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Wirraminna Chats

I recently visited Wirraminna Residential Care home with the intention of interviewing a few of the residents on a couple of topics. Fortunately, 'the interviews' were very quickly sidelined, and I was lucky enough to just spend the time 'chatting' with new friends! We did make an effort to stay on task at times, but the side roads were just as interesting, if not more so!

Some of the ladies in the Op. Shop wanted to know the secrets of the residents' longevity – so I duly asked! I also asked if they had noticed any differences in the way Christmas is celebrated nowadays, as opposed to Christmas celebrations in the past. However, our random chatting was much more fun!

- Val Griggs, 93 years young, has lived at Wirraminna for 10 years. She attributes her long life to much gardening in the past and, since being at Wirraminna, to keeping busy and to "driving everyone crazy by wanting to do things!" In addition, she walks every day – to keep the legs going! Val enjoys Christmas at Wirraminna as everyone helps with the festive decorations, there are many activities and entertainments provided, and the Christmas food is excellent.

Last Christmas was a Covid Lockdown and so the time could not be shared with Family in the normal way. Val said her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who always make Christmas "lively", rocked up and provided, outside the building, a very noisy song and dance show for her to enjoy! Family has always been an important factor in every Christmas for Val, as have the Church Services.

- Iris Kies has only been at Wirraminna for a few months but agreed that gardening has always been something she has enjoyed, and that this has probably kept her going, although now she has to take care not to fall. She also walks every day and feels Family is a very important element of Christmas.

- Laurence Groverman, Williamstown's 105-year-old living legend, and I, totally strayed from the beaten track. Laurence talked and I scribbled away frantically! Any mistakes in this are mine! Laurence talked about how her father enlisted in WW1, from Victoria, but returned home as an injured, medically unfit for further action soldier, and was discharged as result. He was sent back to Bungaree Station to recuperate and then he, and the lass who had cared for him, were married, with Laurence being their first child. They then moved to Clare. When Eudunda Farmers opened a new store Laurence was chosen to work there as the Junior Girl and her husband-to-be was chosen as the Junior Boy. Laurence's first job was to sort through the flock used for bedding, but she worked her way up through areas like shoes, babywear, clothing and finally to serving the customers. She was transferred to the Eudunda Farmers Branch at Brinkworth before Laurence and her husband eventually arrived in Williamstown to manage the General Store, which supplied groceries, hardware and drapery. Laurence loved the community dancing in the Williamstown Hall on a Friday night. Her longevity she puts down to never making a nuisance of herself but, as for Christmas, she doesn't look forward to it nowadays, thinking it is more for young children – which reminded her of days past as a child, hanging the stockings on the line near the fireplace for Father Christmas to fill!

- Beth, 95 years young also, told me that she has no secret for living a long life apart from 'just live healthily!', and she believes they have so much help to do that from the Staff of Wirraminna. As for Christmas, she sees it as a Family Event, large or small, depending on what people want to do. In the past, things were harder, so a bag of cherries was what the children looked forward to. Again, the Staff of Wirraminna were praised for their efforts in making Christmas such a happy time. And then we chatted about Beth, as a child, painting the beautiful white lilies in the river pink - with her mother's permission! I heard the story of a very pregnant Beth not being allowed on a horse-riding outing but being given the group's lunch, and a vehicle, and told to find a spot for their picnic. Unfortunately, they chose the wrong person for the job, as Beth became hopelessly lost, until she decided to just stay put and hope the others could find her.

Wirraminna Chats

They did, eventually, with hunger, I suspect, being the driving force. Another tale originated from the time Beth worked for a cobbler and shoe salesman. She purchased a pair of red, velvet slippers, trimmed with gold, and being extremely proud of them, crossed her legs and hung them out of the car window for all the world to see!

•Elaine is 85 and she attributes her long life to when, as a child in Murray Bridge, she chased rabbits with barking dogs as her companions. Mainly, though, it was “running away from Dad when he was going to belt us!” For Elaine, Christmas years ago, was about being with Family. Now the Family is scattered it is simply a matter of “whoever we can get our hands on!”

Everything has changed and more money is spent these days, whereas, in the past, times were harder and there was less money to bandy about. Elaine concluded by saying that many of the old-fashioned ways have gone, like hopping on a train with a free ticket, because you are married to a Railway Man, and chugging off for a short holiday or to say “Giddyay!” to the oldies down the line!

