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and much more!



Numerous vehicle events managed to find their way to Hawker over the past few weeks.



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Hawker Health Service Update
August 2025

The weather is warming up and we have already had one little critter befriend the staff in WJ Webb.

Residents have also been enjoyed being able to go outside and warm up in the sunshine.

With the recent rains the weeds will start growing (hopefully the plants and bulbs as well). Moose will be doing his upmost to try and keep on top of the growth. Give a wave if you see him out and about on the mower. Thanks also to the Auxiliary for giving us a head start with their working bee.

All staff have recently completed their emergency awareness training. This is just one of the many courses staff are required to do and everyone is now comfortable with a fire extinguisher, fire blanket and what is to be done should an emergency arise.

With new residents comes change. We have recently had to move some existing fencing and lock some gates to ensure the safety of the residents. If you wish to come onsite through the front area please ring and let us know so we can advise the best way to get through.

Applications are currently open online for a registered nurse, while the Diversional Therapist role has been filled. We look forward to introducing you to the successful candidates in the future.

Staff have purchased some tough dog toys to help make Louis visits more interactive (he enjoys popping the big balls) and we are looking forward to his reaction on his next visit.





Medical Centre News

Welcome to Spring! ✿
The warmer weather is here, and we hope you're enjoying the change of season.

Phone Consultations
If you have a phone appointment with the Doctor, please stay near your phone. The Doctor will attempt to call **twice** before moving on to the next appointment. Remember, a **Face-to-Face appointment every six months** is required to remain eligible for phone consultations.

Skin Cancer Screening
Dr Abbot will be visiting for Skin Cancer Screening on **3rd and 4th November**. Appointments are limited—call the clinic to secure your spot.

Child Vaccinations
Vaccinations under the **National Immunisation Programme** for children are available at the clinic. We schedule these around our Immunisation Nurse's availability, so please **call ahead to book** to coordinate all your requirements.

Podiatry Service
Nevenka, our visiting Podiatrist, will be back on **17th November**. Appointments are available by book-



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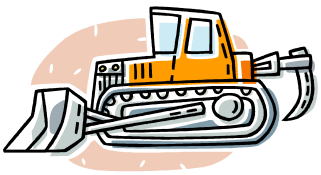
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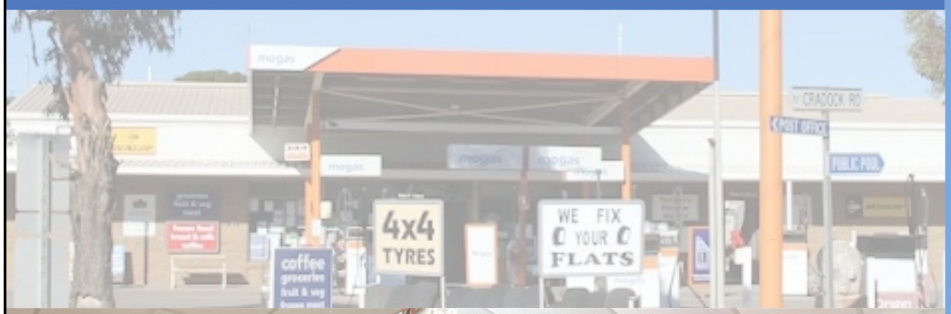
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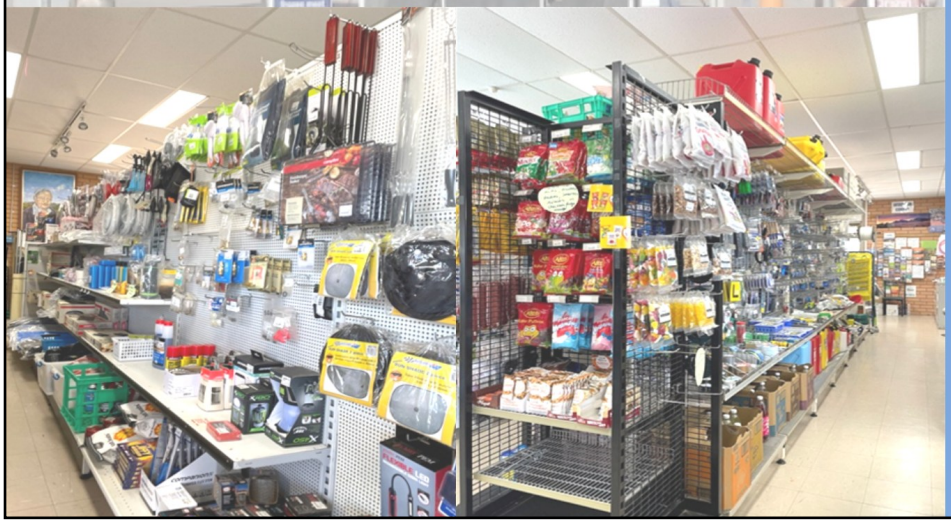
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36 Years Ago - September 1989 (Cover Price 70c)

Weather: The highest maximum recorded for August was 23.0 and the lowest minimum was –2.7.

7.8mm of rain fell for the month.

Sports News: The Netball Club held a fun day on August 27th. "It was great to see a few up-and-coming netballers amongst the males. Others had a few problems grasping the finer points of the game which kept the spectators entertained. Perhaps a few lessons on how to play and keep skirts on at the same time may help." The final was played between the Cradock Cronies and Dags mark 1 with Cradock winning the day and were presented with medallions while the runners up receives Golden Roughs.

