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John Mannion playing on ANZAC Day in Cradock. He is sitting beside the newest addition to the Cradock Memorial Garden



Thank you to all community members who generously contributed photos for this issue.

Military Campaign medal awarded to Ron Lindo.



Below Left

Neuroodla creek railway bridge after recent floods.



Below Right

Yellow Foot Rock Wallaby in Brachina Gorge.



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Good People, Great Times

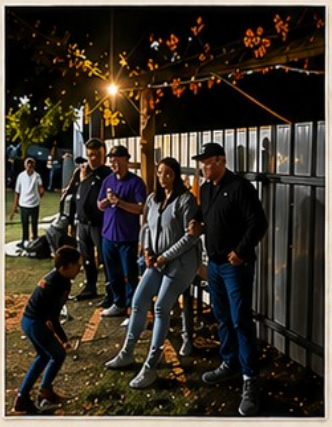
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SATURDAY 25TH OF APRIL

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Hawker Health Service Update

April 2026

New Staff



Meet Ainslee, who has travelled from New Zealand to join our service assistant team. Ainslee was encouraged to apply for the position after hearing how friendly and welcoming the staff are. She is looking forward to exploring the Flinders Ranges and enjoying everything they have to offer when she is not busy working.

Please say Hi if you see her out and about.

Meet Sebrina, an experienced Registered nurse from Singapore who has

relocated to Australia to work with us. Sebrina spends her days off exploring the region and trying out the different cafes and restaurants.

If you see her down the street, give her a friendly wave.



Resident news

With the nicer weather we managed to fit in a barbecue lunch with all the residents.

Emma has been busy doing Easter crafts with the residents and keeping a tally on the footy tip competition.

ANZAC Day residents and staff enjoyed some lovely ANZAC biscuits.



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

Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council

The Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council (HAC) is established to work with consumers, carers and volunteers to:

- Advise on the health needs and health priorities within our communities.
- Understand the health needs and priorities of all the communities we represent and the view point of these communities in the development of health services.
- Advocate on behalf of the communities with local health services and Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network to support the planning and provision of health services as part of a whole state-wide health system

Presiding Member Update:

As the Presiding Member of the HAC:

- Shared employment opportunities at the Hawker Hospital on Social Media
- Attended the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network Presiding Members Forum on 9 April 2026

HAC Chat (Community Consultation)

On the 10 April I handed out six Strategic Framework surveys. Had a chat with one community member relating to the centralisation of health services to Hawker that have resulted in onsite positions being relocated away from the community. Services such as primary health care, health promotion and health prevention.

Health Advisory Council Meeting

The HAC held was held on Thursday 16 April 2026.

Items covered included:

- The new Red Cross Transport initiative introduced into the local health network.
- Voluntary Assisted Dying information for the community.
- Consumer Engagement Programs being introduced into the local health network.
- A volunteer has been recruited to assist with the completion of patient surveys.

The Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council (HAC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday 18 June 2026.

I will be available at the Hawker General Store on Friday 8 May 2026, 10.00am-12.00pm if you would like to catch up with me.

Julie Brown
Presiding Member
Hawker Memorial Hospital HAC
t: 0429 773 270
e: vanbrown@bigpond.com

Caring for our community

Health
Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

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Monday 27th July 2026

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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

South Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service (SAVAD-CNS)

The South Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service (SAVAD-CNS) provides a service to assist people considering voluntary assisted dying, their family, friends and carers, health practitioners and health service providers to navigate the Voluntary Assisted Dying Pathway.

Care navigators are nursing and allied health professionals with experience in complex and end of life care who manage queries related to voluntary assisted dying, facilitate connections between services, and support referrals to participating medical practitioners.

The SAVAD-CNS provides:

- general information about end of life care services, including voluntary assisted dying and bereavement support
- individualised support for people accessing voluntary assisted dying
- assistance connecting people accessing voluntary assisted dying with appropriate medical practitioners and health services participating in voluntary assisted dying
- access to voluntary assisted dying support packages
- support for medical practitioners and health services
- education and training for health services.

A care navigator may:

- be a person's witness to the signing of the written declaration if the person does not know anyone eligible to be the witness.
- be the Contact Person if there is no other practical alternative.

How do I contact the Care Navigator Service?

SAVAD-CNS can be contacted by email and phone during standard business hours (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Email: Health.VADCareNavigators@sa.gov.au

Phone: 0403 087 390

Last updated 24 January 2023

For more information

Health Services Programs Branch
Department for Health and Wellbeing
Health.VoluntaryAssistedDying@sa.gov.au
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/vad

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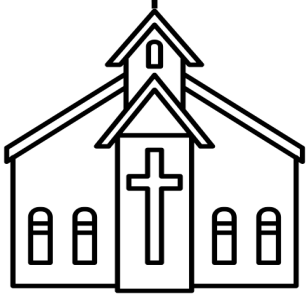
Next Meeting

May 27th 2pm

Women of the Word

HAWKER CATHOLIC CHURCH
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SATURDAY 3RD OF OCTOBER, 2026

HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

More information to follow

All queries to
Julie Brown - vanbrown@bigpond.com
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- social activities and events
- job interviews

Australian Red Cross provides CTSA services in the communities around Port Lincoln, Whyalla and Port Augusta.

