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Don McDonald (Back in the days article)



Williamstown's Country Fire Services – Our CFS.

As Spring settles in around Williamstown and it's surrounding areas many home and property owners become a bit twitchy and start viewing their holdings with an uneasy eye and our CFS stresses, once again, the need for our community to clean up our properties. Essential tasks around the house and pergola areas include, cleaning gutters, removal of all flammable materials such as piles of wood, cutting any long grass, placing metal sprinklers/suitable hoses in strategic spots, covering air vents with spark arrestors and making sure you have batteries for your radio. Wherever you live **YOU need an Active and Effective Bushfire Plan**, which you should stick to, if the time comes when you need it! Work out what you are going to do and act on it early. If you are going to stay and protect your property, make sure it is as ready as it can be for a successful outcome. If you are going to leave, make sure you take with you all that you consider necessary – Important papers, (e.g. passport, banking details) computer, photos, pets etc. and, of course, all your Insurance Policies!! Make sure everything is within easy reach and ready to go at a moment's notice. Checking on the CFS website regularly to see where fires are occurring in our area is a good way to stay informed, as is your battery-operated radio, bearing in mind that electricity and phone loss can be casualties of overload and smoke! Check the CFS Website for "Plan and Prepare."

If you see anything during our Fire Danger Season such as a fire in a paddock or smoke, **please ring 000** and report what you are seeing and where it is. **Do not try to ring our local station.** This is very important as all calls need to be directed to the CFS Headquarters so that the appropriate Brigades' pagers can be activated. The Volunteers pagers go off, they respond to the station, it is then acknowledged on the radio that the 'job' has been received and our firefighters "jump into their gear, jump into their trucks and – GO!!" Incredibly, they like to be on the road within 8 minutes! Sometimes, rarely, a crew cannot be assembled, and CFS Headquarters is alerted to the fact by mobile and another nearby Brigade will be sent instead. During an actual fire emergency, when our units are all out at the dangerous and menacing fire front, units from much further away will be called in to protect our town.

Our Williamstown Brigade is part of the Barossa Group, which is comprised of Williamstown, Concordia, Eden Valley, Lyndoch, Mount Pleasant and Springton, however, only Mount Pleasant and Williamstown are Road Crash Responders. So, if you happen upon a road crash, again it is the same procedure – **Ring 000** so that the nearest crew can be assembled quickly.

Speaking with Steve Elliott, the Captain of the Williamstown Brigade, has been a really interesting experience. Steve has been Captain for 12 years and the overall responsibility for the Brigade falls squarely on his shoulders. Currently, there are 35 fire-fighting members in the Brigade, which includes 3 Lieutenants and 3 Senior Firefighters. There are also 4 operational support people who attend to the radios, record information from the fire front, as it is happening, and tackle the administrative work. Leigh Goodman is the current President, presiding over a committee which deals with all issues relating to the running of the Williamstown Brigade. Elections for all positions are held every two years. There is a great sense of camaraderie, much banter and high morale amongst all the men and women serving in our CFS.

Williamstown's Country Fire Services – Our CFS.

I asked Steve what sort of person makes a good fire-fighter and he listed the qualities of community spiritedness, dedication and reliability. With almost 40 members it is obvious Williamstown is not lacking in residents with these attributes, however, there is a shortfall in people available for immediate call out during the day. So, male or female, during the day - at home, or working in the town and able to leave work at very short notice, think about becoming a CFS Volunteer. If you are interested, in this recruitment area only, pop down to the CFS Station between 7 and 7.30 pm on a Wednesday night or ring 85246405 - only answered when volunteers are there on a Wednesday night.