Thank you very much to the lovely ladies who spent time chatting with me and Thank you very much to the Awesome Staff who work at Wirraminna and make such a wonderful home for all their residents! Wishing you all, Residents, Staff and Volunteers a Very Happy Christmas Season! L.L.

Dates confirmed for AFL Gather Round in the Barossa Valley

The Barossa will host two matches during the 2025 AFL Gather Round at the [Barossa Park Project](#) in Lyndoch.

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Wirraminna – Zane England

Zane England is the dedicated and friendly staff member at Wirraminna Care who organized my recent “Wirraminna Chats” visit. He carefully escorted my interviewees to a quiet place where we could chat and then returned them to wherever they needed to be. It was very obvious that he was well liked and trusted and that there was a very relaxed and friendly relationship between him and all the residents I met.

Zane arrived in Williamstown in 2010 at the age of ten. He attended our Williamstown School for the last three years of his Primary Education, apart from 6 months at St. Jakobi. His High School years were spent at Faith Lutheran College.

When he was 13 /14 years old his mother, whilst also studying nursing, was a Carer at Wirraminna Residential Care. As the then, Lifestyle Lady was not able work at theHome on some days, young Zane would help out, as a volunteer, during the school holidays with the bowling, which he enjoyed. He particularly liked to volunteer on ‘Fish and Chip Fridays for lunch’, because, as a volunteer, he would get it for free!!

Eight years ago, Zane stepped into the two hours, after school, paid role for 15/16 year olds, as a dishwasher. When Zane finished High School, he stayed on at Wirraminna working as a kitchenhand. Two years later he was asked if he would like to organise the Lifestyle Activities on a Wednesday. Zane really enjoyed the work, and especially the Wirraminna environment, and decided he would quietly go about training himself, online, which resulted in him achieving his Certificate 4 in Leisure and Health.

When the lady working as the Lifestyle Coordinator left Wirraminna, Zane stepped up as the Temporary replacement. Convinced that this was what he wanted to do, and at Wirraminna, Zane approached the Manager and asked to be considered for the permanent job. The response was ‘Do the Carer’s Course!’ and, although Zane’s first reaction was ‘No, Thank You! he eventually agreed to do so and studied at Tafe gaining his accreditation.

Interestingly, Zane enjoys being a carer, but his real love is being the Lifestyle Coordinator, which he became, at Wirraminna, towards the end of 2019. Dreams can come true! Zane describes his role as providing the residents with activities they might like to take part in, activities like bowls, Bingo and exercise sessions. He organises lots of musical recreations, including live music entertainments and Pet Therapy, which includes bringing dogs and miniature ponies to the Residence.

Zane totally believes in the ethos of Wirraminna where staff work in the residents Home, and to that end he promotes a ‘homely environment’ and the concept that they are all one big family celebrating birthdays and special events together while meetings are organized once a month for Residents to voice their thoughts. Zane tries to get to know every resident and can string off a list of birth dates, anniversaries etc. in the most natural way. One of the residents told me he is just “Brilliant” in his care for them, and Zane loves his job because he likes the residents.

One of the most challenging times for Zane, the Lifestyle Coordinator, and indeed for Wirraminna residents, their families, staff and volunteers, was Covid. Zane is hoping that in 2025 his Wirraminna family will be able to become involved, once more, with our Williamstown Community with visits by students from the Williamstown Primary School and plans for the St. Jakobi students to help with gardening projects.

If the happy, smiling faces of the residents I met is anything to go by I would say Zane is ‘a round peg in a round hole’ and, like all the staff, is doing a great job at Wirraminna!

L.L.

*Sandy Creek Uniting Church
Bush Chapel*

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(unrehearsed)**

Sunday 15th December 2024 at 7:30pm



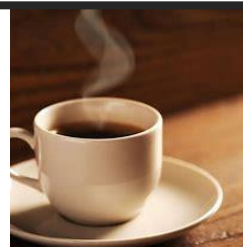
Costumes are supplied. Children may be angels or shepherds & become part of the play (optional)

Supper to follow

ALL WELCOME

For more information contact Leslee Carle: 0417863325

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7.30pm



**Southern Barossa
Coffee & Chat Mornings**

We all had a most enjoyable morning at Jacobs Creek Winery at Rowland Flat in Nov.