Football news– Junior football was played with the Quorn Football Club with the under 12s making it through to the Grand Final. Dennis Edwards received a trophy for Runner-up in the Best and Fairest in the under 10's while Adrian Edwards received a trophy for Most Consistent in the under 12's.

Historical notes: November 16, 1929 12:10:0 will get you a 4 seater car, English, in good condition and 5 well shod wheels. Ten pounds deposit, 10 shillings weekly buys good Dodge car 35:0:0

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

Youth Centre: The Hawker Youth Centre was officially opened on July 23rd. The building had been relocated to the old Kindy site. Much time and effort was put into preparing the Centre by Community Board members, Council , local builders volunteers and the young people. Regular activities are held weekly.

Golf Club News: The final of the Triangular Matches played at Leigh Creek on a very windy day resulted in Hawker over coming the odds and winning the shield.

Those who know a little about golf would be aware that the winner of a major tournament is presented with "the Green Jacket". It was decided that the winner of the Hawker Open should also receive a Green Jacket and so this year the inaugural jacket was presented to Gezza Burt.

Weather: The highest maximum for August was 27.0 while the lowest minimum was –2.8.

Rainfall for the month was 30.7mm.

Historical Notes: Back in the "good old days", when trapping rabbits was an on going battle to control the pests, a little lad of 4 often accompanied his dad when he went round the traps. One night his dad took mum into the nearest hospital, where she gave birth to a lovely baby girl. The next day dad took his young trapper son in to see his new sister. The little trapper didn't seem to be very impressed with all the 14 infants lined up in the nursery until he spotted 2 empty cribs. His eyes lit up and he shouted "Look dad they've got two more traps set over there."

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

Golf News: Saturday 15th August a field of 46 golfers competed in the Men's Open Day, with good

weather and the course in great shape. Players came from Orroroo, Quorn, Port Augusta, Blinman, Stirling North, Mackay, Port Victoria and Hawker. Winners were Division 1 Ian Harris, Division 2 G Reddaway, Division 3 J Pycroft.

Breast Cancer Day saw 31 players enjoying the course and day of friendship and caring. There were many non golfers enjoying the day. $1695 was raised for Breast Cancer

Weather: The highest maximum for the month of August was 25.0 with the lowest minimum of –1.0. There was 38.0mm of rain.

Hawker Gala Ball: Saturday August 29th saw the Hawker Institute come alive. The hall looked spectacular decorated with fairy lights, music notes, bunting, tissue flowers and lanterns. There was also a memory corner with photos of past events. It was great to see every one dressed formally. There was lots of dancing and trying to remember the steps. Then came supper—do you remember the suppers of yesteryear? The tables were laden with sandwiches, pastries, savoury plates and many cakes and slices including cream puffs, brandy snaps, sponges and cream lilies.

Time for more dancing to the Docking's Band from Port Lincoln till 1am.

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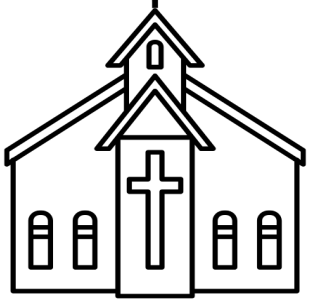
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Next Meeting: No meeting in September

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Hawker: Sunday 10:30am

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NIGHT SKY PHOTOGRAPHY

Some local residents have been exploring the night skies in the region. They are discovering the challenges and rewards of capturing images of different night sky events and moods. Julie Smith has kindly agreed to share some of her experiences and to provide some tips to encourage others to give this intriguing pass time a try.

Most importantly, Julie says to make sure you have a tripod, as the camera and phone holder must be absolutely still. Another useful item to have is a phone camera remote for operating the phone camera remotely. Julie also recommends a very experienced Australian astro-photographer Shayne Mostyn, who has a YouTube site. Shayne shows you how to do photography with both i-phones and android phones, such as Samsung Galaxy. This is a very useful starting point for those who are looking to improve their night photography skills.

Another interesting site is *AussieUFOnews*. This site actually posts sitings, including a recent post from Julie that she filmed south of Hawker. UFOs are now referred to as Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP).

Julie says that a full moon is generally too bright for night sky photography. To take effective lightning shots Julie recommends hitting the remote operating button at regular intervals of between 10 and 30 seconds. Julie adds that the length of exposure button on your phone determines how much light comes into your images. Julie also advises that the quality of your shots is determined by the quality of your phone.

Over the past couple of years Julie has been shooting some very impressive aurora images. She says an aurora will not shine on the clouds. An Australian website *cdn.softservenews.com* provides information regarding the activity levels of auroras in the Southern Hemisphere. A useful app, *Aurora* gives forecasts of upcoming auroras. The viewing probability scale needs to be at least a high 6, but up to an 8 indicates a greater likelihood of sitings in this region. Obviously, you will also need to consider cloud coverage and the current phase of the moon. Another informative app is *Skyguide,* which tells users what and when different sky events, such as satellites passing, lunar eclipses and when planets are easier to view are expected.

Note: A total lunar eclipse is expected on Monday 8th September, starting at 12.58am and ending at 6.25am (CST).

A SELECTION OF JULIE'S WONDERFUL PHOTOS IS ON PAGE 21.

BOOK WEEK

Hawker Area School's Book Week Parade on the morning of August 21st was amazing! Children and adults dressed up in creative, wonderful and fun costumes and paraded in beautiful weather.

Children's Book Week in Australia, celebrated annually by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA), originated in 1945. It was established to promote Australian children's literature and a love of reading. The CBCA, founded in 1945, aimed to recognize outstanding Australian authors and illustrators and foster a deeper appreciation for children's books.

