HAWKER TOWN CRIER

$2.50

MARCH 2026

Hawker Town Crier – Box 169 Hawker SA 5434 – email towncrier@discoverhawkersa.com.au

WHATS INSIDE:

- Quorn Carnival
- World Day of Prayer
- Sports Centre News
- Hawker Development Board News
- Community News
- Crows Training Camp
- Bowls Life Membership



Noah & Leo at Crows Training Camp



Mary speaking at World Day of Prayer



Hawker Area School at Quorn Swimming Carnival

Below Golf Course Creek



Marlene McAuley & John Shute receive Bowls Life Memberships



FLOOD WATERS

CRADOCK HOTEL

BUY A BEER CAMP FREE / MEALS DRINKS / ONSITE ROOMS



TUESDAY - SATURDAY 11AM TIL CLOSE
SUNDAY 11AM - 3PM

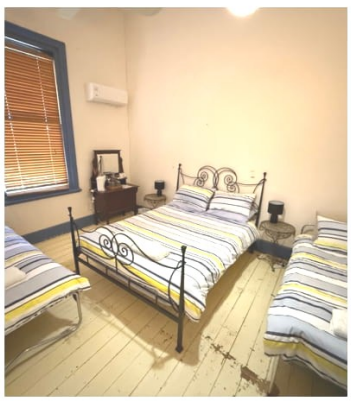
Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 6-8pm
Call 8648 4107 or info@thecradockhotel.com.au
Bookings appreciated



PULL UP & POP IN



SIT - DRINK - EAT



ONSITE ROOMS

Open every day during SA school holidays & long weekends

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

Hawker Health Advisory Council

What does a Health Advisory Council (HAC) do?

- HACs undertake an advocacy role on behalf of their communities.
- An integral part of the HACs advocacy role involves community engagement through discussion with local communities on health issues, priorities and needs.
- This critical role assists HACS in the provision of advice to SA Health and also is a significant component of needs analysis processes linked to planning for health services in country South Australia.

Acknowledgement

The HAC would like to acknowledge and thank the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary for donating the following:

- Sonosite Ultrasound for point-of-care clinical use.
- 10 new over-way tables

Presiding Member Update:

As the Presiding Member of the HAC, I have:

- Attended the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN) Presiding Members Meeting on 12 February 2026. Issues discussed included:
  - Patient Assisted Travel Scheme. This will be a focus for the Presiding Members in 2026.
  - Completion of a Gap Analysis of the FUNLHN HACs to assess the current framework and identify areas for improvement or adjustment.
- Attended the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission - Rights Based Complaints Handling under the new Aged Care Act, on 17 February 2026.
- Attended the FUNLHN Strategic Plan Development Day on 9 February 2026
  - The current Strategic Plan expires at the end of 2026. FUNLHN have commenced consultations via a survey with the community. The survey can be accessed through the FUNLHN Facebook page or by scanning the QR Code (below) with your phone to fill the Consumer and Community Engagement Strategic Framework Survey online.



- Completed an orientation to HACs along with Hayley Brown (Staff Representative) and Greg Flint (FRC Representative) on 11 February 2026.

Hi Flinders and Upper North LHN community!

We want to hear from you...

Survey closes Friday 17 April 2026

The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN) is reviewing and updating their strategic suite of documents including:

- FUNLHN Strategic Plan (2022-2026)
- Consumer and Community Engagement Strategic Framework (2022-2026)
- Clinical Engagement Strategy (2023-2026).

In response to changing community needs, policy directions, and system priorities, it is essential that these strategic documents are current, relevant, and aligned with FUNLHN's vision for excellence in health care for everyone, every day, all the time.

To have your say...

- scan the QR Code with your smart phone camera
- pick up a paper version from your local health service and submit in the returns box nearby.



Government of South Australia

Health
Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

OFFICIAL © Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network, Government of South Australia. All rights reserved.

HAWKER UNITING CHURCH
10am Every Sunday

Fellowship

Contact Janice McInnis
Phone: 0429199334
Email: janice.mcinnis@bigpond.com

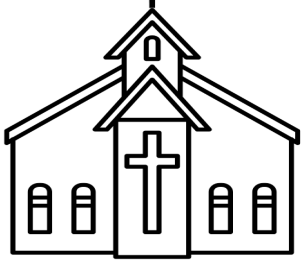
Easter Services

Good Friday—9.00am

Easter Sunday– 10.00am

Next Meeting

March 25th—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

World Day of Prayer Friday March 6, 2026

Sixteen people met at the Uniting Church in Hawker on Friday morning to share this year's service which was written by the Christian women of Nigeria. Everyone dressed in green and/or white as these are the colours of the Nigerian flag. We began with morning tea which included fruit and tropical inspired dishes as well as Nigerian Jollof Rice and Chin Chin.

The Altar was decorated in green and white, with a Nigerian garment, a doll and photos provided by Mary Fisher who spent some time there in 1999. The theme of the service was "I will give you rest: Come" drawn from Matthew 11:28. We were welcomed to the church by the hymn Come Unto Me written specially for this World Day of Prayer, sung beautifully in English and Nigerian.

Our president Miriam led the service with most attending taking turns to read the stories and prayers. It shared stories of the struggles, difficulties and fears faced by many in Nigeria and their hope for the future, and how their hope in Jesus helps them to overcome these difficulties and be resilient, strong and loving to those around them. Mary shared her journey to answer God's call to go to Africa and spoke of her adventures and the people she met during her time there helping the community. An offering was collected to help the work of the Bible Society. We then revisited morning tea. Thanks to all who helped to prepare the food and decorations.



Next year World Day of Prayer as a movement celebrates 100 years. Services were held in Australia in 1927 in NSW and Queensland and the number of services held each year has grown throughout the country ever since.

See you next year on the first Friday in March.





Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
9:00-3:30	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-3:30
Closed Public Holidays and for 2 weeks during Christmas and New Year				

Staff @ HSCL

Sharon Smith – Library Manager

Leonie McKenzie – Community Library Officer

Phone: 8648 4003

SUPER SALADS

THAI-STYLE PORK SALAD

500g pork scotch fillet steak

100g red curry paste

1 tbs peanut oil

125ml coconut cream

1 green oak leaf lettuce, leaves separated

1 red capsicum, deseeded, thinly sliced

2 baby cucumbers, thinly sliced lengthways

½ cup basil leaves

¼ cup coriander leaves

1 red onion, thinly sliced

1 long red chilli, sliced (opt)

Spread the pork with half the curry paste. Heat oil in a medium frying pan over medium-high heat. Add pork and cook for 4 minutes each side until browned and cooked through. Transfer to a plate and cover with foil. Set aside for 5 minutes to rest then slice. Meanwhile, whisk the remaining curry paste and coconut cream in a small bowl. Arrange lettuce on a serving platter. Top with the capsicum, cucumber, pork, basil, coriander, onion and chilli. Drizzle with dressing to serve. Serve with lime wedges.

STRAWBERRY, ASPARAGUS AND SALMON SALAD

4 Tasmanian salmon skin on portions

2 bunches asparagus, trimmed

250g strawberries

2 tbs balsamic vinegar

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

4 radishes, thinly sliced

½ red onion, thinly sliced

200g cherry bocconcini, roughly torn

120g baby rocket leaves

Heat BBQ or chargrill on medium-high. Lightly spray salmon with oil, season and cook for 2 minutes each side or until cooked to your liking. Transfer to a plate, cover with foil and let rest 5 minutes. Cook asparagus on grill, turning, for 2 minutes until just tender. Place 2 strawberries in a small bowl and crush with a fork until almost smooth. Stir in vinegar, strain, stir in oil and season. Place vegetables and bocconcini in a large bowl. Thinly slice remaining strawberries and add. Divide among serving plates, top with salmon and drizzle with dressing to serve.