This visit was ranged by Marianne - Thank you Marianne .

We had 18 ladies attend and it was a very pleasant morning enjoying the sunshine on the verandah!

I have booked our Christmas lunch at the Monkey Nut Cafe at Kies winery at Lyndoch for Thursday, 12 December at 12 noon.

We have a good number of people attending. If you haven't given your name and would like to join us please phone Judy on

0413 606 565 no later than Friday 6th of December so I can confirm numbers.

We are always happy to see new faces from the Southern Barossa towns which include Lyndoch Rowland Flat, Williamstown, Rosedale Sandy Creek and Cockatoo Valley so if you have a spare hour or two, we would love to have you join us!

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Williamstown PS Year 6 Transition Comments

I have fears and worries about transitioning to high school as I have never experienced such a big change like this. I have a big fear of not being good enough to make new friendships as I don't have many friends coming to high school with me. I do really want to go to high school because of the opportunities they offer which will help me with a future job.

I will be attending Xavier College and will hopefully have a good time.

Hayley W.

My name is Lola and unlike most other people, I am very excited about High School. I don't have many worries. I am excited to do food tech and learn new things. At the end of the year, it will be sad to say goodbye to friends who are staying or going to different schools. However, at high school I will have many new friends and reconnect with friends from other schools.

Lola T.

I am really excited about high school, however, I am a bit nervous. I have been at Williamstown Primary School my whole life and I am worried that I won't make new friends. I am looking forward to meeting new people, an ID card, baking, agriculture and learning new topics.

Grace A.

Hi, my name is Noah and I'm nervous but very excited for high school next year. I will miss playing with some of my friends that are not going to Birdwood High School with me next year. I'm excited for the new opportunities and all the other subjects.

Noah B.

How do I feel about Christmas and what it means to me.....

I get to spend time with my family. Bridget (8 yrs)

You can have fun on Christmas Day. You get toys you can play with and you have fun. Savannah (8yrs)

Christmas means to me happiness and seeing friends and family. We can have lots of fun and we have lots of yummy food. Elsie (8yrs)

On Christmas I have lots of joy and excitement. Hayley O. (8yrs)

It means to me that meeting family and lots of happiness and love. It is lots of fun opening presents and for us we have to say 5 Christmas jokes on Christmas. Chilli (8yrs)

I get to with my family and I open my presents. Hayley W (8yrs)

I stay at home with my family and my cousins come over. I also open my presents. What it means to me about Christmas is happiness and excitement seeing my family and playing with them and having yummy foods with them. Brody (7yrs)

Going to Nanna's and celebrating Christmas at home, opening presents and eating food. Ashden (8yrs)

That I love celebrating with my family and friends. I love playing with my Christmas train. Archie (6)

I watch a Santa tracker, open presents, eat food and visit family. Harry (7yrs)

It means you get to spend time with your family. You give them presents. You give them hugs. You play together, decorate and you feel happy. Emily (7yrs)

With Christmas I feel happy. I get lollies at home which my Mum puts up. What Christmas means to me is it reminds me to learn the back story and to write my list. (7yrs)

I feel happy and invite my family over to my house. They invite me over there. Arrjae (7yrs).

What Christmas means to me!

Spending time with my family, getting presents that I've been wanting for a long time and having Christmas BBQ's. I have fun seeing my elves and seeing what my elves do and surprise. By Luca.

Christmas means Jesus because Jesus birthday is on Christmas and that what Christmas means to me. Christmas means spending time with my family. Christmas means BBQ's, fun, good lunch, surprises, Santa, love, elves and magic. By Hendrix.

Christmas means it's time to spread joy and have fun. I like playing games with my friends and family. Sometimes we have Barbeques. By Jeremy.

Christmas is not about presents. I think it is about fun and family. The reasons that I think that is because I have lots of fun without presents. Also I'm being with family and friends. By Tanner.

I like Christmas because I get to see lots of family and they make very good lunch. I get lots of presents from Santa and lots of other people. I get very yum barbeques to eat. By Hudson.

