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Julie Rowe and Belinda Hatcher attended the Hawker ANZAC service with Julie wearing her father's war service medals.



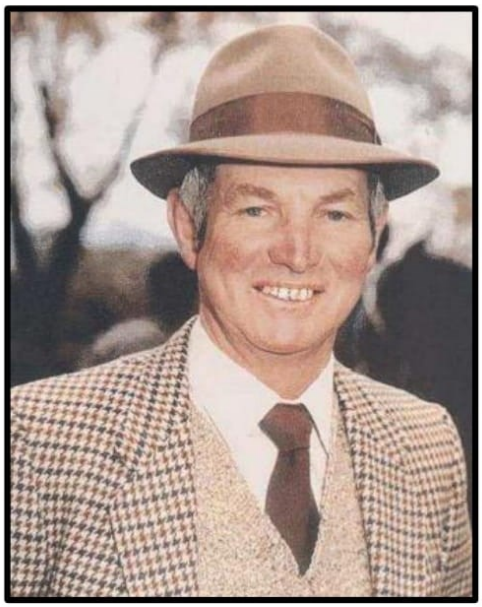
What's Inside

ANZAC

Rodeo History

Old Cars

John Hall



Well known racing identity, the late John Hall

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Wreath laying at Cradock ANZAC Service.

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April 2025

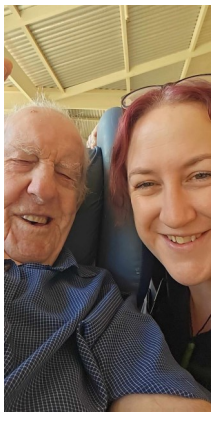
Happy Easter

The last month has seen Louie visit the residents most Sundays. Louies visits are a highlight each week with staff tossing coins to see who can take him around.

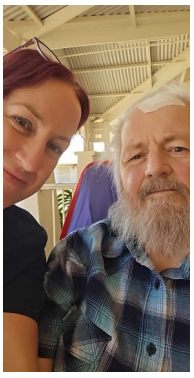




Easter Sunday had easter eggs given out to the residents followed up by a lunch time BBQ on the front veranda. Some eater eggs were devoured by breakfast time while others are slowly rationing theirs.



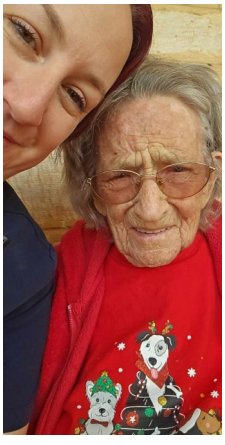




Landscaping has started in the garden overlooked by room 11. several native shrubs have been planted out along with 100 bulbs to fill the voids. We are waiting in anticipation to see everything grow and flower.

Residents are looking forward the school children visiting next term to practice their reading.





You will notice that the courtyard fountain is now turned off. This has been intentional while we work out

Homemade Cards for Seniors

Cards for Seniors once again sent each resident an Easter Card to brighten the residents day. Made by people all over Australia these cards are donated and then distributed to aged care facilities, meals on wheel recipients and many others. The program has been designed to bring a smile to those that may be lonely or just need something to help them smile.

If you would like to be involved in the program you can get in touch with them by emailing homemadecardsaus@gmail.com











