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Many thanks to Ian Carpenter on his kind donation of a sculpture for the Hospital. Made from shovels, the sculpture signifies all things Kevin West and will be installed in Kev's Corner at the Hospital in his memory.

Residents enjoyed a day of fish and chips from the General Store followed up by ice-cream on Bec's first day. We had music playing in the back ground which ended in an impromptu karaoke session.

Father Mark has once again returned with his faithful puppy brother, Louis. Louis loves his toy and happily plays fetch with all of the residents.

The temporary fence around room 11's garden will soon be removed, now that the kangaroos have moved back out to the paddocks. Unfortunately, while the rabbits are still having a feast the shrubs have started to bloom and we are now waiting to see how many bulbs have been part of the rabbits'diet and what has survived.

Staff have managed to propagate some rose cuttings from the bushes in the courtyard area (Medical Centre garden). Some will be replanted on the premises. However we have some spares that are available for sale at the Craft Mart. Delightfully scented, they are a true old fashioned rose, inclusive of thorns!









Welcome Bec



Bec is new to the team as our diversional therapist. Bec wanted a change and decided Hawker was the place to come.

She hopes to spend time with the residents learning their stories, giving them a sense of belonging and bringing a smile to their faces.

Bec grew up in Maitland on the Yorke Peninsula and can also be seen at the Cradock Hotel .

A busy mother of 5 and grandmother of 2 she doesn't have 'spare time' but loves to travel and listen to music when time allows.



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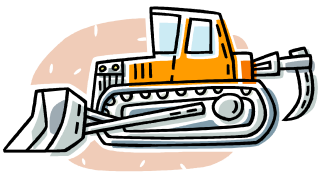
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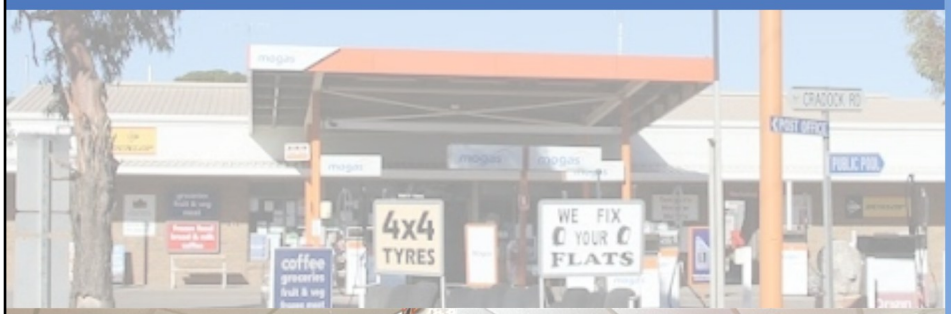
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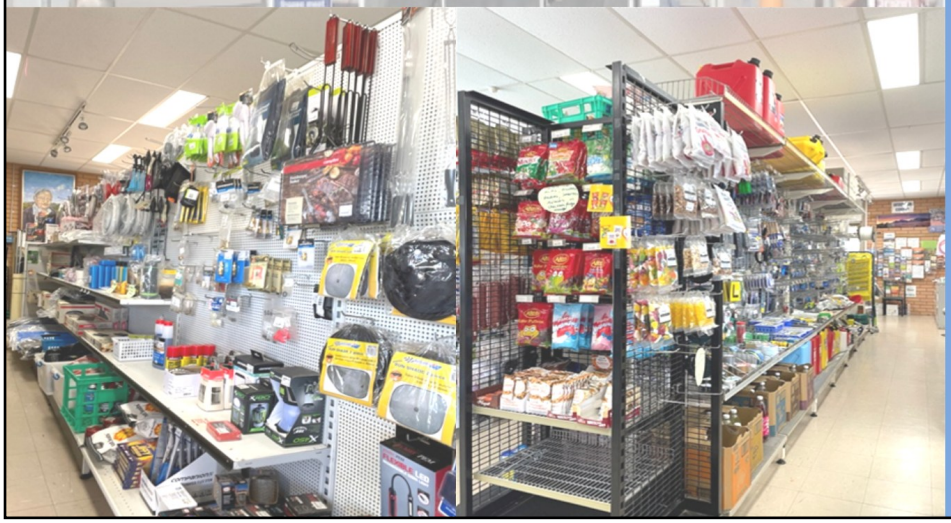
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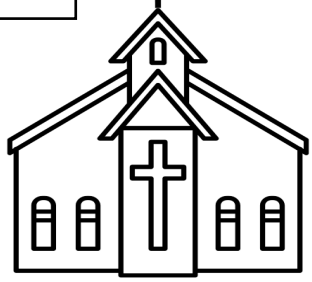
Next Meeting: October 22nd

Tickle Belly Hill: Birthday Lunch

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CRAFT MART

The 2025 Craft Mart has again welcomed hundreds of visitors, with few leaving empty handed. Talented artisans from the local community, the region and some from further afield have put forward their wares. These have been complemented by a display of superb quilts, assembled by the Hawker Quilters Group. A select few of these have been for sale and many more could have been sold, judging by the number of enquiries.

Visitors have been in awe of the wonderful range of goods for sale and many compliments on the skills of those who have provided such high quality products have been received.

Two raffles have been run in conjunction with the Craft Mart. The first, a quilt created by the Hawker Quilters, will be drawn on the 29th November at the Carols. The second, a metal wall hanging produced by Vicki Stevens will be drawn on Monday 6th October at the Craft Mart.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in any way to ensure the success of this community event.

