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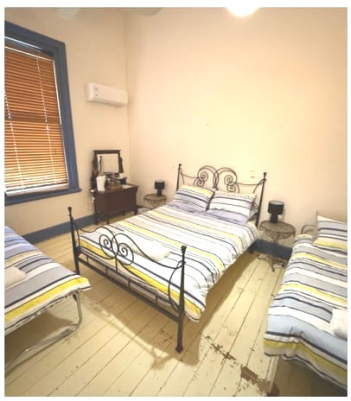
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From the *TOWN CRIER* Archives

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

CWA: Donated four wooden garden chairs to the Hawker Hospital.

Bowls Club Championships: Men's singles winner was Ken Smith who defeated Stephen Gregory 26/5.

Women's singles winner was Lorraine Lindblom who defeated Olive Bischoff 27/21

In the pairs the men's winners were Mopsy Daniel and Stephen Gregory defeated Phillip Spiers and Blue Burt 12/11, while the women's winners were Maureen Trenorden and Marion McInnis defeating Ollie Trinder and Pat Moss.

Weather: The highest maximum for the month was 40.0C, with the lowest minimum being 10.0C . 7.8mm rain was recorded.

Historical Notes: February 19th 1942 was the first enemy attack on Australian soil that hit the Darwin Post Office killing all ten workers. When the raid began 9 workers took refuge in the garden but "Snowy" Halls stayed at the Morse Key and tapped out a desperate message to the Adelaide Post Office. Bill Duke, a telegraphist, who had survived the attack, travelled 13 km out of Darwin and set up a make shift station restoring the link to Adelaide.

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

Hawker Celebrates: Some 400 people converged on Hawker Community Sports Centre on 10th March to help celebrate 150th Anniversary of Hawker, 50th anniversary of Hawker Camera Club, and 10th anniversary of the Hawker Community Sports Centre. The book "Hawker Hub of the Flinders-Revisited 2005" was launched. Life membership of the Hawker Sports Centre were bestowed on Joy and Udo Boettger, Janet Teague, Tony Smith and Brian Dearlove. The "babes of 1956" who were born at the Hawker Hospital also celebrated their 50th Birthday.. There were wonderful displays and much reminiscing. The festivities concluded with a combined Church service.

ICPA News: On Sunday February 19h 2006 Branch Life Memberships were awarded to three inaugural members of the Flinders Ranges Branch of ICPA. Branch president, Leonard Nutt presented the awards to Kaye Fels and Richard and Jane Warwick.

Weather: The highest maximum for the month was 39.0C and the lowest minimum was 11.0C. 15.5mm of rain was recorded.

Historical Notes: March 19th 1964 in Switzerland the St Bernard tunnel, through the Alps to Italy was opened.

March 8th 1972 Housewives are warned to look out for profiteering by manufacturers when metric measures come in.

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

School News: School students have visited Arkapena to see the farming practices. They travelled to Leigh Creek to participate in the Swimming Carnival despite the cold weather. Harmony Day was celebrated with a variety of activities and the sharing of food for lunch.

Weather: The first two weeks of March were the hottest on record for this time of the year. The unusually hot weather was accompanied by very high humidity. Storms threatened on a number of days but only one significant fall of 24mm was recorded. The highest maximum was 41.0C and the lowest minimum was 6.5C. Interestingly the highest minimum recorded for the month was 24.5C

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.



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Hawker Health Service Update March 2026

We have welcomed Trudy Bowshire as the temporary EO/Don of both Hawker and Quorn hospital sites. Bookings can be made to speak to Trudy by calling administration.

Wasn't that rain lovely? The entire Flinders Ranges are looking lovely and green, along with the hospital yard. Moose has been spending many an hour mowing and weeding. A working bee has been organised with the amazing cooperation of both Hawker and Quorn maintenance teams to help tidy the grounds at the Hawker Hospital. The recent rain has really overtaken the grass and garden beds, so their support has been greatly appreciated.

Footy Tipping has started, with some staunch footy supporters onsite we are looking forward to the matches being an entertaining experience.

Current job vacancies for Hawker that can be found on https://careers.sahealth.gov.au are

Job number 927703 - Facilities Service Officer- 0.5FTE

Job number 905099 - Registered Nurse—casual position



L-R Andrew, Moose, Matt and Gary



Watch these spaces for the updates



Meet Verina

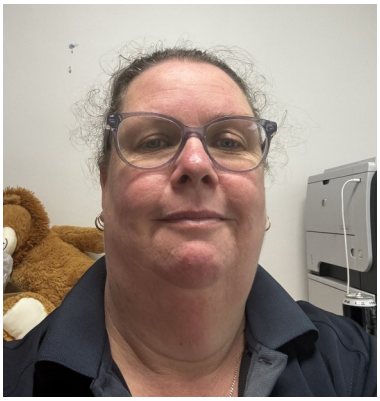


Verina has relocated from NSW to join us in Hawker. An Enrolled nurse with aged care experience we welcome her to the Hawker Team.

Verina is looking forward to exploring the Flinders Ranges and all that they have to offer.

Please give her a warm welcome if you see her out and about.