ZUCCHINI & ASPARAGUS SALAD

4 hard boiled eggs, peeled, halved

1 cup frozen peas

2 zucchini, peeled into ribbons

1 bunch asparagus, trimmed, shaved into ribbons

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

2 tbs apple cider vinegar

1 tbs honey

1 tbs wholegrain mustard

1 head green oakleaf lettuce, leaves separated

½ cup hazelnuts, roasted, roughly chopped

Cook peas in boiling water 2 minutes, then refresh in cold water and drain well. Place zucchini, asparagus and peas in a large bowl. Combine oil, vinegar, honey and mustard in a screw top jar. Season, seal and shake well to combine. Drizzle half the dressing over the zucchini mixture and toss to combine. Arrange lettuce on a serving platter. Arrange zucchini mixture over the lettuce. Sprinkle with hazelnuts and arrange eggs on top, season and drizzle with remaining dressing to serve.

STRAWBERRY, TOMATO & WATERCRESS

300g strawberries, cut into quarters

250g mixed cherry tomatoes, halved

100g watercress, woody stems discarded

DRESSING

1 tbs pink peppercorns

2 strawberries, chopped

½ tbs honey

juice ½ lemon

3 tbs extra virgin olive oil

For the dressing, toast the peppercorns in a dry frying pan for 1-2 minutes, until fragrant. Crush in a pestle and mortar with a pinch of salt to break up the skins. Add the 2 strawberries and crush them to a paste. Stir in the honey and lemon juice. Check seasoning and add a little more salt or lemon juice if needed. Tip into a large bowl and whisk in the olive oil. Add strawberries, tomatoes and watercress and gently mix in the dressing. Serve on a platter and drizzle with any remaining dressing.

HAWKER KINDY PRESENTS

It's Annual

Easter BAKE SALE



FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2026 @ 9AM

Teagues Hawker Motors

Delicious Home Made Goods

EASTER EGG GUESS

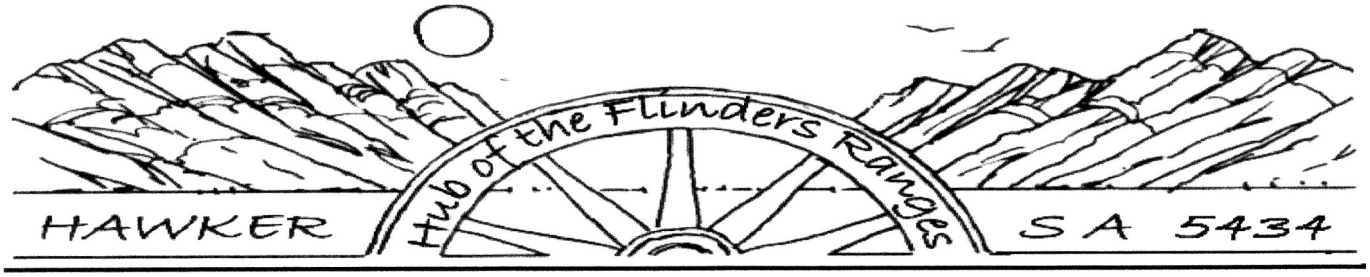
If anyone wishes to donate freshly baked goods, that would be most appreciated.

Please label all ingredients and date made.

Donations can be given on the day, Or prior @ the General Store.

Contact Amey

0488 995 372



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

Swimming Pool

The Hawker community is grateful to all of the pool staff who enabled the Hawker pool to open throughout the 2025/26 season. However, FRC needs to address the dire shortage of pool attendants through adequate future planning and training of attendants in sufficient numbers to cover all sessions.

FRC local employees, Brian and Roger have been taking responsibility for pump room operations.

HCDB has subsidised all swimmers aged 16 and under for the 2025/26 swimming season.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK AT DROUGHT MUSTER

Issues re footpaths, truck parking on Outback Highway, Hawker Cemetery fence, community bus, walkway to Rec Ground, rail on pool steps all need to be followed up with FRC.

Greening of Hawker oval: question of sufficient water supply. Graham Lawrence is to follow-up with Cricket Club & Sports Centre re feasible options.

Cat desexing: current Dog & Cat Legislation must be followed; there is a chip reader in Quorn.

Health evenings: Gym to purchase some tables for table tennis; Ladies Wellness High Tea to be held in March.

Community bus: no bus in Hawker that is fit for purpose with wheelchair access; the only FRC accessible bus is in Quorn.

Shit Box Rally Hawker Stopover, Sat 20th June 2026

Approx 500 people and 250 vehicles; with a group this size the only suitable venue is the Rec Ground. Since the Rec Shed is currently not fire safety compliant, it is likely large marques will need to be hired. Other rally requirements: minimum 14 toilets; dinner & dessert, breakfast, take away lunch. HAS Parents & Friends (coordinated by Ben & Jo DeBois) have agreed to cater for breakfast.

Provision of other meals are yet to be committed. An organising committee will be needed to run this event.

FRC re-branding consultations

FRC have engaged an Adelaide company, Show Pony at an approximate cost of $10,000 to undertake consultations and design for new FRC logo. Preliminary consultations have been held in Quorn & Hawker with invited community members.

Missing War Honour Board

The large metal WW2 Honour Board is missing from the Hawker Institute foyer. Please contact Steve Youle or John Teague if you know anything about its location.

NEXT MEETING: WED. 8TH APRIL. 2026, 7.00PM SPORTS CENTRE ALL WELCOME

SAVE THE DATE



GREAT NORTHERN WAR MEMORIAL / HAWKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REUNION

SATURDAY 3RD OF OCTOBER, 2026

HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

More information to follow

All queries to
Julie Brown - vanbrown@bigpond.com
Carmel Reynolds - carmel.t.reynolds@gmail.com

OFFICIAL

Country Health Connect Hawker Update

March 2026

Connecting your health and wellbeing with Community based health professionals from Country Health Connect
Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network
To Access these services

Over 65 years Register for Aged Care Services – CALL 1800 944 912
Under 65yrs register for any care needs: CALL 1800 003 307

Hawker January 2026 Service Report:				
New referrals received	Number of in person services	Number of phone services	Number of telehealth / video conferencing services/Other	Number of "consumer not attended" services
14	33	8	2	2

Allied Health Professionals March 2026 Visiting Schedule:				
17th March	31st March			
Physiotherapy Dietitian	Diabetes Educator			

COUNTRY HEALTH CONNECT

Call us on 1800 944 912
www.countryhealthconnect.sa.gov.au

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health. Although funding for these services has been provided by the Australian Government, the material contained herein does not necessarily represent the views or policies of the Australian Government.

