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MAY 12TH – MOTHER'S DAY

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service at Andrew's Methodist Church in West Virginia, which, to this day, is home to the International Mother's Day Shrine. Jarvis created Mother's Day in honour of her own mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, a social activist. Jarvis organised a Mother's Day Work Club to teach women how to best care for their children where it eventually evolved into Mother's Friendship Day – a day where mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation. In 1908, Jarvis established the first official Mother's Day celebration that became a holiday on the national calendar.

This day honours the sacrifices that mothers make for their children daily. We take the opportunity to thank our mothers for their undying love, support, care, and compassion by making this day special for them. From breakfast in bed to a lovely dinner on the coast, mothers from all walks of life are to be celebrated, cherished, and not be taken for granted.

A mother's love is the most powerful forms of love the world can ever experience and it is a gift, not a right nor privilege. A mother's love is unmatched as it begins long before her child is born. It transcends space and time. It has the strength to protect, the power to nourish, and the ability to heal all wounds. A mother's love is a love we retreat into when we're stressed, frightened, tired, and overwhelmed, and every time, our mother gives us the courage to stand tall and meet the world stronger.



Willy Wagtail Newsletter

SOUTHERN BAROSSA MEN'S SHED

The Men's Shed is a concept, which is growing in popularity and increasing in number in Australia and around the globe. It provides an outlet for men, much in the same way that the backyard shed has in Australian culture over many vears. The Southern Barossa Men's Shed (S.B.M.S) welcomes men from all walks of life to attend our Shed. You can participate in a range of activities in the workshop if that is your desire, or you can simply turn up of a cuppa and socialise with other in a non-pressured setting. The Men's Shed does not follow a strict format but it does encourage fellowship. Projects are also undertaken, which benefit the community.

Making or repairing furniture or homewares or toys, mending and fixing motors, renovating bicycles, arts and crafts, all examples (but certainly not the limits) of the activities that can be undertaken at the Shed depending on the knowledge and skillset of the members. There is an emphasis on having a go with projects but there is no pressure. It is most important for men to enjoy the activities, have a sense of belonging, and feel happy in the Shed environment.

Men with an interest in the activities of the S.B.M.S are welcome to attend on Tuesday's and Wednesday's between 9:00am to 1:00pm at the rear of Wirraminna Little Shop of Treasures on Queen Street, Williamstown.

Any enquiries relating to the Shed, membership, or the hire of the meeting room (attached to the workshop) can be directed to Glen Venning on 0409 675 937.

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Due to the rise in printing costs, the newsletter format and pricing will be changing. Further details will be disclosed in the June edition. If you want to subscribe to receive a digital newsletter, please contact wwwagtail@gmail.com

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CELEBRATE HISTORY MONTH

May is History Month and the Williamstown and District Historical Society want to celebrate it with an open day at the Williamstown Institute.

We have been delving through our archival treasures for more interesting items and we would love you to come along and enjoy them, too.

So put Sunday 19th May, 10.00am on your calendar and come and see what treats we have found for you. If you have any interesting items to share, we are the people to see. Look forward to seeing you there. – Williamstown & District Historical Society



BARKER VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Volunteers play a vitally important role in communities across Barker, giving their time and skills to support others. They are at the heart of our community groups, schools, sporting organisations and are some of the first to respond when people are in need. This year I would like to thank volunteers in Barker during National Volunteer Week (20 to 26 May) with my **Barker Volunteer Awards** program.

Details on how you can nominate volunteers for a Barker Volunteer Award can be found on my website, by calling my office on 08 87247730, or email Tony.Pasin.MP@aph.gov.au

Nominations close Friday, 10 May 2024. Help spread the word and celebrate Volunteer Week 2024 by forwarding this invitation to other community groups, clubs, schools or volunteer organisations that you may be involved with.

Yours sincerely, **Tony Pasin MP** Federal Member for Barker.

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WILLIAMSTOWN UNITING CHURCH

Are you finding it's tough in this world at the moment? We invite you to find love and answers. Join us at our Williamstown Uniting Church family.

Sunday's at 10:00am Monday's 7:00pm Life Group Tuesday's 1:00pm Bible Study and more Little Eve Street/Church Street Contact Norma: 0408 834 450 Or Peter: 0458 202 004

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PO Box 880. Please address to: Editor Dayna Cropley for Willy Wagtail.

Your feedback is important to me and will be taken into consideration for future newsletters.

WILLIAMSTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship: 10:00 am on Sunday's. All are welcome to come and join us.

Contact Trevor Venning: 0426 977 292.

You can view our weekly message on our YouTube page. YouTube search: Williamstown Church of Christ SA.



LET'S GET SOCIALISING

Come and join us at the Williamstown Community Social Club. If you like to participate in playing table tennis, board games, cards, doing jigsaw puzzles, socialising, having fun, enjoy tea, coffee, and biscuits, then come and join us. Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall, George St., Williamstown. When: each Tuesday 1pm-4pm. Cost: \$3.00. Contact: Pam 0427 246 382.