Assistant in Nursing—Enrolled Nurse Cadet



Chelsea has succeeded in gaining an Enrolled Nurse Cadet Role at the Hawker Hospital. She will be working through her Diploma in Enrolled Nursing at TAFE while working at the hospital as an AIN until qualified in 18 months.

Chelsea will also continue her role in the services team.



Next Visit to Hawker is on Monday 04th May 2026.
Please call Hawker Medical Centre to make an appointment on 86484172.

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Provided by Dr Ben Abbot, Rural GP Surgeon
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And Hawker Medical Centre.

Seasonal: 2026 Annual Funded Influenza Program

South Australia Schedule

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

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

Medical Risk Factors (refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook)

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

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

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

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

HAWKER UNITING CHURCH
10am Every Sunday

Fellowship

Contact Janice McInnis
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Easter Services

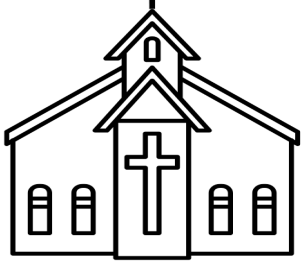
Good Friday—9.00am

Easter Sunday– 10.00am

Fellowship

Next Meeting

April - no meeting



HAWKER CATHOLIC CHURCH
Hawker: Sunday 10:30am

Weekly Services
Quorn Sunday 8:15am
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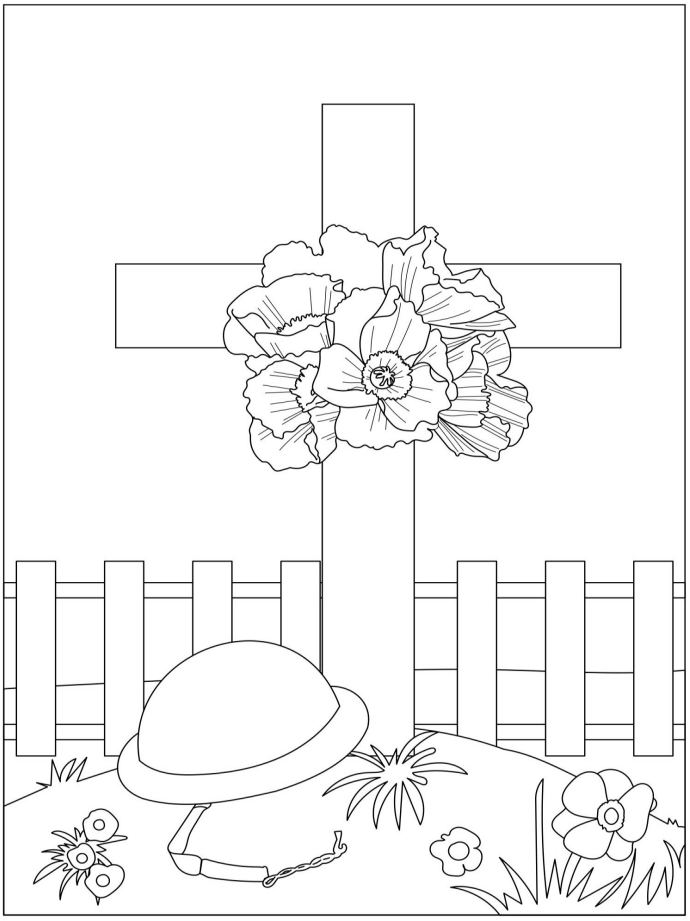
Good Friday 3.00pm

Easter Sunday 10.30am

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING

Monday May 11th, 1.30pm

Hospital Resident's Lounge.



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GREAT NORTHERN WAR MEMORIAL / HAWKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REUNION

SATURDAY 3RD OF OCTOBER, 2026

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More information to follow

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Country Health Connect Hawker Update

April 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 February 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
13	27	14	1	0

Allied Health Professionals April 2026 Visiting Schedule:				
21st April	23rd April			
Physiotherapy Dietitian	Diabetes Educator			

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Hawker Health Advisory Council

The Health Advisory Council and its members are representing your community at the local health service level. We are very keen to provide opportunities and links that will enable us to share your information and ideas.

The type of information we want to share/receive:

- Health service changes, health service improvement and feedback on community needs.
- How to link with other services available within the communities and the region.
- Rights and responsibilities of health care consumers and carers.

Welcome

The Hawker HAC would like to welcome Trudy Bowshire to the Acting Executive Officer/Director of Nursing position whilst the incumbent is on extended leave.

Presiding Member Update:

As the Presiding Member of the HAC:

- Attended the FUNLHN Board Consumer and Community Engagement Meeting on 6 March 2026
- Completed a Presiding Member HAC Orientation
- 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.