I love Christmas because of the elves magic, family fun, barbeques, crackers, presents and also that it is Jesus birthday. By Oliver.

To me Christmas isn't all about the presents. I think it's all about Family, love and Jesus Christ but you can't leave out fun. I do like the presents but Family, love, Jesus and fun is the best at Christmas. By Orion.

Christmas means to me all about fun joy being happy surprises and especially lots of love good lunch and Jesus birthday. From Oli.

Christmas means seeing your friends and family, having fun and most important Christmas Magic. Christmas is a special time of year when you get to decorate and get presents. By Esme.

Christmas means to me have a great time with family and friends and have a holly jolly Christmas. Christmas means Finding elves and laughing and surprises and opening presents and always be grateful for what you get on Christmas and awesome roasts together with Family. By Heidi.

Christmas means to me to have fun with family and friends even your cousin. Christmas means to me lots of surprises barbeques and secret Santa. From Harper.

Christmas means to me spending time with my family. Also getting presents and having lunch with my family. My favourite bit about Christmas is putting up decorations and the Christmas Tree. By Ava.

Christmas is about putting decorations up and feeling the Christmas spirit. Its also about having friends and Family come over for barbeques and being happy. It is also about getting presents and writing letters to Santa. Lastly it is about love and magic. From Flynn.

Christmas means to me all about fun, happiness, joy, surprises and espeshally family. There is lots of magic put into Christmas like elves and Jesus Christ. By Benji.

To me Christmas means love because Christmas gives you a chance to spend time with your Family. To me Christmas means Santa because he gives us presents. To me Christmas means Elves because you never know what surprises it will give you. By Evie.

Christmas is about family and presents. I like spending time with my family and cousins. I like having barbeques & crackers. It is the best. From Marley.

What Christmas means to me! (cont)

I like Christmas because I get to move house to house getting presents Galore and we get Cake which I don't eat and the best part is we get a FEAST!!!
By Aston.

Christmas means to me we're going to get together with my family. Christmas also means that we will go out somewhere special. Also we will have elves that do cheeky things.
By Rory.

I like Christmas because you get time with family. At lunch there is delicious ham, cracking crackers.
By Jordan.

Many Thanks to Williamstown Primary School Teachers Deb Madgen (Year 3 / 4 class),
Tamara Dewell (Year 1 / 2 class) and Mel Dudek's 4 brave year 6's!

L.L.



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The Sandy Creek Congregation thank you at the grapevine and the local community for their support throughout 2024 and we wish you all a very blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Our next event is the Carol and Nativity service in the Bush Chapel on Sunday December 15th at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

Anglican Church and Community Gardens Shared Event.

On Sunday the 24th of November the Williamstown Anglican Church celebrated its 164th Anniversary since the laying of its Foundation stone and the Williamstown Community Gardens, who have garden beds in the church yard, celebrated International Community Gardens Day, in this their second year of operation.

The joint venture netted an attendance of about 80 people. There was a big turnout for the Church Service conducted by the Anglican Priest of the Barossa, Steven de Kleer. Ashton Hurn MP – Member for Schubert, unveiled the plaque commemorating the planting of the two pine trees in memory of the Battle of Gallipoli, WW1.

Mayor Bim Lange, with the help of half a dozen children from the community, planted a new, fast growing, evergreen, native Tuckeroo tree. The Barossa and Districts Pipe Band played, children engaged in some sign painting for the gardens and then were thrilled to bits when Steve Elliott and a big CFS truck rocked up!

A big surprise for everyone! The stalls selling donated goods of plants, books, artwork, seeds, sausages and tickets for a Raffle, again of donated goods, made over \$200 which will go towards Raised Beds for the Community Gardens. It was explained to me that the first year of the CG's existence was spent on admin. and management type activities whereas in this, their second year, they have actually been able to begin planting! The whole event was organized by Pam Cross who worked in close liaison with the two Groups and who deserves a huge Thanks for its success, as do all the other volunteers, who jokingly referred to themselves as 'forced labour' but with 'wine being the currency', or reward for a hard day's work, I'm not too sure much 'force' was needed!! Well done, Everyone! L.L.



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Snippets

On Friday the 8th of November, Wirraminna Residential Care, formerly Abbeyfield, celebrated, with balloons and cakes, 35 years of being Williamstown's premier Residential Care establishment. Wirraminna is also Farewelling Elizabeth Waters but is welcoming Candice Mayes as their new Business Manager.