Government of South Australia
SA Health

FLINDERS FOOD Co

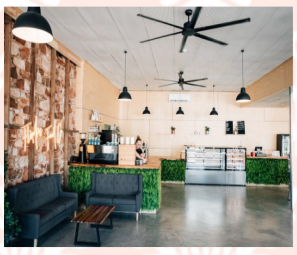
66 ELDER TERRACE
HAWKER SA 5434

BREAKFAST & LUNCH
TUESDAY - SUNDAY
7.30AM - 3.00PM

DINNER
TUESDAY - SATURDAY
5.30PM - 8.00PM

BOOK ONLINE
WWW.FLINDERSFOODCO.COM.AU








@FLINDERSFOODCO

From the *TOWN CRIER* Archives

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

Weather: The highest maximum recorded for February was 37.5 C with the lowest minimum of 10.0 C. 11.8mm of rain was recorded.

Cradock Uniting Church: The closing service for the Cradock Worship Centre was held on March 11th at 2pm. The Rev Malcolm Thomas took the service.

Historical Notes: "The greatest thing since sliced bread" is a common expression, but how many people know it was around over 50 years ago. A man named Harry Gough sold the first sliced bread from his Sunshine Bakery at Newtown in Sydney in 1939.

An old bloke from the bush visited Adelaide for the first time and was unlucky enough to strike Election Day. However with great nervousness he breasted up to the booth and the polling clerk, after one quick glance, said "Can I help you?" "Yair" said the old fellow. "Is this where I vote?" "It certainly is," replied the clerk. "Absentee?" "Don't mind if I do," said the Bushie, cheering up considerably. "Make it black, strong and two sugars please." I doubt if we'll get that sort of service in Hawker this year.

20 Years Ago - March 2010 (Cover Price $2.00)

10-12 March: Hawker celebrated 125th Anniversary of Hawker, 10th Anniversary Hawker Community sports Centre, Launch of the new Hawker Book and Club and Group reunions.

Bowls Club News: Championship singles Women's Final was won by Marlene McAuley, runner up Barb Fels. Men's singles final was won by Michael McAuley, runner up Stephen Gregory.

Championship Fours Women's was won by Julie Rowe, Joy Boettger, Barb Fels and Jeanette Clarke defeating Claire Hilder, Marj Rowe, Margaret Mannion and Marlene McAuley.

Men's Fours was won by Stephen Gregory, John Shute, Bob Hondow and Michael McAuley. Runners up were Arthur Edwards, Allan Gregory, Brian Rowe, and Derek Schneidereit.

Weather: The highest maximum for February was 42.0 C with the lowest minimum of 11.4 C. Rainfall for the month was 48.8mm

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

Bowls News: Hilder Triples winners were Jane and Warren Luckraft and Barb Fels.

Mixed Pairs Championship winner were Joy Boettger and Arthur Edwards

Reynold's Cancer trophy winners were Julie Rowe, Brendan Reynolds and Barb Fels

Weather: Average maximum temperatures for the three summer months was 35C making it one of the hottest since records began.

The highest maximum for February was 42C with lowest minimum of 11 C Only 6.0mm rainfall was recorded for the month.



Please contact my office if you require assistance with any State Government issues

EDDIE HUGHES MP

Member for Giles

(08) 8645 7800

giles@parliament.sa.gov.au

JEFF MORGAN Gallery, Panoramas + Shop

Enjoy an *unforgettable* experience!



2 Circular - 4 Straight Panoramas

Classic Shearing Shed

Sunset room





Unique gifts shop





Temperature Records Fall

Udo Boettger has patiently trawled through the beleaguered BOM (Bureau of Meteorology) records to provide this snapshot of Hawker's maximum temperatures.

It's official - Friday, January 30th 2026 was Hawker's hottest day on record with a maximum of 46.8 degrees. This eclipsed the previous record of 46.1 degrees on 19 December 2019.

Quite a significant increase in the records which span back to the end of 1966.

Here is the list of records:

1	30-Jan-26	46.8
2	19-Dec-19	46.1
3	24-Jan-19	46.0
4	20-Dec-19	45.6
5	09-Feb-17	45.5
6	15-Feb-19	45.3
7	15-Jan-13	45.0
7	07-Jan-19	45.0
7	20-Jan-18	45.0
7	29-Jan-26	45.0
8	14-Jan-01	44.6

The month of January 2026 had an average maximum of average maximum of 37.1 degrees, which has only been exceeded in five other years. The hottest was in 2001 with an average of 39 degrees.

Rainfall

Element	Tue 24 Feb	Wed 25 Feb	Thu 26 Feb	Fri 27 Feb	Sat 28 Feb	Sun 1 Mar	Mon 2 Mar	Tue 3 Mar	Wed 4 Mar
HAWKER (019017)-- map									
Rain (mm) 24hrs FROM 9am	9.0	0.3	0.6	22.0	23.0	11.0	14.0	10.0	5.0
Percentage of models forecasting >0.2mm rain	100.0	50.0	50.0	75.0	100.0	100.0	75.0	100.0	50.0
Minimum air temp 24hrs TO 9am (° C)	--	17.6	20.2	20.7	21.5	19.6	21.4	21.5	21.0
Maximum air temp 24hrs FROM 9am (° C)	28.1	26.3	27.1	28.8	24.0	27.5	30.0	29.9	28.4
Element	**Tue 24 Feb**	**Wed 25 Feb**	**Thu 26 Feb**	**Fri 27 Feb**	**Sat 28 Feb**	**Sun 1 Mar**	**Mon 2 Mar**	**Tue 3 Mar**	**Wed 4 Mar**
YONGALA (019062)-- map									
Rain (mm) 24hrs FROM 9am	1.5	1.4	2.1	33.0	24.0	14.0	10.0	10.0	2.6
Percentage of models forecasting >0.2mm rain	75.0	100.0	75.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0
Minimum air temp 24hrs TO 9am (° C)	--	15.0	17.5	18.9	19.0	18.2	20.1	19.1	18.6
Maximum air temp 24hrs FROM 9am (° C)	27.0	24.7	26.4	28.3	23.1	26.1	28.6	27.6	26.6

ALEX MORGAN
PROFESSIONAL PAINTING SERVICES

For all your painting & decorating needs.

Servicing Hawker,

the Flinders Ranges & beyond.

Mobile: 0417083705

89almorgan@gmail.com

BLD 330 152

Wool Buying

- Door Trading
- Direct Consignments
- On Farm Pick Ups
- Small & Large Clips



Contact your local AWN Wool Specialist

Jamie Clapp *Wool Buyer* M 0429 670 221 | E jclapp@awn.net

Mid North Branch *Old Ghan Restaurant, Hawker, SA*

9am-1pm 3rd Tuesday of each Month or via appointment

AWN WOOL | LIVESTOCK | PROPERTY awn.net

PORT AUGUSTA



MEAT STORE

Owner Ron Surman

69 Commercial Road Port Augusta
(near the Bread Shop)

All cuts of Meats, Family packs,

Bulk buys of Pork, Beef & Lamb

Place an order by Phone and it can be delivered to Hawker (conditions apply)

Please contact us for a detailed list of the Meat Packs

Contact Ron on

Ph: 8642 2255 Fax 8641 1787

HAWKER COMMUNITY SINGERS



Please Join us

Fridays in Uniting Church Hall

At 3.30pm 

Contact Jenny McINNIS

Ph 0886484180 Mob.0456101018

70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Two couples, both former Hawker residents, have recently celebrated 70 years of married life. Thank you to their family members for sharing their stories.

Bernard & Judith Smith

Their daughters, Sandra and Terri have shared the following:

On the 31st December 1955 at 2.30pm Bernard Herbert Smith married Judith Mary Gunther at St Davids church in Adelaide followed by a reception at the hall. They spent their first year of marriage living on Poltalloch Station in The Coorong SA where Dad worked. It was here they welcomed their first-born Malcolm, born in Tailem Bend in November 1956.