The CBCA was formed when Australian children's books were relatively scarce, and local authors and illustrators were not widely known. The organization launched the Book of the Year Awards in 1946 to celebrate excellence in children's literature.

Children's Book Week was created to bring children and books together through various activities, including classroom displays, storytelling, and costume parades. Each year features a specific theme, encouraging creative interpretations and activities centred around literature.

While the exact origin of the dressing-up tradition isn't definitively documented, it's believed to have emerged in the 1960s and 70s, becoming a popular element of Book Week celebrations.

Well done to everyone who joined in celebrating the 80th anniversary of Book Week at Hawker Area School. Read on!

SEE BOOK WEEK PHOTOS ON PAGE 22



HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE NEWS

2025 SEPTEMBER

BAR ROSTER

6TH SEPT BEN DUBOIS
13TH SEPT ALLEN MCINNIS
20TH SEPT BRENDON MCINNIS
27TH SEPT MIKE DOUGHTY

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED NETBALL EVERY FORTNIGHT

GOLF

CLOSING DAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Hawker Community Sports Centre Committee

President: Brendon McInnis
Vice President: Ben DuBois
Treasurer: Lisa O'Neill
Secretary: Louise Watson

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



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PROPOSED HAWKER HISTORY EXHIBITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

THEME	WHEN	VENUE
~~**Hawker Rodeos & Riders**:~~ ~~1950s to present day~~	~~2025: 21st April -15th June~~ ~~2.00 – 4.30pm daily or by appointment~~	~~Hawker Institute~~
~~**Railways & Sidings: Living & Working on the Line** Hawker, Neuroodla, Wilson, Hookina, Mern Merna, Gordon, etc~~	~~2025: 3rd Aug – 7th Sept~~ ~~10.00-1.00 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment~~	~~Hawker Institute~~
~~**Weddings** through the ages~~	~~2025: Saturday night 12 July~~ ~~Sunday afternoon 13th July~~	~~Sports Centre~~
Hawker War Memorial Swimming Pool	2025: 25th Oct.-16th Nov. 10.30-1.30 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment	Hawker Institute
Hawker & District Race Meetings & local racing identities	2026: May 10.30-1.30 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment	TBA
Film making around Hawker, eg Lighthorsemen film	2026 Aug./Sept. 10.30-1.30 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment	TBA
School Days though the decades	2026: Saturday night in June/July (TBA)	Sports Centre
100 Years of Footballers: Hawker, Waybacks, Cradock, Hookina, players in other local teams	2026: Oct/Nov 10.30-1.30 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment	TBA
Local Pastoral industry: Wool & Sheep; Cattle	2027: May 10.30-1.30 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment	TBA
Hawker Identities	2027: Saturday night June or July (TBA)	Sports Centre
Businesses & Industries: **Hawker & district**	2027 Aug./Sept. 10.30-1.30 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment	TBA
Services, ie Former Power station; CWA, Ambulance; Post Office; SES; CFS; Highways; Hawker Council; etc	2027: Oct./Nov 10.30-1.30 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment	TBA
Local Agriculture & Farm Production	2028: May 10.30-1.30 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment	TBA
Celebrations & Special Events Deb Balls, Balls, Henley on Hookina; Worm Burners; Mock Weddings; etc	2028 Aug. 10.30-1.30 Fri. Sat. Sun. or by appointment	TBA
Local Weather Events Floods; Earthquakes/tremors; dust storms/droughts, grasshoppers, etc	2028: Saturday night June or July (TBA)	Sports Centre
Other sports Rifle club, tennis, netball, basketball, bowls, table tennis, cricket, etc	2028: Oct./Nov	TBA

HAWKER HISTORY REFERENCE GROUP

Thank you for your interest in Hawker's History.

If you would like to take a more active role in preserving and celebrating Hawker's History, you are invited to join a Reference Group of like-minded people.