Training night is every Wednesday night. Two types of training are involved, on-site and in the field. On-site training provides the continual opportunity for all members to practise using the rescue tools. The only problem with this is finding enough cars to practise on! Repetition is the main method used in all the volunteers' training. Before being allowed onto any fire ground a mandatory course must be undertaken every year, usually during September, whereby all fireies must learn to respond to a summons to return to their truck, their safety zone. Crews must be totally aware of weather changes and train so that they automatically know what to do in all dangerous situations that could arise. To assist them they have a 34 appliance - a 4WD which carries 3000 litres of water and a 24P appliance – a 4WD which carries 2000 litres of water and, being their Rescue Truck, carries their Road Crash Rescue (RCR) and Breathing Apparatus (BA) equipment. The BA is used when entering burning buildings. As Williamstown is surrounded by much scrub and many forest plantations a lot of training is done while acting as if fighting a real fire. This is done out in our actual countryside. Crews need to know how to fight on the ground with hoses in scrubland and how to chase a grass fire in their truck. A truck will have a maximum crew of 6 – the driver, and next to him the Crew Leader handling radios, phones, maps and in control at all times, and, in the back, 4 more very alert, eyes surveying everything, fire-fighters!

Our CFS firefighters are very brave volunteers who give up their time to help keep the rest of us safe in times of danger. They receive no wages for being our much-valued First Responders. Each Group receives a budget from the Government, through the CFS Headquarters, and each Brigade must work within that Group Budget. Any extra money needed must be raised through Fundraising which our Brigade does through Donation Tins in most businesses within the town, through an occasional Event but mainly through the Bingo Machine housed within the Williamstown Hotel's Bar area. The Hotel is very supportive of our CFS providing them with meals while they are out fighting fires. Thank You Williamstown Hotel!

Although this article is primarily aimed at reminding us all that the dreaded Bushfire season is on its way, it is also meant as a tribute to all those involved in our Williamstown CFS. Not only do they give their time and energy to answering fire alarms, fighting bushfires, house fires and paddock fires, as well as road accidents but they also can be called upon to rescue animals, help remove fallen trees on roads, administer education, provide support for helicopter rescues, aerial bombers and the SA police and ambulance workers. Our CFS Volunteers are incredible people. On behalf of our town and surrounding areas Thank you for looking after us so very well -
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We are looking for more sponsorship/ advertising so if you would like to contribute we would love to hear from you.



Southern Barossa Coffee & Chat Mornings

The ladies had a most enjoyable time at THE TABLE CAFE in Lyndoch!

We had three new ladies which was lovely! Welcome and pleased you enjoyed the morning!! Our next Coffee and Chat will be Thursday 10th October at 10.30am at

VIOLETS PANTRY in Williamstown

We are always happy to see new faces from the Southern Barossa towns which include Lyndoch, Rowland Flat Williamstown, Sandy Creek and Cockatoo Valley so if you have a spare hour or two, we would love to have you join us!! Our end of Year lunch will be on Thursday 12th December! Keep the date free if you would like to join us!

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Easter Camps on Williamstown SA Oval c.1948 - c.1959 (cont)

Back-in-the-Days . . .

A couple of trucks arrived at the shed just outside the Williamstown oval, and came laden with woodstoves, wood and kindling, bowls, food, straw for palliasses and a host of other items for catering.

Some 40 to 50 people, parents, children, teenagers and adults arrived a few hours later. It was Easter time each year. They too were laden with sleeping gear, clothing, flannels, towels and so on. The females were shown the big red shed where they were to sleep. All the males were somewhere further away. The first thing we did, was to take our bags, made of hessian or fabric, fill them with straw, then laid them on our camping beds. Some brought sleeping bags, others brought sheets and pillows. All were set for a long weekend of joining in the camp programs.

These Easter camps started following the after-math of WWII and nobody knows exactly how soon after the war they started. But folks like Jean and Keith Averay were keen to give those who worshipped at the Mile End Church of Christ, including many young people, something to look forward to after the devastation of war.

The Easter program was varied. However, all age groups participated with vigor.

The highlight was Easter Sunday when all the fit and agile folk climbed up to the top of the nearest 'mountain' to watch the sunrise. And to be at worship, to the God who created the beauty of nature that we could see from so high up the mountain, as the sun rose on those mornings.

