek their fortune on the gold fields with no luck. In 1869 John Deason slammed his shovel into their last mound and hit a "rock" , the largest nugget ever found, the "Welcome Stranger" weighing 71kg worth 9,534 pounds. It was cut up on February 9th 1869.

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

Australia Day: Following the traditional bacon and egg breakfast well known Hawker personality Mr John Teague presented the Australia Day address. Certificates of Recognition were presented to Tracy Shannon for organising the "Laugh-In" show, CFS Captain Steve Hearn on behalf of his team of fire fighters and David and Narelle Campbell for having the most improved business since taking over the post office agency. The ceremonies were concluded with the unveiling of a plaque by Bernie and Hazel Matthews, commemorating the planting of the Federation Moreton Bay Fig Tree in AW Burt Park.

Weather: December 31st 2005 recorded the hottest December night ever with a minimum of 31.2 C. The highest maximum for January was 43.7 C and the lowest minimum was 16.8 C with 12.6mm of rain recorded.

Cricket at Cradock: Saturday December 3rd 2005 saw a good crowd of spectators in fine weather, gathered for the annual Cradock V Hawker Cricket match. Cradock were all out for 155 runs in the twenty fifth over with Hawker reaching 7/158 in twenty four overs to win for the first time in three years. Dropping in to have a look at the match and enjoy a few refreshments were country singer John Williamson and radio personality John Laws.

10 Years Ago - February 2016 (Cover Price $2.00)

Australia Day: A successful Bacon and egg breakfast began the Celebrations at Blue Burt Park where Chelsea Haywood was presented with the HCDB merit award for her dedication the Children, Youth and Families of Hawker and surrounds.

Weather: Extreme hot weather in the middle of December culminated with a maximum of 44.0 C on the 18th. The remainder of December and January saw fairly average conditions. The highest January reading was 42 C with the lowest 9.5 C. the was 13.6mm rain recorded.

Blue Light Disco: A very successful Blue Light Disco was held on 8th January at the pool with over 40 children attending.

Bowls News: Men's Championship Pairs winners were Brian Rowe and Michael McAuley while the Women's Pairs winners were Jane Luckraft and Barb Fels.

The Bowling Club men were rostered to give the women a night off from cooking. They chose to provide a roast pig which was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Media release

8/12/25

Board seeks community input to its draft Regional Landscape Plan

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The SA Arid Lands (SAAL) Landscape Board is drafting its five-year Regional Landscape Plan (2026-2031) and is seeking comments and feedback from its community and stakeholders.

The draft plan sets out the board's strategic priorities, focus areas and key outcomes and provides direction for the delivery of the board's projects, programs and partnerships across the region over a five-year period.

This is the second strategic plan for the SAAL Landscape Board and while it is not proposing large scale changes to its original plan, the draft Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031 (RLP) better reflects the board's current and future aspirations and those of stakeholders and the community.

In developing the draft plan, the board has sought feedback from board staff, members of the board and each of the seven district Landscape Groups.

From this feedback, the board is considering priorities that are similar to its current plan. This includes Climate Resilient Region, People and Partnerships, Water Management, Adaptive Land Management and Protecting and Enhancing Biodiversity.

The revised plan will guide the board's work from 2026-2031.

Under the *Landscape South Australia Act* 2019, the board must review its Regional Landscape Plan once every five years and report on its success in maintaining, protecting, improving or enhancing the state of landscapes at the regional or local level.

It needs to specify five strategic priorities that are based on local priorities and needs, scientific and other expert information and advice, Aboriginal traditional knowledge and other relevant information evidence and factors.