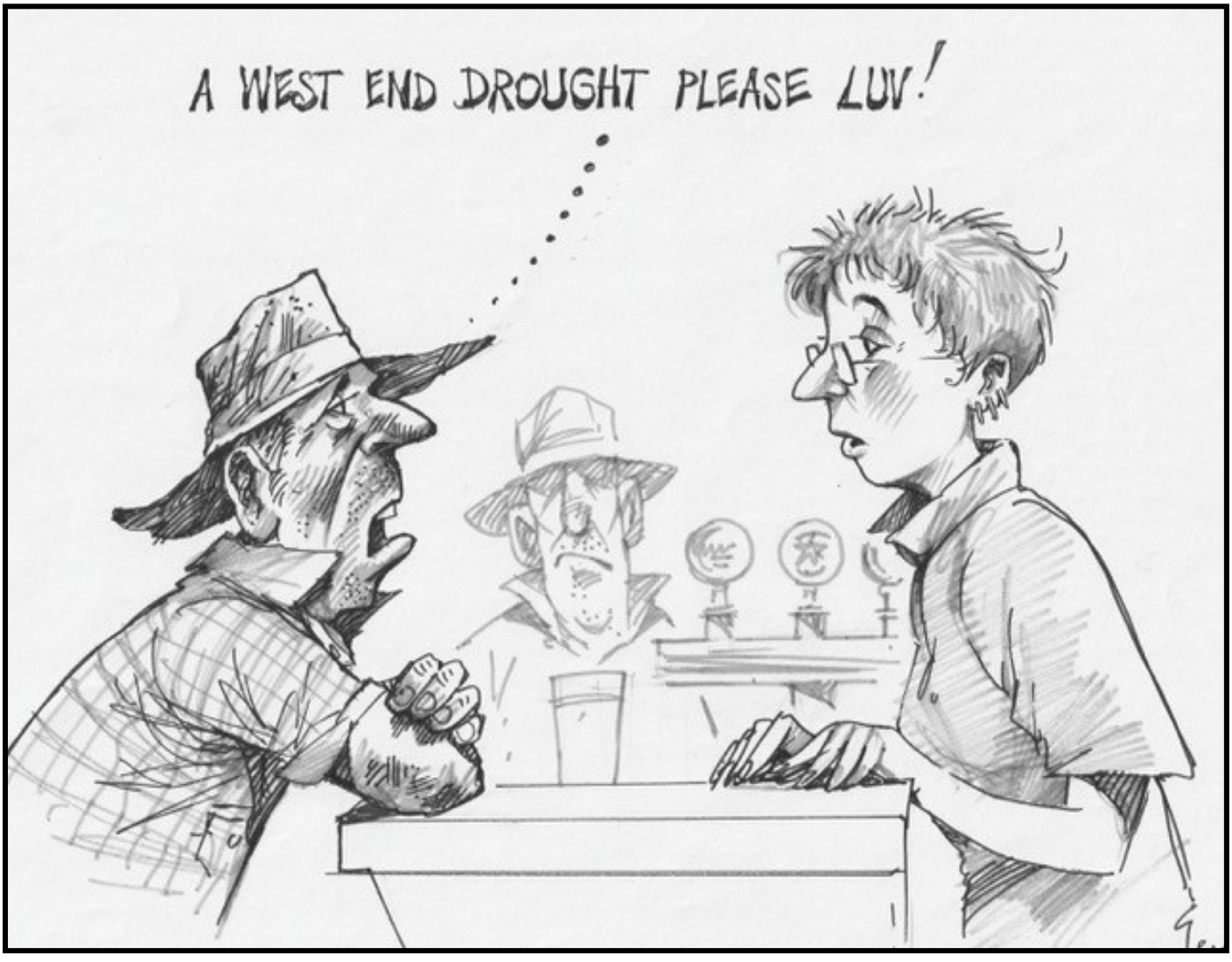
If you have knowledge, stories, photos or memorabilia of some of the identified themes for future history exhibitions and/or ideas for others, consider joining the Group.

If you have skills and knowledge in preserving historical documents and information, you are very welcome.

You may have artistic and creative skills you would like to share in order to stage engaging and informative exhibitions.

If you would like to join the Reference Group or contribute to these events in any way, with stories, photos, memorabilia or to help at the exhibitions, please contact Catherine Burt at

hawkerhistorygroup@myyahoo.com **message me on Facebook Messenger or phone: 0408 975 239**



THE HAWKER HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Hospital Auxiliary held its AGM on 4th August and are pleased to welcome 3 new members to our group. We elected a new committee with Carmel Reynolds, President; Julie Brown, Vice-President; Janet Teague, Treasurer; and Jane Tanner, Secretary.
Our next meeting will be on November 3rd. Outgoing President Jenny McInnis presented the following report of our activities over the last year.

Presidents Report 2024-2025

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting for 2025 held in the Residents Lounge, formerly the Community Room.

We have had a reasonably quiet year with no major tasks and projects in hand to attend to. The auxiliary year has been filled with some successes and a few disappointments and frustrations while we endeavour to find our place as volunteers within SA Health and the hospital and where to spend our funds.

Carols at the Sport's Centre on November 30th 2024, continued to be a highlight in our year's activities, bringing together the community and gratefully using the Sports Centre's very acceptable facilities. A little disappointing for those at the hospital perhaps but we have made sure that they are included later when we visit the hospital with the programme in part - and a Figgy pudding. Thanks go to all the participants who made the evening the great community event it was. Especially to Ken Anderson for assisting in Ashley's absence and taking charge of the all-important sound system. A most enjoyable evening was had by all, commencing with the usual BBQ, followed by strawberries and icecream and finishing with some "Figgy" puddings made by the Fellowship ladies.

Our commitment to revitalize the area at the front of the hospital continued with some weeding and pruning, along with a few frustrations. The lawn seems to have a few hiccoughs, while the fountain near the Medical Centre seems fraught with problems and burnt-out motors that will hopefully be resolved. Our commitment is still to the wellbeing of those at the Hospital in our district. It has been difficult at times to negotiate with absentee personnel or those too busy to talk to us about their needs. Hopefully the powers that be can appreciate the efforts of a small group of willing volunteers, who are prepared to put aside their time for the benefit of others.

This year we have contributed to the refurbishment of the palliative care room of the hospital by purchasing two prints, now hung in that room. A posture fit lift recliner chair was purchased for that room, along with a second chair donated by long term resident Jenny Smith, who was no longer using it. A mobile air chair was also purchased for hospital and residents' use. We continued to provide 'Welcome to Hawker' folders for new staff.

We are most grateful for the many donations we have received recently and in years past. A comprehensive list of what has been donated and who in memory of, with what was purchased and when since the Board closure in 2009, is being prepared for future reference. If there are any recollections from others please contact Jane, who has been compiling this.

As usual, along with a few frustrations and a considerable effort, Jane our hard-working Secretary and Janet our busy Treasurer, have contributed greatly to our functioning.

New members are most welcome to our group. Thank you to all who have taken time out of their busy schedules to attend meetings this year. We value your support!

We look forward to the next Auxiliary year and hope that we are able to further our contributions to the Hawker Memorial Hospital.