GARAGE SALE

Members of the Uniting Church and their helpers conducted a popular Garage Sale on Saturday 27th September. A number of stall holders offered a wide range of goods for sale, as well as a Lemonade stall and a Sausage Sizzle. A basket of goods was raffled as part of the event and won by Ruth Tye. Congratulations Ruth.

Thank you to all who helped to make the Garage Sale the success it was.

From the *TOWN CRIER* Archives

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

Weather: The highest maximum recorded for September was 30.5C The lowest minimum was –1.4C and 15.1mm of rain was recorded.

Camera Club: Held its 31st Annual Colour Slide exhibition. 626 slides were submitted from which the judges accepted 274 for exhibition. There were 28 awards presented. A snapshot competition was also conducted and trophies awarded.

Wirreanda Cottages: A Public Meeting was held to discuss the management of the proposed joint venture for the Wirreanda Cottages.

Historical notes: It may surprise many to learn that it was only in 1938 that the last of the convicts transported to Australia died in Western Australia.

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

Art exhibition: the 24th Annual Hawker Art Exhibition was opened on September 23rd. 23 of the artists were exhibiting for the first time.
Weather: The highest maximum for September was 28.2C the lowest minimum was 0.9C and 69.8 mm of rain was recorded.

Netball results: The grand final was won by the Blue team winning by 4 goals. Trophies were awarded to Jessica McKenzie-most promising junior over 10, Zoe Hanson– most promising junior under 10, Amey Solly– most promising under 17, Rebecca Keough-most promising under 14, Sharon McInnis—best team person for gold, Leonie McKenzie– best team player for Blue, Sharon McInnis– best and fairest.

Historical Notes: *October 24th 1906* London -Eleven suffragettes were jailed for their part in the demonstrations during the opening of Parliament. *October 2nd 1967* The Grange—the house where Captain Sturt lived from 1840 to 1853 will formally open as part of the Charles Sturt Memorial Museum. *September 28th 1967* celebrates the 50th anniversary of the linking of the East West Railway Line .*October 12th 1979* A gold nugget worth $45,000 in the shape of Australia was found at Kalgoorlie Western Australia.

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

Blinman Community Park Project: received a pledge of $10,500 from the Variety Bash for playground equipment to be located within the new Community Park area. A recently installed sculpture is drawing much positive comment from tourists. The copper 2.5metre copper kibble bucket was made by Leanne Hamilton.

Gala Ball: that was reported on last month made a profit of $2,431.35 which was donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Weather: Cloudy and wintry weather continued in early September. Following a handy 18mm of rain, the days cleared up resulting in well below night-time temperatures. The highest maximum for September was 29.8C, the lowest minimum was 0.5C .

The first weekend in September brought severe weather and damaging winds for several South Australian regions, including the Mid North and Flinders.

The impact on Hawker's local electricity network included a stobie pole supporting one of SA Power Networks high-voltage powerlines between Neuroodla and Hawker. Around 340 customers lost power supply from just before 2am on Saturday, September 6th.

Crews immediately travelled to the area to patrol the line and within an hour, the damage was found. As shown in the image below, the pole remained intact, with significant winds bringing it to the ground – not helped by the sandy clay quality of ground in the area.

SA Power Networks had to overcome some operational challenges – a once-in-a-decade rebuild of its Port August crane meant that an alternative crane needed to be sourced, along with a pole trailer and operator from Port Pirie.

Coordination with external suppliers and additional crews on Father's Day presented challenges which were compounded by the significant electricity network impact in and around Port Pirie.

The pole was replaced and power restored to customers just after 7pm on Sunday, September 7th. It was a challenging 40-hour effort for SA Power Networks crews, who did their best to respond in difficult circumstances.

They were mindful of the frustrating and inconvenient wait for customers – particularly on Father's Day weekend - as they worked to restore power safely and quickly.



HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE NEWS

2025 OCTOBER



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13TH DEC LISA O'NEILL
20TH DEC JOHN SHUTE
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Cricket	Brendon McInnis
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Netball	Stef Teague



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PERFECT PASTA

HAM & CHEESE MACARONI

250g cream cheese chopped

2 cups milk

1 tbs Dijon mustard

400g macaroni

1 cup grated tasty cheese

250g shaved leg ham, thinly sliced

1 bunch fresh chives, finely chopped

½ cup panko breadcrumbs

20g butter melted

Cook pasta until tender, drain, return to the pot, cover and keep warm. Place cream cheese, milk and mustard in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir until smooth and mixture comes to boil. Stir in cooked pasta, ¾ cup of the grated cheese, ham and ¾ of the chives. Season with salt and pepper. Lightly grease 4 oven proof dishes, 1 ¾ cup capacity. Spoon pasta mixture among dishes. Mix breadcrumbs, remaining cheese and butter in a bowl. Sprinkle over pasta. Preheat grill on high. Grill 3-4 minutes until golden. Serve sprinkled with remaining chives.

PENNE ALLA PUTTANESCA

400g penne

2 cloves garlic, chopped

5 anchovy fillets, chopped

400g can chopped tomatoes

100g pitted Kalamata olives, drained, halved

40g capers, drained

pinch dried chilli flakes

2 tbs fresh chopped parsley

Cook pasta to tender, drain, return to pot, cover and keep warm. Meanwhile heat an oiled large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add garlic and anchovies. Cook, stirring, until garlic is golden and anchovies break down. Add tomatoes and simmer 5 minutes. Stir through olives, capers and chilli flakes. Season with salt and pepper. Add cooked pasta and toss to combine. Top with parsley and serve immediately.