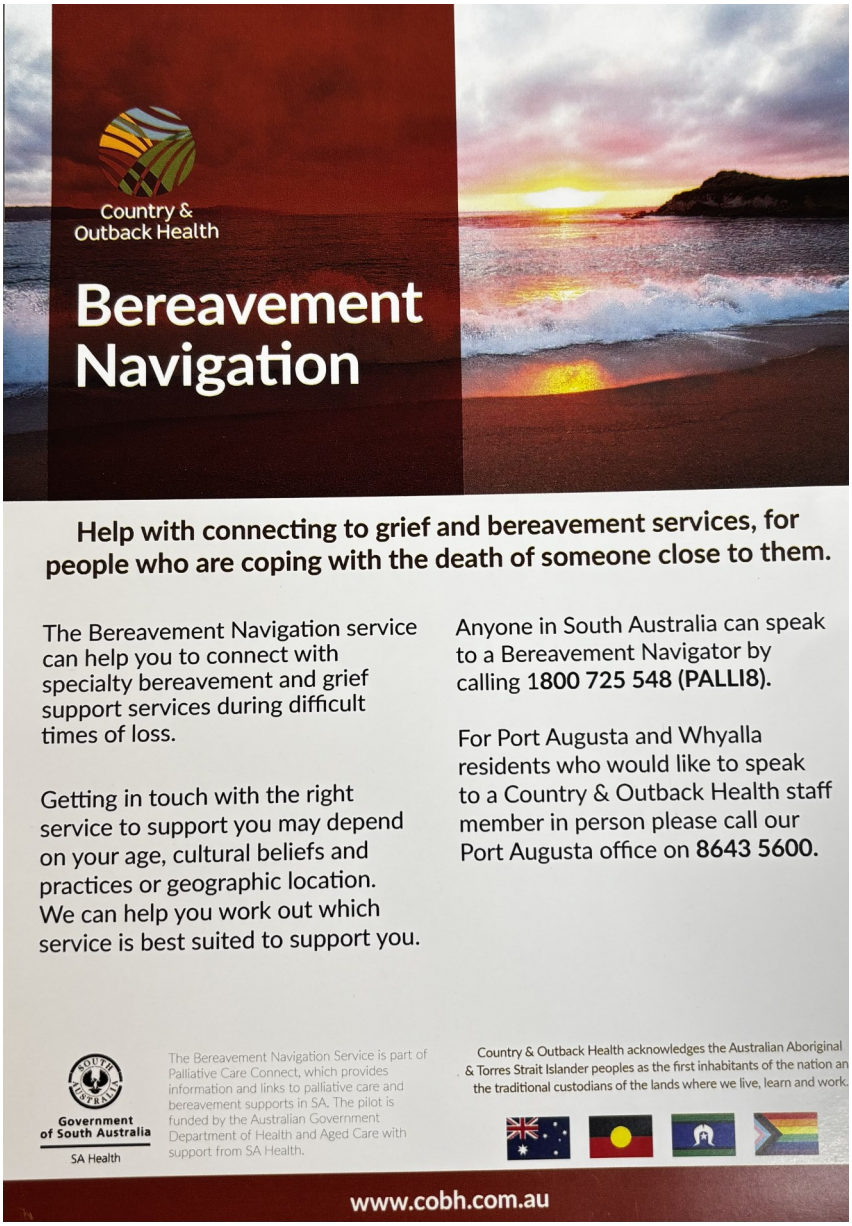


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The start of what we hope will be a bright

colourful garden for patients to look through room 11 window



Many thanks to the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary on the purchase of a new cloud chair.

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21ST JUNE LOUISE WATSON
28TH JUNE SAUL WEBB

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GOLF PROGRAMME

MAY
24TH 1ST CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND
JUNE
7TH KEN DYKER MEMORIAL DAY TEA
15TH 2ND ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND TEA
28TH 3RD ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND TEA
JULY
12TH ELDERS DAY 4 PERSON AMBROSE TEA
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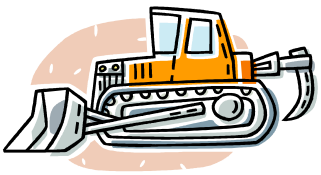
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The Blinman Progress Association (BPA) is very proud to announce that its Blinman Roadside Services precinct is open for use. Beginning in late 2022 and with funding from the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3, and many local volunteer hours, the project brings essential roadside services such as a waste station and caravan dump point to the site two kilometres south of Blinman on Mine Road. Signage and landscaping were also part of the project. A potable water dispenser unit will complete the trio of services in the near future.

Blinman has seen increased visitation over recent years with improved road access, and attractions such as the popular Blinman Underground Mine Tours, leading to the pressing need for increased services for visitors.

The new area is an attractive, low maintenance, solar-powered sustainable facility with services for the use of the local population and visitors, encouraging people to visit and stay in the town. It is a community asset managed by the BPA and will help to grow the town of Blinman's reputation as a sustainable and vibrant community where tourists are very welcome.

The project has come to fruition through a collaboration with the project's working group made up of volunteer BPA members, the BPA Executive Committee, and key agencies such as OCA, DIT, Health SA, SA Water, and the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia. The BPA also greatly appreciated help with site construction and clean up, from a hard working team of volunteers from the Toyota Land Cruiser Club of SA.

The BPA thanks everyone for their involvement and support over the duration of this project, they hope the new Roadside Services precinct will be a popular and useful addition to tourist services in the Blinman area for years to come.



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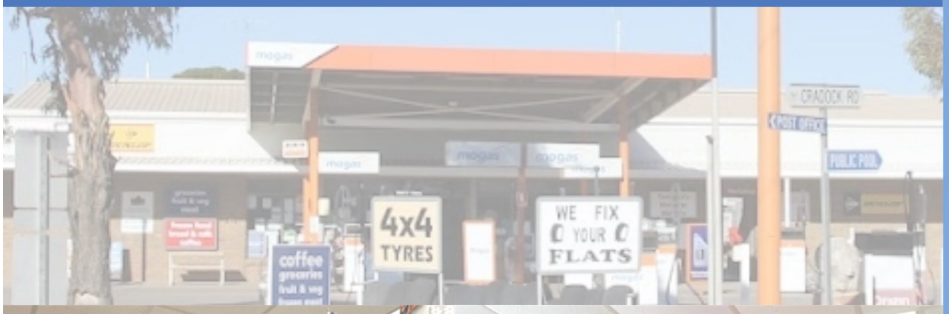
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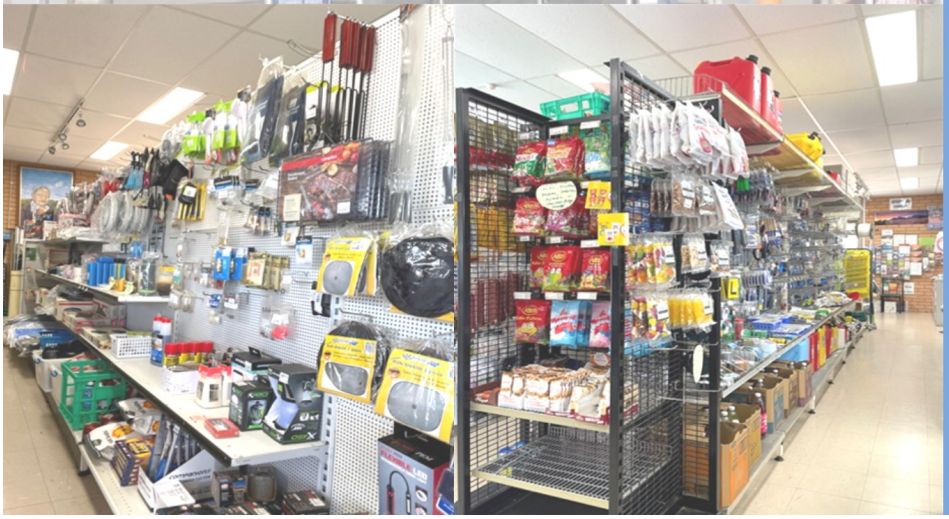
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This year the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary donated $200 from the profits of the 2024 Carols Evening to the Friends of the Women's and Children's Hospital. We have received a thank you back from them with a poster showing what our donation will be going towards. See poster which describes the Hearing Audiometer which will be used across South Australia. Therefore young children in our area will benefit from this donation.