The following year they moved to the Gunther property "Cotabena", Hawker SA where they lived and worked for 7 years. Here they welcomed 3 more children: Robyn in July 1958, Graeme in August 1960 and Terri born in Port Lincoln August 1964.

Dad signed papers to purchase "The Brae" at Taroom in Queensland the day Terri was born in 1964 and so the family packed up their life and moved to Qld to start a new life on their own property. Their family continued to grow: Sandra was born in Toowoomba April 1970 and Gary born in Toowoomba October 1973.

From 1982 they began welcoming grandchildren into the family. Mum & Dad are very proud of their 21 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren!! Family gatherings are never quiet!!

They lived, farmed and continued to raise their family at "The Brae" until they started to semi retire around 2010-15. They eventually retired to their little home in Noosaville full time where they still live today.

Their secret to a long happy marriage:

They stuck together when things were tough. They had plenty of good and tough times but always chose each other. 💞 Congratulations Mum & Dad on your 70th Wedding Anniversary.





HAWKER
CARAVAN PARK

Powered/Unpowered sites – Ensuite Sites – Cabins – Cottage
BBQ area – Camp Kitchen – Swimming Pool – Playground - Laundry
Close to town, pub and supplies



The gateway to the Flinders Ranges!
SPECIAL OFFER: Mention the Hawker Town Crier and receive 10% off your stay

44 Chace View Tce, Hawker – 8648 4006 / 0448 373 875

HAWKER HOTEL

Lunches 12-2pm

Dinner 6-8pm

Come in and find out what nightly specials we have

Takeaways phone 08 86484102

Happy Hour Wed 5-6, Fri 5-7, Sun 5-6

We would love to see you

All welcome

70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Norah & Rodney Fisher

Norah and Rodney's daughter Christine shared the following:

Norah and Rodney Fisher recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

They were married on the 18th February 1956 at Hallett Methodist Church. They lived at Arkaba Station for eight years before buying their home at Para Hills where they lived, except for several years in W.A. until they bought property just out of Hawker which they named Yendoran in 1980. They ran cattle, sheep and little horses for thirty-eight years. They have three daughters and have six grandchildren and three great grand-children. For the past eight years they have lived happily in their home at Gawler East near to their children.





Moose Electrical and Repairs

For all your electrical and whitegood repairs

Moose Haywood

PO Box 15

Hawker SA 5434

Mooseelectrical@outlook.com

0427758288

Contractors License—PGE185799

CENTREPRINT

Supporting the community of the Flinders Ranges

Phone or email for a free quote:

T: (08) 8351 4605

E: sales@centreprint.com.au

For all your printing needs

centreprint.com.au

• OFFSET PRINTING • DIGITAL COLOUR • SIGNAGE • GRAPHIC DESIGN • BINDING & FINISHING

QUORN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Hawker Area School students took part in a swimming carnival at Quorn Pool on February 13th 2026. *Photos courtesy Hawker School*











CROWS TRAINING CAMP IN PORT AUGUSTA



Eden & Ada Fels meeting Darcy Fogarty



Ollie, Leo & Noah meeting Izak Rankin e



Ollie DuBois, Leo Fels & Noah Merchant



Archie. Lily & Jimmy Morgan meeting

Riley Thilthorpe



Noah & Leo









Floods at Hawker



Bowls Life Memberships Celebration









World Day of Prayer





COMMUNITY NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who celebrate birthdays in March and

belated February 70th birthday wishes to:

Jenny Webb

Richard Spiers

Anne Clee (nee Reynolds)

Judy Dobson 80

Lyverne Hall (nee Fels) 80

Tess Reynolds 70

Mary Hilder 70

Seventy years ago, in 1956 a record number of babies were born in the Hawker Hospital.

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

Julie & John Rowe & family on the passing

of Julie's sister, Denise.

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:

Thursday 19th March
12noon
At Hawker Hotel

All Ages Welcome!
New members are most welcome!

SPECIAL DAYS IN MARCH

1st	Start of Autumn
3rd	World Wildlife Day
6th	World Day of Prayer
8th	International Women's Day
9th	Labour Day
17th	St Patrick's Day
21st	Harmony Day
23rd	Meteorological Day

High quality, pure water on tap...

it's easy with an RO system designed, built and installed by Rowater.



Rowater's fully automatic membrane desalination systems are ideal for rural locations where fresh potable water with low salt content is required. Whether it's for your homestead gardens, stock, disinfection, washing or for drinking, a Rowater RO system will provide a constant and reliable supply of clean, fresh water.

Rowater specialise in the design and construction of water treatment systems for the land - along with their ongoing maintenance, including:

- Reverse osmosis (RO) systems to ensure high quality water
- Water softeners to prolong equipment life
- Filtration systems – various media
- Storage tanks and pumps

As well as servicing rural properties, we are able to quote, supply and implement upgrades to suit your specific water treatment requirements, whatever and wherever they are.

Rowater AUSTRALIA

24 Maple Avenue
Forestville , South Australia
Phone +61 8 8193 2900
Email info@rowater.com.au

rowater.com.au

7518-230214

McINNIS PLUMBING HAWKER

McINNIS PLUMBING HAWKER

Can do:

- Hot/Cold Water Installation
- Gas
- Back Flow Testing
- General Maintenance

Licence NO: PGE 5514

BLD53713

andrewmcinnis1@bigpond.com

Phone Andrew 0437870378

NORTH BLINMAN HOTEL



"The Pub in the Scrub"

- Accommodation
- Caravan Park
- Camping Sites
- Bar & Dining
- Outback Hospitality

Tel. (08) 8648 4867

www.northblinmanhotel.com.au

Neil Bischoff

Frank Bischoff has kindly contributed the obituary he gave for his younger brother Neil.

Neil was born on the 27th July 1956, the fourth child of Kevin and Olive. Being the youngest by some eight years, Neil was surrounded by an older sister and two brothers. Mum and Dad were working seven days a week running the butcher shop. It was always the discussion at the dinner table, who's going take Neil for a bath, who's reading the bedtime story. I remember most nights you would think he was asleep, so you would try to walk the squeaking floorboards out of mum's bedroom but always Neil would hear you escaping!

Dad bought a new Ford Zephyr in the mid '50s. There was no problem getting the 500miles up for the first service as we navigated the flats of Hawker getting Neil to sleep. Soon Neil had his Tonka trucks, his pet dog and experienced the Sunday drives out into the Flinders Ranges, barbecues, swimming holes, bikes, the life most of us enjoyed in those early years.

With his school mates he found his love for trucks and tractors, often riding to the barytes mine with John McRae and Frank O'Neil. Neil often said that's where they learnt to drive. Mum told the story that she was preparing Christmas dinner and Neil ran in and said Mr Crawford just pulled up at the Royal Hotel with drilling pipes for Moomba and I'm going with him, such was his love to see the Outback and ride the trucks as a teenager.

Many a story can be told of his time in the trucks, travelling to Darwin with Ken Norton or his time in the Highway camps with Victor, Bo, Daryl and many others . Neil always pointed out how he built that road or my name should be on that creek crossing. Those early years I rode with Neil to Blinman, William Creek and Coober Pedy carrying a grader and it seemed like Neil's backyard as he knew every grid, station owner and the local gossip. Being with Neil in the front bar of the Coober Pedy Hotel was a unique experience.