LINGUINE WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE

375g linguine

3 spring onions, sliced

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

300g button mushrooms, sliced

300ml pure cream

100ml vegetable stock

2 tbs chopped fresh parsley

Cook pasta until tender. Drain, cover and keep warm. Meanwhile, heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add onions and cook, stirring, 1-2 minutes until soft. Add garlic and mushrooms. Cook, stirring 3-4 minutes until golden brown. Stir in cream and stock. Cook 3-4 minutes until thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in parsley and cooked pasta to serve.

PORK & CHEESE RIGATONI BAKE

1 onion, sliced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

500g pork mince

1 carrot, diced

2 stalks celery, diced

2 tbs tomato paste

150ml red wine

250ml beef stock

½ tsp sugar

400g tomato passata

400g rigatoni

½ cup grated mozarella

$^{1}/_{3}$ cup grated parmesan

Heat an oiled, large, non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook, stirring, 1-2 minutes. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds. Add pork and cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes until browned . Add carrot and celery and cook a further 2-3 minutes. Add tomato paste and wine, scraping the bottom of the pan, then add stock. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in sugar and passata. Reduce heat to low and simmer, stirring

Hawker Community Development Board Inc, Chair's Report 2025

Thank you all for being here tonight and I would like to acknowledge the Adnamatna people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are meeting today and pay my respects to those here tonight, their Elders past and present and the generations to come. In the spirit of reconciliation, I would also like acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make a variety of events is Hawker so successful. Without their commitment, drive and support in so many ways organizations in Hawker could struggle. Thank you to the HCDB as an umbrella organization for the subcommittees and their members, who continually contribute to projects and ideas of value to our community.

Thank you to the Flinders Ranges Council staff and councillors who continue to support projects and events valued by the community. Their support is always welcome, appreciated and encouraged.

Volunteering and civics can start at an early age and Remembrance Day 2024 was organized by the students and staff of the Hawker Area School who presented a very moving event supported by the community. ANZAC Day event in 2025 was also successfully organised by HCDB committee members and the community.

The War Memorial events gave locals and visitors alike the opportunity to come together to acknowledge sacrifices, traditions and a time for reflection.

In November the 2024 Hawker Family Fun Day lived up to its name - a fun, exciting day bringing a bouncy castle, petting farm, face painting to name just some of the attractions and provided an opportunity for local artisans and community members to show their talents and sell their products. Other exhibitors joined the day providing a great variety of stalls for visitors from throughout the district to enjoy. The many children in the park had a terrific time enjoying the craft and creative children's activities tent and attractions. The sausage sizzle BBQ also proved to be a sell out and successfully introduced a tap and go payment option or old fashion cash! Thank you to Louise Hannagan and Emily Fels for organising the day and Janet Teague, Cate Burt and Ric Onley for running the BBQ.

December saw Hawker sparkling with Christmas lights and the annual Christmas Light competition. Thanks for Louise Hannagan and Jess McKenzie for getting behind this event again. With many thanks for the continued sponsorship by Hawker's FRC Councillors Greg Flint and Steve Taylor and the Flinders Food Co for providing the prizes. Their support is very much appreciated.

Blue Burt Park once again provided a lovely location for community to gather for an early breakfast and celebration of volunteering and community commitment at the 2025 Australia Day Breakfast and Awards event organized by HCDB members and supported by the Flinders Ranges Council.

Catherine Burt's personal commitment to preserving local history and supporting community organizations and events was acknowledged as the recipient of the 2025 Flinders Ranges Council Citizen of the Year Award.

Steph Teague and Robyn McInnis were awarded the FRC's 2025 Active Citizens Award for continuing to maintain the Hawker Kids Club enabling children to meet and socialize regularly in a fun and creative environment. Hawker Family Fun Day 2024 was awarded FRC's 2025 Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging the organizers Louise Hannagan and Emily Fels and their continuing efforts with an annual event which provides an opportunity for everyone to come together and be a part of a positive, community event for families. This event also received the HCDB's 2025 Perpetual Merit Award plaque for its contribution to Hawker's social fabric.

Summer also saw HCDB continuing to support subsidized 10swim passes for Hawker children 16 & Under. Over the 2023-25 swim seasons approx. $5000, including private donations, has been spent on providing a discount on these pool passes. Many children and their families have benefited and enjoyed regular access to the pool. This financial support from the HCDB will continue into the 2025/26 swim season.

Autumn and winter were swept along with Cate Burt's exhibitions Hawker Rodeo and Riders in April and May, followed closely by Railways in the Region – Living on the Line in August and September. Spring will see the Hawker War Memorial Swimming Pool exhibition. These exhibitions have been supported by the HCDB including funds received from the inactive Hawker Camera Club and support from the Flinders Ranges Council through the Community Grants program. Cate and her supporters have done a wonderful effort presenting these exhibitions and books, enjoyed by many.

Throughout the year we are all kept well informed of community events, highlights, stories and more as the very hard-working team on the Town Crier committee continue to hit monthly deadlines and product a record of our local history month by month. These records are appreciated by many as an accurate reflection of our community. Thank you to Stef and Janet Teague and the committee for their dedication.

Steve Youle heads up the Gym Committee running the Hawker Community Gym with supporting volunteers. The gym goes from strength to strength and the quality of the gym and its facilities is talked up by many the visitors who take advantage of the facilities are amazed to find such quality in a far-flung community as small as ours. It's a testament to the Steve and the supporting crew who are always improving on equipment, installing smart screens, Wi-Fi connection, et – these all provide an opportunity for alternative, future services – thinking smarter, not harder. Thank you for the healthy opportunities.