EASY TO EAT

WILD MUSHROOM RISOTTO

15g dried porcini mushrooms

4 cups vegetable stock

2 cups water

50g butter

100g chestnut mushrooms, trimmed

100g button mushrooms, sliced thick

2 flat mushrooms, halved, sliced thick

4 shallots, chopped fine

3 cloves garlic, crushed

2 cups arborio rice

½ cup dry white wine

½ cup finely grated parmesan

2 tbs finely chopped fresh parsley

Combine porcici, stock and water in a saucepan. Bring to boil, cover and simmer. Melt 30g of the butter in a large saucepan. Add the rest of the mushrooms and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes until mushrooms are tender and any liquid has evaporated. Remove from pan and set aside. Melt remaining butter in the same pan and cook shallots and garlic, stirring, for 3 minutes. Add rice and stir to coat. Return mushrooms to the pan with the wine and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, until liquid has almost evaporated. Add 1 cup of the simmering stock, stirring over low heat until stock is absorbed. Repeat, 1 cup at a time, until stock is all used and rice is tender. Sprinkle risotto with parmesan and parsley to serve.

BBQ PORK SPARE RIBS

1 cup tomato sauce

¼ cup Worcestershire sauce

½ cup firmly packed brown sugar

2kg slabs american-style pork spare ribs

Combine sauces and sugar in a saucepan and bring to boil. Remove from heat and cool 10 minutes. Place ribs in a large shallow baking dish, pour marinade over ribs, cover and refrigerate 3 hours, turnig half way. Drain ribs and reserve marinade. Cook ribs on a well oiled grill plate, turning frequently and basting with the marinade, for about 30 minutes until cooked through.

FETTUCCINI BOLOGNESE

2 tsp olive oil

1 medium brown onion, chop fine

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1 medium carrot, chopped fine

1 celery stalk, trim, chop fine

500g lean beef mince

2 cups passata

½ cup beef stock

375g fettuccini

Heat oil in a large frying pan. Cook onion and garlic, stirring, for 3 minutes until softened. Add carrot and celery and cook, stirring, 5 minutes until tender. Add beef and cook, stirring, until beef changes colour. Add passata and stock and bring to boil. Simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes. Season to taste. Cook pasta in a large pan of boiling water until just tender. Drain. Serve pasta topped with bolognese sauce.

BEEF AND MUSHROOM POT PIES

1 sheet ready rolled puff pastry

1 tbs olive oil

1 medium brown onion, sliced thin

1 clove garlic, crushed

250g button mushrooms, quartered

500g beef rump steak, trim, slice thin

1 tbs plain flour

½ cup dry red wine

½ cup beef stock

400g can crushed tomatoes

2 tbs tomato paste

2 tsp fresh thyme leaves

Preheat oven to 200C. Cut pastry sheet into 4 squares. Heat oil in a large frying pan and cook onion and garlic, stirring, 4 minutes until onion softens. Add mushrooms and cook, 2 minutes. Toss beef with flour and add to the pan. Cook, stirring, 5 minutes until browned. Stir in wine, stock , tomatoes and paste and bring to boil. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes until mixture thickens slightly. Stir in thyme. Spoon mixture into 4 1cup ramekins. Place a square of pastry over each dish. Carefully cut a hole in the centre of each pastry square. Bake 15 minutes until pastry is puffed and browned..

THE HAWKER WALKERS

We got to go walking again this month in very fine weather – with Penny Hooper hosting us and leading us along to new sights and tracks for our walking shoes – and for our group to enjoy.

1. There was Jane, Penny, Janet, Jenny and Mary, with first stop at a special place for morning tea.



2. We're glad we weren't talking too much to notice the different tree trunk!



3. Was this stopping to look at some sheep?



4. A nice creek – now is it Sugarloaf or Crow's Nest?



5. ... Up the bank ...



6. ... nice distance views too ...



7. ... and nice ruins to explore.



8. Then it was heading back to the start – cross country!



9. But there was something different for lunch…



10. … Penny's yummy tomato soup!



Thanks Penny for another great day together in our wonderful outdoors – and thanks to Dean, especially in anticipation of his cleaning the pot!!

Our next walking will be with Lizzie Rasheed on Thursday, 11th September.

And just to add a bit more Exercise…

The Hawker Hospital Auxiliary had a gardening session at the hospital recently

… and here are some pictures …





Thanks to Geoff, Helen, Carmel, Aubrey, Mabel, Janet, Mary, Jane and Christina!





Hawker History Group Happenings

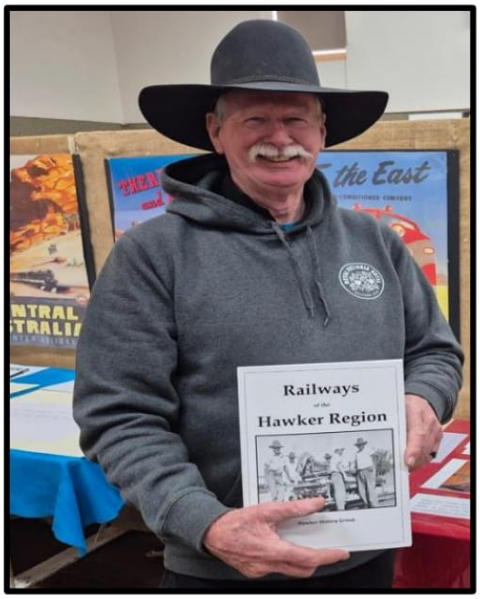
The ***Railways of the Region*** exhibition opened at the Hawker Institute on Sunday August 3rd with over 60 people attending, including a number of former Neuroodla residents, who enjoyed the opportunity to meet up again. More than 250 visitors have now been through, with the exhibition open between 10.30 and 1.30pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Sunday September 7th.