The Hawker Hospital Auxiliary has been donating to the Women's and Children's Hospital for many years. We never know when any of our families will need the services of the Hospital, so the Auxiliary is pleased to help in our small way.

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Wirreanda Cottages Fundraising Dinner

The theme for the next dinner will be Weddings through the Ages.

Saturday July 12th 2005, 6.00pm

Hawker Sports Centre

We are looking for any photos and wedding related memorabilia.

If you have any items you would like to share on July 12th, please email your details to:

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We will be in touch with you closer to the date:

Janice, Ann, Robyn, Catherine.



Country Health Connect Hawker Update

May 2025

Connecting your health and wellbeing with Community based health professionals from Country Health Connect

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New referrals received	Number of in person services	Number of phone services	Number of telehealth / video conferencing services/Other	Number of "consumer not attended" services
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Allied Health Professionals April 2025 Visiting Schedule:				
27th May				
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BETTER BAKES

MAC & CHEESE TUNA BAKE

200g pasta curls

425g can tuna in springwater, drained

1½ cups frozen peas, thawed

1¼ cups grated tasty cheese

2 x 490g jars carbonara pasta sauce

2 thick slices white bread torn into pieces

Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling water until just tender. Drain and transfer to a greased 12 cup ovenproof dish. Flake tuna over pasta. Scatter over peas and ¾ cup cheese. Place pasta sauce and ¼ cup water in a large saucepan. Stir over medium heat until combined and hot. Pour evenly over pasta dish. Sprinkle bread and remaining cheese over the top. Lightly spray with olive oil. Bake at 180C for about 45 minutes until top is crisp and golden brown.

TEXAN CHICKEN & POTATO GEM BAKE

800g chicken thigh fillets, trimmed, halved

40g sachet Texas bbq rub or Moroccan or Cajun

2 large zucchini, thickly sliced

2 yellow capsicum, cut into 2-3cm thick strips

250g punnet cherry tomatoes

750g frozen potato gems

Place chicken and spices in a large zip lock bag and shake well to coat. Heat an oiled flameproof baking dish over medium heat. Add chicken and cook for 3 minutes each side until browned. Remove. Add vegetables to the pan, toss well and return chicken. Spray with olive oil and scatter potato gems over the top. Cook in oven at 220C for about 20 minutes until chicken is cooked and gems are crisp and golden.

MEXICAN PUMPKIN & BEAN BAKE

1400g butternut pumpkin, peeled, seeded

2 x 420g cans Chilli Beanz

125g yellow corn tortilla strips

1 cup grated tasty cheese

220g tub guacamole

250g punnet cherry tomatoes, halved

Preheat oven to 200C. Cut pumpkin into 2cm pieces and spread over the base of an oiled 12cup capacity baking dish. Bake for about 30 minutes until pumpkin is tender. Remove from oven. Spoon beans evenly over the pumpkin. Scatter tortilla strips over the top and cover with the cheese. Return to the oven and bake 15 minutes until strips are lightly browned and cheese melted. Serve with dollops of guacamole and tomatoes scattered over the top.

APPLE RASPBERRY CUSTARD STREUSEL PIE

Pastry

1¾ cups plain flour

¼ cup custard powder

1/3 cup icing sugar mixture + extra to serve

175g cold unsalted butter, chopped

1 egg yolk

vanilla ice-cream to serve

Filling

1.25kg Granny Smith apples

½ cup caster sugar

1 tbs cornflour

¼ cup frozen raspberries

¼ cup raspberry conserve

Grease and line the base of a 20.5cm round springform pan with baking paper. To make the pastry, process flour, custard powder, sugar and butter until the mixture resembles fine crumbs. With motor operating, add yolk and 2 tbs cold water until mixture comes together. Remove. Wrap one third of the pastry in plastic wrap and freeze. Shape remaining pastry into a flat disc. Refrigerate, covered 20 minutes.

To make the filling, peel and core apples. Cut into 2cm thick slices. Place in a saucepan with sugar and 1 tbs water. Heat, stirring, until sugar dissolves. Bring to boil and simmer, covered, for 8-10 minutes until just tender. Blend cornflour with 1 tbs water in a small jug. Stir into apples with raspberries and conserve. Bring to boil, stirring, until thickened. Transfer to a bowl, cover and refrigerate until cold. Roll out pastry disc between two sheets of baking paper until large enough to line base and side of prepared pan. Lift into pan and trim edge. Refrigerate for 15 minutes. Cover with baking paper and fill with rice or dried beans. Bake at 190C for 10 minutes. Remove paper and beans. Cook for a further 10 minutes until pastry is dry. Remove from the oven and cool slightly. Spoon filling into pastry case. Coarsely grate frozen pastry over the top and return to the oven. Bake for a further 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove from the oven and stand in the pan for 15 minutes. Remove pie from the pan and lightly dust with sifted extra icing sugar. Serve with ice-cream.

HAWKER UNITING CHURCH
10am Every Sunday

Fellowship

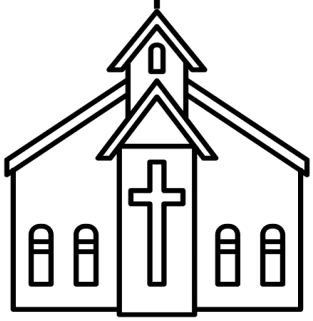
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Guest Speaker:

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Is there life after delivery?