The establishment of the community garden space led by Ric Onley and his helpers is a work in progress and more on that as it develops over the coming months.

Thank you for having me as Chair this year and a very special thank you to the HCDB committee members who continue to work hard on ideas and projects to enhance our Hawker community. With their commitment many things move forward. A special thank you to our Secretary Cate Burt who brings her dynamic, hardworking, insightful personality to this role and to Dr Susi Andersson as Deputy Chair who always provides clear cut, studied suggestions to our meeting discussions. Many apologies if I have missed any thank you's, your support is always appreciated.

It has been over 40 years since the HCDB was established, involving an enormous number of volunteers, who have contributed hundreds of volunteering hours over this time and we are all looking forward to many more years as a community organisation. Thank you.
Julia Henderson, 3/9/2025

Community News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



CONGRATULATIONS to all those who celebrate birthdays in October.

GET WELL



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

Victor Clark

Arthur Edwards

DEATHS

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

Dobson, Brian Stuart

Dearly loved husband of Judy. Loved father of

William, father-in-aw of Julia. Pa to Emilia and Jack. Also father to Travis (deceased) and Shannon.

Deepest Sympathy to

- *Daren, Lisa O'Neill and family on the loss of Daren's father.*
- *David and Kay Lindblom and family on the passing of Billy Lindblom.*

Think of those who educated and inspired you on World Teacher's Day

Who was your favourite teacher?

Were you a Teacher's Pet?

Do you still remember songs from school?

Did your teacher ever give you a note/message to take home to your parents?

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Did your teacher send you on errands inside the school?

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Next Gathering:

Thursday 16th October

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SPECIAL DAYS IN OCTOBER

1st	International Coffee Day
	Music Day
	Older Person's Day
3rd	World Smile Day
4th	World Animal Day
	World Space Day
5th	World Teacher's Day
6th	Labour Day
9th	Curious Events Day
13th	Columbus Day
20th	Australian Bird Week
29th	Grandparents Day
31st	Halloween

Month of October is International Library Month which showcases the importance of libraries as spaces of Learning, Literacy and community connection.



Hawker History Group 2025 Exhibition Opening

Hawker War Memorial Swimming Pool

Sunday 26th October

Afternoon tea & opening

(bring a plate or $5 donation)

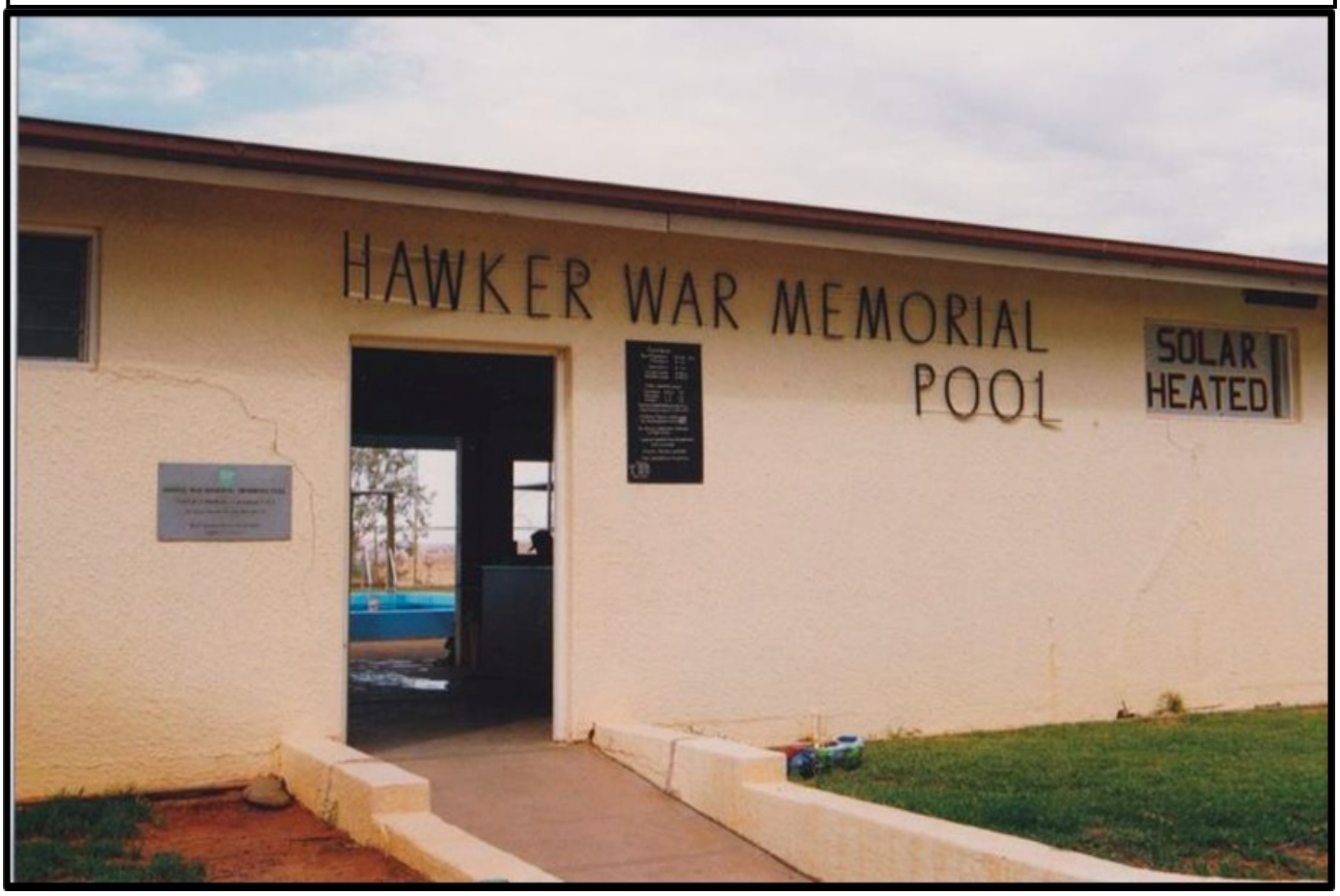
ALL WELCOME

Exhibition then open from 31st Oct. to 16th Nov. 2025

10.30 – 1.30pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Hawker Institute, Elder Terrace