Congratulations must go to Lyn and Glen Venning, honoured at the Wirraminna Annual General Meeting on November the 4th with Life Membership! A richly deserved recognition for all the time, effort and genuine care that this hard-working couple give, above and beyond, to Wirraminna Care, it's Residents and Staff.

The Strawberry Fair held at The RSL Hall and surrounds on Saturday November the 9th was extremely well attended. Every strawberry, lamington and scone disappeared, and the atmosphere was one of happy noisy chatter, energetic bargain hunting and good camaraderie. A very successful day all round with everyone in profit. Wirraminna would like to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the immense help of all volunteers working on that day and to whole heartedly Thank the Community for their wonderful support.

Violet's Pantry may have been closed, regrettably, for a week in November but Jane, the owner wasn't entirely on holiday. Snapped painting the shop front a lovely, standout violet colour was Jane and Richard, her husband, "a man holding a ladder for a woman he has loved for 45 years"!!
Awesome! L.L.



2025 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Barossa District Football and Netball Club Inc.
are excited to announce the following appointments for the 2025 season

MANAGEMENT
Chairperson - Jamie Sibbick
Secretary - Stacey Bratton
Treasurer - Donna Riggs

NETBALL
President - Jodie Grantham
Vice President - Kathryn Thackway
Secretary - Sonia Howard
Treasurer - Belinda Dyer

FOOTBALL
President - Simon Carpenter
Vice President - David Pitt
Secretary - Tegan Bahnisch
Treasurer - Lee Barnett

The Club is excited by our upcoming move to Barossa Park in 2025 and can't wait to see you all there.
Be sure to keep an eye on our socials (links below) for all your registration details as well as any other information regarding the 2025 season

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LET'S GO DOGGIES!

History at the Street Party

Call by the Lyndoch Library and talk history during the Lyndoch Street Party!

Take a look at Trove, SAILIS & Ancestry Library Edition to add stories to your family history stories. Maybe you have a local history question? Book a one-to-one *History Help* session with us to discover more.

Take time to view the Lyndoch & District Historical Society Museum rooms in our building too.



Friday, 13 December
4.30-7pm
Lyndoch Library





COME AND JOIN US AT THE WILLIAMSTOWN COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB!
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| Sun 1 | 10am | Combined service
Lyndoch Lutheran Church, Lyndoch |
| Fri 6 | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Sun 8 | 10am | Holy Communion.
2pm Umami Band Concert |
| Sun 15 | 10am | Holy Communion |
| Fri 20 | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Wed 18 | 7.30pm | Lessons and Carols,
Holy Trinity Church, Lyndoch |
| Sun 22 | 10am | St Boniface Church,
Nuriootpa |
| Christmas Eve 24 | 5.30pm | Holy Communion |
| Christmas Day 25 | 9.30am | Holy Communion,
St Hugh's Anglican, Angaston |
| Sun. 29 | 10am | Holy Communion |
| Jan 5 | 10am | Holy Communion
St Aidan's Church, Tanunda |

All are welcome to join us

Priest Steven de Kleer 85642087

Or Church Warden Pam 0427 246 382

The Charm of Christmas.

The Christmas season is well upon us- and I always look forward to Christmas and all that it contains – and I hope you do, because there is something special about this time of year in the Barossa, where we are surrounded by beauty, peace and space, plus we have a rich cultural history that Celebrates — churches, faith, community and friendship.

Unlike the snowy images often associated with Christmas, South Australians celebrate this sacred season during the height of summer, thus creating a festive atmosphere marked by sun filled days, happy gatherings and barbecues.

While this sets the tone for a relaxed joyful season with each of us celebrating in our own way, with our own traditions and the people that we love, let us pause and give thanks for all of this because life is short, and we cannot take it for granted. There are also many who find this season lonely and difficult: think how you can help these people with an act of kindness and charity.

While people decorate their homes with Christmas lights and ornaments - the festive season often includes seafood/fish, salads and cold desserts like Pavlova. The beautiful weather encourages us, together with family and friends, to share and celebrate community events like pageants, town days, carol services - all of these events bring people together encouraging a spirit of unity, forgiveness and goodwill.