HAC Chat (Community Consultation)

On the 13 February 2026 four community members took the opportunity to meet with me at the General Store to raise issues for the HAC to advocate on. They included:

- Patient Assistance Travel Scheme
- Accessing the Purple Bus from Purple House for dialysis patients.
- Need for a Men's Shed in Hawker.
- Suggestion for health promotion evenings

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ANZAC DAY

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

SERVICES WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS

6.30AM CRADOCK WAR MEMORIAL
8AM HAWKER WAR MEMORIAL
10.45AM QUORN WAR MEMORIAL

LEST WE FORGET



Returned World War I soldiers marching along Rundle Street, Adelaide. State Library



Helpers Needed – BikeSA Catering at the Sports Centre 🚴🍽

We're looking for volunteers to help the sports centre cater for **BikeSA riders** on **Sunday 10th May** and Mon**day 11th May** (dinners and lunches).

Help is needed **either beforehand with food preparation** or **on the days with serving**—any amount of help makes a difference.

This is a **great fundraising opportunity for the sports centre**, and we'd be so grateful for your support.

- ☑ Food provided
- ☑ Good company and plenty of laughs
- ☑ Supporting your local sports centre

If you're willing and available, please let **Stef, Kellie or Louise** know, or email @ **sportscentre5434@gmail.com**

Thank you—we really appreciate it!

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We would love to see you

All welcome

Hawker calls for more local ambulance volunteers

As Hawker continues to grow and evolve, so too does the need for local support—especially when it comes to emergency services like the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS). There's now a renewed call for Hawker residents to become ambulance volunteers and join the team in green.

With the town increasingly attracting retirees and downsizers, alongside a transient population, the importance of a reliable, community-based volunteer network has never been clearer. The good news is joining SAAS is now more accessible than ever.

SAAS volunteer recruits are welcomed into a hands-on training program designed to build real-world skills and confidence. Past participants consistently describe the course as engaging, practical, and highly supportive as new members are paired with a mentor who guides them through the onboarding process.

At its core, volunteering with the Hawker ambulance team is about one simple but powerful goal: being there for people when they need help most.

The Hawker ambulance team has built a strong reputation in the community for being not only highly skilled and professional, but also warm, welcoming—and occasionally delightfully cheeky. It's a group that combines serious purpose with genuine camaraderie.

To become a volunteer, you don't any medical experience either. You simply need:

- a valid driver's licence
- full vaccination status

a willingness to learn, step up, and support others
If you've ever wondered if you could volunteer with SAAS, you may be more capable than you think! 2026 is the International Year of Volunteers, so it's your year to volunteer in country SA.

To join the team in green, head to **saasvolunteers.sa.gov.au** or call Hawker Regional Team Leader Janet on **0417 881 950**.



SCHOOL DAYS



Arbor Day at Uroonda, c 1930s



Yednalue School, 1907



Wonoka School, c 1914

The upcoming ***School Days*** Hawker History Group exhibition will highlight schools from Uroonda to Parachilna, as well as some of the activities of school communities, including Correspondence School.



Miss Edith Sweet and class, 1955. Recognise anyone?

We are seeking old school desks, uniforms, books and other school related memorabilia (on loan for the duration of the exhibition).

If you have any items of interest, please drop off at the Institute on Friday 10th or Sat. 11th April or contact Julie Brown, Maggie Goddard, Anne McCourt, Janice McInnis or Cate Burt to arrange collection.



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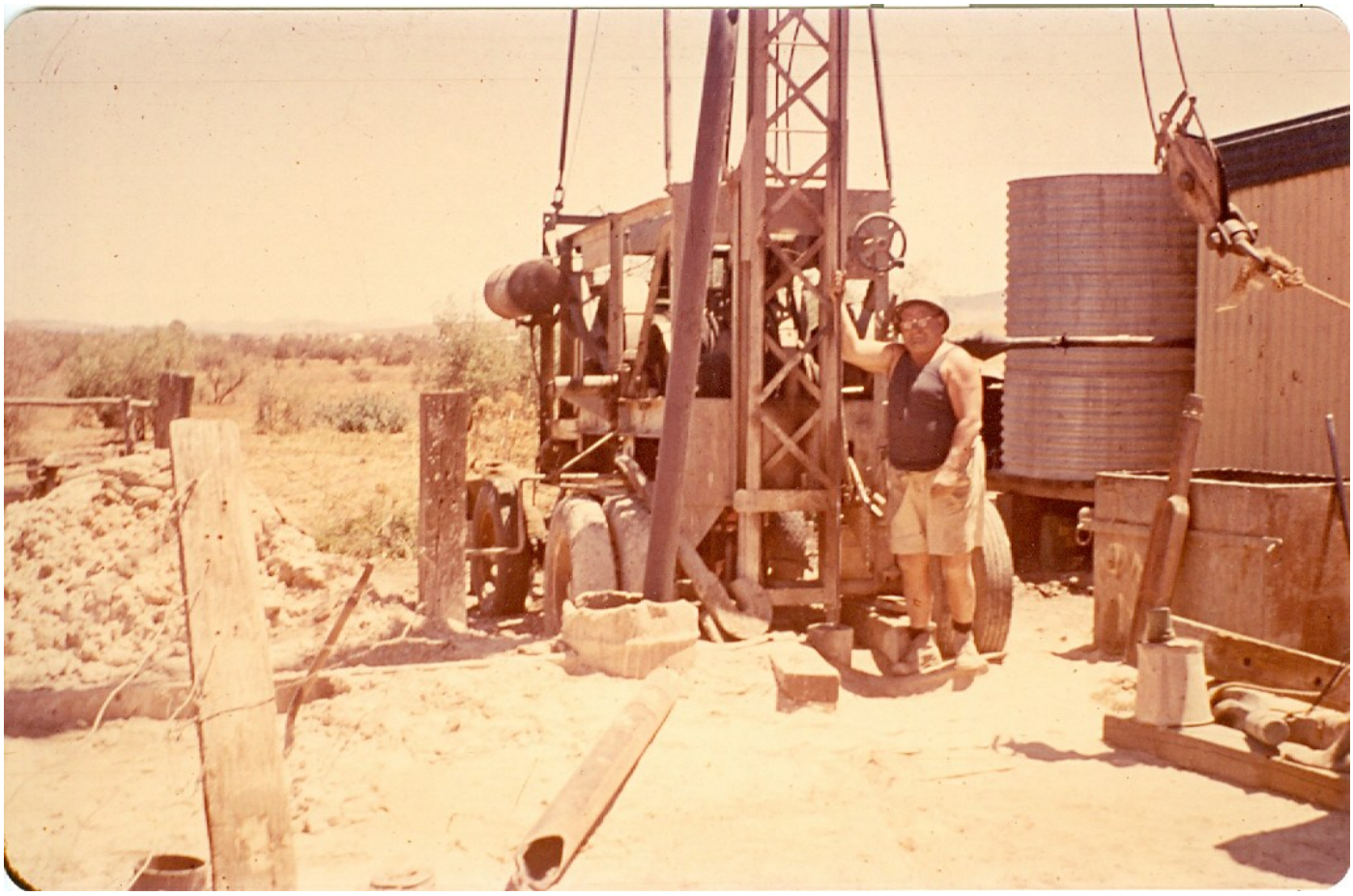
THE HAWKER WALKERS