Tells of the community effort to fund raise to establish and maintain the swimming pool. Stories of those who worked to teach hundreds of local children to swim and the memories of those who learnt to swim and swam at the pool.



LUNCH BOX RALLY

The Lunch Box Rally is an off-shoot of the car rallies known as Shitbox Rallies. It is formatted the same with a few kid-friendly differences, such as less nights, less kilometres and kid-friendly entertainment in the evenings. This rally aims to introduce kids to the rally family and rally life creating friendships and bonds that will last a lifetime. Most importantly this rally is for those who want to raise much needed money for charity, in particular, the Cancer Council.

On Saturday 27th September a Lunch Box Rally chose Hawker as their overnight stop. The participants all camped around the Sports Centre and were able to use the Gym and Sports Centre facilities. The evening meal for around 180 rally participants was catered for by the Sports Centre. Breakfast was provided by the Hawker Area School Parents and Friends and the Hospital Auxiliary prepared lunch bags for the participants to take with them on Sunday.

Local families enjoyed the opportunity to bring their children to see the imaginatively decorated cars, with many participants also in costumes. Some families also provided financial support to individual rally cars. It proved to be a wonderful fund-raising opportunity for the Hawker Community.

Thank you to the large number of volunteers who assisted the event in so many different ways.

LUNCH BOX RALLY – USE OF FACILITIES

Participants in the Rally used the facilities at the Gym and Sports Centre during their stay. Thank you to Steve and the Hawker Community Gym Committee for allowing use of the Gym showers and toilets. As the Rally participants were tenting or swagging they appreciated being able to use the facilities.

To the Town Crier

Just a few happy snaps of participants and volunteers at the Hawker Community Sports Centre. The Lunch Box Rally arrived in Hawker on Saturday afternoon and dinner was prepared on Saturday night by Sports Centre volunteers. Breakfast and take away lunch was prepared by volunteers for Hawker Area School Parents and Friends and Hospital Auxiliary respectively.

JoJo and Rusi Ratu received a sticker with their names on it as local supporters of a fundraiser's pink vehicle, all the way from Sydney.

Sports Centre committee - a terrific event and a wonderful reflection of everyone pulling together to make it happen. Talking to participants they were so appreciative of the support from our community. They were so impressed with the magnificent environment of the Flinders Ranges as they drove through, turning off at Yunta and heading to Hawker. Wait until Sunday as they head to Arkaroola! What an adventure, as one participant said.

Fun fact (maybe) - there were at least twice as many meals prepared than there are people in our community!! Great work from all the volunteers and hope the organisations involved raised much needed funds for the community.

Cheers Julia





2025 LUNCH BOX RALLY





















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2025 CRAFT MART



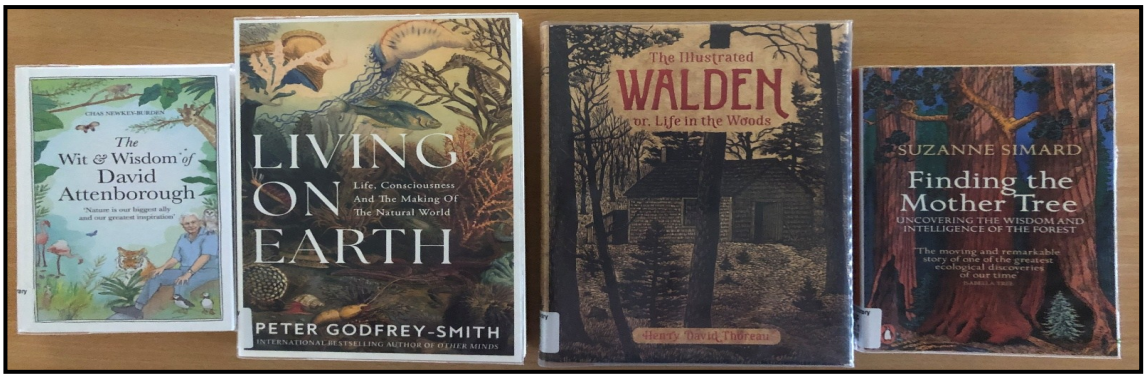








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Recently Cate Burt held the Railway Exhibition in the Institute. While talking to Cate and some other people I told them that there had been at least four people killed between the Pump House corner or Camel Hump and a few miles North of Hawker. Three of these happened between Pump House corner and Cottage Hill. One of these deaths I was told about when I was only a young man by the late Reg Huddleston who was the Station Master for many years. I was told the accident was caused by the driver having night blindness (being drunk.)

***John Teague**.*



Quorn Mercury (SA : 1895 - 1954), Friday 13 April 1928, page 3

Severe Collision at Hawker

MOTOR LORRY CRASHES INTO TRAIN. MR. W. MEAD KILLED. Hawker, April 10.