Driving for LinFox carrying uranium or copper, he always got the job done. Like all truckies, he silently cursed the grey nomads and the vans they pulled but eventually he became one, as did his fellow truckies. But if those travellers needed assistance he would be the first to lend a hand.

When you saw Neil's mobile number appear, most likely you first heard his trailers rattling. I would say where are you? And he would be on the Nullarbor or Erldunda or coming home from Roxby. He was on the mobile to me when driving a load of cattle past the Crown Casino in the middle of Melbourne, black Mercedes everywhere getting covered in cow dung, Darren up ahead saying its all good!

On his bore runs to Maree, he always thought of the Outback people, buying up Stock Journals or Sunday Mails and putting them in their mailboxes as he drove the Outback tracks. No matter what time he approached the Hookina Hills and got phone reception he rang Mum to put the roast in the oven, as he'd be there in 15mins.

I don't think Neil ever thought about fully retiring; he did what he enjoyed, combining his trucking with a full social life which he lovingly shared with Bev. In recent years he looked forward to the grain harvest, mainly because of the variety of work, mixing driving headers, field bins and road trains. It was always his fellow workers that he mentioned.



I remember going into Woollies in Port Augusta with Neil. He never got to the first aisle before saying good day to at least six people, much to Bev's annoyance as he was the trolley pusher! Neil always had time for his extended family, especially his nieces and nephews and he looked forward to sharing their life stories with his own.

His knowledge of South Australia, his respect for the land and the people he knew will be sadly missed.

Rest in Peace Neil

Neil Bischoff

Neil's wife Bev shared her heart-felt thoughts on Bish's legacy

What Makes a Man…?

A question rarely answered with any sense of accuracy.

In pondering the characteristics that **Maketh the Man**, some of the more spoken-of should be immediately dismissed; wealth, fame, dominance, good looks. And so on. Mere tropes that are superficial to the equation. **What Makes a Man** should be easy to decipher, but …. it's rarely observed …. and often missing in today's limelight versions of so-called great men.

For me, the key attributes could be:

Decency.

Respect.

A Gentle Soul.

Insight.

Consistency.

Calm.

Bish wasn't a road scholar …. he was a road transporter. Nor was he an entrepreneur, a high rolling corporate mogul, or supreme athlete, or into politics. And he rarely dabbled in social media, had no sense of fashion labels and esthetics, he was a more grounded man, rejecting such fakery.

As a long-haul road transporter – Bish took his job more serious than most. He was Consummate. Dedicated. And Effective. He would, over decades, become known for lifting the standards he worked under and instilling a level of professionalism that became the envy of his peers. Evident by the outpouring of industry grief this past week…by the gathering of fellow truckers, here today.

Bish was real. He was a working man in a world of hand-outs, start-ups and failed ventures.

He spent his life devoted to being outstanding at his version of a craft - long-haul transport …. He took pride in what he could unravel. He was proud to be considered very good at his work.

That, we could all agree, helps **Maketh half of a Man.** But, there's more.

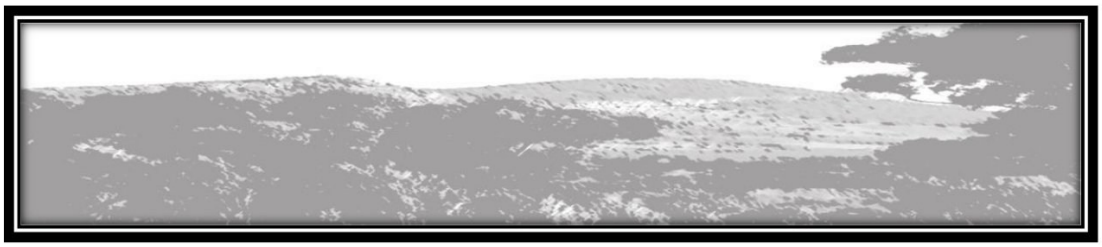
Bish was old school. And old fashioned. He was a rock in the dessert. His manner, his ways, his laconic personality belonged to a **better** era – perhaps the 1950s – than the fast-paced insanity that surrounded him. Bish oozed traits from that bygone era - **Decency** and **Respect for Others**. A **Gentile Soul,** he was the epitome of **Consistency** and **Calm**. He had great **Insight**.

That was who Bish was. A Man who never tolerated fools and nothing got past him. And, more importantly, he was a One Dog, One Bone sort of Man. He chose my sister to love and care for, for 25 years. To share a roof with. To travel the outback with. To idle his days with …. and …… to sit alongside ….. in an Easy Chair, and talk about life, the next adventure and the cosmos. That Easy Chair was the last conscience moment he would have on his Earth, alongside his sweetheart, Bev.

I submit that these attributes are **What Makes a Man**. And Bish was a very Good Man.

He will be missed by so many…and me

CamScanner



Hawker History Group Happenings

2026 EXHIBITIONS

SCHOOL DAYS Opening Sun. April 12th – Sun. May 3rd

Friday, Saturday, Sundays – 10.30-1.30pm or by appointment

2026 sees the Hawker History Group (HHG) very busy again. Four exhibitions, each accompanied by a book, are planned. **SCHOOL DAYS** will open with afternoon tea in the Hawker Institute on Sunday April 12th and run until May 3rd. Our researchers Anne McCourt, Janice McInnis and Lorna McEvoy have been busy locating information on the many former schools in the district. Many of you didn't attend a school for all or part of your schooling, but were educated at home, so we are seeking your stories too. Ways to travel to school were also varied. School games, such as marbles, elastics, knuckle bones were popular in different eras. Please contact one of the book researchers or the exhibition directors Julie Brown or Maggie Goddard to share your stories, memories, photos or memorabilia.

We will be setting up in the Institute on Friday April 10th and Saturday April 11th if you have memorabilia you would like to drop off. An old school desk with ink wells, school uniforms or something you made or used at school would all be appreciated.

HORSE EVENTS Opening Friday May 29th – Sun June 28th

The second 2026 Hawker History Group exhibition will be **HAWKER & DISTRICT HORSE EVENTS**, opening in Hawker Institute on the evening of Friday 29th May with drinks and savoury food (the evening before the Hawker Races on May 30th). Events include: Hawker Show, Hawker Races, Pony Club, Polocrosse, Cradock Races, Wilson Races, Gymkhanas, as well as Racing Identities. Memorabilia such as saddles, racing silks, trophies, ribbons, fashions, posters would all be appreciated.

FILMS OF THE FLINDERS 2nd Aug – 30th August

Many Hawkerites have been involved in some way in the numerous movies, television series and advertisements that have been filmed in the Flinders. We are seeking your stories and memories.

100 YEARS OF FOOTBALL 10TH OCT – 1ST NOV

Football has been played in the district for more than 100 years. Many locals also played for other teams in the region. Your stories, photos, game plans and memorabilia such as guernseys, trophies, boots, kitbags, footballs will all be of interest to others.

Hawker History Group is again grateful to The Flinders Ranges Council for use of the Hawker Institute free of charge for our exhibitions.

We also appreciate the ongoing logistical support provided by HCDB.