In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other, "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?" the second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something. And maybe it is different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

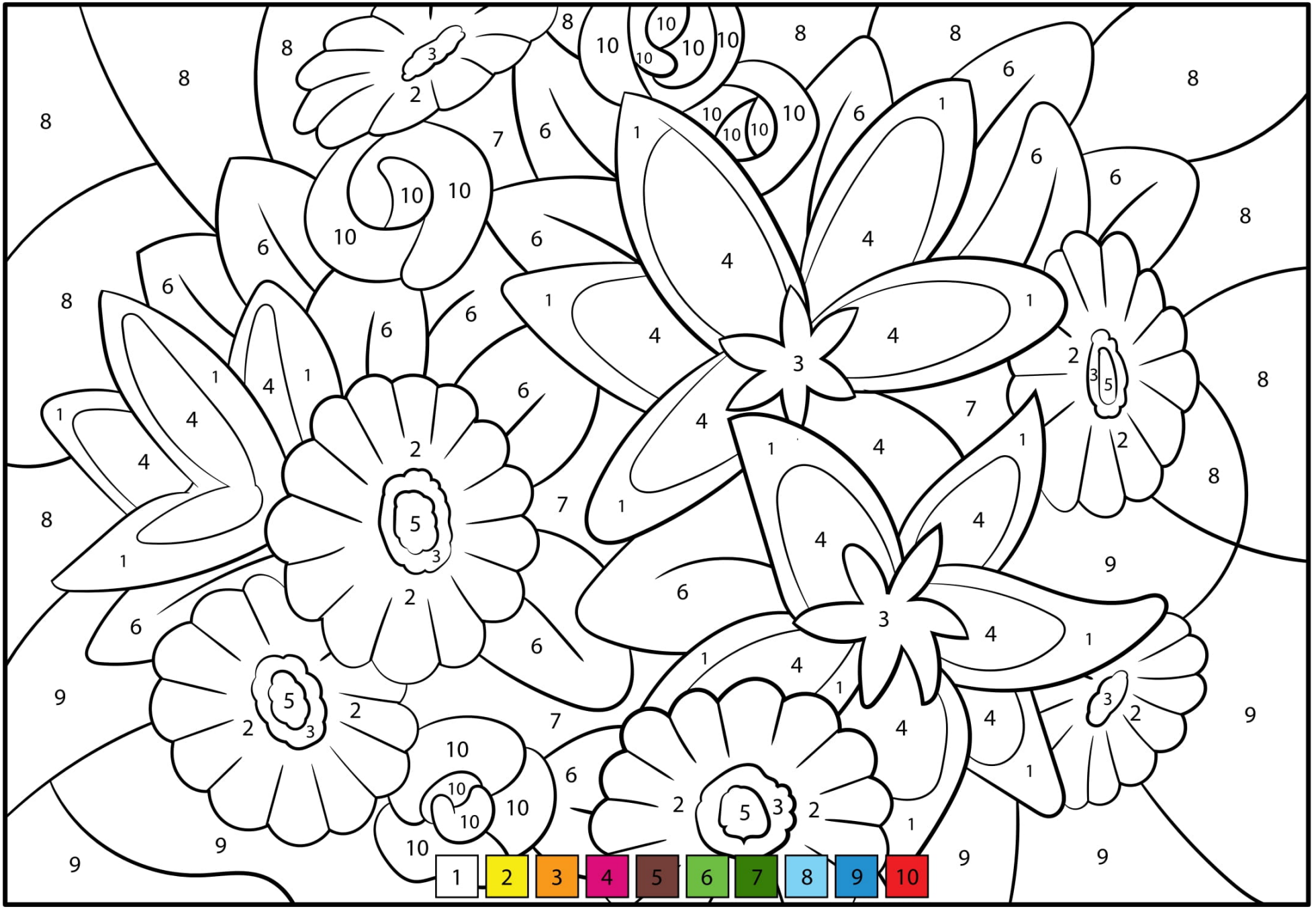
"Well I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is she now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of her. It is in her that we live. Without her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first, "Well I don't see her, so it is only logical that she doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive her presence, and you can hear her loving voice, calling down from above." adapted from article by Henri Nouwen


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ANZAC Service Hawker



Jeff Morgan, Kevin Cameron and Ron McInnis raising the flags.

An amazing ANZAC Serviced was held at Hawker War Memorial at 8.00am on ANZAC Day. Over 150 people attended, with similar numbers at Cradock and Quorn Services.

Many visitors attended, with quite a few returned service men and women wearing their medals. The service was followed with cups of tea and coffee with ANZAC biscuits for those who wished to stay for a chat. Many people stayed and wondered around the gardens, look-

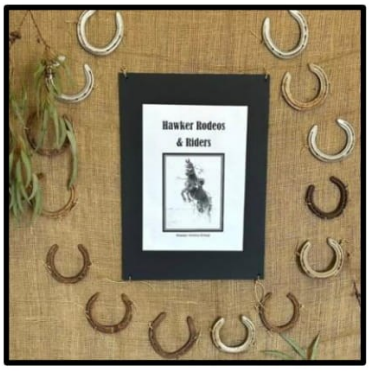


John Teague speaking with Queensland visitors.





Visitors from Queensland.



The Hawker Rodeos & Riders Exhibition Preview was held on Sunday 20th March to thank the many people who had contributed to both the Exhibition and accompanying book. Guests were welcomed by a board in the foyer of the Hawker Institute created by Maggie Goddard, using horse shoes collected and contributed by Di Keough.