Call 1800 441 014 to register

CTSA is funded by the Department of Human Services South Australia.

redcross.org.au/transport

Australian Red Cross

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 March 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
16	27	7	0	0

Allied Health Professionals May 2026 Visiting Schedule:				
19th may	26th May			
Physiotherapy	Diabetes Educator			

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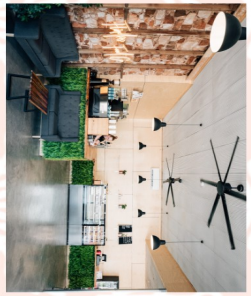
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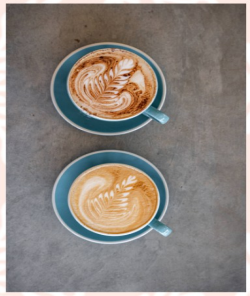
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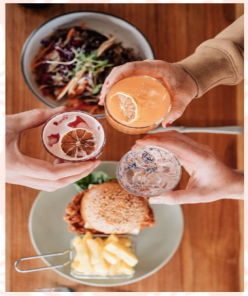
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who celebrate birthdays in April and May.

Julie Brown	65
Brenton Coulthard (Sharpie)	70

GET WELL

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

Special thoughts to Peter Keough, who is a little lighter, for a speedy recovery!

DEATHS

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

Max Gloede, a lifelong resident of the Hawker district who passed away recently.

Vern Matthews (previously Harris), former Hawker resident, who recently passed away in Queensland.

Allan (Wing) Anesbury Resident of Carrieton who previously worked at Hawker Motors and played bowls in Hawker.

Russell Hall, second son of the late John and Rosemary Hall, formerly of Hawker.

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 21st May
12noon
At Mt Little Station

All Ages Welcome!
New members are most welcome!

SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

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From the *TOWN CRIER* Archives

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

Camera Club: At the AGM J Shute was elected President following the retirement of R Telfer who had held the position for over 20 years.

Sports news: The 1989/90 Tennis Grand Final was convincingly won by RED team defeating minor premiers WHITE by 13 sets to 7.

Bowls– Open mixed Fours saw 22 teams playing. The winners were Leon and Aileen Bury, Des and Jenny Jurhing. The following day 14 teams of men and 10 teams of women competed in the men's and ladies' open. The men's winners were Colin Hilder, R Higgins, John Donnellan and Richard Spiers. The ladies winners were R Jackson, EO Geork, B Harrison and J Pendy. The winners of the ANZAC Pairs were Jeff Roberts and Jeff Voigt from Quorn.

Weather: The highest maximum for April was 31.4C , the lowest minimum was 3.8C and 33.6mm of rain was recorded.

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

Weather: The highest maximum for April was 29.9C, the lowest minimum was 3.0C and 13.1mm rain was recorded.

Wilson Remembered: The Hawker Community Development Board were successful in obtaining a Cemeteries Heritage Grant which they matched $ for $ to erect an interpretive sign at the Wilson cemetery listing the headstones and the names of those who could be buried there.

Historical notes: March 24th 1927 The Australian Parliament sat in Melbourne for the last time before moving to the new capital called Canberra. May 9th two months later the Duke and Duchess of York (later to become King George VI and Queen Elizabeth) opened parliament in the new "bush capital".

May 26th 1927 Detroit. Henry Ford, accompanied by his son Edsel, drove the 15th million Model T car off the production line. May 23rd 1927 Five men were fined for playing billiards on ANZAC Day. Back at that time ANZAC Day was regarded as a day of mourning and it wasn't until 33 years later that it became a day of remembrance and celebration for the freedom we enjoy today.

May 21st 1934 women tennis players were allowed to wear shorts at Wimbledon for the first time.

May 11th 1955 The building of Australia's largest reservoir, Lake Eucumbene in NSW was completed.

10 Years Ago May 2016 (Cover Price $2.00)

ANZAC Day: approximately 200 people attended the first ANZAC Day service at the new War Memorial followed by breakfast at the CWA room.

More than 50 people gathered at the Cradock Memorial for a community organised dawn service.

Sports Centre: The committee were successful in obtaining a grant through Community Benefit SA for the pergola including 5 zip track blinds.