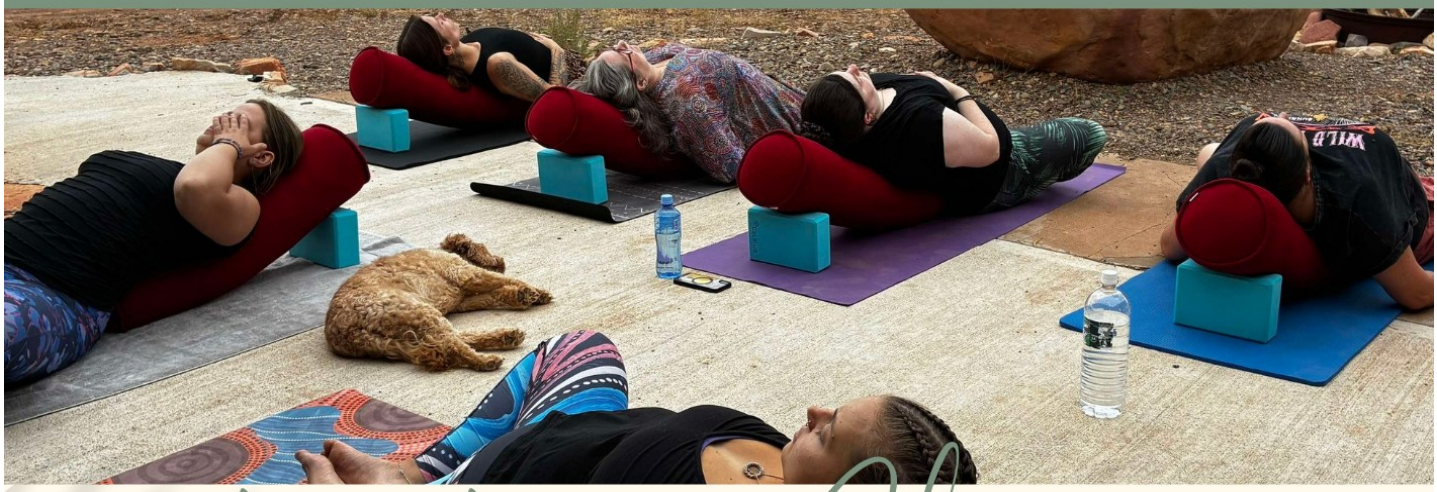
You can view the draft plan at **Landscape South Australia - SA Arid Lands | Have your say**

Members of the community wishing to provide feedback can do so through a survey available at **https://www.surveymonkeylcom/r/SAALdraftplan2026-2031** or by emailing your submission to **saal.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au**

Submissions will close on Saturday 31 January. Responses will be considered and an amended draft plan will be presented to the SAAL Landscape Board for approval and to the Minister for Environment and Water for endorsement before taking effect in July 2026.