HAWKER HISTORY RODEOS & RIDERS EXHIBITION



Brian and Exhibition helper, Anne McCourt



Reg Wilton, Ian Carpenter, Mary Clarke



Exhibition helpers: Caroline Ahern and Dawn Burt



John and Julie Rowe



Maggie Goddard, Sonia Spiers, Sharon Ackland (nee Hall)



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ANZAC DAY CRADOCK



ANZAC DAY CRADOCK – 2025

Dawn Service at 6.30am crept over us at Cradock, the start of a beautiful and eventful day. The commencement of the Service drew us from catching up with folks we hadn't seen for some time due to rural commitments and the rigours of farming in a sheep district.

The Service, to commemorate the 110 year anniversary of ANZAC Day, started with a prayer and a blessing by our community padre followed by an address from Mayor, Ken Anderson. Mayor Anderson on behalf of the Council and Anne McCourt, on behalf of Cradock District folk both laid wreaths of Remembrance. Dave Wallis from the Cradock Hotel presented a wreath on behalf of the Country Fire Service. On moving to the main service, two of our local youngsters, Emily and Lachlan Hilder, recited the ANZAC Day poem.



Justin Brown, our ceremony director, gave a short resume on Gallipoli, and the purpose of our ceremony of the day. He then introduced Frank Jackson, who is a grand-nephew of Harold Jackson, who was born in Cradock, served in the First World War including Gallipoli and died on the Western Front on 17 May, 1917.

Frank gave an insight into his Great-uncle who was a member of the 10th Battalion, which was first ashore at Gallipoli, providing covering fire for the main landing of our troops. Harold was wounded at Gallipoli, and evacuated to Egypt for treatment.

He was absent when the Gallipoli withdrawal took place. On recovery, he was made Lance Corporal and located to France on the Western Front. He was wounded once again and evacuated to England, once again returning to the Front on recovery from the wound. Unfortunately, he was killed during an artillery barrage at Bullecourt, France – on 7 May 1917 and was buried by his mates in the trench where he was killed, as many were at the time.

ANZAC DAY CRADOCK

Memorial signage has been created and is now located in the Cradock Memorial Garden.



To show our respect and honour the District members who served and paid the ultimate price in both World Wars, individual poppies were laid at the wall of Remembrance.

At the conclusion of the service, a special mention was made regarding two recent additions to the Memorial Garden. The first being a unique ANZAC Tapestry which was woven in Canberra for the express purpose of being on display on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day each year. In addition to the Tapestry, a steel 'Fire Pit' with the three Military services displayed was installed just before ANZAC Day.





At the conclusion of the service, a barbecue breakfast was provided. Along with breakfast, a country singer and guitarist, Gary Mannion provided music and entertainment throughout the morning.

The day became special for the 152 folk and 8 dogs who attended, many from caravans across from the Hotel camping ground. A common theme, **"We will return."**

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Community News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who celebrate birthdays in May



GET WELL

Our thoughts and prayers are with all in our community who are not well.

Arthur Edwards



DEATHS

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

Rhonda Fay Coulthard

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Rhonda.

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Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Rex.

Thornton family

Our thoughts are with the Thornton family on the loss of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Jarrod & Hayley Smith on the birth of *Ellena (Ellie) Naomi*, a loving baby sister to Addy & Corey.



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And makes the mountains sing

Wishing you a Mother's Day
That's filled with every pleasure,
And a future that's as happy
As the memories you treasure!

God bless the special mothers
God bless them every one...
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The 1910 Brush Owners register visited Hawker on Thursday 17th April from Quorn.

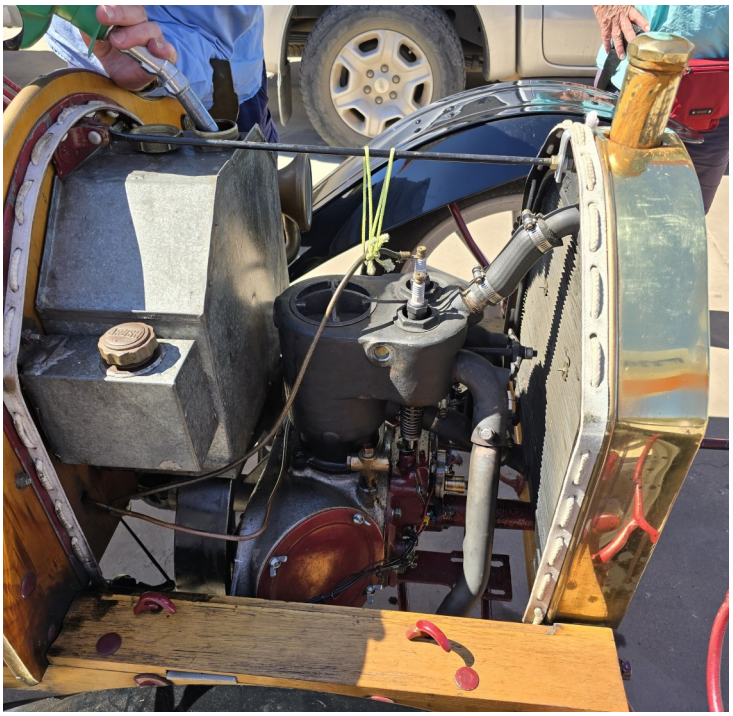
These cars were a single cylinder engine approximately 8HP, on a wooden chassis and axle. With a top speed of about 35kms per hour and a fuel consumption of about 12.3 litres per 100kms.

They are driven by two rear chains to each rear wheel.

The BRUSH was the first left hand Drive car in America. The seven cars and their owners came from all over Australia.

The red car above is owned by Travis McDonald of Quorn who teaches at Quorn and Hawker Area Schools.