Weather: The last autumn month saw very steady weather throughout. The highest maximum for April was 32.0C and the lowest minimum was 6.0C Only 2.8mm of rain was recorded.

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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 **Monday 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
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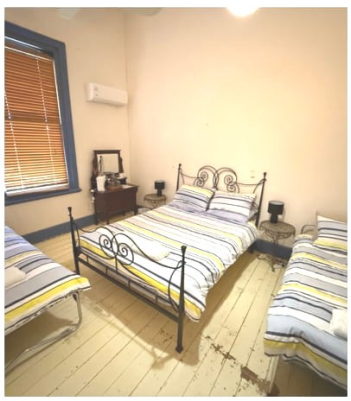
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Hawker calls for more local ambulance volunteers

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**.

Casual ECT Relief Job Opportunity at Hawker Childhood Services Centre

We are seeking expressions of interest from qualified Early Childhood Teachers (ECTs) interested in joining Hawker Childhood Services Centre on a casual basis. We require a relief teacher to work at our kindergarten during Term 2 while the Director is off site.

The relief work is required on the following dates:

Week 6: Monday 4 June, Tuesday 5 June, Wednesday 6 June

Week 9: Monday 22 June, Tuesday 23 June

This is a fantastic opportunity to join our committed team and support our children and families. If you are a qualified ECT and interested in these dates, or would like more information, please contact Sharon Johnstone (Preschool Director) at the centre or send us a message via Facebook.

We invite you to share this information with anyone you think may be interested. Thank you!



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CRADOCK ANZAC DAY – 2026

Report and photos of the Cradock Service kindly provided by Maurie Burke.



The Cradock Dawn Service commenced this year with the swirl of a Scottish piper at 6.00am announcing the arrival of ANZAC Day.

The pre-service period enabled local folk to catch up and socialise prior to the ceremony commencing. This year commemorated the 111th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli during the First World War.

The Service started with a prayer and blessing by our community padre followed by an address from the Flinders Ranges Mayor, Ken Anderson.

Mayor Anderson on behalf of the Council, along with Andrew Hilder on behalf of the Cradock community laid wreaths of Remembrance at our Memorial wall of Honour. Dave Wallis also laid a wreath at the wall on behalf the SA Country Fire Service.



On moving to the main service, a local young lady, Fiona Warwick recited a poem based on the ANZAC Day commemoration.

Maurie Burke, the ceremony director, then gave a short resume on Gallipoli and the purpose of our ceremony of the day. He then advised of subsequent campaigns where Australian troops have seen action in a number of United Nation campaigns through to the present time.

He went on to provide an account of a campaign during the Korean War in 1951 which involved Australian troops of 3rd Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) along with Canadian Princes Patricia's Light Infantry, tanks of the US light Armour and the 16th Field Regiment of the Royal New Zealand Artillery.

This campaign in particular, thwarted a major Chinese and North Korean offensive at the battle of Kapyong where the Chinese were attempting to break through to occupy Seoul, the capital of South Korea. The combined UN Command, mainly Australian and Canadian battalions numbered 2,800 men facing the Chinese 118th Division with 10,600 troops.

It's ironic that this battle lasted over three days, April 23, 24 and **ANZAC Day April 25th.** During the 24th, the KIWI Artillery fired on the massed Chinese infantry who were assaulting the Australian troops of 3RAR. During the night leading into the 25th the Canadians became the main focus of attention, by dawn the Chinese, having lost over 2,000 men called off their attempt to break through to Kapyong, this resulted in the beginning of the end of the Korean conflict.

CRADOCK ANZAC DAY – 2026

The battle of Kapyong cost the Australians 32 lives with more than 50 wounded. Following the battle, 3RAR along with the Canadians and US Forces who participated, were awarded: **'The United States Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation'** for their part in the battle.



Returning to our current Memorial celebration and to show our respect and to honour those from the District who served and to especially commemorate those who paid the ultimate price in both world wars, poppies were placed at the Memorial Wall during a brief outline of their service.

In closing, the Flinders Ranges Council were given thanks for their support and assistance during the ongoing development and regular maintenance of the Memorial Garden.

At the closure of the service, an invitation was announced for one and all to join in a breakfast barbecue in the Memorial Gardens.

The breakfast was supported by Gary Mannion who provided musical entertainment throughout the morning session. I must say, we were pleasantly surprised at the attendance on the day at 86 folk, along with 5 dogs and one cat (on a lead – must think he's a dog). Quite a few caravans set up the night before and attended our service on the morning.

Once again, a common theme: ***"We will return."***



Maurie Burke, the Cradock ceremony director, (pictured right), with Flinders Ranges Council Mayor, Ken Anderson behind him.

Many thanks to Brian McCourt, James Fitzroy and Kelly, Andrew and Joy Hilder, along with the group who helped to set the Memorial Garden up for the day, during the day and into the future - really appreciated.