And yet Christmas also extends beyond all of this and encourages us to pause and appreciate friends and family. It is also a chance to show hospitality, mercy and charity with a chance to give back to those in need.

As we enter this season of joy, we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. His arrival brings us the greatest gifts: hope, peace, love, and salvation. His birth brings us face to face with the mystery of God - and the essence of God being with us and for us.

At this special time, we celebrate God's boundless love and the light Christ brings into our lives. Let us carry this message of hope into our homes and communities, spreading compassion, kindness and unity. May this Christmas inspire us to follow Christ's example of love and service, and may His peace fill our hearts and homes.

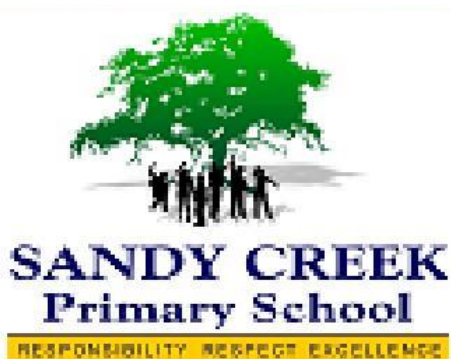
Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a New Year full of faith, love, and grace.

Cheers, Steven de Kleer – Anglican Priest of The Barossa.

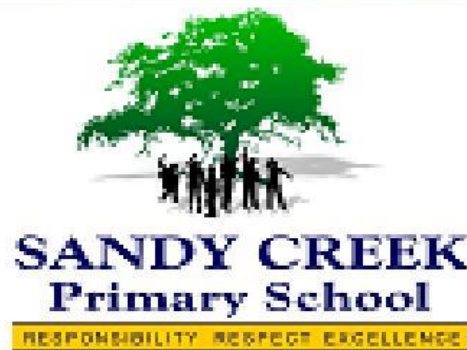
Remembrance Day Service, Williamstown

Our 2024 SERVICE was conducted at the War Memorial adjacent to the RSL Building. Master of Ceremonies, Robyn Dennard, presented a moving ceremony to the townspeople and visitors in attendance and local, Graham Todd, gave a short talk on the author of the poem "In Flanders Fields". Wreaths were laid at the Memorial by the townspeople and school representatives. Notably, the first wreath laid was by our local 102 year old WW2 veteran, Arnold Wilson, who received applause from attendees. Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to the volunteers who helped with the set-up! T.J.

The Memorials stand Lest we Forget!



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Pioneer Mens Chat

Thursday 12th December 2024

11.30am - \$10.00 per person
(Christmas lunch)

Topic

Tracking Down and Marking World War 1

Service Men and Womens's Graves

presented by Bob Blatchford

Phone Ron 0417 096 234 / John 0466 346 215

Venue - RSL/Senior Citizen Hall at Williamstown

Memorial Drive, Williamstown



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 years. The Southern Barossa Mens Shed (S.B.M.S) extends a welcome to men from all walks of life to attend our Shed. Without a strict format we foster fellowship and emphasise the importance of men enjoying the activities, feeling a sense of belonging and being part of a relaxed non-pressured group.

We encourage anyone who simply wants to turn up for 'a cuppa' and socialise while others may want to tinker, mend or create in the well equipped workshop. If you are curious to try new things someone is always on hand to help out. 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.

Projects and activities are also undertaken which benefit the community.

On the 9th November, S.B.M.S. supplied and cooked the BBQ and sold hand made goods from their stall at the Wirraminna Care Strawberry Fete in Williamstown. It was a good day for all. We will be at the Williamstown Christmas Fair serving food at the school oval December 8th.

The S.B.M.S. shed is located at the rear of the Wirraminna Care 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.