The Exhibition displays were put together by Anne McCourt, Catherine Burt, Lorna McEvoy (nee Telfer), Maggie Goddard and (in front) Janice McInnis.



Jane Tanner painstakingly recreated a model, especially for the Exhibition, displaying Hawker Railway Station and the many sidings on both the narrow and standard-gauge lines in the region.



Richard Stevens (aka George) bought a copy of the book that has been compiled to accompany the Exhibition. The book tells the stories of some of the sidings in the region, including Neuroodla, which was the last to close, Wilson, Mern Merna, Hookina and Hawker. These sidings played an important part in many people's lives.



Marlene and Michael McAuley in front of the Wilson display, which has the recollections of Wilson as told by Marlene's late father, Gerv Rowe, accompanied by photos taken by Ellen Telfer (nee Need) who grew up at Wilson. Ellen is Lorna McEvoy's grandmother.

Marlene and Michael both have many memories of a much more lively Wilson, than exists today.



A lightning shot. *Julie Smith*



Aurora *Julie Smith*



Some of the many stunning examples of night sky photographs taken by Julie Smith.

All have been taken in the local region over the past couple of years.

Comet *Julie Smith*

Full moon taken near Hawker *Julie Smith*



NIGHT SKY PHOTOGRAPHY











BOOK WEEK PHOTOS

Hawker History Group 2025 Exhibition

Hawker War Memorial Swimming Pool

Sunday 26th October

Afternoon tea & opening

ALL WELCOME

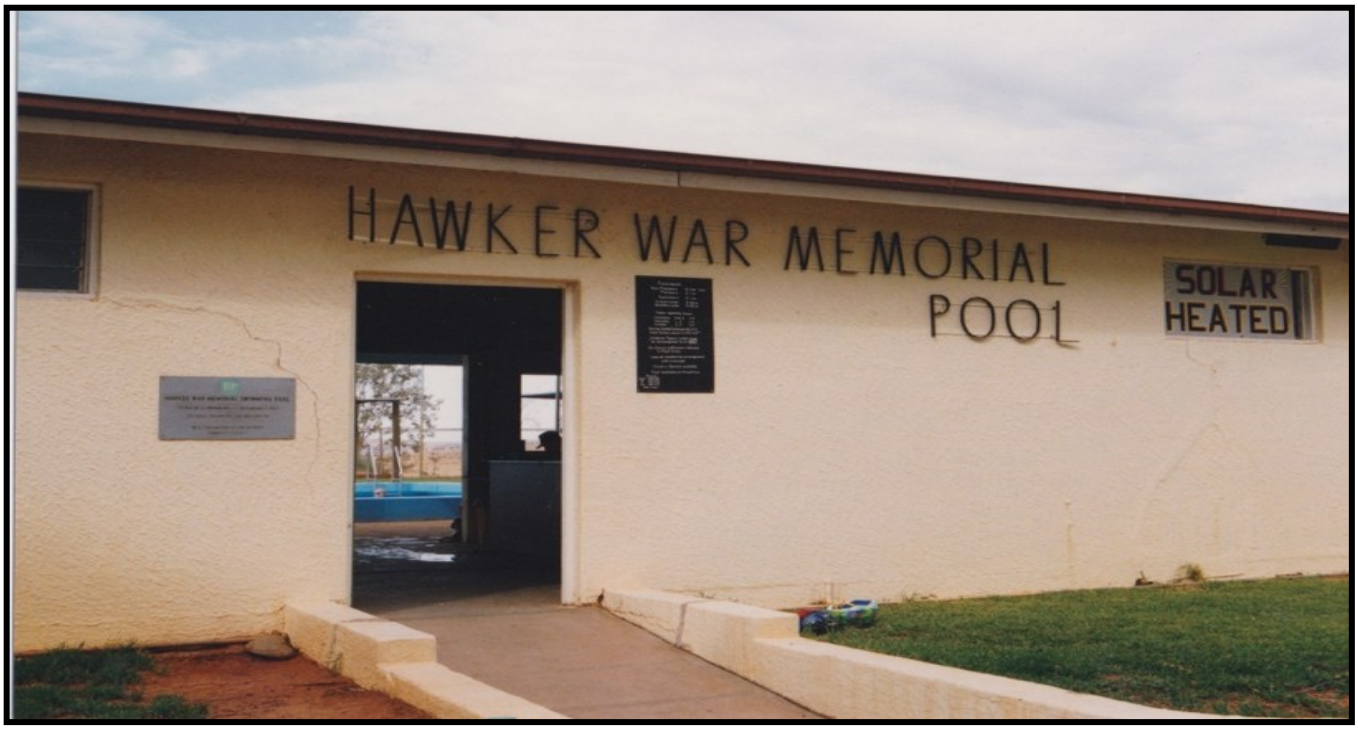
31st Oct. – 16th Nov. 2025

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.



Word Search

FATHER'S DAY



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Family
Strong
Love
Wisdom

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Dad
Teacher
Handsome
Funny

Brave
Protect
Helpful
Respect
Caring

Children
Sports
Barbecue
Fun
Fishing

AUGUST GOLF REPORT

Quality Golf at Hawker Open Saturday August 9th

The biggest event of the golfing year was held in Hawker last Saturday with 26 players turning out for the Hawker Open from locations far and wide. It was a great day for the golf as players started with a shotgun start, teeing off from a variety of tees. In addition to the sun being out mostly, an appreciative growing cover of green matter was starting to build up!