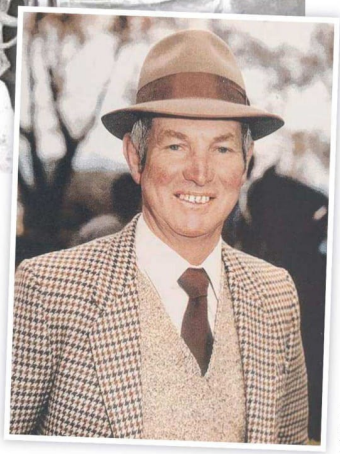


Family and friends pay tribute to master horseman

RACING 'IN HIS BLOOD'

Tyler Maund





John Hall (left) holding 1967 Melbourne Cup winner Red Handed, with son Barney aboard; (right) Hall as a trainer in his own right. Pictures: Supplied, SAJC Journal

Renowned Adelaide trainer John Hall will be remembered by family and friends as a natural horseman who left a lasting impression on the careers of many.

Hall was a key figure in South Australian racing for more than 40 years, working as the Adelaide stable foreman for legendary trainer Bart Cummings, before taking out his own trainers' license in 1985.

He died last month on August 18. He was 89.

Hall grew up in Hawker, where he took out a trainers' licence before being approached to move to Adelaide in 1965 to work under "Cups King" Cummings.

There Hall became an integral part of the success that saw Cummings dominate feature staying races around Australia, preparing champion gallopers such as Red Handed, Lowland, Leilani, Think Big and Dayana.

Cummings – a trainer of 12 Melbourne Cup winners – trusted Hall as his right-hand man over a 20-year period, often sending him across the border with talented horses for an interstate raid.

"At Christmas time, Bart would send him to Perth every year with his horses for the carnival, horses such as Leica Lover, Dayana, Asgard, Bounty Hawk – everything Bart sent," Barney Hall, John's son, said.

"It was a bit of a thank you holiday for dad, every year Bart sent him to Perth with his team and I don't think he ever come back without a winner.

"Everyone used to say to him, 'you would've learnt a lot off Bart', and one day at the sales Bart said, 'I've also learnt a lot from him too'."

Cummings also entrusted Hall with a trip to America alongside recently retired stallion Taj Rossi in 1975, but sickness forced Hall to return early.

Hall had a hand in eight of 12 Melbourne Cup winners for Cummings.

His son's Barney and Chris describe him as a natural with horses, who had an unwavering commitment to racing.

"He used to ride a bit of work at Bart's, he then rode a few of his own down the beach early days," Barney said. "His occupation was a horse trainer, but he was more of a horseman."

Chris Hall added: "He went three years without a holiday once, our mother used to take us away for school holidays.

"When dad did take a holiday, guess where he went? To the races, the Kingscote Cup carnival and Port Lincoln Cup carnival. It was in his blood."

With an abundance of knowledge under his belt, Hall began his own 20-year journey training in his own right in 1985 – when Cummings left Adelaide for Sydney.

Hall was offered the leading foreman role for Cummings in Melbourne, but knocked it back preferring to stay in Adelaide with his family.

Hall took over the training of four Cummings' horses that hadn't gone to Sydney, and quickly found success notching his first winner with Kotiko.

Hall leased stables from trainer Alan Smith, and later on Peter Jolly at Morphettville, with the support of his wife Rosemary and three sons Chris, Barney and Russell.

"When he went out on his own, mum was down at the stable mucking out the boxes, mum was a big part of the partnership," Barney said.

Hall was supported by many loyal owners including Ray Bradmore, Wayne Raven, J & K Nelligan, Jim and Joan Bryant and also the Minijumbuk crowd.

During his training career Hall prepared smart gallopers such as Royal Line, Umaline, Debuton, Mustinair, Purple Rain, Pam Phile, Beagle Bay, Dunster Castle, Star Gypsy and Scotch Caper.

He also achieved remarkable success with talented mare Saratov, winning the Perth Cup in 1989 with Richard Jolly aboard.

The win was an Australian record for the two-mile distance at the time.

Two-time Melbourne Cup-winning jockey John Letts shared his memories of Hall, including an ordeal with talented filly Byam Century, who was struck down with illness after a win at Morphettville one day.

"They had to wait until after the last race to get her off the course, she was that sick, she must've picked up a bug that hadn't shown up until she come under pressure," Letts said.

"John Hall actually stayed at the stable, changed her rug every three to four hours until she left to Sydney to be operated on. They couldn't save her, but he stayed at the stable and slept in the stall alongside her.

"That's the sort of guy that he was.

"He was more than a foreman for a racing stable, he was a real horseman."

Hall played a pivotal role in helping a number of talented young jockeys make their way in the industry, including Group 1-winning trainer Phillip Stokes and Group 1-winning jockey Dwayne Dunn – both served apprenticeships under Hall.

"He always wanted to know what Phillip had racing and he always wanted to know what Dunny was riding in Melbourne," Barney said.

"Bradley Vale was an apprentice also, dad took on Gavin Eades for the last six months of his apprenticeship and he just came over here and kicked a---.

Dunn, who won 24 Group 1s across a decorated career, arrived at Hall's at the age of 15, and served a six-year apprenticeship that laid the foundation for his success.

"He played a big part in my career for sure," Dunn said.

"When I started with him, if he wasn't having two to three winners on a Saturday he was having a bad day.

"He was a hard man to deal with, but he was very fair, once it was said it was forgotten. He was critical of what you did, but it was to better your improvement as a person. You learnt more than just riding in races.

"He was a great horseman, he had all the bush remedies – that was right up his alley."