Another highlight of the camp was the daily news of happenings amongst the groups, often hilarious. The writer of those big sheets of hand-written news, named the "Bill's Village Bugle" was always Don McDonald. The camp news always had a following, reading avidly all that had happened the day before. Don was a young man who loved camping, be it in tents, caravans, then later with his own wife Lori and their family. One particularly memorable time was under canvas (overhead cover only) which was in a huge reserve out of Keith SA; then earlier Don with the Balwyn crowd of young men and a few married couples, camped under canvas at Mallacoota Inlet, Victoria. All pitched their own tents. After the young lads had pitched their tent, a very strong wind wrenched the stays holding the tent in place, and blew it away quite some distance!

We always had a much looked forward to camp concert on the Saturday evening, with entertainment such as short plays, poetry readings written by the writer with much laughter and giggles and singers from each age group treated the campers to various renditions of the popular songs of the day.

On some Sundays we gathered at the Williamstown Church of Christ. Don preached his first sermon there, around 1956. The group of campers were always welcome at this church, as some lost photos depicted the large gathering outside the chapel, in the sun afterwards.

The photo (opposite) is taken from outside the **Williamstown District Soldiers Memorial Institute** (depicted on the front pages of *Willy Wagtail* issues of July and August 2024). Among the group of four on the front right of the photo is Don McDonald, second from left.

Could this have been during Easter 1956?

The actual date could be determined by the fact that the high concrete walk-way to the front door of the Institute, had not yet been built. Secondly, because the power pole is obviously still in place behind the group of young men with Don. Somebody may have details associated with such a date, based on those two details.

When Don and Lori were expecting their first babe, the camp managers decided that they should have the use of a caravan while at the camp. That was kindly arranged, and this married couple were able to sleep away from the campers. Her doctor did not want Lori to be at the camp at all!

However, Jean Averay knew the birth was to be 3 months after Easter and knew these expectant parents would be best sleeping alone in the 'van.

Ian was born on the 31st July. Submitted by Lori McDonald



1 Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall
2 Knit & Natter Group from the left
Lorraine, Kit, Beth and Prue
3. Annette and Sally (Liptember models)
4. Gene, Deb & Tess Madgen in Paris celebrating the Olympics (see story)





YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES EXPO

FREE Event, Save the Date!

Join us for the Youth Opportunities Expo on Saturday, 26th October from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Williamstown Memorial Hall.

Discover exciting **pathways** in education, work, and **community** life, and **connect** with local organisations ready to help you take the next step. Don't miss out on this chance to explore your future!

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WHERE ARE YOU?

When I moved to Williamstown just under two years ago, the first thing I noticed was the friendliness of the town and how ready people were to assist you in integrating into this beautiful little community.

Knowing very few people in the area we checked out 'The Wagtail' and Facebook pages to see what was happening in the way of Clubs and Groups that we could join as well. These were a fantastic introduction.

One of the things that I noticed on local Facebook pages was the way the local community expressed their opinions and when I went to my first public meeting about the proposed community supermarket, I was blown away by the community interest and support.

It's therefore been a huge shock to go to Williamstown Action Group Meetings (WAG) and see the same very few faces each month. Yep, I acknowledge that so many people work and that their work involves a fair bit of travel but where are you when it comes to telling us what you want at these once a month meetings? It doesn't take a heap of time and let's face it, there's nothing on Tele.

We want to see some younger people come to the WAG meetings so that we can have a wider representation, and let's face it ... nobody is getting any younger.

So - Where are you? Can you contribute a couple of hours perhaps once a month.

If you can join us, we meet on the first Monday of the month at 7.00pm up stairs in the Williamstown Hall. Hope to see ya there.

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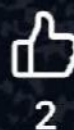
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

7.00pm | Lyndoch Library Meeting Room

RSVP by Friday, October 11, to
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What is the SBA? The Southern Barossa Alliance (SBA) is a legally incorporated, not for profit organisation whose members are residents living or businesses operating in the Southern Barossa.

When was it formed? The SBA was established as a Business Alliance in 2013 and evolved in 2015 to become a more inclusive community organisation supporting residents, businesses and community organisations.

What area does it cover? It currently serves the townships of Lyndoch, Williamstown, Sandy Creek, Rowland Flat, Cockatoo Valley, Rowland Flat, Pewsey Vale and surrounding districts.