PIONEER MEN'S GROUP

Thursday 9th May, 2024. 2pm. \$5 per person.

Topic: Mystery Guest Speaker

Venue: RSL/Senior Citizen Hall, Memorial

Drive, Williamstown Phone Ron: 0417 096 234 Phone John: 0466 346 215





October 20th at the Warren Reservoir. Anyone wishing to support by volunteering in any way is welcome.



Please phone Lyn on: 0409 577 766

BAROSSA 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

The Barossa 4WD Club is a small group of friendly individuals who enjoy exploring this beautiful country of ours together.

We organise both social and holiday trips of various duration where members are free to opt in to a variety of activities.

If you own a 4WD vehicle and are keen to share your time with other like-minded people, come along to one of our monthly meetings and say hello.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Lyndoch Library meeting room at 7:30pm. Send us an email at: Barossa4wdclub@gmail.com.

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THE EAGLE'S NEST

Bowls is a great game that can be played by people of all ages, genders and abilities. The Lyndoch Bowling Club will make you welcome and can provide equipment and training to allow you to have fun at whatever level you would like to participate. Night Eagles Community Bowls on a Tuesday night is a great starting point for your fun bowls experience.

If you don't want to play pennants or Night Eagles, Friday Social Night is on every Friday during the year from 5:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the club for a drink, snack and a chat. Social Membership is available and new members (playing & non-playing) will always be welcomed.

The club will remain open throughout the upgrade to Lyndoch Recreation Park and the building of the new AFL Oval and Football Clubrooms. The Barossa Council has guaranteed continuous access for the Lyndoch Bowling Club. Disappointingly, the Lyndoch Bowling Club will not have any maintenance or upgrade to their facilities as part of the \$40million spend.

Calendar:

- ✓ Friday's Friday Social Night from 5:00pm; and
- ✓ Sunday 5 May 2024 AGM.

Sponsors:

The Lyndoch & District Bowling Club is seeking more sponsors (big thank you to those businesses currently sponsoring us) to stay viable and is interested to hear from any businesses (or individuals) that would like to sponsor our important social community club. The Lyndoch Bowling Club has developed a sponsorship prospectus which will be available shortly.

Lyndoch Bowling Club Hire:

The Lyndoch Bowling Club is available for hire (clubhouse and greens) for corporate or private events. Contact Club President Darren Green at lyndochbowlingclub@gmail.com

Facebook:

Visit our Facebook page for more information on club activities and pennant teams and results.

Presentation Lunch:

The Lyndoch Bowling Club held its Presentation Lunch on Sunday 21 April 2024 at the club. Chef Graham prepared a roast meal that was superb. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the day and also on the day.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

- <u>337 AD:</u> Constantine the Great, Emperor of Rome who adopted Christianity, dies.
- <u>1536:</u> Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII is beheaded.
- **<u>1818</u>**: Founder of communism, Karl Marx is born in Germany.
- <u>**1859:**</u> British author Arthur Conan Doyle is born in Scotland.
- <u>1962:</u> Marilyn Monroe sings *Happy Birthday, Mr. President* to JFK.
- <u>1999:</u> Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace is released in cinemas.
- <u>2011:</u> U.S. Special Forces Operations kill Osama bin Laden in Pakistan.

FREE NATIVE PLANTS

The Barossa Council is helping to build biodiversity in backyards by giving away native plants to local property owners.

Residents can simply bring their rates notice to Barossa Bushgardens between 1 May and 30 June and access five free native plants per property as part of the initiative.

Limited to 300 people across the Council area, the native tubestocks are offered on a first-infirst-served basis strictly during the promotion period – no early birds!

Mayor Bim Lange said the program, now in its third year, was in direct response to feedback from the community.

"In addition to the replanting work we have been undertaking, we want to keep encouraging people to plant natives in their garden as another way to intentionally and proactively make a difference," Mayor Lange said.

"Local species are water wise, low maintenance and provide habitat, shelter and food for wildlife like native bees, birds, insects and small mammals. This means you can spend less time in the garden while reaping the rewards of a beautiful green space."

The Barossa's Best Native Garden Competition also returns to help celebrate the region's finest green thumbs. Avid gardeners, whether experienced or beginners, are invited to email images of how they are using native plants at home for a chance to win plants from Barossa Bushgardens and some extra gardening goodies.