are planning to 'take off' again for a new season!
Starting on **Thursday, 23rd April**. We will be heading to Willow Springs to walk there –
if you would like to join in, feel welcome …
Please contact Jane for the details at tannerja@bigpond.com …
Here are a few of our walkers last year – we are a happy chatty lot … it should be a bit greener this year!

Drilling a bore for the Engineering & Water Supply Department (E&WS now SA Water) Photo late 1950's

Water Supply for Hawker



Many years ago the Hawker water supply came from bores near the Windana turnoff just off the Quorn road.

This photo shows John O'Loughlin boring a new hole with a cable tool drill. The pump house is on the right with the exhaust pipe sticking out of the wall and the water cooling tank behind. John O'Loughlin was John Teague's uncle. Tom Hill was John O'Loughlin's offsider, both worked for the Department of Mines.

John O'Loughlin did the survey drilling for coal at Leigh Creek, before Leigh Creek started, he also drilled holes testing for coal in the Springfield Basin. He drilled holes on some of the properties around Hawker. He passed away at 48 years of age. He never completed the last hole he was drilling, which was the water bore for Blinman.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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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 the friends and family of

Sylvia Collins, wife of former resident, Terry.

Louise Shute, daughter of Sylvia and the late Ian Shute.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Gloede Family we would like to express our gratitude to the Hawker Hospital Staff for their care of our father Max during his recent admission and stay.

In particular, we are sincerely grateful to Dr Susi for her medical knowledge, transparency and empathy to our father as a patient.

Dr Susi and the whole staff have helped ease our concerns to navigate this process so well.

We sincerely thank you all.

The Gloede Family

HAWKER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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David Meekhums
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Next Gathering:

Thursday 16th April 12noon
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All Ages Welcome!
New members are most welcome!

SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

3rd	Good Friday
5th	Easter Sunday
11th	SubmarineDay
15th	World Art Day
22nd	Mother Earth Day
23rd	World Book Day
25th	ANZAC Day
29th	Guide Dog Day
29th	Dance Day

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love and joy.



The greatest gift of Easter is HOPE

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.

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steamed broccolini to serve

APRICOT GLAZED APPLES

2 large onion, thickly sliced
2 tsp fennel seeds
5 red apples, quartered, cored
1 chicken stock cube, crumbled
½ cup apricot jam
1 tbs red wine vinegar

Refrigerate pork overnight, rind side up, uncovered for perfect crackling. Season pork flesh with salt and pepper. Rub combined sea salt and 2 tsp of the oil over the rind. Place on a roasting rack in a roasting pan. Cook at 240C in a preheated oven for 35 minutes until rind has blistered. Reduce heat to 180C and cook for a further 1 hour 30 minutes until pork juices run clear when tested. Remove and rest, uncovered, for 15 minutes.

APRICOT GLAZED APPLES

Heat remaining oil in another roasting pan over medium heat. Add onions and fennel seeds. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes until soft. Add apples, stock cube, jam, vinegar and ½ cup boiling water. Bring to boil. Remove from heat and cover tightly with foil. Cook in the same 180C oven for 20 minutes. Remove foil and cook a further 10 minutes until apples are tender.