What is its Vision? The sustainable development of a cohesive, vibrant, resilient, safe, healthy and happy community.

What does it do? **Governance cover** (the boring but essential stuff) for the Williamstown Action Group, Lyndoch Community Committee, Southern Barossa Business Group and Southern Barossa Health and Wellbeing sub-committees. This includes the: Williamstown Christmas Fair, Lyndoch Christmas Party, ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Remembrance Day Service, Trivia Nights, Town Garage Sales, Small Business Expo, Youth Opportunities Expo, Antique Show Business At Sunset Networking, Budburst

Advocacy for the community, organisations, businesses and individuals with local, state and federal government with the aim of being the voice of our community.

Projects to meet identified needs in the community including: Barossa Cares Community Crisis Hub, Barossa Local Drug Action Team, Barossa Emergency Food Relief Project, Nurturing Engagement of Youth Project, Dementia Australia Support Group, Southern Barossa Tourism Map etc.

Auspicing support for start up community initiatives: Barossa Wildlife Rescue Inc, Friends of Wirraminna Care , ROAR Barossa South Para Parkrun



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What a great time we had looking at photos from around the town and close by. They created an appetite to venture and discover our own backyard

So..This months chat.. is "Trev's Travels"

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**Nov is a talk from ForestrySA
Ranger**



December is Mingle Bells by the Barossa Fun Factory

** Information – do you need to know how to –*

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Snippets

- Celebrating the 11th Anniversary of their Knit and Natter Group at the Lord Lyndoch on Thursday 12th of September.
The group was launched by Prue on the 13th of September 2013.
- Looking for Flower Arrangements in Williamstown? You could try –
“**Betronia Hill**” on Adams Road where, for \$20.00 in the gate post Honesty Box, you may have a beautiful bunch of Proteas and the like.
“**Ellamore Flowers**” on 36 Springton Road has fresh or dried flowers.
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“**Violet’s Pantry**” on Queen Street has “Flower arrangements by Jasmine” for sale.
- Are you following the progress of Williamstown teenager, Dyson Sharp, who is doing very well indeed on the Football scene? Dyson is playing League Football for Central Districts and is tipped as a possibility in the Draft for the AFL next year.
His father and Grandparents are exceptionally proud of him.
- Congratulations to our Williamstown Post Office Girls for supporting the ‘Liptember Fundraiser’ for Women’s Mental Health by wearing **bold** lipsticks throughout September. The Ladies at the Williamstown Post Office would like to Thank the Town for their support. Money raised so far through Donations and Raffle Tickets amounts to \$1360. A truly wonderful amount!

Raffle prize winners were:

Prize 1. Donated by the Williamstown Hotel - Katie Fechner.

Prize 2. Donated by Pam Pain - Prai Dennison

Prize 3. Donated by Dani Marr, Herbalife Coach - Maria Ahern

Prize 4. Donated by the Williamstown Post Office - Reg Robinson

Annette and Sally in “deathly dark” lippy because it’s Freaky Friday!”

Photo taken on Friday 13/9/2024.

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Time to nominate the extraordinary

There's no better time to pay the ultimate compliment to extraordinary people doing extraordinary things.

If you know an individual, organisation, group or event that has made an outstanding and impactful contribution to our community outside their regular employment, show them they're appreciated by nominating them for the 2025 Citizen of the Year Awards.

Our 2024 Active Citizenship Award recipient, Matt Hale said he was "gob smacked" when Mayor Lange called him to say he had won and would be publicly recognised at The Barossa Council's Australia Day Breakfast event.

Alongside fellow 2024 award winners including Debbie Miles, Citizen of the Year; Casey Miles, Young Citizen of the Year and Henry Carter, who accepted the award for Community Event of the Year, Matt found himself among exceptional company.

"I still can't believe it, because there's so many people out in the Barossa, so many people that are doing incredible things, who give so much, not expecting anything back and putting a lot of effort into their local community," he said.

"They don't do it for an award, they don't do it sometimes even for a thank you, they just do it because it's right and it drives them."