Competition entry details and more information about the native plant giveaway is available at Barossa.sa.gov.au

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What's On In Williamstown					
If you would like details of your group added or updated send us your details					
		Every Tuesday 9.30 am – 3pm (March – October)			
Amateur Players		Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall			
		Contact: Suzanne 0422 353 898 or Sue 85 246 502			
Barossa Writers		2nd Wednesday of each month at 10am in the Lyndoch Library			
		(except January) Contact: Lyn 0419 998 944			
Barossa 4WD Club		2nd Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the Lyndoch Meeting Room			
		Contact: Barry Brinkley 0402 312 674			
Church of Christ		Sunday Service 10am 8 Margaret Street, Williamstown			
		Contact Trev: 0426 977 292			
Garden Club		1st Monday of each month Contact: Pat 0421 348 148 Williamstown Uniting			
		Church & various venues. See Willy Wagtail each month			
Williamstown&		Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall by appointment . Contacts: Jodie:			
Districts Historical		jvrandall4@hotmail.com.au Denise: ppa19495@bigpond.net.au			
Society					
Knit & Natter		Every Thursday 1.30 pm-4pm Contact Prue 85 246 437			
Williamstown &		Meetings 4th Wed of every month in Library Rooms Lyndoch., 7.30pm			
Lyndoch Landcare		Working bees Thursdays 9-12pm (except over 30 degrees). Contact:			
		Chairperson— Angus Atkinson 0498 649 766			
Patchers		Every 2nd & 4th Monday (If Monday is a public holiday, then Tuesday			
		instead). Contact: Lexley 0411315166			
Playgym & Playgroup		Contact: Williamstown Primary School 85 246 280			
Williamstown		Every Tuesday 1pm till 4pm St Peter's Anglican Church Hall Contact: Pam			
Community Social		0427 246 382			
Group					
Southern Barossa Men's		Wednesdays 9am –2pm Contact Glen: 0409 675 937			
Shed					
Uniting Church		SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 am followed by morning tea . Contact: Peter			
		0458 202 004			
Williamstown Action		7.30pm 1st Monday monthly in Meeting Room upstairs in Williamstown			
Group		Soldiers Memorial Hall Contact: Graeme 0499 881 08			
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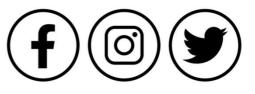
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Volunteering Opportunities in the Southern Barossa

Looking for a way to give back to your community.

Volunteering provides an additional way to meet new friends and become engaged in your community.

OP SHOP ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER

Where: Wirraminna Care Little Shop of Treasures 16 Queen St Williamstown Type of Work: Retail and Sales When: Flexible Choice of shifts Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm

Sat – Sun 11am – 3pm

Supporting: Wirraminna Care – Community owned and run Aged Care Facility.

Contact: Carol Bain Ph: 0428 978 150 https://wirraminnacare.com.au/opportunity -shop/

GARDEN MAINTENANCE GROUP VOLUNTEER

Where: 5 Memorial Drive Williamstown **Type of Work:** Garden Maintenance

When: Flexible Choice working time either in a group or alone.

Supporting: Wirraminna Care – Community owned and run Aged Care Facility.

Contact: Keely Bovingdon Ph: 0428 978 150

https://wirraminnacare.com.au/opportunity -shop/

OP SHOP ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER

Where: Lyndoch Op Shop 6 Gilbert St Lyndoch

Type of Work: Retail and Sales **When:** Flexible Choice of shifts Mon – Fri 10am – 3.30pm Sat - 11am – 3.30pm **Supporting:** Anglican Parish of the Barossa **Contact:** Ann Walters Ph: 0428 978 150

ANZAC COMMEMORATION WILLIAMSTOWN

Over 1200 hardy people braved the cold to commemorate ANZAC Day in Williamstown. For those attending, their attention focussed on 101-year-old Arnold Wilson who served in New Guinea in World War 2. Unaided, Arnold laid a wreath to loud applause, and he saluted to all in response.

Capably MCed by Robyn Dennard, the gathering was further supported by a Catafalque Party from the RAAF Edinburgh and piper Craig McDonald. Presentations were made by Mayor Lange of The Barossa Council, remembering his personal visit to the Western Front in Belgium and France and Graham Todd gave a carefully researched description of the service and sacrifice made by Aboriginal and Chinese members of the Australian Imperial Force in World War 1.

Commander (retired) Simon Taylor RAN recited the Ode and significantly, there were a large number of wreaths placed by community members.

Organiser Trevor Jessop was delighted with the turn-out: "I am really pleased with the significant support shown by the community".



"Arnold" – Arnold Wilson, 101-year-old WWII Veteran.





"Crowd" – Front Row (left to right): Mayor Bim Lange, Graham Todd, Daniel Wilson, Arnold Wilson, Steve Wilson, Rose Ross.

"Trevor & Raelene" – Trevor (right) and Raelene (left).

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MAY 2024





SCONE TIME

The third Tuesday every month

Wirraminna May 21st 2024 10 – 11.30am RSL HALL. \$5.00

Time for a scone, (with jam and cream or savoury) plus an endless cuppa tea or coffee and a lucky door prize. Well, how sad that Dan was unable to come in April, but May should be good. So we will welcome DAN The Barossa Snake Catcher and Wildlife Educator for May 21st.

We did, however enjoy a Trivia Quiz about ANZAC and discussion on the supermarket update and other plans for the area

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