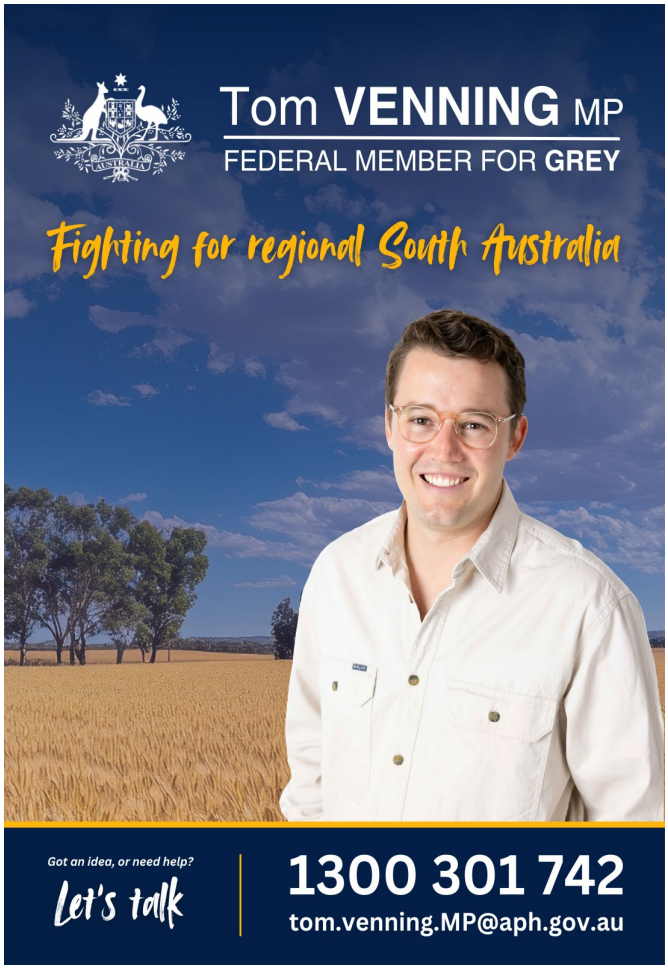
Bus passenger service from Angorichina Tourist Village to Port Augusta and return every Wednesday. Angorichina, Blinman, Wilpena, Hawker, Quorn and Port Augusta, Mawson Trail, Head of Heysen Trail in Parachilna Gorge and anywhere in between.

We also provide pick up and drop off for hikers and bike riders.

We can do other days by request.
12 and 13 seater buses.
Accredited 4wd.
Trailer for bikes etc

ango1@westnet.com.au

Tel — (08) 8648 4842





PURE BEAUTY

By Amanda



0447 936 742

WAXING
FACIALS
PEDICURES
MANICURES
EYELASH TINTING
SWEDISH MASSAGE

Qualified Beauty Therapist
Located at Mern Merna Station.
Visiting Hawker. {Contact for dates.}



McInnis Family Sheep Station
Camping and Cottage Stays

Please call for bookings

Robyn 0438472700
Andrew 0437870378
Or email wonokastation518@gmail.com
Wonoka.com.au

Bowls Life Memberships

Two Hawker Bowling Club icons were recently recognised with Life Memberships celebrating and acknowledging their many roles, achievements and contributions

John Shute



Roles

- Secretary: 1992-2005; 2020-2023
- President: 2010-2015; Treasurer

Achievements

- Men's Singles Champion, 2013
- Men's Pairs Champion: 1994, 2001, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2021, 2022
- Mixed Pairs Champion: 2001
- Member of winning teams for other competition days on the bowling calendar

Other recognition

- Competed in the Champion of Champions 2013
- Mentor to new players
- Always welcomed new players into the club and helped them to learn the basics of the sport in fun and encouraging ways
- Represented Hawker at many tournaments within the region
- Always tried to include those who wanted to play championships or tournaments
- An umpire for many years
- Tournament director for many years and knows everyone from other clubs
- Always around to help out when needed
- Looked after the green for many years
- A quiet achiever in many ways. Always up for a chat.

Presented with appreciation for outstanding service and dedication.

HAWKER EARTHMOVERS

SAM 0427868007 **HAYLEY** 0429707801 **PETER** 0488024580

admin@hawkerearthmovers.com.au

EXCAVATORS + GRADERS + LOADERS + WATER TANKERS + SEMI TIPPER + SKID STEER + ATTACHMENTS
SIDE TIPPERS + FLOATS + BULLDOZER + ROLLERS + PUMPS + MOBILE CAMP
ROAD BASE + CRUSHER DUST + SAND + METAL
CIVIL WORKS + ROAD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE
FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR, CULVERT & PIPE INSTALL
DAM CONSTRUCTION, CLEANING & MAINTENANCE
TRENCHING + FRENCH DRAINAGE
HOUSE & SHED PADS
LEVELS, ENVIRONMENTAL REHAB
OVERSIZE HAULAGE & WATER CARTAGE

NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL - NO OBLIGATION FREE QUOTE

ABN 68 108 376 067 BLD 207079

bp HAWKER ROADHOUSE

24 HOUR FUEL—*Open 7 DAYS A WEEK*

(Monday > Sunday —8am—7pm)

(Fuel available after hours, using cards, EFTPOS, most cards accepted including BP Cards)

Fuel, Cold drinks, Coffee, Ice, Hot food, Cakes,

Confectionery, Groceries, Automotive accessories, lubricants, Pet food, Maps, Souvenirs, Firewood

Stocking local products

40 Elder Tce Hawker 86484086

Email: admin@hawkerroadhouse.com.au

Bowls Life Memberships

Two Hawker Bowling Club icons were recently recognised with Life Memberships celebrating and acknowledging their many roles, achievements and contributions

Marlene McAuley



Roles

- Secretary: 1988-1990
- President: 1994-1998, 2004-2005

Achievements

- Women's Singles Champion: 1995, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2018, 2021
- Women's Pairs Champion: 1995, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2019-2022
- Mixed Pairs Champion: 2002-2004, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2022
- Won the Region 3 singles Champion of Champions in 2001 at Broken Hill and competed multiple times.
- Went to Country Carnival. She and Jean Solly got through to the knockout rounds.
- Marlene also achieved this feat with Ina Huppatz
- Member of winning team for other competition day on the bowling calendar.

Other recognition

- Mentor to and encouraging of new players
- Was an umpire's tutor for many years for both Hawker and Quorn. Marlene regularly attended umpiring meetings to keep up with the changes in rules.
- Coordinated night bowls, organising not only bowls but fun nights centred around Christmas and Easter, as well as suppers and presentation night.
- Attended many tournaments in the region Wilmington, Quorn, Port Augusta, Whyalla, Orroroo, Jamestown, Melrose
- Part of the group to travel, stay and compete in Saddleworth for their Ladies day, which was then reciprocated. This happened for many years. Hawker won the Saddleworth tournament twice.
- Marlene was always there to wash windows, sweep verandas, wash seats and get rid of cobwebs for both ladies and men's days. She liked to have the club looking spick and span for visitors which included watering the pot plants.
- Marlene was known for her trifles, carrot salad and cream puffs.
- Helped out with bowls for junior sport on Saturday mornings and with school students when they visited to play bowls.

