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DECEMBER 2024

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RURAL AID GATHERING

40 people gathered for a free informal barbeque lunch and afternoon tea to learn about Rural Aid can assist the people of our district. The people of our district. The afternoon was hosted by Dorothy Crosby the rural Aid concelllor from Quorn with support from Geoff Brock participants wrote down ideas for further community events









Christmas Presents

Colour by Numbers

1) Green	2) Dark Green	3) Light Blue
4) Yellow	5) Pink	6) White
7) Red	8) Purple	9) Brown



Xmas Story



The birth of a special baby

At Christmas time once, a man named Joseph and a woman named Mary were going to have a very special baby. An angel told Mary the baby was God's own son! His name was Jesus.

Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem, a city far away. But when they got there, there was no room for them at the inn.

The inn keeper told them they could stay in the barn. That night, baby Jesus was born among the animals in the barn!

Nearby, there were some shepherds taking care of their sheep. Suddenly, the sky was filled with angels! they told the shepherds that Jesus had been born that night. The shepherds hurried away to find him.

Even some wise men from far away heard of Jesus. God put a special star in the sky to lead them to where Jesus was! They travelled a long time. Finally, they found Baby Jesus.

The wise men gave gifts to baby Jesus. They knew he was God's own son because God had told them.

The First Christmas – Poem ***By Marian Swinger***

It never snows at Christmas in that dry and dusty land
Instead of freezing blizzards, there are palms and drifting sand
And years ago a stable and a most unusual star,
And three Wise Men who followed it by camel, not by car.
While sleepy on the quiet hills, a shepherd gave a cry
He'd seen a crowd of Angels in the silent starlit sky
In the stable, ox and ass stood very still and calm
And gazed upon the baby, safe and snug in Mary's arms
And Joseph lost in shadows, face lit by an oil lamp's glow
Stood wondering that first Christmas Day, two thousand years ago.

Xmas Customs Around the World

GIFT GIVING is one of the most beloved traditions of Christmas (especially for children) and it goes back to when the Three Wise Men offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to baby Jesus in the manger.

GERMANY – Hanging advent calendars on doors followed a 19th centenary tradition of marking 24 chalk lines on a door and rubbing off every day in December

COLOMBIA **–** Columbians light up their homes and streets with millions of white and coloured *Velas* (candles) in patterned paper lanterns.

CARACAS – skating to church

In Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, revellers travel to early morning church services on roller skates throughout the festive period. Roads are closed off, especially on mornings between16 December and Christmas Eve.

JAPAN – Fried Chicken

Christmas isn't a national holiday in Japan, but that doesn't stop a large number of people from celebrating the festival. Father Christmas or Santa Kuros Hsu, is said to have eyes in the back of his head to keep an eye on naughty children, while Japanese Christmas cake is usually made up of sponge, whipped cream, and strawberries. In a further spin on Christmas food, many Japanese people head to KFC on or around Christmas Day, with the week leading up to Christmas day reportedly being the chain's most profitable week of the year.

CZECH REPLUBLIC – Shoe throwing

Over Christmas, Czech women use a clever trick to predict their love lives for the coming year. Unmarried women stand with their backs to their front doors and toss shoes over their shoulders. If a shoe lands with its toes pointing towards the door, the woman may very well be planning a wedding within the next 12 months.

INDIA – Mango trees

Only about 2.3 per cent of the population of India are Christians, but that still works out as about 25 million people. The day is celebrated with midnight Mass and present giving, but in the absence of fir trees or pine trees, banana trees and mango trees are decorated instead.

SLOVAKIA -Pudding Throwing

In Slovakia, it's a Christmas dinner tradition for the most senior member of the family to throw some of the pudding (usually made from milk, bread, poppy seeds and something sweet) onto the ceiling. The amount that sticks indicate the luck everyone should receive in the coming year.

IRELAND -The Candle in the window

The placing of a lighted candle in the window of a house on Christmas Eve is still practiced in Ireland today. It has several purposes but primarily, it was a symbol of welcome to Mary and Joseph as they travelled looking for shelter.

The candle also indicated a safe place for priests to perform Mass during Penal Times as this was not allowed during that era.

A further element of the tradition is that the candle should be lit by the youngest member of the household and only to be extinguished by a girl bearing the name Mary if possible.

AUSTRALIA

In Australia, Christmas is a sunny adventure! The Australian Xmas traditions involve Carols by Candlelight, eating prawns and beach BBQs, cricket matches, street parties and festive picnics and road trips. With no snow, Santa might swap his sleigh for a surfboard.





Caring for our community

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Hawker Health Service Update
November 2024

Excellence Recognised and Celebrated

On Friday 22nd November several hospital staff attended the FUNLHN Regional Awards. The Hawker Aged Care Team were finalists in the Excellence in Aged, Disability, Community and Mental Health category.

After a beautiful meal was enjoyed the evening turned to the business end where the team were ecstatic to hear our name called as the winners.

This award isn't just about one moment of recognition—it's about the countless moments of dedication, compassion, and teamwork that make our care so exceptional. Whether on the front lines with residents, supporting families, or ensuring the smooth running of our services every single staff member has contributed to this achievement.