CRADOCK ANZAC DAY 2026





Fiona Warwick reading an ANZAC poem at the Cradock Service





Photo credits: Carol Warwick, Chris Wenham





ANZAC DAY in Hawker



Dawn at Hawker War Memorial, ANZAC Day







Helen Fels and her grandchildren, Ada, Frank and Leo telling the story of their uncle and great, great uncle Ronald Lindo who served in World War II and paid the ultimate sacrifice.



Raising the flags: (L to R) Steve Taylor, New Zealand flag; Julie Rowe, Australian flag; Ivan McKenzie, Aboriginal flag

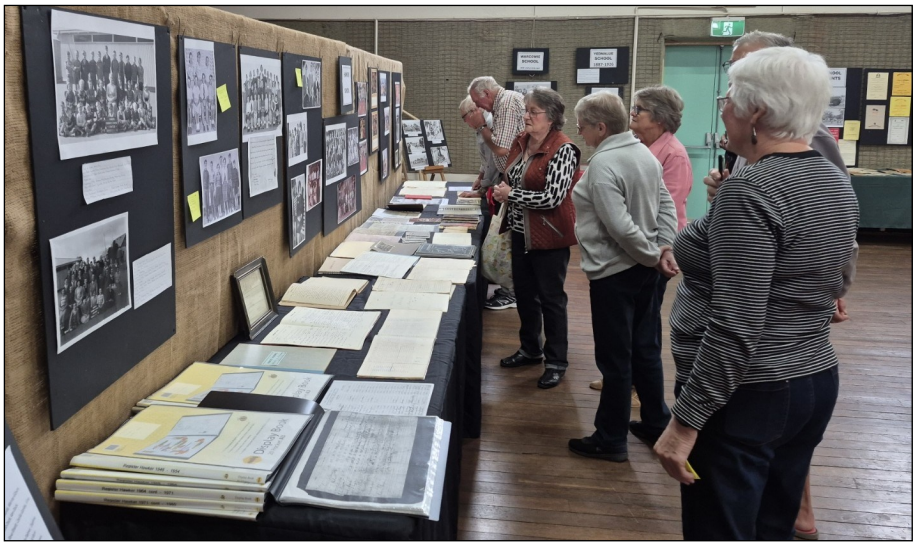
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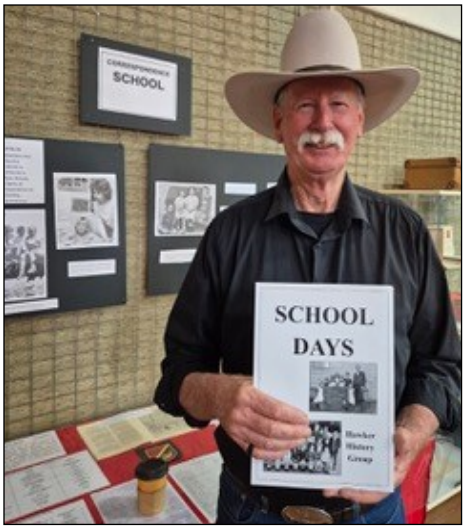
HAWKER HAPPENINGS



ANZAC pairs bowls winners, (and former Hawker residents), Stephen and Allan Gregory ready for action.







Hawker History Group opened School Days exhibition.

This will be followed by Horse Events which will open on the evening before the 2026 Hawker Races, 29th May.



Miriam Morgan (left) welcoming visitors to the site where an information board has been placed to recognise the history of members of her family, the Borgas family, in the district.



Jeff Morgan (right) with his hundred year old car parked in front of the ruins of the former Borgas property and ruins adjacent to the Outback Highway. The property is now owned by Gerard and Dawn Burt.

THE HAWKER WALKERS

met together for their first 2026 venture at Willow Springs on Thursday, 23rd April.





We were greeted by Carmel who shared some station background before leading us from the new reception office to the camp kitchen for a scrumptious morning tea… Julia, Penny, Noreen, Maggie, Sally, Mary and Jane made up the group, with Jeff, one of the drivers, being left to admire the new set-up…







We headed off enthusiastically in brilliant sunshine with a refreshing breeze, instantly admiring the fresh green surrounds. It wasn't long before we found the water still in the creek after the recent rains and we







virtually kept walking alongside it to the old well site – and beyond, with a few ups and downs, twists and





turns before arriving at the special site where we had our lunch and were joined by Jeff and Carmel & car!

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Off we set again with our lighter backpacks and flynets for the 3.3km back to the station – not realizing how much downhill we had come, because there seemed to be much more uphill going back!!

It was an impressive day out and we are each left with happy memories, used muscles and looking forward to getting together again in May – will that be before or after the races? Do get on Jane's email list if you're not already there and you want to find out; tannerja@bigpond.com



Our thanks to the Reynolds family!