The Hawker General Store, Post Office & Cafe

Phone: 0499037328 Email: hawkergeneralstore@gmail.com

Kitchen

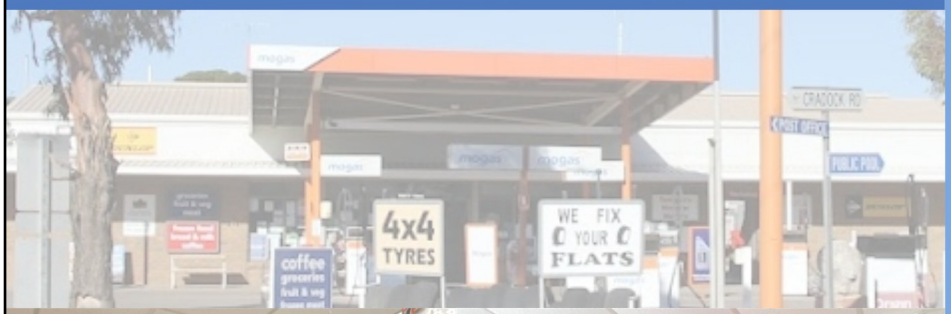
OPEN Mon - Friday 9am - 2pm

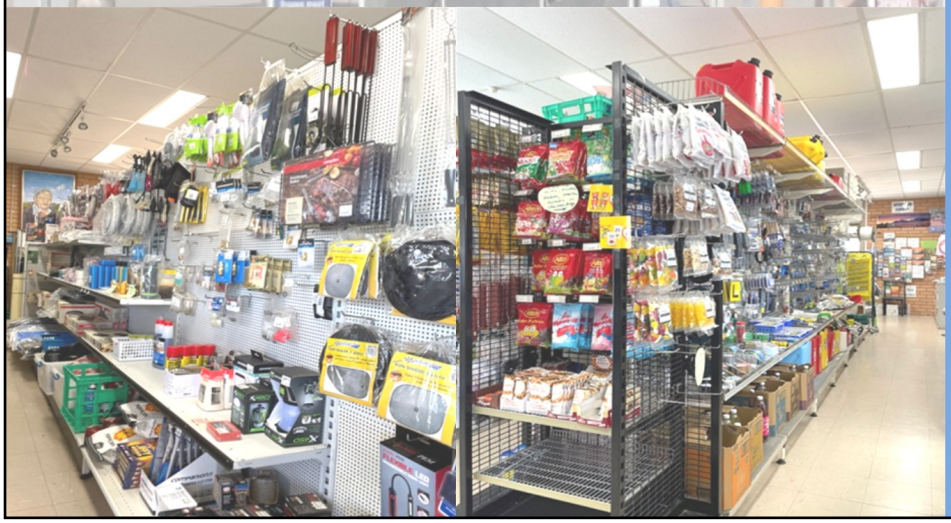
CLOSED Saturday & Sunday's

Open Mon - Friday 9am - 5pm
Post Office Mon-Friday 9am - 4pm
Saturday 9am - 3pm Sunday CLOSED

HAWKER MOTORS

Open 7 days 8am -5pm 86484014





24 HOUR FUEL
BOOKS
CAMPING
SOUVENIRS
CAMPING
HARDWARE
GAS REFILLS
GROCERIES
& MORE

TOM VENNING MP
Member for Grey



MEDIA RELEASE

6 MARCH 2026

FLOODED OUTBACK ROADS CRISIS UPDATE: URGENT FUNDING SUPPORT NEEDED

Following torrential rains that delivered devastating flooding across regional and remote South Australia, Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning MP is calling for emergency government funding to repair collapsed infrastructure. Fresh from speaking about this in Parliament, Mr Venning has today flown straight from Canberra to inspect the damage in the Mid North around Orroroo-Carrieton, Flinders Rangers, Port Augusta and Northern Areas Council Areas. with an array of roads severely damaged and many closed. Mr Venning has also been in contact with local councils, calling for information to ensure that the most severely impacted areas receive attention.

With the State Government currently in caretaker mode, and local councils unable to shoulder the massive financial recovery burden alone, Mr Venning is demanding immediate intervention from both State and Federal authorities. He has formally contacted South Australian Infrastructure Minister Emily Bourke to seek clarity on immediate repair plans, and has secured a meeting with Federal Infrastructure Minister Catherine King in Canberra to advocate for rapid, coordinated assistance and funding.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning MP Member for Grey

“While this is welcome rain for many, it has had some major consequences. The scale of the damage is huge; Ministers and Government officials need to see this firsthand.”

"Rural and remote South Australia's roads are collapsing, and this flooding just made a bad situation worse. Constituents like Tony Williams from Mount Barry Station have reported major road damage on Kempe Road, which is a vital agricultural route.”

"The State Government is in caretaker mode, and local councils cannot do this alone. We can't wait any longer. Emergency funding and assistance are needed now to repair these vital freight and general transport routes before things get worse."

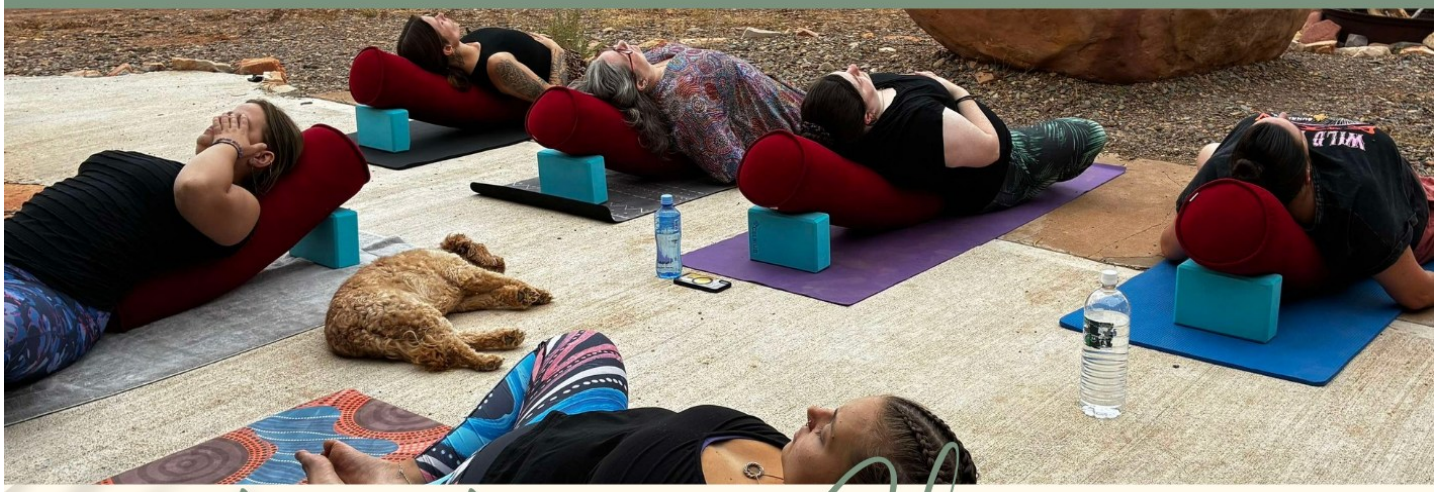
"I’ve spent this week fighting for our communities in Canberra, and next week I am taking this straight to the Federal Infrastructure Minister to demand action. We deserve safe and reliable roads. I will keep pushing to ensure recovery efforts are supported.”

END



Media Contacts

Patrick O’Reilly: 0438 364 539
Joanna Tucker: 0459 942 506



Yin Yoga Classes

Yin Yoga is a *slow and gentle* style of yoga that helps your body *deeply relax*. It works with your "rest and digest" system, helping you calm down, unwind, and *recover from stress* - you will literally never stand in a Yin class. Yin is great for keeping your bones, joints, and connective tissues *healthy*, as well as supporting *smoother emotional and energetic flow*, helping you feel more balanced overall.