LAMB WITH MEDITERRANEAN VEG

2kg leg of lamb
1 tbs olive oil
2 tsp smoked paprika
3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
18 small fresh rosemary sprigs
baba ganoush and lemon wedges to serve

MEDITERRANIAN VEGETABLES

1 red onion, cut into 1cm wedges
1 large yellow capsicum, thickly sliced
2 zucchini, cut diagonally to 3cm pieces
3 roma tomatoes, cut into wedges
½ cup pitted Sicilian green olives
1 tbs olive oil
2 tsp balsamic vinegar
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

Place lamb in a large oiled roasting pan. Using a sharp knife, cut deep slits 4cm apart over the skin side of the lamb. Rub with combined oil and paprika. Insert garlic and rosemary into slits. Season with salt and pepper. Cook in a preheated oven at 180C for 1 hour and 30 minutes. Remove and rest 20 minutes, loosely covered with foil.

MEDITERRANIAN VEGETABLES

Toss onion, capsicum, zucchini, tomato, olives, oil and vinegar together in a medium roasting pan. Season with salt and pepper. Increase oven to 220C and cook vegetables 25 minutes until tender and lightly browned. Remove from oven and toss through parsley. Serve lamb with baba-ganoush and lemon wedges.

BEEF WITH VEG AND ONION GRAVY

1.45kg beef rump roast
600g butternut, deseeded, cut into large pieces
4 medium carrots, peeled, cut into 4cm pieces
1½ tbs olive oil
300g brussels sprouts, trimmed, halved

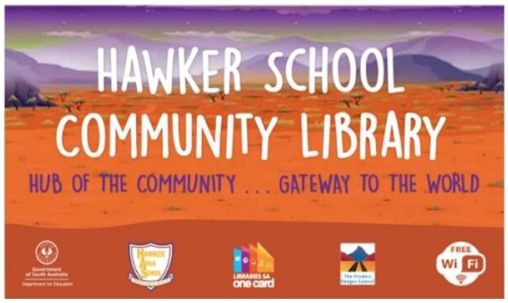
ONION GRAVY

1 onion, thinly sliced
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 cups beef stock
1 tbs balsamic vinegar
¼ cup roast meat gravy powder

Season beef with salt and pepper and place in an oiled roasting dish. Toss pumpkin and carrots in 1 tbs oil and arrange in a single layer on a lined oven tray. Cook beef on middle shelf and vegetables on a lower shelf in a 220C preheated oven for 20 minutes. Toss sprouts in remaining oil and spoon over vegetables. Reduce heat to 180C and cook a further 25 minutes until beef is cooked to medium and vegetables are tender. Remove beef from oven and rest, loosely covered with foil for 10 minutes. Reduce oven to 100C Leave vegetables in oven to keep warm.

ONION GRAVY

Cook onion and garlic over medium heat, stirring, for 5 minutes until soft. Add stock and vinegar and bring to boil. Sprinkle over gravy powder and stir until smooth. Gently boil for 5 minutes until thickened. Thickly slice beef and serve with vegetables and gravy.



Libraries SA

Sharon Smith – Library Manager

In 2026 we have changed our Opening Hours. We are now open every day from 9am and our closing times are 3.30pm Monday and Friday and 5pm every other day of the week.

So far this year we have had the Space to Dream Exhibition which will be travelling on to various libraries across the state during this year. From the school we have had displays of student's art work including the F-2 students and their "Who Am I' posters. Currently we have the 3-6 class display of their Reverse Painting Acetate Self Portraits.

We have also had visiting Joey's and Lizards as well as a much-enjoyed visit from the Arid Lands staff.







Expressions of Interest are welcome from members of the community: As part of the Libraries SA system we have access to various workshops including AI workshops and the Being Digital program. If anyone is interested please let us know and we will see what we can do about organising some sessions in the library. There may be minimum number requirements but we are still happy to try for you.

Leonie and I have also been happily purchasing **New Books** for the school and library and some of the new titles are listed below:

The Piece of Us by Claire Alexander

The Trespassers by Jennifer Alvarez

The Wonders of Time by Emily Akkermans

Wallflower: A Graphic Novel by Iasmin Omar Ata

The Adventuress of Albany by Darry Fraser

Home to the Heart Country by Libby Iriks

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Lyrebird by Jane Caro

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How to Train Your Teacher by Bethany Walker

Forgotten War by Henry Reynolds



Every Thursday during school term starting at 9am followed by Active Play in the Multi-Purpose Room at the School

DONATIONS PLEASE: We have a very creative LEGO group that has become very popular at lunchtime with teamwork and creativity coming to the fore.