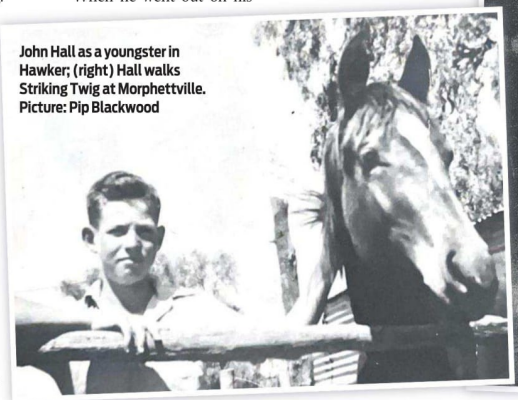
Hall continued to follow the exploits of those he had nurtured, despite being plagued by blindness and dementia in his later years.

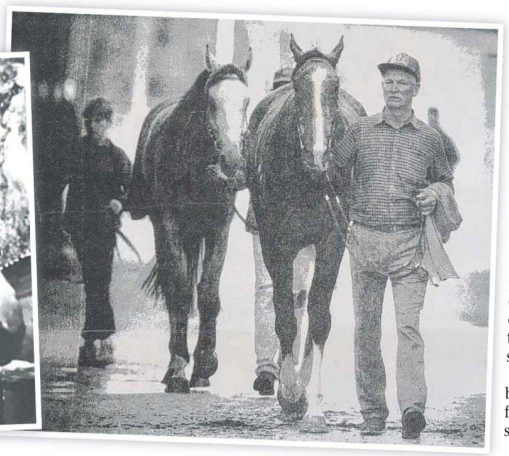
"He always wanted to know what they were doing even when he couldn't see. He was always following them," Barney said.

After retiring from training in the mid-2000s, Hall moved to Port Augusta following the passing of Rosemary after 51 years of marriage.

"When mum passed he sold up, moved to Port Augusta, travelled Australia with his partner Maxine in the caravan, and many overseas cruises which they both loved," he said.

Hall will be remembered by family and friends at a memorial service in November.





John Hall as a youngster in Hawker; (right) Hall walks Striking Twig at Morphettville. Picture: Pip Blackwood

From the *TOWN CRIER* Archives

36 Years Ago - May 1989 (Cover Price 70c)

From The Advertiser May 3rd 1989—The breeding secrets of the banded stilt, a wading bird, could be unlocked following the discovery of more than 100,000 nests on an island in Lake Torrens.. The only documented breeding record in South Australia was from Lake Callabonna about 250 km north east of Lake Torrens in 1931.

From The Advertiser May 4 1989—Not only is Lake Torrens full of water for the first time this century but it also contains a lot of marine life. There are thousands of shield crabs, each several centimetres long, shoals of brine shrimp about a centimetre long, and vast quantities of plankton. Nobody knows where they came from but it is believed that most of the salt tolerant creatures are products of eggs lying dormant in the mud for decades.

Weather; The highest maximum for April was 31.4 C with the lowest minimum of 7.0C . Total rainfall for April was 23.2mm , including 15mm on the last day of April with a further 34mm falling on May 1st.

20 Years Ago - May 2005 (Cover Price $2.00)

From Historical notes: May 28th 1959 Two monkeys were the first animals to have travelled in space and return alive.

May 21st 1910—At the funeral of King Edward VII. The new king led the mourners, walking with his hand on his mother's arm, and that's where the row began. The German emperor, rigid faced Kaiser Wilhelm II complained bitterly about having to give precedence to the late king's beloved fox terrier. Caesar, the dog, had pride of place behind the coffin, and followed his master all the way to his resting place. The Kaiser let it be known he did not consider it fitting that he was upstaged by a dog.

Weather: The highest maximum for April was 37.0 C with the lowest minimum of 4.9 C. Rainfall was 2.8mm.

Golf News: 23 people turned out for Opening day. The course looks in magnificent shape, despite the dry weather. 32 people turned out on April 30 for a fun day of golf, including a number who had not played golf before.

10 Years Ago - May 2015 (Cover Price $2.00)

ANZAC DAY: the ceremony commemorating 100 years was held at the new Hawker War Memorial, with a dawn service followed by breakfast at the CWA room.

Bowls Results ANZAC Pairs: Teams competed from Warooka, Mannum, Wallaroo, Paskerville, Orroroo, Jamestown, Wilmington, Quorn and Hawker.

Winners on the day were A Hilder and D Stringer 82pts, 2nd K McKay and M Harding 81pts, 3rd A Anesbury and A Edwards 80 pts.

From the Archives: Hawker Art Exhibition since 1983 has spent over $200,000 on the Hawker Institute including rebuilding the gallery, kitchen and supper room in 1993. The front of the Institute was re-built jointly with Flinders Ranges Council in 2002, provided fans, improved lighting and other minor improvements.

Flinders Outback Odyssey: On May 4th Hawker hosted approximately 140 people in 68 restored vehicles of various car clubs from South Australia.

Weather: Weather in April resulted in some extremes. A maximum of 33.9 C was the warmest on record for this late in Autumn. A total of 76mm of rain in one event was the best April rain since 1980. The total for the month being 82mm. The lowest minimum for April was 3.0 C.

Hawker Rodeos & Riders History Exhibition

An Exhibition Preview was held on Easter Sunday, 20th April to thank the many individuals and families who contributed to the Hawker Rodeos and Riders Exhibition and Book. Contributors ranged from those whose family members had ridden and helped at rodeos at Hawker in the early 1950s to younger community members who organised the Hawker rodeos in the 1990s or are riding or rode elsewhere over the past 30 years.



Brian (Bo) Dearlove beside his father's display at the Rodeo exhibition

The initial impetus for staging such an exhibition was a collection of early Hawker Rodeo photos by renowned equestrian photographer, Keith Stevens, held by the Dearlove/Donnellan family. In 1950, Brian Dearlove Snr organised a Sports Day in Hawker comprising sheep shearing, motor bike riding and some rodeo events.