Regular classes every Tuesday from January 20th

WHERE: Aerobics Room, Hawker Gym
WHEN: Tuesdays 7pm, check online for updates
BRING: Yoga mat, bolster, blanket, blocks - if you have them. Sets are available if you don't
PRICE: $25 per class
10 class pass available $200 (valid 6 months)

Book Now!



Sasha Andersson

bit.ly/YinHawker | 0448 339 661
Yin Yoga Certified 50 hours
Multi-Dimensional Soul Healer Certified IICT

Unscramble Word Search

To solve this puzzle, first unscramble each word and write the word on the blanks provided.
Then look for the words you made in the puzzle.
The words can be found in any direction in the puzzle.

F	U	W	H	D	D	L	A	R	E	M	E	M	U	P
L	M	F	T	N	I	I	J	H	C	N	I	P	X	O
A	B	D	T	A	J	P	A	R	A	D	E	A	N	G
G	O	O	D	L	U	C	K	C	O	R	M	A	H	S
E	R	I	N	E	F	B	K	C	I	R	T	A	P	A
N	N	E	E	R	U	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	Y	I
O	L	S	E	I	N	E	Q	C	E	L	T	I	C	N
T	C	I	C	N	W	O	B	N	I	A	R	K	G	T
S	H	L	O	V	Q	H	I	C	B	J	C	C	X	L
Y	K	C	O	F	F	S	H	O	I	S	N	I	O	C
E	K	H	R	V	I	E	D	G	U	S	E	R	E	S
N	K	Y	I	A	E	S	F	E	W	N	U	E	C	M
R	H	Q	J	T	M	R	U	T	T	M	F	M	N	R
A	D	L	O	G	U	O	A	H	S	I	R	I	A	A
L	E	P	R	E	C	H	A	U	N	H	E	L	D	H
B	Y	K	C	U	L	E	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C

CORMHASK _____

BNOIOARW _____

NIOSC _____

ARCHM _____

SESHROEHO _____

ELANRID _____

SIHIR _____

CEHRPAAENUL _____

ERENG _____

OPT _____

OGLD _____

KUCLY _____

LORVEC _____

THA _____

GFAL _____

USICM _____

MARHCS _____

DERELMA _____

RITCAPK _____

NFU _____

ELTCIC _____

HYIDOLA _____

NITAS _____

RADAPE _____

YBNARLE NOTES _____

IJG _____

EDNAC _____

PCINH _____

DOGO LUKC _____

EBRLATECE _____

CIKMILRE _____

HINT - each word is related to St. Patrick's Day



FACT FILE By Golden Carers

Ireland

OFFICIAL NAME	Éire, Republic of Ireland
CAPITAL CITY	Dublin
POPULATION	Over 5 million (2020)
LANGUAGE	Irish (Gaelic) and English
CURRENCY	Euro
GOVERNMENT	Constitutional Democracy
MAJOR RELIGION	Roman Catholic and Protestant
LOCATION	North-West of Europe
BORDERS WITH	Ireland is an island. It is situated to the west of Great Britain, which is the nearest country to Ireland.
NATIONAL DAY	March 17 (St Patrick's Day)
FAMOUS IRISH	Oscar Wilde *Poet & Playwright*, James Joyce *Novelist*, Maureen O'Hara *Actress & Singer*, Bono *Rockstar*, Liam Neeson *Actor*.
EUROVISION	Ireland holds the record for the most wins at the Eurovision Song Contest with 7 titles.
BEER	The world-famous Guinness beer is from Ireland, it originated in the Dublin brewery of Arthur Guinness.
SPORT	Gaelic football and hurling are the traditional sports of Ireland.
SYMBOLS	Shamrock (type of clover) is the national symbol of Ireland and along with the harp it is a registered trademark of the country.



THE EMERALD ISLE

Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle for its wide expanses of lush, green fields. But there are also large areas of rugged, rocky landscape. About 15,000 years ago, Ireland was completely covered by thick glaciers. The movement of these giant sheets of ice stripped the soil, leaving huge tracts of flat, limestone pavement.

The midlands and west coast of Ireland are dotted with damp peat bogs, the soggy remains of dried-up ancient lakes left by the glaciers.

Ireland's highlands rise mainly in the southwest, often ending at sheer cliffs that plunge thousands of feet into the Atlantic Ocean.



CHARGES FOR 2026

Town Crier Editorial Committee would like to take this opportunity to advise our Readers/ Supporters and Business Contributors of the charges for 2026

	Single	*Year*
Full Page	*$30*	
Half Page	*$16*	*$150*
Quarter Page	*$10*	*$85*
Classifieds	*$5*	

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2026

Electronic $27.50 forward your email details to Town Crier: towncrier@discoverhawkersa.com.au

Postal $66.50

Payments to the Town Crier can be made by:
Cash – paid at Hawker Motors
Direct Credit – HCDB BSB 015-206
Account No: 6220 04022
PLEASE REFERENCE: TC SUBS (post or email) & your SURNAME when making EFT payments
Cheque: Made payable to the Hawker Community Development Board.
Payment of Subscribers & Advertisements to be paid on submission.

NO JANUARY TOWN CRIER

All letters to the Town Crier must be signed by the contributor but can be published anonymously if requested.

Articles are published at the Editorial Committee's discretion.

We welcome your contributions.

Email to: towncrier@discoverhawkersa.com.au

DISCLAIMER

The views expressed in articles submitted to the Town Crier are not necessarily those of the committee.

FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fri. 10th & Sat. 11th May: Bike SA visit

Help needed with catering for lunches & dinner

30th May: Hawker Races

20th & 21st June: Shitbox Rally

Help needed with catering for dinner, breakfast, packed lunch

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

EVENTS SUCH AS THESE PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO WORK TOGETHER TO RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS TO BENEFIT THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.



HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

MARCH 2026

PLEASE NOTE

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Sports Centre: 0436 486 162

Bookings: 864844014

Email:

sportscentre5434@gmail.com

BAR ROSTER

MARCH

14 ANDREW MCINNIS

21 LISA O'NEILL

28 ALEX MORGAN

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 Election Day Cricket Final
22	23	24	25 Fellowship	26	27 Town Crier	28
29	30	31				

Community Calendar April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Good Friday
5 Easter Saturday	6 Easter Monday	7	8 HCDB Meeting	9	10 School Holidays Presiding Member of HAC at HGS 10am 12 pm	11
12 School Days Exhibition opens	13	14	15	16 Friendship Group Lunch	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 ANZAC Day
26	27 Town Crier Term 2 School commences	28	29	30		

HCSC News

Look, new logo! Congratulations Anna Oakey for designing the new HCSC logo! It looks great and reflects the centre and our unique location. Thanks to everyone who submitted one for consideration.

Huge thanks to Ryan McMillan for the very professional paving job he just completed at the sports centre. Through hot weather he continued and fixed extra jobs that turned up; definitely highly recommended. His donation of labour of a couple of days digging is also much appreciated.
Thanks also to the Flinders Ranges Council for partly funding the project through a community grant.
The paving improves the look and safety of the centre now and for many more years.
Huge thanks to all volunteers who helped out -big job!!
BEFORE





AFTER





HELP WANTED: If you are willing and available to help us cater for BikeSA dinner and lunches Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May, please let Steph, Kellie or Louise know or email sportscentre5434@gmail.com. Help is needed beforehand for preparation or on the days serving. Great opportunity for fundraising for the sports centre!