As the northern picnic train was entering the Hawker station on Monday night on the return journey from the Schools' Exhibition at Quorn, a sad and fatal accident marred the pleasant day spent by the occupants of the train. Just as the train whistled before going over the crossing near the station, a motor lorry from Willipa Station, which Mr Walter Reed, of Hawker was driving, and seated with him was Mr J. Fergusson (manager of Willipa Station) and Mr W. Mead, of Hawker, crashed into the train. Mr R. Crawford, of the Wonoka Hotel, was on the back of the truck, but fortunately jumped off before the lorry crashed and escaped unhurt. Mr Reed, seeing a crash was inevitable, tried to swerve the lorry into a fence, but it crashed into the train, and Mr Mead, who was frightfully mutilated and killed instantly, being thrown on to the cattle pit. Mr Fergusson was also severely injured, and Mr Reed's foot was injured. The truck was badly smashed, the engine stove in, hood smashed up, windscreen broken into pieces. The train was pulled up before it reached the station, and the passengers alighted, most of them unaware that an accident had occurred. The crash was heard nearly all over the town, and several people witnessed the accident from the street. There are various versions of the accident. It is believed by some that the lorry struck the engine, and by others that it struck the trucks, of which there were a number on the front portion of the train.

As the trucks were in darkness, and the engine had not a very bright light, that the driver believed the well-lighted carriages at the back was the engine and tried to get across before the train arrived at the crossing, but when he found he was about to crash tried to avert the accident by swerving, but it was too late. Mr Crawford called out "Look out!" but was too late. Dr Mabin was quickly on the spot being in the street when the crash occurred. On examination of Mr Mead he pronounced life extinct. Mr Fergusson and Mr Reed were conveyed to the Hawker Hospital, where Dr Mabin attended to their injuries.

Mr Reed escaped almost uninjured, excepting strained tendons in his foot and shock. Mr Fergusson, who was unconscious, was more badly injured, as he was thrown from the truck, but Mr Reed was still in the seat with the smashed hood about his head. He had a fortunate escape. On inquiry today, Mr Fergusson was doing as well as could be expected Mr Reed was also doing well.

Mounted Constable Garden (relieving officer) and a northern constable, who were on the train, were also quickly in attendance, and did all possible for the sufferers. Quite a gloom has been cast over the town when it became known that Mr. W. Mead of this town had met such a tragic end. Mr. Mead, was a well-known commercial traveller for Robert Reid & Co., of Adelaide, for some years, was a popular "knight of the road." He was of a very genial nature and had many friends everywhere. On severing his connection with Robert Reid & Co. about 5 years ago he came to Hawker and took over the mercery and men's department in Mr. A. T. Edwards business, and while there he made many friends and was noted for his excellent business qualities.

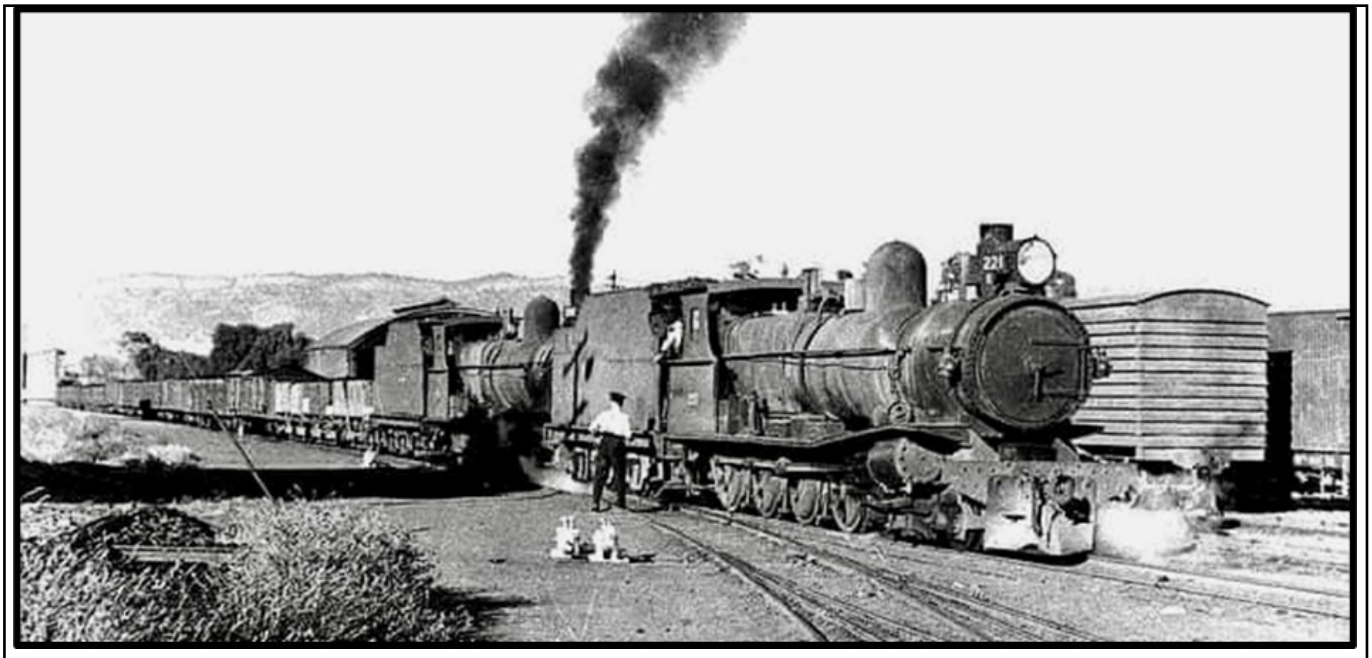
About eighteen months ago he severed his connection with this firm and took over the management of Mr. R. E. Gloede's (of this town) mercery department. Esteemed by one and all, he was ever ready to help with anything pertaining to the welfare of the town, and only a few months ago he donated a cabinet gramaphone to raise funds for Hawker Memorial Hospital Day, and nearly £40 was raised in this way. He was an active member of the Hawker Buffalo Lodge. He leaves a wife, son and daughter, who reside in Adelaide. The remains of the late Mr. W. Mead were interred in the Hawker cemetery on Wednesday morning. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the North, over fifty motor cars forming the procession to the graveside, where representatives from all the surrounding towns and districts gathered to pay their last respects. Wreaths were numerous and the deceased's son and daughter were present from Adelaide. *(mercery department is haberdashery department*)