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
Kersbrook Landcare	Volunteers Wednesday 8.30am—4pm. Public Plant Sales first weekend of each winter month
Nursery (Williamstown)	Contact: Heidi klg.nursery@landcaregroup.org.au 0431 989 397
Williamstown & Districts Historical Society	Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall by appointment . Contacts: Jodie: jvrandall4@hotmail.com.au Denise: ppa19495@bigpond.net.au
Knit & Natter	Every Thursday 1.30 pm-4pm Contact Prue 85 246 437
Williamstown & Lyndoch Landcare	Meetings 4th Wed of every month in Library Rooms Lyndoch., 7.30pm 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 Community Social Group	Every Tuesday 1pm till 4pm St Peter's Anglican Church Hall Contact: Pam 0427 246 382
Southern Barossa Men's Shed	Wednesdays 9am –2pm Contact Glen: 0409 675 937
Uniting Church	SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 am followed by morning tea . Contact: Peter 0458 202 004
Williamstown Action Group	7.30pm 1st Monday monthly in Meeting Room upstairs in Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall Contact: Graeme 0499 881 08



The third Tuesday every month

Dec 17th 2024

10 - 11.30am RSL HALL

'Scone Time'

\$5.00

Time for a scone,

(with jam and cream or savoury)

Plus..an endless cuppa tea or coffee

*What a great time we had with ForestySA Ranger Luke Hein
Information about our local area*

December is Mingle Bells

Presented by Barossa Fun Factory

A great way to welcome Christmas

* Information – do you need to know how to –

- Contact My Aged Care?
- Need help with rent assistance?
- Help with something else?

* or just some one to share a cuppa with
or meet new people in the town?

A lucky door prize

EVERYONE WELCOME



SAVE THE DATE
WIRRAMINNA
FOREST FROLIC
FEBRUARY
15TH 2025

Celebrating inclusion

The Barossa Council is helping to promote community awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with a disability, by hosting inclusive activities at Nuriootpa Library.

Held on 3 December between 10am and 1pm as part of International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD), the activities celebrate this year's theme, "Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future."

The day features local artist, Joshua Ramsey, who has turned his passion for art into teaching people about portrait techniques, as he works on achieving his own leadership goals.

Open to anyone with an interest in art, the free "Drawing a Portrait with Joshua" session will have participants showcasing their creativity with charcoal, pencils, and pastels from 11 am to 12.30pm. The portrait subject will be Nas Campanella, ABC journalist and disability advocate. Book online Barossa.sa.gov.au/events or call 85638411 to secure your spot in the class.

The Nuriootpa Library environment also provides the ideal venue for "Seeing the Challenge" where you'll meet the "Barossa Blindies" peer support group and experience some of the daily challenges of vision impairment.

Technology is set to add another dimension to the day's activities, with participants invited to "chill out" and practice meditation in a safe space using Virtual Reality.

SKILL Connector Alice Hyde, from JFA Purple Orange, will be in attendance with members of the peer network who live with disability. Their aim is to showcase leadership options and gather information from our community about what a safe space looks like and means to you.

For people living with disability and NDIS, Feros Care will also be on hand to answer questions and offer support with a Community Connections Plan.

Council's Community Development Officer, Natalie Mudge said the local IDPwD events are open to everyone, including those seeking more knowledge about disability.

"As a community we can break down perceptions and barriers and promote a supportive and inclusive Barossa," Natalie said.



Southern Barossa Coffee & Chat Mornings

We hope to go to the park at Williamstown known as 'the duck pond' opposite the Bakery on Thursday 9th January 2025 to celebrate Australia Day but only if the temperature is 30 degrees or less.

If you require further information please contact Judy 0413606565.



**WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATING IN YOUR OWN TRADITIONS WITH
FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**





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 organize 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. or send us an email at

barossa4wdclub@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook.

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The four Portuguese Bridges

It's no secret that I have a fetish for bridges, and why not. Each bridge is unique and while there are similarities in modern bridges that is not the case with old historic ones. Each one was made of local materials and had to fit its own space therefore no two are quite the same.

This is not the only reason I find them fascinating. They were the foundation stones that helped build the young colony almost two hundred years ago. Imagine you are a teamster in the 1800s with twenty oxen and a heavy loaded wagon or dray. How difficult was it to transverse a raging torrent or a deep rocky creek bed.

Bridges were the catalyst to get things moving. Today we call it progress. Williamstown is surrounded by bridges as are most hills towns, and Williamstown has some of the most interesting. The one that really captures my imagination is the Portuguese Bridge, or should I say Bridges, four in all. That has to be something of a record. The South Para River would have been tricky in dry weather with its continually changing rocky bottom, but in winter with flooding water, how dangerous would it have been getting your animals and load across safely. So the little Portuguese Bridge was built. Just down the road from Portuguese George's Wine Shop.