The benefits of good conditions for golf is good scores at golf, and last Saturday demonstrated this with players hitting close to or breaking their handicaps. Shots were clean and consistent across most players and dangerous holes such as the third had less influence on the final scores.

The A Grade was especially typical of the high standard of golf with some impressive scores coming in. The eventual winner of the A Grade and the Open Championship was Liam Bury from Quorn, who shot 73 off the stick, in a round of many clean shots and big drives off the tees. In second place for the grade was Mark Britza, also with an impressive round of 76 off the stick, finishing in close behind Bury. In the Handicap event Alby Ireland came out on top, also finishing with a score of 79, Nett 69, the same as Bury and Britza for the Nett, great to see three players with Nett scores in the 60s. Of the rest of the A Grade field it was good to see a variety of players finishing Nett scores in the low 70s, including Ben DuBois, Ken Anderson, and G Fuller.

The competition in the B Grade finished up being dominated by Chris McAuley for the stroke prize, with Chris finishing up with a powerful 78 off the stick, a handicap score of 61 showing how well he played. Coming in second place with a good score on most other days was John Sheehan, with 82 off the stick (Nett 69), still an inform effort! The good news continued in the Handicap competition here with Daren O'Neill winning with a Nett 68 (86 off the stick), with a group of players also finishing once again in the low Nett 70s, including Mark McAuley and Rod Bollinger.

The C Grade was also very competitive, and it was good to have a large field of nine players competing here. It was good to see Scott Teague continue his revival here, finishing with the top score of 41 Stableford points, with local junior Harry McAuley in second with a quality score of 38 points, and Alex Morgan third with 36 points.

It was a good day of golf for all of us, with some long drives and NTPs also won, but gone missing at the time of publication! Our winter of golf continues this Sunday with the previously postponed fourth round of the club championship being held. Andrew McInnis is down to be the starter, and is teaming up with Mark McAuley to get the scrapes ready for action! Let's come out for another great day of golf on an increasingly green course!

Splosh Splash Slide Freeze! Sunday August 17th

What goes splish, splash, splosh, can freeze your arms off and almost snap you in half at the groin? Hawker Golf Course last Sunday afternoon! Nine players turned out on said Sunday afternoon, with three fortunates having tested the water (no that was Sunday) on Saturday afternoon. A great total of 12 players over a cold weekend, good testament to our numbers and enjoyment this year.

Being a club championships qualifying round players arrived ready to put in their all, some of them oblivious to the potential of some rain; how could it rain in Hawker! The players all teed off in what initially seemed to be potentially hospitable conditions but with the threatening grey skyline north of Hawker. Over the first nine players gave the course a high-quality test out, with Alby Ireland enjoying the cold and potential rain with a good protective coat to stay warm and dry. A couple of sprays of micro rain caused players to keep an eye on things. Other players competing in the McAuley Trophy also made a good start to the round with Daren O'Neill and Chris McAuley sharing the wins early and coming in at half time with no halved holes. O'Neill especially enjoyed the third hole with a solid tee shot, followed by a six iron from 145m onto the scrape to roll in a birdie putt on the third hardest hole, followed however, by a tee shot on the fourth which drifted with the wind over the fence. Groups in fact were making good progress as they kept their eyes on the incoming weather.

AUGUST GOLF REPORT

Playing the tenth hole, however the conditions started to become more challenging. The first two groups out – Chris McAuley, Harry McAuley, Daren O'Neill and Ben DuBois, Alby Ireland and Jeff Hounsell paused at the tenth hole as realisations of cold winds, rain and 'oh my God where is my wet weather gear?' settled in. The rain started to penetrate everything, down through the clothing and inside gloves, with a curious cold sensation that caused us to huddle further behind the insufficient vegetation at the back of the tenth hole. With this the Hawker clay became ready for a trial run at any potential pottery wheel or the Hawker Area School Art room as clay raised up with buoyant water to produce an interesting sensation that clung to wheels and shoes and challenged one's sense of balance.

The weather cleared to expose a few episodes of winter sun that warmed and temporarily dried wet bodies partially. But the episodes continued several times over the last nine holes as players showed a great sense of competition and determination to stay out there and achieve a good last qualifying score. Repeated rain did bring new sensations not experienced on the golf course for quite a few years. O'Neill's tee shot to the right of the eleventh (number two) scrape was in a good position proximally to the hole but tested the traction on his golf shoes as he practised wet weather stepping on a wet clay pan, mud building, feet sliding, water accumulating around feet, an unusual sensation that all players were facing.

Alby Ireland worked his way around for a great round but on the fourteenth (fifth fairway) the combination of wet weather and wind caused him to skim the top of the creek bank probably for the first time in years for him at Hawker. The rain continued in bursts and players continued to slide around the course in the different conditions as we realised where the higher and lower points around the course were!

Come the sixteenth (seventh fairway) and Chris McAuley negotiating the right-hand side fairway ditch was forced into a partial 'split' as legs involuntarily moved outwards. On the next hole O'Neill found out that it paid to not stand in the one spot more than a few seconds in some places when he had an 'airy' as his feet moved on his down swing; the situation was retrieved still with a five on the hole.

Players found their way around the course to finish their rounds and keep their cards dry. Players retrieved semi dry property from their golf bags and prepared at the end of the rounds to find ways of cleaning off clay from wheels, axles and shoes. Scores were solid and below par for some, a great result in the conditions. Winner for the day in the A Grade with a remarkable 76, Nett 66 was Alby Ireland who totally defied the conditions to produce a quality and consistent round of golf. Topping the B Grade was Daren O'Neill who shot an 85, Nett 67 also overcoming the conditions and the airy on the seventeenth hole. The C Grade winner was Andrew McInnis, also with a Nett 67, a 95 off the stick. The grade winners also took away extra prizes in the ball competition as well.