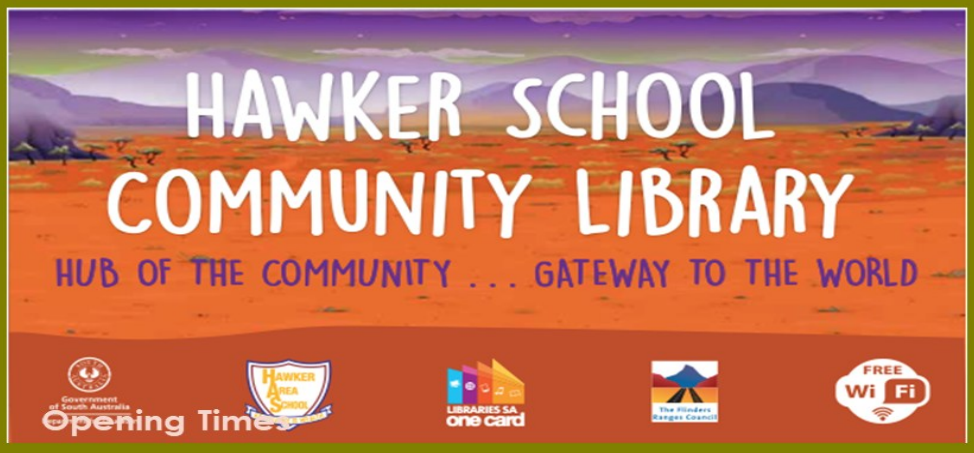
Unfortunately, we have a limited supply of LEGO and would love to be able to add to our existing supply. If any families, friends of students or community members would like to donate to our collection the students would greatly appreciate any new additions.

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The library will be closed

between the 15th and 20th April due to Asbestos removal

occurring at the School



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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2 weeks during Christmas and New Year

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Hawker Cricket Club Season Recap 2025/26

The season began on a positive note with a home victory against Quorn on November 1st. Exceptional batting performances from James McInnis (84), Jack Allen (45), and Harry McAuley (28) helped achieve a total score of 207. Our bowlers delivered an impressive display, dismissing Quorn for 85 in the 17th over. Jack Allen 4/32, Charlie Hatcher 3/17, Harry McAuley 2/28, and Brendon McInnis 1/5.

On November 22nd, with a few team members away, we travelled to Blinman. Blinman scored 6/244 after 40 overs and Hawker fell short, a total of 10/189, with Annabelle Allen - our reliable substitute remaining not out. Alex Morgan also broke his thumb adding to the teams' woes!

The following week the NRMA Festival of Cricket – a 4 day event including teams from Quorn, Hawker/Blinman, Copley, Roxby Downs, Scotch College and Port Augusta Cricket Association, was held in Quorn. Sponsored by NRMA the event included light towers for night games, walk out songs and full commentary adding to the atmosphere.

The Festival started Thursday night, December 4th, showcasing U13s Quorn vs West Augusta under lights. Ollie DuBois took 1/10 off his 3 overs but unfortunately his team was defeated by West Augusta.

Friday night saw a grand final rematch between Quorn and Copley, with Quorn defeating the reigning premiers. Hawker combined with a couple of Blinman lads and played on the Saturday morning in a round robin T20 competition against Quorn and Roxby in rather damp conditions. Unfortunately, no wins for Hawker on the day but a great experience and a whole lot of fun!

Quorn U16s played Sunday morning defeating West Augusta by 98 runs. Harry McAuley had a day out scoring 60 runs and taking 3/13.

Next on the schedule we headed to Copley on December 13th. Copley won the toss and batted first, giving us 261 to chase. Angus McInnis rattled a few Copley lads taking 3/18 but once again Copley dominated and had Hawker all out for 135. Jack Allen (46), Angus McInnis (33) and Luke Helmore (23).

After a break for the Adelaide Test and Christmas/New Year, we hosted Blinman on January 17th. With several players away, we relied once again on the consistent contributions of Mark and Gerv McAuley, as well as our younger team members Lachlan Hilder, Harry McAuley, James Reynolds, and Ollie DuBois. Blinman opened the batting and achieved a score of 191, restricted by effective bowling performances from Brendon McInnis (4/25), Harry McAuley (3/29), Luke Helmore (2/14), and Ollie DuBois, who claimed one wicket. Despite an incredible performance by Mark McAuley (70) and Harry McAuley (45), Hawker were 7/188 after 40 overs, falling only 4 runs short of the win!

Our last home game for the season was scheduled for 7th February but unfortunately due to the weather forecast Copley couldn't get a full team to Hawker. Quorn were also supposed to be playing Blinman and that game was called off so Hawker became the central location for a 6 a side competition between Hawker, Quorn and a few Copley and Blinman lads. A good social day amongst the teams.

Our final game was against Quorn at Quorn on February 21st. A win would have made the points table interesting, but it wasn't to be and Quorn won by 58 runs. The grand final was again played between Copley and Quorn with Copley winning by 83 runs.

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Association trophy winners: Batting—Damian Williams, Copley (265 runs); Bowling—Tom McIntosh, Blinman (13/140); Fielding—Lucas Bury, Quorn/Hawker.

The annual Cradock game was rescheduled to February 28th as December weekends were all full. The rain had other plans and pushed the game out to the following weekend which was played on the Sunday of the March long weekend. As usual it was a fun day, especially for the kids. Thanks to all who came along, pulled on the sneakers and helped on the day.



Archie, Will, Emily, Luke, Alex, Ben, James, Allen, Ollie, Angus, Lachie, Simon, Matt, Mark, James.

Several Hawker lads also played for Quorn Cricket Club in the Port Augusta Cricket Association, and they had another successful season!