It's an honour to lead such a passionate and skilled team. The staff commitment to delivering high-quality, person-centred care doesn't go unnoticed, and this award is a testament to the impact they have on the lives of those we support.





Kids Visit





Recently we have had school children coming over with some library books to read to the residents. Each child spent time reading with a resident.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed helping the children with the more tricky words and can't wait for the next visit

Mahjong

Several staff members have been taking the time to teach our residents how to play mahjong. While the game can be quite tricky the residents have enjoyed the time together learning the game while exchanging banter about who will win the 'riches'. The friendly battle has started with a championship board soon to enter the arena.

If you would like to learn Mahjong yourself, let us know at the hospital and we can teach you alongside the residents.





Melbourne Cup

Always known as the race that stops the nation, we all paused our day to watch the race—sweep drawings in hand.

TV ready, residents lined up and we turned the volume of the TV up for all to hear.

Cheering on the winning horse, we all glance down to see who has drawn the winner……Well, it turns out we watched some other race, with a totally different set of runners. Thankfully Google helped us to work out who had won the sweeps and we could give out the prizes.

We are hoping to have better luck with the watching the race next year!











Halloween

The hospital had cobwebs, ghosts and ghouls ready to scare the children as they did their trick or treating.

Residents armed with lollies eagerly waited for the children to arrive.

Many scary children enter the hospital bringing smiles to the residents faces.

Many thanks to all the children that visited. See you again next year

Homemade Cards for Seniors

We recently registered our residents with the Homemade Cards For Seniors program.

This Australia wide program is open to all aged care facilities and Meals on Wheels recipients. People of all ages donate homemade cards which are then collated and sent out. The concept is to prevent some of the loneliness that can happen to someone in care.

The resident recently received their cards and as intended the cards brought a smile to everyone's face.

If you would like to know more about this program or perhaps register someone you know please email homemadecardsaus@gmail.com







HOMEMADE CARDS FOR SENIORS
AUSTRALIA
Bringing Smiles to Seniors



FUNLHN Governing Board Meeting



On The 21st of November the FUNLHN Governing Board held their meeting at Hawker in the residents lounge.

Staff and Residents enjoyed a BBQ and a chat with them.

Later in the day they had a public consultation that was well attended.





Practice Nurse Penny



Please meet Penny.

Penny is the Practice nurse and works out of the Hawker Medical Centre.

Penny does the health care plans, health checks , and can assist with aged care plans.

Word on the street is that she makes a mean Quandong Pie

Congratulations Amandeep

Amandeep (pictured on the right with her brother Gagandeep) recently travelled back to India to get married on the 5th of December.

On behalf of all the staff congratulations to Amandeep and her husband, You looked stunning and we hope you have many happy years of marriage.



MEETING BASICS
Training

Hawker

Wednesday 12th February

4:00pm to 6:30pm

Hawker Sports Centre

66 Elder Terrace

A FREE training session on how you and your committee can have an effective meeting.

What will you get?

- Face to face training close to home.
- Understanding the roles and responsibilities of committee members and find out who does what!
- Learn how to set up functional Agendas and Meeting Minutes.
- Explore the basic governance of committees.

PLUS lots of helpful resources to take home!!!

Register Here

For more information contact:
Leadership Program Manager
Renata Hackett
E: lpm@rdafn.com.au P: (08) 8641 1444

Regional Development Australia FAR NORTH

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Hawker Medical Centre

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

To better patient experience, enhance our service delivery and the care our patients receive, we're gathering patient feedback.

Please note: your feedback will be anonymous and analysed by our external survey management company, CFEP Surveys.

Simply scan the QR code or use the web link to provide your feedback

cfep.net.au/0lqoxX

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Chris's Mechanical Services

Would like to wish Everyone

✨ A very Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year ✨

Thank you for your continued support throughout 2024.

The workshop will finish trading for the year at
5pm Friday 20th of December 2024
and re-open
9am Monday 20th January 2025

Wishing everyone a safe and joyous holiday season

AND A FANTASTIC 2025

Propagation workshop

Sturt Desert Peas will soon be seen growing around Hawker, after participants at a Native Plant Propagation workshop reported that seeds they pre-treated and sowed at the workshop have now germinated.

Held at the Sports Club in November, the Native Plant Propagation workshop booked out very quickly. Delivered by Amy Morgan and offered by the North Flinders Landscape Group, it attracted 20 participants from Hawker, surrounding properties and Nepabunna.

Amy shared her experiences in propagating natives in the local environment and the methods she had found to be most successful. She spoke about pre-treatment and sowing of seeds, preparation of cuttings and the best planting mediums for different species. Learnings were quickly put into practice, with participants preparing their own cuttings and seeds that they were able to take home to grow in their gardens, including the iconic Sturt Desert Pea.

In areas with low rainfall, native plants offer a variety that includes trees, large shrubs, herbs and groundcovers too. Best of all, they are plants that will thrive in the local climate.







Easing the housing shortage - for Black Cockatoos -

For Campfires and Crows

In most parts of the country, apart from the deserts, you will observe various species of black cockatoos floating across the landscape with their distinctive calls.