Who was Portuguese George? – well that's another story.

Proposal to build a bridge was recorded in Council papers in 1889. The first little bridge was rustic and simple in its construction, Fig 1, but did the job. It was made of red gum logs and not level as one bank was higher than the other. However it lasted till 1923 when Council again recorded flood damage to the bridge and decided it was a waste of time and money repairing it again.

A new bridge was proposed at the cost of £275. Clear specification was given and a style, favoured by the Council, making use of local timber and gravel, Fig 2. Extra cost to build an access road was £124.12.0; quite a big expense for a small Council. I believe Council was expected to pay half of construction costs.

However the fates were not kind to this little bridge and in 1926 bushfires burnt it to the ground (all that lovely timber!). Now the Council had a dilemma, they still hadn't paid for the destroyed bridge and now need another one. A new bridge was designed costing, £1,450. This one, fire proof and made of concrete. The Council was left with half the cost of the new bridge and a carry-over from the last bridge.

In a letter from the Minister of Local Government Department to the Council, this cost was to be reduced to a quarter of the cost, but charged 6% interest on the balance owing. This must have filled the Council's heart with joy!!! Sometime in the mid 1950-60 the Springton road was widened, straightened and sealed. This required a new bridge to be built. This is the one we use today. Straight, flat and well signed posted. Next time you pass that way pull off on the eastern side of the bridge. Get out of the car and follow the track down to the river. There you'll find, dreaming in the sunshine, the third Portuguese Bridge, and remnants of earlier bridges, and take a moment to contemplate the long, dramatic and turbulent history of this little bridge. Provided by the Williamstown Historical Group.





The Eagle's Nest.

A Newsletter of the Lyndoch Bowling Club

DECEMBER 2024

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS NEEDED!

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 (practice from 3:30pm). 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 mostly remain open throughout the upgrade to Lyndoch Recreation Park and the building of the new AFL Oval and Football Clubrooms.

Calendar:

- ✓ **Tuesdays Weekly – Ladies Practice – 9:30am;**
- ✓ **Tuesdays Weekly – Night Eagles – 6:30pm for 7:00pm start – Bar open at 6:00pm;**
- ✓ **Wednesdays Weekly – Men's Practice – 3:30pm – Bar open at 4:00pm;**
- ✓ **Fridays Weekly – Open Practice – 3:30pm followed by Social Night – Bar open at 5:00pm;**
- ✓ **Thursday 5 December 2024 – Women – Nuriootpa (away), Div 1 Men – Angaston (away), Div 2 Men – Nuriootpa Black (away);**
- ✓ **Saturday 7 December 2024 – Div 1 – Eudunda (home), Div 2 – Eudunda (away), Div 3 – Nuriootpa (away);**
- ✓ **Thursday 12 December 2024 – Women – Eudunda (home), Div 1 Men – Freeling (away), Div 2 Men – Kapunda Red (away);**
- ✓ **Saturday 14 December 2024 – Div 1 – Nuriootpa (home), Div 2 – Tanunda (home), Div 3 – Kapunda (away);**
- ✓ **Thursday 19 December 2024 – Women – Kapunda (home), Div 1 Men – Bye, Div 2 Men – Mt Pleasant (home);**
- ✓ **Saturday 21 December 2024 – Div 1 – Angaston (away), Div 2 – Kapunda Red (away), Div 3 – Freeling (home);**
- ✓ **Sunday 15 December 2024 – Xmas Lunch – 12:00noon for 12:30pm start - \$20.00 per head;**
- ✓ **Sunday 16 February 2025 – Cosmo Triples Tournament– 9:30am for 10:00am start; and**
- ✓ **Monday 24 March 2025 – Di Jones Ladies Rose Day Tournament – 9:30am for 10:00am start.**

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 is available on request from any committee member.

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. Hire fee is \$250 (50% discount for members and sponsors), but is flexible depending on numbers and whether bar, catering or greens are required.

Enquire Now! **Facebook:** Visit our Facebook page for more information on club activities and pennant teams and results.



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Williamstown Community Carols

Wednesday 18 December 2024

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6:30pm Sausage Sizzle (\$3.00)

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7:30pm Carols

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