We all know volunteers like Matt and his fellow award recipients who deserve acknowledgement.

Nominations close on 15 November 2024 and there's just three straightforward questions to answer to make someone's year!

Head to www.citizenoftheyear.com.au or drop into your nearest Council office for more information.





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Fri. 11th 9.30am Holy Communion
 Sun. 13th 10.00am Holy Communion
 Fri. 18th 9.30am Holy Communion
 Sun. 20th 10.00am Holy Trinity Church Lyndoch.

Fri. 25th 9.30am Holy Communion
 Sun. 27th 10.00am Holy Communion

NOTE: Sunday 24th November. Commencing 9.30am. 164th Anniversary, St Peter's Patronal Festival, International Community Gardens Day, Plaque recognising the two significant Stone Pine Trees planted in memory of the Battle of Gallipoli 1915-1918. Community event.

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 85642087

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Declutter and save returns



The Barossa Council

The Barossa Council is again offering a kerbside collection service or waste voucher to eligible residents, as part of its popular "Declutter and Save" initiative.

Mayor Bim Lange hopes the offer will encourage people to get rid of their rubbish, including green garden waste, responsibly.

"Most of us are looking to free up some space around the home, shed, garage or garden, so this is a cost-effective solution that we're proud to offer our community," says Mayor Lange.

Both incentives require people to register directly with Solo Resource Recovery by phoning 8295 5077 or emailing adelaide.ops@solo.com.au, to schedule either an October kerbside collection date or secure a voucher.

Council's hard waste kerbside collection option enables people to dispose of up to two cubic metres of household hard waste material at their kerbside.

The service will be available to the first 500 residents from Angaston, Eden Valley, Lyndoch, Moculta, Mount Pleasant, Nuriootpa, Penrice, Sandy Creek, Springton, Stockwell, Tanunda and Williamstown.

Accepted materials include furniture (excluding mattresses), white goods including fridges and freezers, electronics such as TVs and computers, carpets, gardening equipment, metal and timber.

Meanwhile, rural and township residents who don't secure a kerbside collection are eligible for a hard waste and/or green waste voucher valued at \$75.

Five hundred vouchers will be available on a first-in-first-served basis to be redeemed at Springton Transfer Station, Eco Waste Solutions, the Yard Clean Up Man and KAND do it.

Vouchers are available for domestic waste only, with a range of waste materials accepted depending on the vendor.

Vouchers must be used by 15 December and, to make it a little easier, the Springton Transfer Station will be open extra days, including 26 October and 23 November.

"Just note, only one service is available per financial year," Mayor Lange said. "So, if you choose to claim a voucher or book a kerbside collection during this 'Declutter and Save' promotion you are ineligible to participate in the next one. But stay tuned, there are plans for the initiative to return again next financial year."

Terms and conditions apply so please visit barossa.sa.gov.au/declutter-and-save

A View of the Olympics from Williamstown

Local Family, the Madgens, have put Williamstown 'on the map' once again. Daughter, Tess Madgen, captained the Australian Basketball Team, The Opals, to a Bronze Medal at the Paris Olympic Games, held between July 26th and August the 11th 2024. Parents, Deb and Gene, with brother Jack, were there to offer support and enjoy the rarified atmosphere of an Olympic Games, where the Best of the Best in the Sporting World compete against each other for The Gold, The Silver and The Bronze.

Deb and Gene are no strangers to supporting elite sports people within their amazing family. Eldest daughter Carly started the Family's Sporting Journey by becoming a S.A. State Netball Player as well as a State Softball Player. Carly then chose to use her academic gifts instead and studied to become a psychologist. Brother Ben took up the sporting challenge and went to college in the USA where he played college basketball. Returning to Australia Ben captained the Sydney Kings Basketball Team in the NBL and played for several years in Europe. Younger brother Jack also played Basketball for the NBL as well as AFL Football for Collingwood and was the 2024 Captain of the SANFL Crows. Gene attributes some of the 4 siblings success to their family Code of practising Resilience, Perseverance, Honesty and Loyalty at all times. The Madgen siblings were given 'opportunities' as part of their parent's honouring their commitment to their children and they are happy that their children are good at what they do.