From The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) Thu 27 Jan 1887 Page 3

Railway Accidents Beyond Hergott

By Telegraph. Hergott, January 26.

Two accidents happened on the Hergott Springs and Peake railway line at 12.30 p.m. today. A young man named Thomas Hammond was jerked out of a covered goods truck, with the result that one of his feet was very much crushed, and immediately the train had started after this accident, Mrs. Greenfield was thrown out of the side of the brake van. She was much shaken and bruised, and was insensible for some time. The scene of the accident was the 38-mile camp (Patterson's), near the spot where the late accident by which five men were killed occurred. There is no doctor in any of the camps or at Hergott. Hammond was sent to Port Augusta, but Mrs. Greenfield was too unwell to proceed further than Hergott. In neither case is the extent of the injuries known. It is strange that money should be deducted by the Government from the men's wages for medical attendance when there is no doctor on the line. There is, in fact, no doctor nearer than Hawker. As females are constantly travelling on this line it is quite time that the Government provided carriages. At present all passengers have to travel in trucks. *Hergott is now known as Marree.*



A goods train leaving Quorn bound for Hawker. *Peter Chapman collection*



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Hi Admin

I have just finished reading the latest Town Crier which brought back many happy memories of my family's time in Hawker. My parents owned the Flinders Cafe which has now been demolished and replaced by the Jeff Morgan Gallery. My mother was a Fels from Mern Mora Station and we all hold the Flinders Ranges in our hearts to this day.

I was interested if you could tell me when the Town Crier first started as I have an idea it may have been in the 60's .At that time the Headmaster was Mr Bormann and our high school teacher was Denis Ralph, both very dynamic and energetic teachers and I have an inkling it was encouraged by them.

Loved reading the Town Crier and reminiscing of the happy days and great friends we still keep in touch with, to this day.

Thank you

Julie Caruso (nee Cunningham)

Dear Julie

We always love to hear from our readers, who are spread far and wide. You are indeed correct; the first Town Crier was published in 1969 by a group of school students led by Denis Ralph and Fran Findlay. The initial team comprised Helen Dearlove, Barbara McRae, Dawn Britton, June Telfer, Eileen Campbell and Max McKenzie.

The Town Crier Team

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October 2025

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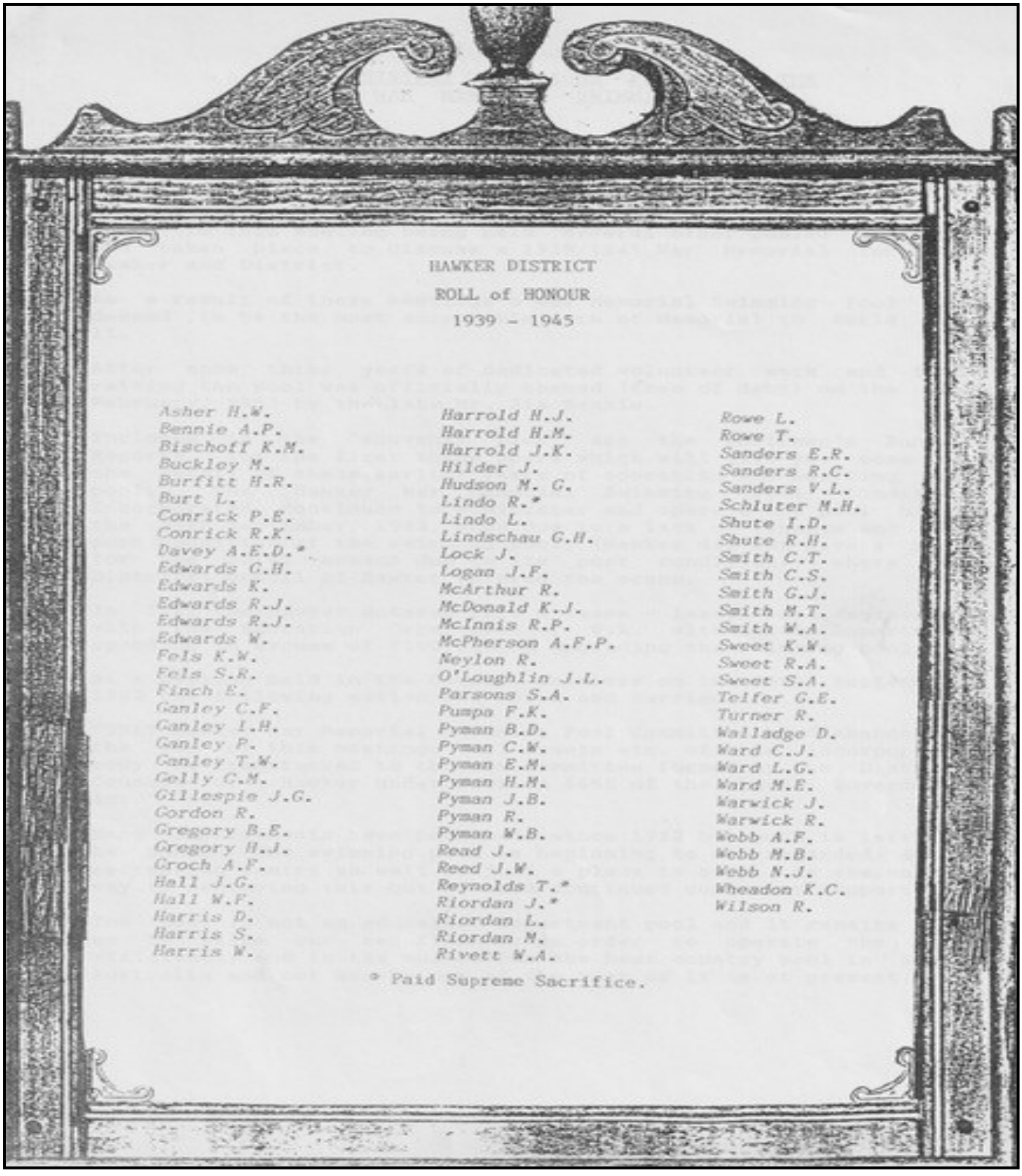
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WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