There are six species with several sub species among the “red tails”. From the largest, the great palm cockatoo of Cape York Peninsula, a remarkable bird that can bend a five cent piece in its bill – to the small glossy black cockatoo with different sub species in New South Wales and Kangaroo Island.

Like all large species of the parrot family, they are long lived…which is fortunate, because many of them are under threat. By two things – destruction of their habitat, particularly in WA, with much of the banksia scrubs cleared. And across the country, the decreasing number of large hollows. The other factor that doesn’t help them is that they are “far too polite”! They are often on the end when it comes to claiming large hollows for nesting. Corellas and galahs, in particular, are aggressive and bossy in this area, and have massive numbers. An increasing number of them are unable to breed each year, as there simply aren’t enough hollows. There is also competition from possums and feral bees.

The general population is used to seeing often large flocks in the hundreds, flying over, and presume that they are not under threat. But long term, they are. They can live for fifty or sixty years. Eventually, the old birds die off and because only a fraction of their population can mate each year, inevitably there will be a collapse in their numbers. To many people a life without our black cockatoos is too upsetting to imagine.

The massive plantings of radiata pine around much of the country, although of use to few native birds, are a god send to black cockatoos. They shred the cones to get at the large grubs inside, in many areas replacing species of banksia, casuarina and hakea, that have been cleared.

They will often fly out of the tree with a pinecone grasped in their claws. Years ago, when I was operating one of my winery tasting camel treks near McLaren Vale, a small flock flew out of a large pine tree. I heard a howl of pain on the rear camel, one had dropped a green pinecone from about thirty metres up hitting the male rider on the shoulder! If it had hit him on the head, it may have killed him as helmets were not worn in those days.

However, its not all doom and gloom. All around the country dedicated volunteers are planting up areas of their natural food. Importantly, artificial hollows are also being erected.

I have recently installed to heavy state of the art “cockatubes” on my property on the Range. To deter other species from getting in first, I have a method that I implement from the front verandah, which I won’t go in to here!

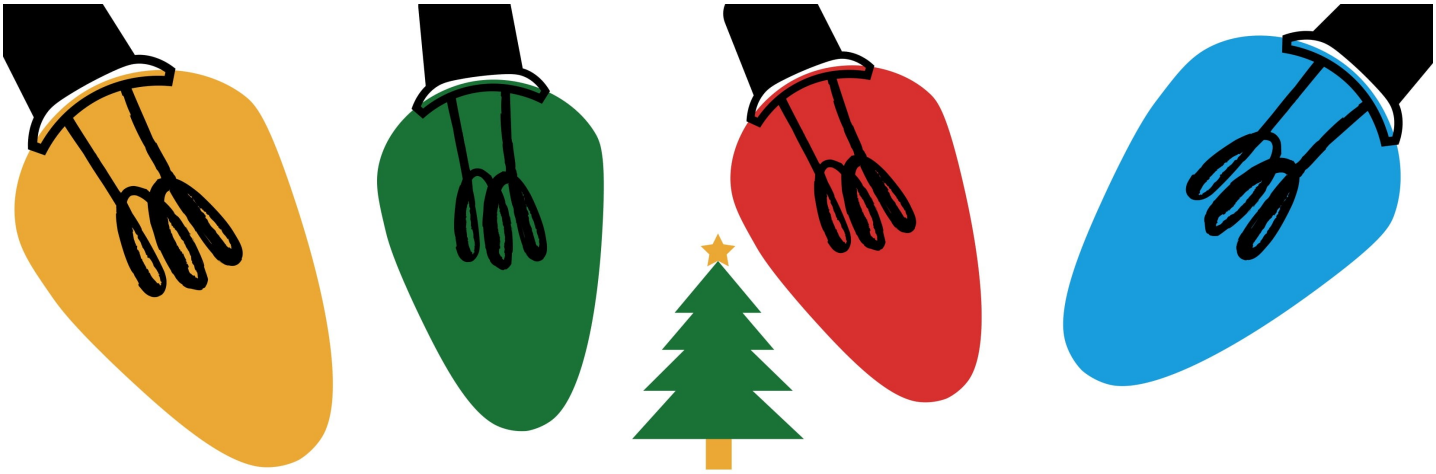
To guarantee the future of these wonderful birds, these iniatives need to be ongoing. If there is no opportunity to physically erect the hollows, you can donate money to Bird Life Australia for this very purpose.

Published by various regional newspapers. Rex Ellis’s Outback books are available online also Rex Ellis’s “Outback Travel Consultancy” www.safarico.com.au rexellis@safarico.com.au 0400 854 358



A big CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Flinders Ranges & Outback winners at the 2024 SA Tourism Awards! It was fabulous to see the recognition for all of your hard work and to celebrate together. You can read all about the award winners (as seen below) on the TiCSA website HERE.

- Gold - Bendleby Ranges - Adventure Tourism
- Silver - Stations Stays SA - Tourism Marketing & Campaigns
- Silver - Mount Little Station - Unique Accommodation
- Silver - Little Blessings Brewing - New Tourism Business
- Silver - Nilpena Ediacara National Park - Ecotourism
- Bronze - Port Pirie Visitor Information Centre - Visitor Information Services
- Finalist - Port Pirie SALA Winter Festival



IT'S TIME TO

GET LIT HAWKER

HAWKER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION 2024!