If you are looking for something to do on Monday, May 11th at 1.30pm

the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary

is holding their quarterly meeting at the hospital Resident's Lounge.

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RONALD LINDO



Helen Fels, together with her grandchildren Ada, Leo and Frank spoke and shared information about their uncle and great-great uncle Ronald Herbert Lindo at the Hawker 2026 ANZAC Service.

Robert Herbert Lindo was one of 27,000 Australians killed in World War II. We hear these numbers and are shocked, but do we often think about the individuals in terms of how they were employed, their families and the consequences of their deaths?

Here is one story:

Uncle Ron was born at Quorn on 11th August 1919 to Maud and Herbert Lindo, who owned the property called Acacia Valley south east of Cradock. He was brought up on the property with his three sisters and they either walked to school or rode an elderly horse which I believe had a mind of his own and would not be rushed. Once the family bought a car, their father would sometimes meet them on days of bad weather. At one stage, a cousin and a teacher boarded with them and then they drove a horse and buggy to school.



Ron later went on to Prince Alfred College as a boarder. I believe he was a lively young fellow, with stories of attempts to cut off his sisters' plaits and frequent escapades on his faithful horse, Banjo, then worse later when he became the proud owner of a motorbike. Little did anyone know that these carefree days were to be short lived.

He worked with his father on the property and early in 1942 he married Roma Cakebread of Victor Harbor. After Uncle Ron's death his father could not continue to work the property alone, so it was sold and the Lindo name left the district, having been one of the first to take up land in 1879.

Ron and his sister Betty (later Ireland, Helen's mother) at Acacia Valley.

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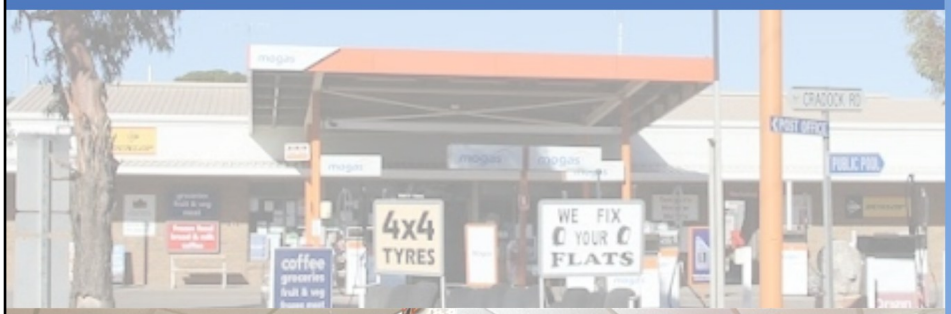
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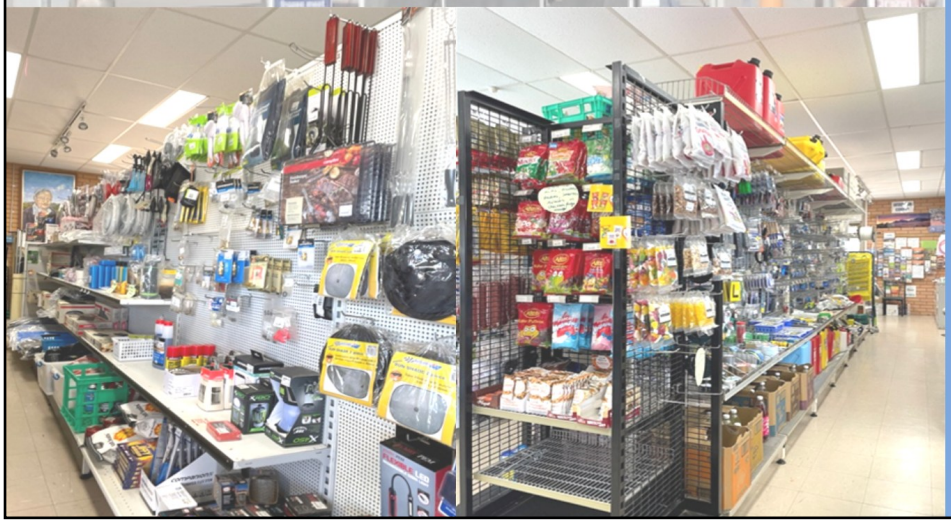
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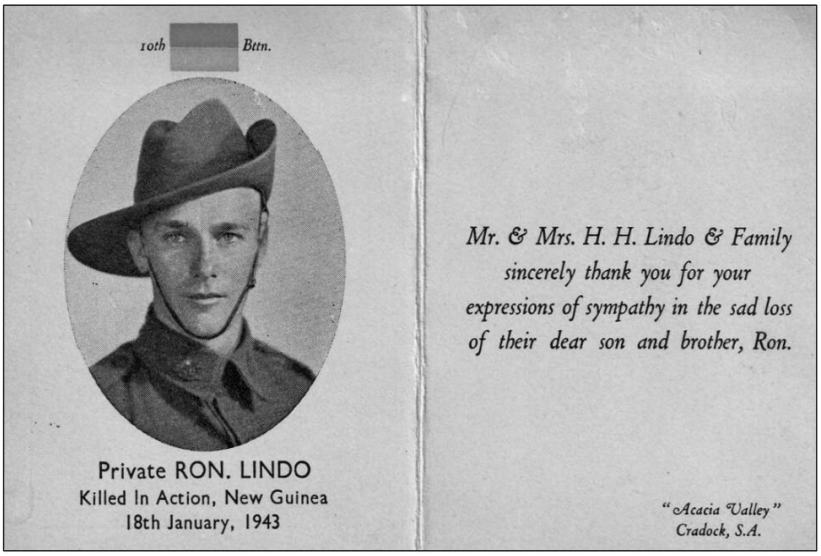