The former swimming pool, which was constructed on the site of the current Hawker War Memorial was built to remember those who served in the Second World War. As a part of the upcoming History Exhibition we would also like to remember those who served in that war. A display will be in the Institute foyer during the period of the Swimming Pool exhibition (26th Oct.—16th Nov.). If you have a family member who served in WW11, (not necessarily a Hawker resident) that you would like to remember, please provide a photo and brief details of their service. This display will also coincide with Remembrance Day.

My contact details are: hawkerhistorygroup@myyahoo.com or (M) 0408 975 239. Catherine Burt



HAWKER DISTRICT

ROLL of HONOUR

1939 - 1945

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Bennie A.P.
Bischoff K.M.
Buckley M.
Burfitt H.R.
Burt L.
Conrick P.E.
Conrick R.K.
Davey A.E.D.*
Edwards G.H.
Edwards K.
Edwards R.J.
Edwards R.J.
Edwards W.
Fels K.W.
Fels S.R.
Finch E.
Ganley C.F.
Ganley I.H.
Ganley P.
Ganley T.W.
Gelly C.M.
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Gordon R.
Gregory B.E.
Gregory H.J.
Groch A.F.
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Hall W.F.
Harris D.
Harris S.
Harris W.
Harrold H.J.
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Harrold J.K.
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Reed J.W.
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Riordan J.*
Riordan L.
Riordan M.
Rivett W.A.
Rowe L.
Rowe T.
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Sanders R.C.
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Shute R.H.
Smith C.T.
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Sweet K.W.
Sweet R.A.
Sweet S.A.
Telfer G.E.
Turner R.
Walladge D.
Ward C.J.
Ward L.G.
Ward M.E.
Warwick J.
Warwick R.
Webb A.F.
Webb M.B.
Webb N.J.
Wheadon K.C.
Wilson R.

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THE HAWKER WALKERS

We had our September walk together at South Arkaba – this time with Mary and Jane joining Lizzie's lead…




… setting out at good pace after morning tea … to the 'little creek' that joined into 'Arkaba Creek'…




with an 'interesting tree' in the bend… and Mary had to take a photo of those 'interesting roots' too




- Jane's photo ended up being an 'interesting log' with the three of us a blur!

… But on we went to another special spot – black pool. That was 'interesting' too – and Lizzie's rescue story that went with it!




Now that's an ironstone rock that Mary for sure couldn't take home … and with more water ahead,





it was time to head up the hill – a smaller one this time – still with some great views before we




headed down again and saw the amazing 'back-yard garden' with so many bushes in bloom –




and took more photos! It was time to keep heading down to the fine place for lunch –





... this time we were all focused on the log!! And then it was onto the Rasheed home - what another wonderful walk... such a lovely day.

Thanks so much Lizzie and Dean – keep up the good work there and we'll all keep anticipating seeing what next year brings... and thanks to everyone who joined in, hosted or took an interest over this walking season...

ADVANCE NOTICE – SAVE THE DATE!







Word Scramble

KHLCA ROBDA_____

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NCIELP RPHEASNER_____

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Word Search

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L E A L F R G F B N H U G B
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C H E E R F U L I F A I T H

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Peace	Gratitude	Love	Kind
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Miss Australia entrant Dianne Jaeschke held a major fundraiser at the Cadell Bowling Club, in 1987. Here she pictured with Roly Haese, president of the Cadell Bowling Club, and Gladys Winter, who also assisted in the fundraising event.

An observant reader, Vicki Deer, recently saw this photo in the local Murray Pioneer, in the photos from the past section. Thank you for sharing Vicki.



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Sunday 26 Oct: Afternoon Tea & Opening History Exhibition

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8th November— Rotary Drought Muster Event

11th November—Remembrance Day

29th November—Carols at Sports Centre

Community Calendar October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6. Craft Mart Finishes	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Friendship Group	17	18
19	20	21	22 Fellowship	23	24	25
26 Swimming Pool exhibition opens 2.00pm	27	28	29	30	31	

Community Calendar November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Skin Cancer Checks	4 Skin Cancer Checks	5	6	7	8 Drought Muster
9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Podiatrist	19	20 Friendship Group	21	22
23	24	25	26 Fellowship	27	28	29 Christmas Carols

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