1ST PRIZE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS VALUED AT $100

2ND PRIZE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS VALUED AT $75

3RD PRIZE
FFC VOUCHER VALUED AT $50

3 X RANDOM JUDGES WILL SELECT WINNERS ON THE 24TH OF DECEMBER!

$5 ENTRY FEE
HCDB INC.
BSB: 015 206
ACC: 622004022
REF: YOUR NAME

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LOUISE L 0448333369 OR JESSICA M 0429492188

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – NEW POLICY – FLAG POLICY

The Flinders Ranges Council

Council recognises that flagpoles are a community asset and that they are to be used for the benefit of the community and not for commercial or political gain.

A draft Flag Policy has been developed to establish guidelines for the flying of flags at Council's flagpole sites and ensure that Council complies with flag protocols as set by the Australian Federal Government and/or the South Australian Government and to guide the community and associations on protocols at other official flagpole sites within the Council area e.g. war memorials.

Council is seeking the community's input into this policy and would like to ensure that we have covered all of our bases in terms of options for flying flags and marking occasions. We are particularly seeking input into anything that the community thinks is "missing" from the policy or something that you would like to see added or amended.

A copy of the draft policy is available from https://www.frc.sa.gov.au/community/latest-news or a hard copy is available for reading at the Council Administration Office in Quorn or Teagues Motors in Hawker.

Written submissions or comments can be sent to:

Mr Sean Holden, Chief Executive Officer,
The Flinders Ranges Council
PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433

Or via email to council@frc.sa.gov.au

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 20 December 2024.

TOWN CRIER CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome contributions from community members to your local paper, Town Crier. Thank you to our 2024 contributors who provided reports and other community news items. In 2025 we are asking contributors to again email towncrier@discoverhawkersa.com.au

We ask that, where possible, your articles be typed, saved and sent as Word Publisher or PDF documents

Country Health Connect Hawker Update

December 2024

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 October 2024 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
7	54	4	1	2
Allied Health Professionals December 2024 Visiting Schedule:				
10th December				
Physio Podiatry				

COUNTRY HEALTH CONNECT

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

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HAWKER FAMILY FUN DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Saturday, November 9th, the Hawker community came together to celebrate the much-anticipated Hawker Family Fun Day at Blue Burt Park. The event was packed with excitement, laughter, and entertainment, offering a fun-filled day for families and visitors of all ages.

The day's highlights included two vibrant jumping castles, face painting, and a delightful kids' necklace-making activity. A crowd favorite was Old MacDonald's Farm, where children enjoyed interacting with friendly farm animals. Best of all, every bit of children's entertainment was completely free, ensuring an inclusive and welcoming environment.
At the peak of the festivities, over 300 people gathered to enjoy the event, which showcased the warmth and community spirit of Hawker. The park buzzed with activity as attendees explored 18 diverse stalls, offering unique products and services that celebrated local talent and creativity.

Flinders Food Co and the Hawker Community Development Board (HCDB) ensured no one left hungry, providing delicious food options. Flinders Food Co offered a variety of kid and adult friendly snack lunches, while HCDB hosted a successful fundraising sausage sizzle that brought smiles to many faces.

The event was made possible by the generous support of major sponsors, the Hawker Community Development Board and the Hawker Community Gym, with additional sponsorship from the Flinders Ranges Council and Flinders Food Co. Their contributions, along with the tireless efforts of the Hawker Promotions Committee, spearheaded by Louise Lynch and Emily Fels, were instrumental in the event's success.

Heartfelt thanks go to the sponsors, volunteers, and attendees whose enthusiasm and hard work turned this event into a memorable celebration. The Hawker Family Fun Day was a true testament to the strength and vibrancy of the Hawker community. Here's to many more successful events in the future!

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HAWKER FAMILY FUN DAY ‘24

























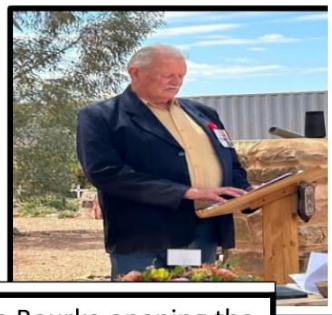






REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was commemorated with solemn ceremonies in both Cradock and Hawker.



Maurie Bourke opening the ceremony at Cradock.

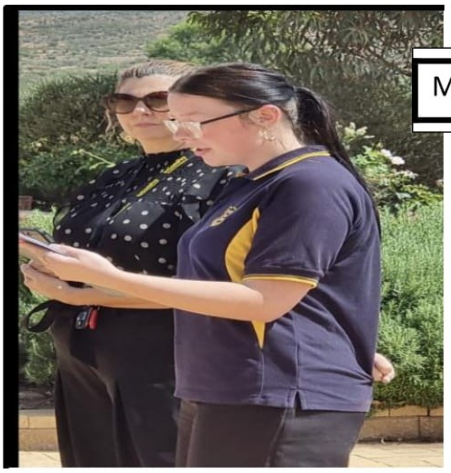
Anne McCourt and Greg Flint laying wreathes at the Cradock Memorial Garden.