Congratulations to:

- Charlie, James, Jack and Corey – B Grade Premiers (back to back)
- James – Man of the Match In the grand final, bowling aggregate, bowling average and Des Brady Memorial trophy for best bowling performance
- Angus and Harry – U16 premiers (three-peat)
- Angus - U16 bowling aggregate

Congratulations to our young lads who have been playing great cricket at School, Club, District and Representative levels.

- Ollie – Quorn U13
- Will - Grange U14 and captain of his school team.
- Harry - Port Augusta Cricket Association Representative, Century Champions T20 competition (Comets), U16 SACA Representative Carnival (Upper North), SACA Pathways Country team, 1st and 2nd XI for school team.
- Angus - Northern Districts Cricket Club, Century Champions T20 premiership (Rockets) and leading wicket taker for his team, U16 SACA Representative Carnival (Upper North), leading wicket taker of the carnival, bowling trophy and Team of The Year. 1st XI for school team and College Pocket for Cricket.

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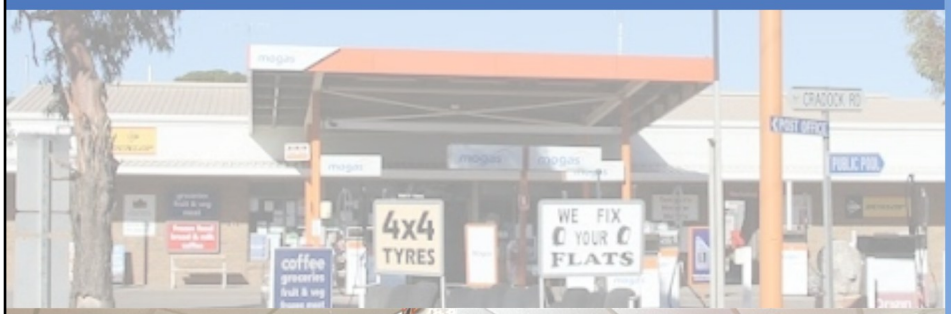
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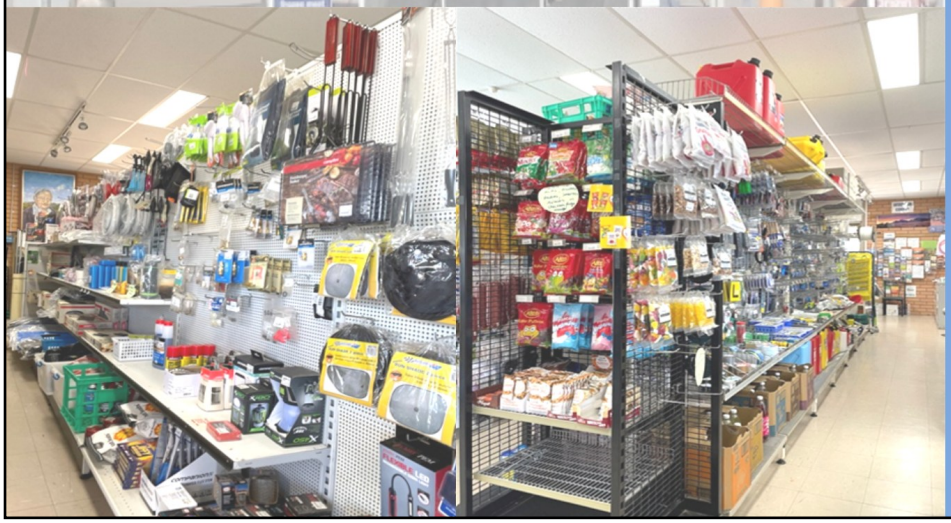
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MEDIA RELEASE

12 MARCH 2026

RELIEF FUNDING SECURED FOR OUTBACK ROADS

Following advocacy from Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning MP, his team, and impacted councils, the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments have officially activated Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for the recent severe flooding. This assistance will share the costs of counter-disaster operations and the reconstruction of essential public assets, particularly severely damaged outback roads, across the following areas: Berri Barmera, Ceduna, Cleve, Coober Pedy, Flinders Ranges, Orroroo-Carrieton, Peterborough, and Port Augusta, as well as the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, and one Pastoral Unincorporated Area.

This funding follows meetings by Mr Venning with Federal Minister Catherine King and talks with State Minister Emily Bourke, demonstrating the power of local advocacy. Mr Venning extends his gratitude to stakeholders, community members who provided crucial evidence of the damage, and media outlets that championed the cause.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning MP, Member for Grey:

"There hasn't been a lot of good news lately, but I'm pleased to share some, it turns out you can still be highly effective in opposition when fighting for regional South Australia."

"A massive thank you to everyone who reached out with stories and photos of the road and infrastructure damage, and to the media who got behind this cause; it all helped."

"After taking this issue to Ministers King and Bourke, my office was contacted on Wednesday night by the office of the Hon Kristy McBain MP notifying us that we have secured the emergency relief our remote councils desperately need."

"Having spoken to the Flinders Alliance and hearing more about the damage endured by the Mount Remarkable and Northern Areas Council areas, it is disappointing these two council areas are not included, and I am following this up with Minister McBain."