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RONALD LINDO

He enlisted on 3rd March 1942 in Adelaide and we don't know much about that, except he was in training camp in Victoria when he wrote to his sister, my mother, on 6/11/42. He wrote about their training, marching about 21 miles in their service suits in very hot weather. Food was mostly bully beef and biscuits. He wrote about tinea on their feet and many cases of measles and mumps, and said they were frequently "stirred up by their seniors about one thing or another" in their tents which was their camp accommodation. He wished he could be home for Christmas.

There was no certainty about where they were going next but obviously it was Papua New Guinea where he was in the 2nd/10th Infantry Battalion. On 18/1/43, less than a year after being married and enlisting, he was killed in action on Buna Sunanandan Road. His body was laid to rest on the battleground, then later transferred to the War Cemetary at Port Moresby. His headstone there is inscribed: *How Can Man Die Better Than by Facing Fearful Odds.*



He was awarded the Military Campaign Medal which was awarded to subjects of the British Commonwealth for service in the Second World War. A soldier friend later wrote to Uncle Ron's parents to tell them that he was in the same battle. They were commanded to attack a Japanese stronghold and he died as a brave and true soldier, suffering no pain as death was instantaneous. He was held in high regard as a good soldier and gentleman. Sadly, his wife never recovered from his death and committed suicide many years later.

This is just one of so many similar stories and we must remember what so many went through.

Think of all they were and all they could have been.

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Helen Fels, 2026

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AWESOME AUTUMN

SALMON & POTATO PIE

3 large potatoes, peeled, chopped 2cm pieces
1/3 cup light sour cream + 1/3 cup extra
1 egg yolk
1 onion, finely chopped
2 rindless bacon rashers, finely chopped
2 zucchini, halved, finely sliced
415g can pink salmon, drained, flaked
¾ cup frozen peas, thawed
1 sheet frozen shortcrust pastry, just thawed
mixed steamed vegetables to serve

Preheat oven to 200C. Grease a 23cm pie dish and place on an oven tray. Cook potatoes in boiling salted water 10 minutes until tender. Drain and transfer to a bowl. Add sour cream and egg yolk and mash until smooth. Heat a large oiled frying pan over high heat. Add onion and bacon and cook, stirring, 2 minutes until softened. Add zucchini and cook, stirring, a further 2 minutes until tender. Add salmon, peas and extra sour cream. Cook, stirring, until hot.roll out pastry between two sheets of baking paper until large enough to line prepared dish. Ease pastry into dish and trim edges. Chill 15 minutes. Line pastry with baking paper and cover base with dried beans or rice and bake 8 minutes. Remove paper and beans and bake a further 8 minutes until just coloured. Spoon salmon mixture into pastry shell. Top with potato and smooth the top. Bake 20 minutes until golden brown.

THAI PRAWN & PUMPKIN SOUP

1kg butternut pumpkin, peeled, de-seeded
½ cup red curry paste
2 cups chicken stock
2 x 400ml cans coconut milk
500g green prawns, peeled, deveined tails on

Preheat oven to 200C. Line a roasting pan with baking paper. Arrange pumpkin in the prepared pan, drizzle with oil and season to taste. Bake 35-40 minutes until golden and tender. Transfer pumpkin to a large saucepan with curry paste. Cook on medium for 1-2 minutes, stirring, until fragrant. Pour in stock and coconut milk. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat and process until smooth. Return to heat, add prawns and cook, stirring 2-3 minutes until prawns are just cooked.