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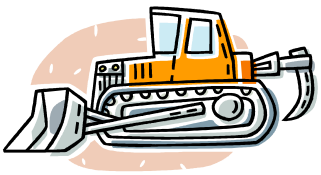
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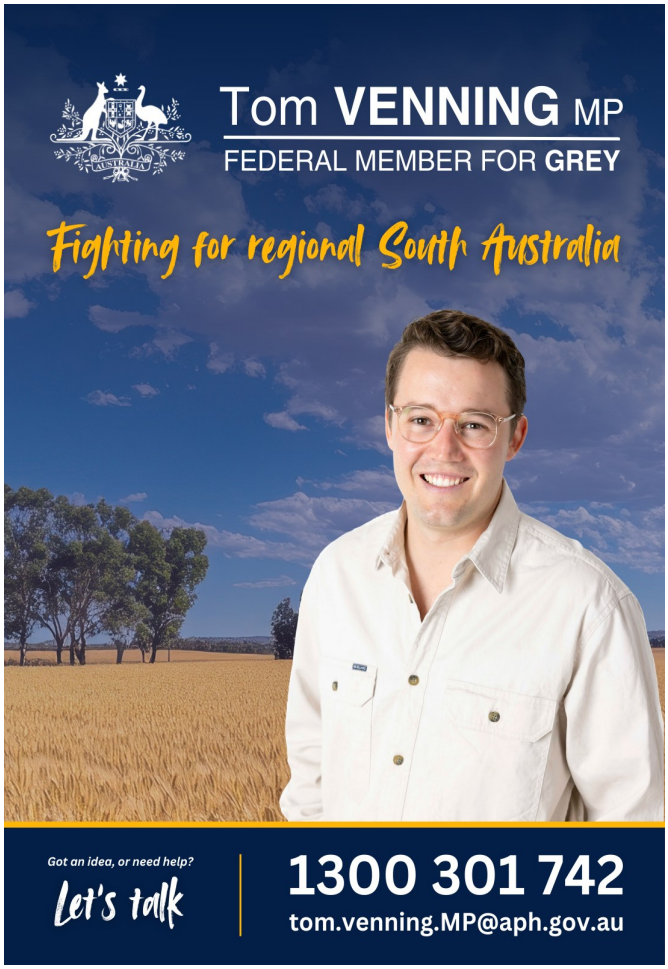
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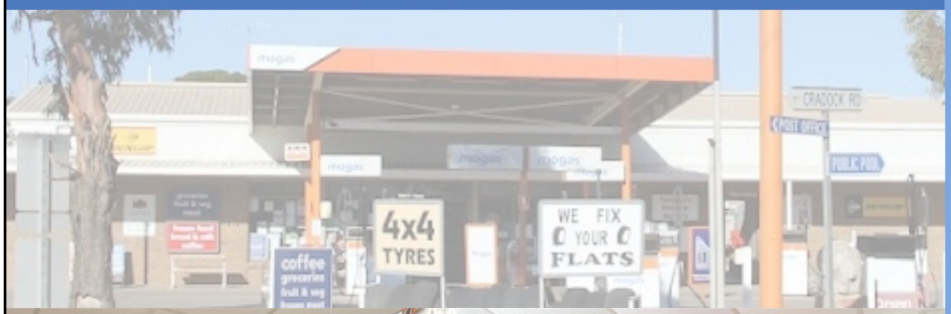
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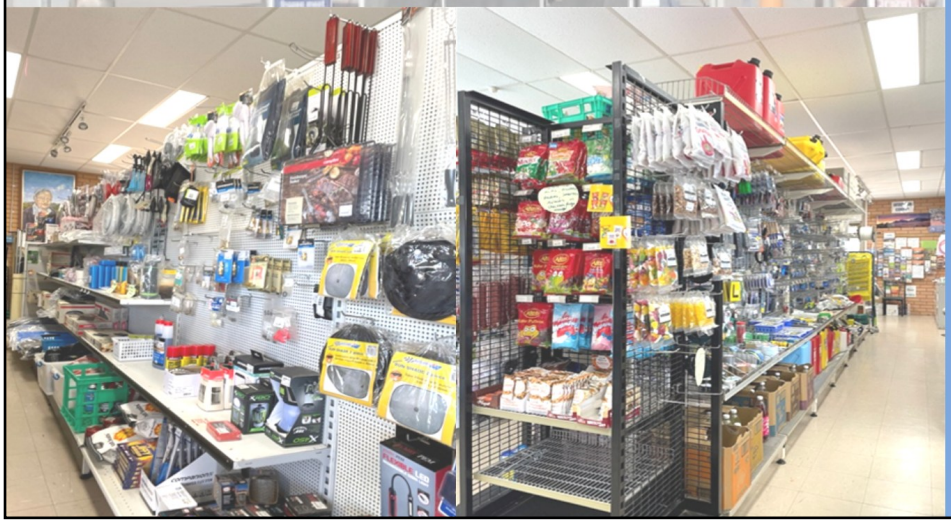
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6:30pm

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Community Calendar February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Exercises	3 Yin Yoga	4	5	6	7 Find a Friend Bowls Day
8	9 Podiatry visit	10 Childhood Services AGM	11 HCDB Meeting	12	13 HAC Catchup	14 Red & Rump Night
15	16	17 CHC Physdiotherapy Dietitian	18	19 Friendship Group Lunch	20	21
22 Station & Business Bowls Day	23	24 CHC Diabetes Educator	25 Fellowship	26	27	28

Community Calendar March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Exercises	3	4	5	6 World Day of Prayer	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 HAC Catchup	14
15	16	17	18	19 Friendship Group Lunch	20	21
22	23	24	25 Fellowship	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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Approaching dust clouds 26/1/26



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