Andrew Telfer beside his father's display.

The day was a success and the rodeo events proved so popular that it was decided to hold a Hawker Rodeo on Easter Monday in 1951. By 1952, the Easter Monday Hawker Rodeo was an annual event on the National Rodeo calendar, affiliated under the Australian Rough Riders Association (A.R.R.A).

Local photographer, Mr R.F. (Bill) Telfer had begun taking photos at Hawker and Carrieton Rodeos by the late 1950s. Fortunately Bill had named most riders, and in many cases the horses, depicted in his photos, unlike the Keith Stevens shots. Part of this rodeo history project has been an attempt to identify more of the riders of the 1950s, a very challenging task, more than 70 years later!

Rodeos continued to be held at Hawker throughout the 1950s and for most of the 1960s. Brian Dearlove Snr, was the inaugural President of the Hawker Recreation Ground Committee, which ran the rodeos. Brian was also Rodeo Commentator until he was tragically killed at the age of 32, in a horse-riding accident in 1956.

Hawker Rodeos & Riders History Exhibition



Anne McCourt beside part of the 1990s Hawker Rodeos display.

After a break of almost thirty years, Anne and Trav McCourt were the driving force behind bringing rodeos back to Hawker. They formed a Committee of like-minded community members and rodeos returned to Hawker in 1994 and 1995. However, Anne explained that the costs involved in meeting Australian Professional Rodeo Association (A.P.R.A) rules, such as insurance requirements, meant it became too difficult for the small, but dedicated team of volunteers to continue.

Anne and Trav continued their active interest in rodeos, travelling to many parts of the state to attend events. Through the notes and programmes Anne kept over the years, we have a valuable record of the past thirty years of Hawker riders. This, together with the stories and photos contributed by riders of recent years, provides an ongoing historical document.

Many local community riders have continued their involvement in regional, interstate, and even international rodeos, in the years since. This has meant that members of the Hawker community, past and present, have now been involved in rodeos for seventy-five years. The exhibition and accompanying book aims to share the stories of some of these people. Trevor (Snow) Rowe and Tommy Bruce, two former riders at Hawker Rodeos, as well as many family members of riders at the early rodeos were able to join us for the exhibition preview. These family members, as well as many others, had contributed stories, photos and a wide variety of memorabilia, all of which have helped to enrich and enhance the exhibition display and the book. For example, Donald Fels kindly provided two of his own saddles, as well as arranging to borrow two saddles from Wilmington.



Victor Clark's uncle, Howard Clark, who worked as a stockman at Warcowie Station for many years, rode at both Hawker and Carrieton Rodeos for almost ten years. Victor and Cynthia (pictured left) both contributed many hours in preparation of both the book and the exhibition.

Hawker Rodeos & Riders History Exhibition



Former Hawker Rodeo rider, Trevor (Snow) Rowe with his wife Gay.



Tommy Bruce, former rider, pictured with Brian Dearlove

Flinders Ranges Council (FRC), through its Community Grants program, provided funding that enabled printing of the first 100 books. It is hoped that sales of these will lead to a reprint in the near future! The grant also funded the printing of photos and purchase of mounting boards. The mounting boards, a relatively expensive initial purchase, will be able to utilised for future history exhibitions.

Staging an exhibition such as this requires many hands and sincere appreciation to the wonderful team of helpers: Maggie Goddard and Caroline Ahern for their design talents, so obviously on display, Anne McCourt, Victor and Cynthia, Dawn Burt for setting up the displays, as well as coordinating the afternoon tea, Rosie for publicity and display help, Gezz and Span for setting up, heavy lifting and frequently moving things!

The HCDB has provided the Square and modem for book sales and Janice McInnis for her sales expertise on the day and since. Thank you to those who have offered their help on the roster during the daily opening of the exhibition.



FRC Mayor, Ken Anderson, purchased the first book.



Left to right: Owen Brady, Garnet Brady, Reg Wilton

Hawker Rodeos & Riders History Exhibition

Owen and Garnet Brady's father, David and uncle Harry both rode at rodeos at Hawker in the 1950s. Reg Wilton provided invaluable research assistance through his knowledge of local rodeos and his memorabilia collection, including many back issues of *Hoofs and Horns* magazines. Reg was also able to identify a number of riders in the old photos and shared anecdotes of rodeos past.

Funds remaining from the former Camera Club were used to purchase two television sets and trolleys. At the exhibition one of these is showing still shots from the 1950s as well as digitised footage from the early 1960s Hawker Rodeos, and some from Carrieton Rodeo. This Super8 footage was kindly provided by Paul Spiers, who has digitised his father's material, Julianne Chinner (formerly Donnellan) who shared a huge amount of her father John's footage and Mark Hilder who provided three reels of his mother's rodeo movies. Brian and Lyn Dearlove, with help from their daughter Kimberley have put these together to show a very interesting window into Hawker's past. The other television shows some very entertaining, and sometimes graphic clips of the Modern Era of rodeos, painstakingly and skillfully put together by Bec Keough.



Bec and Di Keough in front of Di's father's saddle.

The ANZAC on the Wall

by Jim Brown

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FUTURE HAPPENINGS

31st May—Hawker Races

6th June— Biggest Morning Tea

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

20th September—5th October — Hawker Craft Mart

25th May, 1.00pm-3.00pm —Community Opening of Ambulance Building

Community Calendar May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Federal election
4	5 Exercise Class	6	7	8th HCDB meeting 7.00pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Friendship Group	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Golf Tea;
25 Ambulance Open day 1pm—3pm	26 Regenerative Grazing	27	28 Fellowship	29	30	31 Hawker Races

Community Calendar June 2025

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

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3rd place Daniel Lutz's team (Port Augusta)

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