LAMB PEA & RICOTTA RISSOLES

750g minced lamb
200g fresh ricotta
1 cup frozen peas, thawed
finely grated zest 1 lemon
¾ cup chopped mint leaves

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and season to taste with salt and black pepper. Line a tray with baking paper. Form mince mixture into 8 even sized, slightly flattened patties. Arrange on the tray and chill 15 minutes. Cook rissoles in a large oiled, frying pan over medium heat for 4-5 minutes each side until cooked through. Serve immediately with lemon wedges and a mixed salad (opt).

CHICKEN & BROCCOLINI PASTA

375g fettuccini
2 bunches broccolini, chopped
125g cherry tomatoes, halved
½ bought bbq chicken, shredded
300ml cream

Cook pasta in a large pot of boiling water according to packet directions. Add broccolini to the boiling water for the final 2 minutes of cooking time. Drain and reserve ½ cup of cooking water. Return pasta, broccolini and reserved pasta water to the pot. Add tomatoes, chicken and cream. Bring to simmer on medium heat. Remove from heat, toss to combine and season to taste. Serve immediately with a sprinkling of parmesan.

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2026 Easter Bake Sale

The Hawker Childhood Service Centre held its annual Kindy Bake sale on the 3rd of April 2026. Thanks to all the Kindy parents who helped out & supplied baked goodies, we had an array of beautiful easter themed cupcakes, biscuits, homemade bread, sausage rolls, sponge cakes, and so many other wonderful goodies. The easter egg guess was won by Edee Webb her guess was 243, which was one off the total amount 244!

In the lead up to the Kindy Bake sale, we were all a bit unsure how many sales we would make due to the unforeseen circumstances surrounding the sky rocketing fuel prices. Thanks to tourists coming through and many locals we were sold out by midday!

We would like to put out a huge thanks to everyone in the community who supported us, donated baked goods or money to our Kindy and to Teagues who let us hold our annual bake sale under the shelter every year, we are so grateful. The fundraising efforts were huge and will help support all our ongoing projects this year, there are lots of improvements & projects in the pipeline for the Kindy this year. An extended invitation is put out to the community to pop in at any time and see our growing progress.





The ABS has issued a media release on 2026 Census Field Officer recruitment.

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HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

MAY 2026

The Sports Centre is going to be a busy place over the next couple of months. BikeSA are visiting for a couple of weekends in May with catered dinner served Sunday 10th and Friday 15th May plus packed lunches. The Sports Centre and Flinders Food Co are catering for the 198 riders and crew to keep them nourished for their journey.

A Shitbox Car Rally with 500 participants will camp at the Sports Centre Saturday 20th June, leaving early the next day. The golf and cricket club, Parents and Friends and Hawker History group are capably catering for their stay, including dinner on the Saturday night. The Hawker Community Development Board is organising the event.

Both events are fantastic fundraising opportunities. Huge thanks to everyone who is organising and/or volunteering to help.

Let's support both events so that the participants leave Hawker with a great impression!

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MAY

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9 Daren O'Neill

16 Andrew McInnis

23 Alex Morgan

30 CLOSED HAWKER RACES

JUNE

6 Ben DuBois

13 Scott Teague

20 Chris McAuley, plus helpers (car rally)

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Thanks Mike Doughty, Bar Manager

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Seniors Week 2026

Set to Shine Across the Flinders Ranges

The Flinders Ranges Council is pleased to announce planning is now underway for Seniors Week 2026, to be held from 14 to 21 June 2026 across Quorn, Hawker and surrounding communities. Seniors Week is a special opportunity for our region to come together and celebrate the invaluable contribution older residents make to our community. It is also a time to promote wellbeing, lifelong learning, social connection, and the many services available to support people to age well and remain active.

A Week Full of Activities for Everyone

The program is shaping up to be one of the most diverse and engaging Seniors Week celebrations our region has seen. Highlights will include an Ageing Well Expo at the Quorn Town Hall, featuring service providers, equipment demonstrations, and health and wellbeing information for seniors and carers. This will be followed by a Celebrate Being Senior free lunch.

A fun and unique event planned for the week is "Pimp My Gopher and Precision Driving," where mobility scooters will be highlighted alongside practical safety education delivered in partnership with SAPOL.

The Quorn Library will also play an important role, offering technology support and digital literacy sessions, helping seniors build confidence with online services and devices.

A special community storytelling project titled "Beyond Age Storyboard" will capture local memories and life experiences through a living memory display at the Quorn Court House and online, ensuring our seniors' stories are celebrated and preserved.

Health, Creativity and Connection

Seniors Week will offer a strong focus on wellbeing, with activities such as armchair yoga, gentle exercise classes and line dancing. Music lovers will have opportunities to join in with ukulele classes, sing along with the Desert Voices choir, and play the Piano in the Precinct, bringing joy and creativity to the week.

Council is also proud to be collaborating with local schools on an intergenerational project called "Warm Safe Homes," where students and seniors will work together on a craft activity designed to strengthen community connection and support those doing it tough during winter.