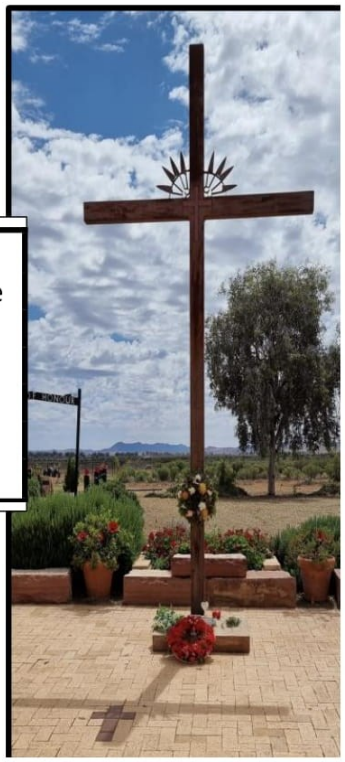


Part of the crowd at Cradock

The Hawker Area School conducted the Remembrance Day Service at the Hawker War Memorial. The students conducted themselves well and all looked great in their school uniforms. Thanks to Priya Moyle and Madi Hately for leading the service. There was a good attendance of approximately 45 adults plus the school students.



Madi and Priya



This photo was taken just after eleven o'clock. Notice the shadow of the large cross and the cross in the pavers. At exactly eleven o'clock the shadow covers the cross in the pavers.



Part of the crowd in the shade.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY



The Hawker Community is proud to welcome two new Australian citizens. A well attended Citizenship ceremony, officiated by the Flinders Ranges Council Mayor, Ken Anderson was recently held at Hawker Area School for Ms Yuen Sin Lam and Mr Ha Yeung Yam, formerly from Hong Kong. Congratulations Howard and Sharon.

MAYOR'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH



It was a packed house at the recent annual Mayor's Senior's Christmas Lunch. The Quorn Ladies Auxiliary provided a wonderful meal.



Janet cutting the Christmas Cake, accompanied by the Flinders Ranges Council Mayor, Ken Anderson.

THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

Recently the Hawker Community Singers joined with the Hospital Residents for a sing along in the Residents Lounge. Part way through we were joined by the Hawker School students who were spreading the Christmas cheer by giving residents and the singers Christmas cards. The students then journeyed to some other businesses in the town to give out more cards. This was a lovely gesture by the students who were accompanied by teacher, Sharon Lam and Principal, Daren O' Neill.



Singers, Janet, Annie, Janice, Maggie, Jane, Jenny, Jeanie and organist Lisa , entertaining the residents., Carmel , Jenny , Janet and Michael.

Jane





Above : Ada presenting her card to Kevin.

Right ; Students Leo, Paul, Lachlan, Maddie and Ada with teachers, ready to present their cards.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT





School students giving out their cards. When “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” was being sung, Janice distributed miniature puddings to the residents.



Janet, Jeanie, Michael and Christina having fun with glow sticks..



Merry Christmas

Community Calendar December 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 Exercises	3 Mayor's Christmas Party	4 HCDB Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10 School Presentation Night	11	12 Friendship Group	13	14 Hawker v Cradock Cricket
15	16	17	18 FR Council meeting	19 Friendship	20	21 Cradock Pageant
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Community Calendar January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Swim and Survive	7	8	9	10	11 Cricket Tea
12	13	14	15	16 Friendship	17	18 Cricket Tea
19	20	21	22 Fellowship	23	24	25
26 Australia Day	27	28	29	30	31	

Community News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



CONGRATULATIONS to all those who celebrate birthdays in December.

Doogal Hannagon -40

James McInnis -21



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GET WELL

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



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DEATHS

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

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WEDDING

Congratulations to *Doogal Hannagan and Louise Lynch* on their recent marriage.

Best wishes for many years of future happiness!



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How do you know Santa is a man? **No woman would wear the same outfit year after year!**



One Christmas, a grandmother sent the usual money cheques to all her grandchildren but did not receive the usual notes of thanks. The next Christmas, all children dropped by in person to thank their grandmother. When a neighbour asked what caused the change in behaviour, the grandmother replied: "Simple! This year I didn't sign the cheques!"



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 in 2024

Contact: Social Secretary

David Meekhums

(08) 8648 4114

Next Gathering:

- 12th Dec at Old Ghan Restaurant
- 16th January at Hawker General Store

Members of Hawker Friendship Group wish everyone a wonderful Xmas, Happy New Year and look forward to meeting again in 2025.



New members are most welcome!

All Ages Welcome!