It was a challenging but rewarding day as players started to sort out qualification in a couple of competitions. Alby Ireland and Stuart Shute qualified for the Club Championships A Grade final, whilst Daren O'Neill and Mark McAuley lined up now for the B Grade and Andrew McInnis will play Angus McInnis in the C Grade. In the McAuley trophy O'Neill defeated Chris McAuley to qualify for the final.

CARS

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Former Neuroodla residents Janice Barlow, Phillip Stuart, Vicki Waters and Zeljko Kurbatfinski enjoyed meeting up after many years.





Many locals found items of interest at the opening of the Railways of the Region exhibition.



Residents may have noticed large numbers of cars and caravans parked in the streets and parking areas around Hawker last Friday morning, 29th August. It seems guests at Wilpena Caravan Park were told to evacuate during the wild weather on Thursday night!

Comment has been sought from Discovery Parks regarding this event.

SEE RESPONSE BELOW

An ElectraNet Information Session was held recently at the Hawker Sports Centre

EXTRACT FROM NORTHERN TRANSMISSION PROJECT Project Fact Sheet May 2025

ElectraNet is investigating a major upgrade to South Australia's high voltage electricity transmission network. Currently in an early planning phase, ElectraNet is exploring options for the construction of two new transmission lines – one from the Mid North to Greater Adelaide and another from Mid North to Whyalla.

The location of these transmission lines is yet to be determined, but route development work has commenced. (**Editors' note: areas likely to be impacted are south of Hawker*).

Further details regarding Northern Transmission Project Study Area and Corridors in the region.
NTx@electranet.com.au 08 8404 7490 NTxProject.com.au

Discovery Parks issued the following statement on Friday morning following the storms.

"Discovery Parks made the difficult decision last night to ask people to leave who were within high-risk tree fall zones in its South Australian parks impacted by the current severe weather warning."
"Guest safety is our priority, and this step was necessary due to the forecast of damaging, locally destructive winds and the associated risk of falling trees."
"We have undertaken extensive tree risk assessments across all Discovery Parks, and we are committed acting in the interests of safety first and foremost when there is a potential for falling trees due to severe weather."
"We will continue risk assessments through the day and provide regular updates to impacted guests."

Just a point of clarity on the above too. Not all guests within all parks were required to leave. Only guests who were in accommodation (cabins or sites) is within prescribed high-risk tree fall zones are required to leave.
All parks re-opened to bookings on Saturday, August 30.

List of impacted parks below:
- Barossa Valley
- Clare
- Hahndorf
- Goolwa
- Robe
- Renmark Riverfront
- Lake Bonney
- Kangaroo Island
- Whyalla Foreshore
- Port Augusta
- Coffin Bay
- Streaky Bay Foreshore
- Wilpena Pound

Community News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who celebrate birthdays in September



Ruth Tye - 70

Belated August birthday wishes to

Udo Boettger - 80

Margie (nee Teague) - 80

GET WELL

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



DEATHS

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

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to the Fr Ramel and Fr Mark for officiating at the Funeral Service for Beth Reynolds.

Thank you to Lisa O'Niel for playing the organ and to all the ladies in the Choir. The music and the singing always makes a service so special.

Thank you to the Hawker Sports Centre and all the workers (kitchen and bar staff) for the wonderful spread we enjoyed whilst reminiscing on Beth's life and catching up with the many that attended.

To anyone else that made the day special thank you.

The Reynolds Family.



WEDDING

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David Meekhums

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12 noon at Hawker Hotel

All Ages Welcome!

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers

DAD

A Dad is a person, who is loving and kind,
And often he knows what you have on your mind.

He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends.
A Dad can be one of your very best friends!

He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong,
A Dad can be patient and helpful and strong

Why was Dad staring at the orange juice at Father's Day brunch?

Because it said "concentrate."

Why did the dad bring a pencil to his Father's Day dinner?

Because he wanted to draw some attention.

Why did the dad bring a ladder to the bar on Father's Day?

Because he heard the drinks were on the house!


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Hawker Uniting Church

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Sausage sizzle from 10am

Tea & Coffee

Trading tables available

Janice McInnis 0429199334
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Memory Rendezvous

Memory builds a little pathway
That goes winding through my heart.
It's a lovely, quiet, gentle trail
From other things apart.
I only meet, when travelling there,
The folks I like the best,
For this road I call remembrance
Is hidden from the rest.
But I hope I'll always find you
In my memory rendezvous.,
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5th August—7th September— History Exhibition: Railways in the Region: *Living on the Line*

6th Sept. Wirreanda Tea

20th September—6th October — Hawker Craft Mart

Lunch Box Rally 27th and 28th September

27th Sept— Uniting Church Garage Sale

Sunday 26 Oct—6th Nov. History Exhibition– Hawker War Memorial Swimming Pool

8th November— Rotary Drought Muster Event

11th November—Remembrance Day

29th November—Carols at Sports Centre

Community Calendar September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Exercises	2	3 HCDB 7.00 AGM	4	5	6 Wirreanda Tea
7 Railways Exhibition closes	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Friendship	19	20 Craft Mart Opens
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Lunch Box Rally Garage Sale
28	29	30				

Community Calendar October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
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	

PHOTOS FROM AROUND HAWKER



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BOOK WEEK PARADERS