Other planned activities include free morning teas, haircuts for seniors, and informal Soap Box Talks designed to spark conversation, laughter and learning.

Outdoor activities will also feature strongly, including Walk or Be Pushed and Paint along the Pithi Kawi Trail, picnic lunches, and a community bus trip to Cradock.

This event is a partnership with The Flinders Ranges Council and is supported through a grant from the Office for Ageing Well (SA), Department of Human Services SA.

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GOLF NEWS

Opening Round a Big Success

A large field of 13 players greeted the managers of the tees last Saturday as the Hawker Golf Club season commenced with a field of 13 players turning out. After organising groups and collecting memberships players eventually started off in the Stableford round.

The weather was warm and sunny as play started, on a course that presented challenges with its thick rough in places testing accuracy of the tee.

Eventually at the end of the day the winners were closely aligned for points scored. Making a successful start to the new season and continuing his progress from 2025 Angus McInnis stood out with 40 points to win the day and the B Grade. Alby Ireland as always was consistent in the A Grade to win there with 34 points, whilst Will DuBois finished up with 33 points to win the C Grade. Alex Morgan also came in close but was rewarded with the Nearest The Pin on the second hole.

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HAWKER GOLF CLUB INC. 2026 PROGRAMME

Date	Local Comp	Meal Roster	Starter	Scrapes
18/4/26	OPEN DAY– 18 holes Stableford		D O'Neil	D O'Neil/A Gill
26/4/26 SUNDAY	Par		M McAuley	M McAuley/A McInnis
2/5/26	Stableford		S Webb	S Webb/Chris W
9/5/26	9AM Start - Stroke		B DuBois	B DuBois/S Teague
16/5/26	**1st Championship**	M McAuley/D O'Neil/S Teague	A Ireland	A Ireland/S Hilder
24/5/26 SUNDAY	Stableford		C McAuley	C McAuley/B McInnis
30/5/26	HAWKER RACES			
6/6/26	**2nd Championship**	B Dubois/Angus McInnis/C McAuley/A Gill	A Gill	A Gill/D O'Neil
13/6/26	Par		A Morgan	A Morgan/Angus Mc
20/6/26	Shitbox Rally Sat & Sun NO GOLF			
27/6/26	**3rd Championship**	S Hilder/A Ireland/C Wenham/ R Dyer	S Teague	B DuBois/S Teague
4/7/26	Par		Andrew McInnis	M McAuley/Andrew McInnis
11/7/26	Elders Day 4 person Ambrose		ALL HELP	C McAuley/B McInnis
18/7/26	ORROROO OPEN			
25/7/26	**4th Championship**	A Morgan/Andrew McInnis/ B McInnis/ S Webb	S Hilder	S Hilder/A Ireland
1/8/26	CRADOCK HOTEL DAY Stableford		C Wenham	C Wenham/S Webb
8/8/26	HAWKER OPEN	Members – bring Sweet & Savoury dishes	All Help	All Help
15/8/26	Stableford		M Doughty	A Morgan/ Angus McInnis
22/8/26	K Dyker Memorial	Dyker Tea	B McInnis	B McInnis/C McAuley
30/8/26 SUNDAY	QUORN OPEN			
5/9/26	CANCER DAY – Prostate	All Help	All Help	All Help
12/9/26	CLOSING DAY – Par		D O'Neil	D O'Neil/A Gill

**If you are unable to do your rostered duty, please arrange a swap and record on program on notice board.



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FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sun 10th & Mon. 11th May: Bike SA visit—198 visitors

Help needed with catering for lunches & dinner

Friday 29th May: 5.00pm-7.00pm: Horse Events of the Region history exhibition opening

Savouries & BYO drinks: bring a plate or $5.00 donation

30th May: Hawker Races

History Exhibition will open 10.00-12.00 both Saturday & Sunday

20th & 21st June 2026: Shitbox Car Rally– 500 visitors

Help needed with catering for dinner, breakfast, packed lunch; & bar staff (two bars)

Please contact organisers: Golf & Cricket Clubs, HAS Parents & Friends, Friends of Hawker Halls/ Hawker History Group to offer your assistance.

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

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	9
10 Bike SA Stopover	11 Bike SA Exercises Hospital Aux.	12	13	14	15	16 Golf Tea
17	18	19	20	21 Friendship Group	22	23
24	25	26	27 Fellowship	28	29 Horse Events History Exhibition Opens 5.00pm	30 Hawker Races

Community Calendar June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Biggest Morning Tea	6 Golf Tea
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Friendship Group	19	20
21	22	23	24 Fellowship	25	26	27 Golf Tea
28 Horses History Exhib. closes	29	30				

Hawker Bowling Club ANZAC Men's Pairs Tournament a Success!











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