With fingers crossed that Tess would be chosen from the squad and actually **be** playing in the Australian Team, Deb and Gene booked their seats and flew across to France for the whole length of The Games. Arriving in Lille, a city near Callais, Deb, Gene and Jack took up the option to stay in a Novotel Hotel, which had been hired by Basketball Australia. Here, they were with many other parents, grandparents and supporters of competitors and would meet in a room set aside for them all, the Australia Room, where some help with the french language was available and liaison officers would help with information about transport, venues and the like. Lille was hosting the Olympic Handball Games as well as the Basketball. The city had totally embraced the Olympics with events, catering and decorations.

Arriving on Public Transport at the converted soccer stadium, which was showcasing Handball on one side and basketball on the other, Deb and Gene watched their first game of the Round Robin in which Nigeria, who had never won at an Olympics before, beat The Opals! The feeling was one of "Uh,Oh!" This meant that The Opals had to pretty well win every match from then on! 16 teams split into 4 groups. The top 2 in each group go into the Finals and on to Paris, but all the beaten teams go home. Fortunately, that wasn't us, and The Opals went on to Paris as did Deb and Gene. They stayed at the Maison Hotel which was teeming with athletes, boxers, representatives of many other sports and officials. Paris was only decked out in the areas near the venues and once again, Deb, Gene and Deb's sister, Vanessa, from Canada arrived at the venue by public transport.

Once inside the stadium the noise was always deafening with the crowds yelling so loudly. Deb was extremely nervous, but Gene just took it all in his stride! There was a happy atmosphere, no animosity, no sledging. People were cordial. The games were easy to watch with a lot of entertainment and crowd involvement typical of basketball. In their nerve-wracking, cross-over game against the USA the Opals caused great consternation - when they lost! However, the happy ending came with a 4-point win over Belgium and a Bronze Medal for The Opals; a great reward for all their efforts! For the Family – Relief!! Unfortunately, ridiculous french red-tape and a soldier with a machine gun, prevented Deb and Gene from actually seeing Tess receive her Medal at the Presentation. Fortunately, this hurtful incident did not dampen the Celebrations by The Opals and their Supporters,, held in a hotel across from the stadium. Gene recalls hours of good old Aussie singing and Oi! Oi! Oi!'s', accompanied by much air pumping!

In addition to being present at such an achievement in a daughter's life, Gene said that a unique friendship bond was forged with other parents they met in their two weeks stay in France. Gene also reflected that if a person from the small town of Williamstown can represent Australia at the Highest Level, it gives Everyone Hope!

The photo earlier in this edition showed Deb, Tess and Gene outside the Paris Hotel where the Celebrations took place. A photo of Pride and Pure Happiness!"



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SOUTHERN BAROSSA MEN'S SHED

The Southern Barossa Mens Shed has expressed its condolences to the family of Tim Donnellan who passed away recently. Tim was a well-respected and liked member of our group who regularly attended the Shed and had done so for some years. We will all miss our chats with Tim and the considerable efforts that he put into

helping make our Shed the happy and productive place that it is. May Tim Rest In Peace. 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 home-wares 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.

Men with an interest in the activities of the S.B.M.S. are welcome to attend on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9am-1pm. at the rear of Wirraminna Little Shop of Treasures on Queen Street, Williamstown.

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

Pioneers Mens Chat

Thursday 10th October 2024

2.00pm - \$5.00 per person

Topic

"Recollections from the great Depression"

Ron 0417 096 234 / John 0466 346 215

RSL/Senior Citizen Hall@Williamstown*
Memorial Drive, Williamstown

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8th December 2024

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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
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



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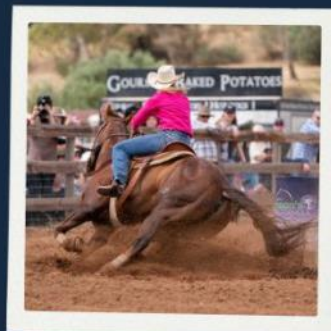
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