CHRISTMAS

Word Scramble

LELBS _____	ISENTPIOTA _____
CLEAND _____	GIGABRNDEER _____
TEWHAR _____	SCRALO _____
EDINERER _____	GOSTINCK _____
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Traditional Biscuits

SUGAR BISCUITS

225g softened butter

1 cup caster sugar

1½ tsp vanilla

1 large egg

450g plain flour

¾ tsp baking powder

Preheat oven to 180C. Lightly grease 3 oven trays. Beat butter and sugar in a large bowl until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla and beat until combined. Stir in sifted flour and baking powder. Turn dough out onto a floured surface, cut into two and form into discs. Cover and chill one disc. Dust the other disc with flour and roll out to about ¼ inch or .5cm. Cut into shapes and carefully move each shape onto prepared trays. Bake for 10 minutes until the surface is light golden and the edges are just beginning to turn light golden. Allow to biscuits to cool completely on the trays. Repeat with the other disc of dough.

CORNISH FAIRINGS

225g plain flour

2 tsp baking powder

2 tsp bi-carbonate of soda

2 tsp ground mixed spice

1½ tsp ground cinnamon

3 tsp ground ginger

pinch of salt

120g butter

120g caster sugar

5 tbs golden syrup

Pre-heat oven to 180C. Lightly grease 2 baking trays.

Sift together the flour, baking powder, soda, salt and spices. Rub in butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in sugar. Add the golden syrup and mix well. Knead until it forms a smooth dough. Divide in half. Divide one half into 12 pieces and roll pieces into balls. Arrange on trays and bake 8-10 minutes until they have spread and browned. Allow to cool on the tray for 5 minutes then carefully transfer to wire racks to cool completely. Repeat with the other half of the dough or the dough can be frozen for another time.

LADY ALICE BISCUITS

200g plain flour

200g butter

70g custard powder

70g icing sugar

1 tbs vanilla essence

Pre-heat oven to 180C. Lightly grease 2 oven trays. Sift flour, custard powder and icing sugar. Knead in softened butter and vanilla. Knead until smooth. Roll into teaspoon sized balls and arrange on trays. Gently press each ball with the tines of a fork. Bake 15-20 minutes until lightly browned. Delicious joined together with lemon icing.

HONEY BISCUITS

225g honey

225g sugar

225g butter

½ cup water

570g plain flour

2 level tsp ground cloves

½ tsp ground cinnamon

1 tsp bicarb soda

1 tsp ginger

Melt together honey, butter, sugar and water in a saucepan. Cool. Sift together flour soda and spices into a large bowl. Stir in melted mixture and mix well. Allow to stand over night. The next day preheat oven to 180C and lightly grease 2 oven trays. Knead dough until smooth then roll out on a floured surface to about half a centimetre thick. Cut into shapes and carefully place onto prepared trays. Bake 15 minutes until golden. Allow to cool for 5 minutes on the trays then carefully move them onto wire racks to cool completely. The biscuits will be soft while hot but will harden as they cool.

This biscuit dough MUST be left to rest in a cool place overnight as it is too sticky to work on the day it is mixed and if extra flour is added the biscuits will be too hard after baking.





HAWKER KIDS CLUB FUNDRAISER

HAWKER QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night 2024 had approximately 60 people in attendance. Some people unfortunately were unable to attend due to the lovely rain the district was receiving.
A fierce battle between teams occurred through out the night with no one really wanting to come in first.
Skibbidy Riz took out first prize with the Professors following in 2nd. 3rd place went to the Blow-ins.
A fabulous fun evening was had by all, with many thanks to Ken Anderson who MC'd the evening while Peter ran a live auction for a few items.
A total of $1507.50 was raised for the Hawker Kids club and will help keep the program active well into the future.
We look forward to 2025 where Skibbidy Riz will be organising the questions.

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Hello Hawker

The enrolments are open for the upcoming Holiday Swim Program. This year the program is running in January again. Please make sure you book in early to help with the organisation and preparation of the programs.

Please refer to your log books from 2023 to help with finding the correct level for your child, however adjustments can be made if needed. The Little Wonder classes are for babies age 12 months and older. This is due to majority of the Holiday Swim program locations being held in outdoor pools we are unable to control the temperature in the water for optimal conditions for infants.

We will also be running the Bronze Star and Bronze Medallion level for the older children who are interested. These levels are a great stepping stone for future employment as lifeguards or junior instructors.