"While this announcement is fantastic, I encourage the department to work with the affected communities so funding can quickly flow to the assessment, design and rebuilding of damaged roads and infrastructure. Ensuring these recovery projects are fully supported will be critical to helping these communities get back on their feet."

END

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APRIL 2026

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16 Andrew McInnis

23 Alex Morgan

30 CLOSED HAWKER RACES

JUNE

6 Ben DuBois

13 Scott Teague

20 Chris McAuley

27 Brendon McInnis

Federal Member for Grey, Tom Venning MP, is urging constituents to make their voices heard regarding the Australian Electoral Commission's proposal to rename the historic electorate of Grey to O'Donoghue and significantly alter its boundaries. While expressing deep respect for the profound contributions of both South Australian founding father Sir George Grey and trailblazing Indigenous rights advocate Dr. Lowitja O'Donoghue, Mr. Venning criticised the costly logistical overhaul required for the name change as unnecessary "busy work for bureaucrats" during a cost-of-living crisis.

"I greatly respect the work and legacy of both individuals, but it is my belief that we don't honour history by editing it, we honour it by adding to it….While I will also be making a submission, ultimately, this is not my decision to make, so I am encouraging everyone to go to the AEC website and make a formal submission."

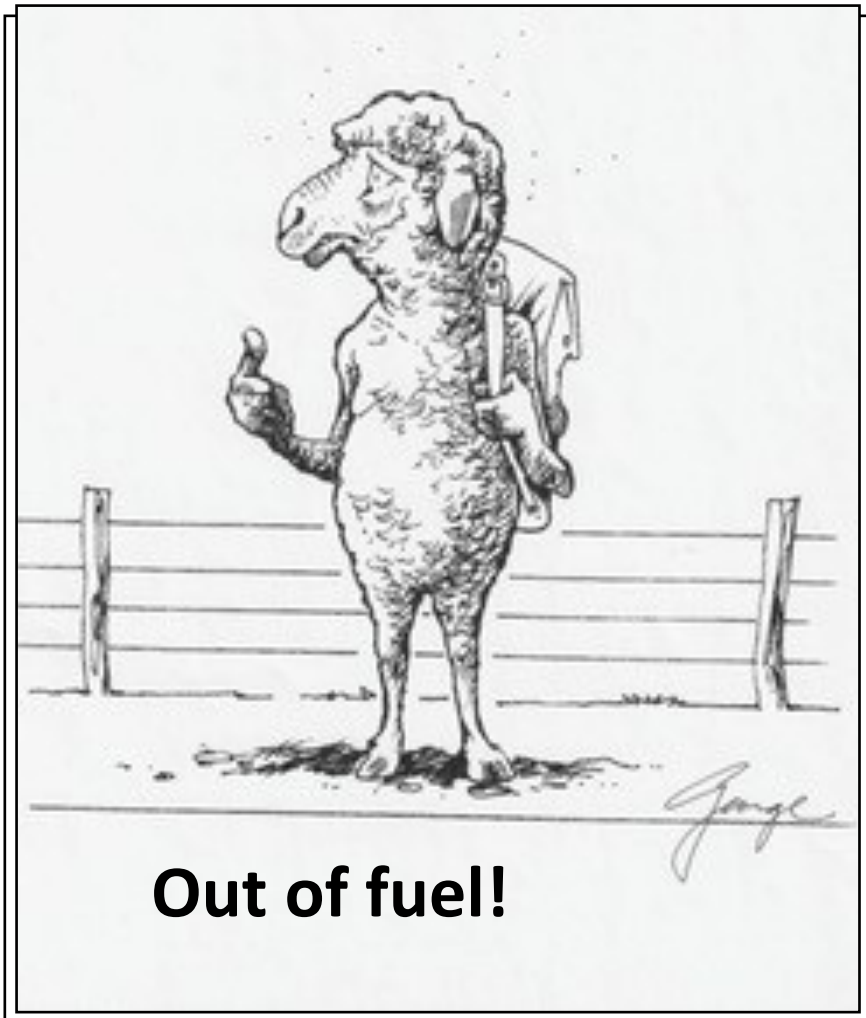
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Renowned local artist George Aldridge has kindly given the Town Crier a collection of his artworks produced over the past few years.

The Editorial team added the caption for this one, as we felt it summed up the times we are in at the moment.

Probably not what George had in mind!



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

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FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sun 10th & Mon. 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.

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		

Community Calendar May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1	2
3 School Days exhibition closes	4 Exercise Group	5	6	7	8 Presiding Member of HAC at HGS 10am 12 pm	9
10 Bike SA Stopover	11 Bike SA Hospital Auxiliary 1.30	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Friendship Group	22	23
24	25	26	27 Fellowship	28	29 Horse Events History Exhibition Opens	30 Hawker Races



Ollie at NRMA Festival of Cricket



NRMA Festival of Cricket Hawker Team



Quorn B Grade Premiers - James, Charlie, Corey & Jack



James - Man of The Match



Angus & Harry - Century Champions T20
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