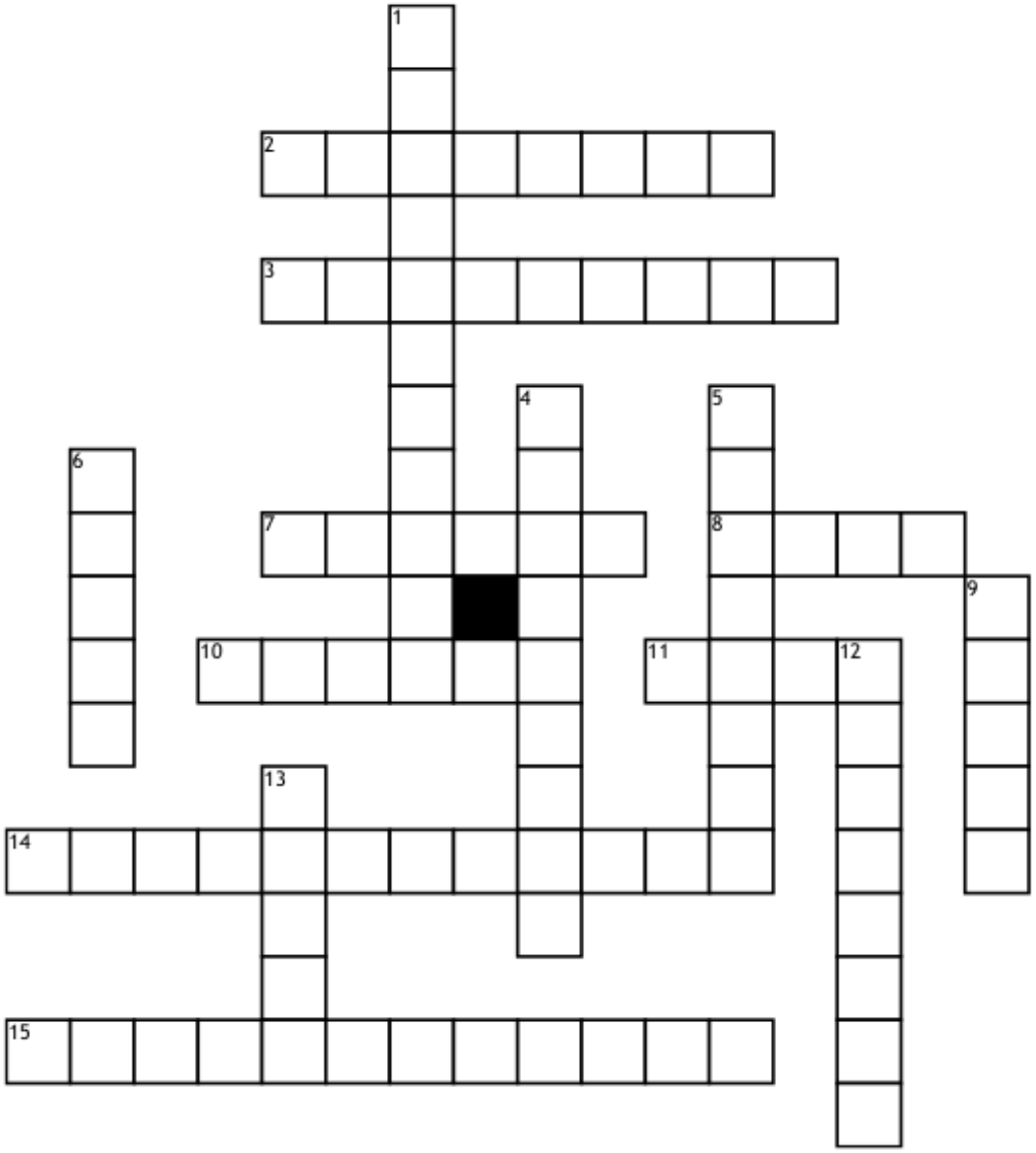
I look forward to seeing you all in January. Please spend the news that Holiday Swim is happening again in Hawker!!!

Regards
Naomi & Maddison



Monday 6th to Friday 10th January - Hawker Swimming Pool

A Christmas Crossword



Across

2. The month of this holiday

3. Where Santa lives

7. A famous character made of snow

8. Naughty children get this in their stockings

10. We decorate the tree with these shiny strips

11. The wise men followed this to find Jesus

14. They visited the baby Jesus

15. The night before

Down

1. We put these on the tree

4. The place of Jesus' birth

5. A time of no school

6. This reindeer's name starts with a 'V'

9. Mr Claus' first name

12. Eight of these animals pull Santa's sleigh

13. This holiday celebrates the birth of...

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THE HAWKER HOSPITAL AUXILIARY *would like to thank everyone who came along to the Community Carol Night last Saturday... and especially to all those who performed items and helped out to spread the joy and generosity around. Those who made donations of food will be mentioned elsewhere – it was a most successful evening/night and we hope all of our community has a wonderful Christmas time.*



Here is a recent purchase that the Auxiliary has provided to the hospital as they have made necessary repairs and renovations in the Palliative Care Room.

President Jenny McInnis presented the two pictures to EO/DON Ashley Parkinson, and they were hung into position on the very same day!!

Thanks to all our supporters.

FURTHER THANK YOUS

Special thanks to Ken Anderson for setting up the sound equipment, the men for cooking the barbecue, Arthur Coulthard, Warren Milera, Lisa O'Neill and Community Singers for their performances. Highlights of the night for parents and grandparents were watching the performances of the younger school children singing Wonderful Christmastime and the Kids Club who dressed as and sang the Twelve Days of Christmas and a special version of O Come all ye Faithful. Thanks go to Priya Moyle, Stef Teague and Robyn McInnis for their time spent with the children practicing. Thanks also to John Teague for keeping the evening moving along by emceeing and the Fellowship that made the figgy puddings…

The event was held in the Hawker Community Sports Centre and we thank the Committee for allowing us the use of the Centre, also thank you to the bar persons who were kept busy.

We wish to acknowledge Port Augusta Meats for their generous donation of 100 sausages, and the Nairne Strawberry Farm who reduced normal pricing. This definitely helped boost our profit for the evening, along with those of the Auxiliary who donated salads and onions.

HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE NEWS

Next Committee meeting
7th February 2025

2024
DECEMBER

BAR ROSTER

7TH DEC Alex Morgan
14TH DEC Lisa O'Neill
21ST DEC Andrew McInnis
28TH DEC Mike Doughty

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

BOWLS PRGRAMME 2024/25

DECEMBER
7th Championship singles
14th Club Bowls
21st Club Bowls
28th No Bowls
JANUARY
4th No Bowls
11th Club Bowls
18th Twilight Bowls from 5pm
25th Club Bowls
FEBRUARY
1st Hilder Triples TEA

CRICKET

December 14th Cradock Cricket
11th January 2025 Hawker V Quorn
18th January Hawker V Copley
1st March Hawker V Blinman

Chinese Night

A very successful Chinese night was held on 7th December with 100 people in attendance. A range of delicious dishes from a variety of rice to beef broccoli were served. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the prepping for this night. Special Thank you to Howard & Sharon for their direction in organizing a successful night.





Sports Centre: 86484115
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From the *TOWN CRIER* Archives

36 Years Ago - December 1988 (Cover Price **70c**)

Music Camp: 24 students from Hawker Quorn and Leigh Creek attended a 2 day camp at Hawker involving individual workshops and group practices before performing before a public audience in Hawker and Leigh Creek.

Historical Notes from The Adelaide Observer Dec 9th 1899:

Wilson—November promised to put up a record for coldness. The grasshoppers have done a great deal of damage and the number of rabbits has also increased. Estimated average of wheat is only 31/2 bushels.

Beltana- Rabbits are still a great pest. Even if it rains it would be a mixed blessing, for moist air would cause the dead rabbit smell to assume proportions which the hot, dry air has kept in check.

Hawker– The annual meeting of subscribers to the Institute was held last evening. There are 47 subscribers to the library which contains 572 books of which 51 are new. The committee offered free reading to six schools in the district and five accepted the offer.

Weather: The highest maximum for the month of November was 40.1 c .The lowest minimum was 7.5 c and there was 13.2 mm rain.

20 Years Ago - December 2004 (Cover Price $1.50$1.20)

Historical Notes: December 24th 1861 the first tram began operating in Sydney and was pulled along by four horses.

In one day in May 1915 versatile Cyril Gove was a jockey on a horse that ran third in a race at Mooney Valley, at 2pm he was a valuable player for Essendon Football Club when he played an outstanding game; then later that evening he was a finalist in the State Boxing tournament..

The famous swimming stroke "The Australian Crawl" was pioneered in Sydney in 1897.

November 28th 1937 Gundagai's Dog on the Tucker Box statue was unveiled..

December 1st 1915 South Australia's Women's Police Force was set up.

Weather: The highest maximum for November was 40.5 The lowest minimum was 6.2 and the rainfall was 39 mm.

10 Years Ago - December 2014 (Cover Price $2.00)

Weather:

Whilst minimum temperatures were close to the long term average, maximums continued on their way well above average this spring. The November average maximum of 31.6 was a significant 2.5 above the long term average and contributed to the warmest spring on record. Several heavy showers on Saturday 1st November resulted in 21.6mm of rain,, and together with further smaller falls a week later, contributed to a monthly total of 37.2mm highest since 2009.

The highest maximum was 41.6 and the lowest minimum was 8.0

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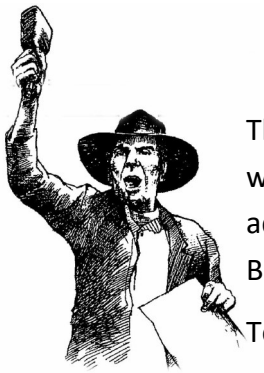
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Also to our the readers who continue to buy the Town Crier monthly or pay annual subscriptions, postal or email, we appreciate your continued support.

If you have any ideas to add to the Town Crier please tell us or any one who is interested is always welcome to join the Town Crier Committee.

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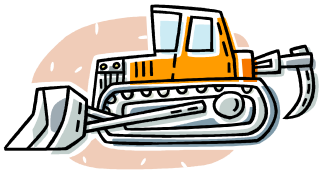
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HAWKER CAROLS *2024*

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The Carols programme began with a welcome by John Shute and ably emceed by John Teague.

The evening featured solos from Warren Milera, Arthur Coulthard and Lisa O"Neill and entertaining items from the School children and Kids Club.

The Community Singers presented two items and encouraged the community to join in singing popular carols.

The Christmas Message was delivered by Carmel Reynolds and Noreen Pardoe

The evening concluded with the singing of We Wish You a Merry Christmas and the distribution of the figgy puddings.



Warren singing some of his original songs



Community members joining in the singing of carols



Will conducting the school children in their singing



Noreen and Carmel presented the Christmas message including Christmas traditions around the world.



The Kids Club entertained us with The Twelve Days Of Christmas and O Come All Ye Faithful





We enjoyed listening to Arthur and joining him in singing I Am Australian



Lisa was our accompanist for the evening and sang two songs reflecting the meaning of Christmas.