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Williamstown Christmas Fair working party meeting



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Williamstown Action Group Quiz Night 19 July 2025

The WAG Quiz night wasn't as well attended as we'd hoped for but those brave souls who left the comfort of their nice warm homes, got to sit in the lovely warmth of the Memorial Hall with Family & friends. We thank you immensely for your support. The funds raised from the night are to help with the running costs of the Williamstown Christmas Fair which will be held on Sunday 7th December at the Williamstown School Hall & Oval.

Each team got to nominate at the beginning of the night which round they wanted to play their Joker for double points. As the rounds weren't in categories, each lot of 10 questions were mixed, so no-one had an advantage of doubling points on their strong subjects. No table were able to get a clear 10 points for a round, so I guess I didn't make the questions too easy. The highest round score of 8 was received by the Billsville Roos.

Lucky Door Prize of tickets valued at \$46 to the Williamstown Amateur Players pantomime in October was won by J Barlow. Raffle prizes were won by A Wood, M Green and Leonie.

Lucky number cards; Violet's Pantry \$50 voucher won by B King, Beauty by Emma \$30 voucher & candle won by T Schutz, She's Apples \$20 voucher & candle won by R O'Driscoll.

Silent Auctions; Off Trak wines package won by M Green; 2 Partylite assorted décor pack won by P Henshaw; Lyndoch Butcher Mettwurst with wine & Lazy Susan, Akasha Yoga voucher, Williamstown Hotel \$50 voucher won by D Boehm

Guess the Lollies; there were 208 party mix lollies in the container which was won by D Boehm with the closest answer of 202. We had 2 table game sheets, Acronyms/Abbreviations and Mystery Objects that teams had to complete by the end of Round 4. Highest score of 16 out of 20 went to Deathcap for Cuties for the Acronym/Abbreviations sheet. Unfortunately, BRB doesn't mean Big Red Bum! I won't mention names but he's linked to the Men's Shed. I made the Mystery Objects sheet a little too easy with teams scoring 19/20 or 20/20. Well done to you all. All teams received some chocolates for their efforts.

The teams were quite competitive with the scores staying close for nearly every round. We even survived the power outage that occurred towards the end of the night. A little bit of tweaking with the computer and projector and we were back on track again quickly. Teams scores: 5th place 3G's 70 points who each received a packet of Smarties, a hand-bag pack of tissues to wipe away the tears of defeat and a "thinking cap" for next time, 4th place Tails 71 points, 3rd place Billsville Roos 73 points, 2nd place Caledonians 75 points who received a tin of delicious lollies each and Winners the Deathcap for Cuties 86 points who won a coffee mug each filled with coffee sachets and chocolates.

We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the Local Businesses and Individuals that generously donated prizes; Williamstown Post Office, Williamstown Hotel, Williamstown Pharmacy, Williamstown Action Group, Williamstown Amateur Players, Men's Shed Williamstown, Akasha Yoga – Sharon Wallace-Yarrow, Beauty by Emma, Violet's Pantry, Barossa Fun House, Offtrack Wines, Lyndoch Butcher, Kellie Eagland, Lyn & Glen Venning, Suzanne Mann and Partylite and Stampin Up! From Debbie Boehm. If there is anyone we've forgotten, please let us know so we can give you a shout out in next month's Willy Wagtail.

Another BIG THANK YOU goes to Babs and Barry for doing the scoring and Gully the Service Dog for his supervising skills. This is an important, fast paced role that is not for the faint-hearted. Also, thanks to the members of the Action Group who helped setup and then clean up on the night. Much appreciated.

Keep an eye on upcoming editions of the Willy Wagtail and on the local Facebook groups for further info on the Christmas Fair and the Community Christmas Carols on Wednesday 17 December. We hope the local community can make these events great by attending and having a fun day/night out with family and friends.

Hope to see many of you at one of the upcoming Community Events.

Suzanne Mann, Quiz Mistress.

The Williamstown Pharmacy Building – Past and Present.

The Pharmacy Building in Williamstown, or “The Chemist’s” as it is more commonly called, started its life as a Garage. It was built by Morris and Eva Kassebaum who realised their ‘Williamstown Garage’ business, opened in 1946 diagonally across the road from their new premises, had become too small. “The new premises was a modern building for the era and incorporated a car showroom, spare parts area and office, along with a large workshop and drive through lube bay, 2 hoists, crash repair area, tow truck and RAA services. It was supplied with Ampol fuel to the two bowzers. Locals were employed in the workshop and office. The garage opened in 1960 with locals invited to a Motoring Film Night with refreshments.” As the new-look ‘Williamstown Garage’ was fuelled by Ampol, which sponsored Donald Campbell’s mighty, record-setting ‘Bluebird’ boat, Williamstown was included in the Bluebird Boat’s grand tour of towns within the state. All the starry-eyed primary school children came down to the garage to see it resting on the back of its semi-trailer. John Kassebaum, Morris and Eva’s son, recalls how his father was happy to fill the school children’s bicycle tyres with air and mend their punctures for free, in the hope that when they graduated to cars and needed fuel and tyres and parts, they would continue to come to him!! After WW2, Morris sold Austin, Morris and Wolseley cars and Austin trucks, far outstripping the Metropolitan Car Dealers and pretty much flooding the area with those three breeds! In 1970 Morris passed away but Eva, and son John, kept the business running until 1974, with the support of their staff. The business was then sold to Ted Grounds who continued to service the community in the same way as the Kassebaums had. Eventually a partnership took over the garage with Allan Christian being the last garage man standing. (The above Information was compiled by John Kassebaum. Many Thanks John!) The building then entered a quiet period with only the back part in use on a couple of occasions by Spray Painters, while at another time it was used for storage of stock by the Domain Day Winery, which was located for a spell in the Foresters Hall. (Juliana, from the current Pharmacy, now takes over the writing of our story. With Many Thanks, Juliana!) “The front of the building was converted into a pharmacy in 2011 and then the current owner, Nasir, bought the pharmacy in 2016. Nasir also owns and runs the Coromandel Valley Pharmacy. Both these businesses are Independent Pharmacies. With the wonderful support from the local community, the pharmacy grew from its humble beginnings into a busy little hub of activity – often being a place of conversation, friends bumping into each other, both old and new, much laughter and tears and of course an ever-increasing range of pharmacy services. We just try to do our best to provide care and service to our community and visitors from far and wide. We cater for babies through to the elderly, people looking for true health solutions as well as patching people up if something has gone awry. Really, this shop has been shaped by the local people coming here, requesting their favourite items to be stocked etc. Now, in 2025, Nasir has renovated the pharmacy making it even bigger. This extra space will allow us to provide better services to the community such as a dedicated Webster packing area so that we can more effectively pack medications in weekly blister packs for Williamstown’s Aged Care Facility, Wirraminna, as well as for members of the Community, both young and old. It is a convenient, no fuss way to carry and keep track of medications at home. A private consulting room will allow us to provide the increasing number of services that pharmacies can now provide, such as prescribing antibiotics for urinary tract infections, oral contraceptive pills and blood pressure monitoring, sick certificates and any new services as they become legislated. The extra space in the shop will house all your old favourites plus some new ranges, such as Herbal teas, Tissue salts, more home care health items, as well as pet medicines and a larger first aid section. So, keep your suggestions coming as you can help shape your pharmacy too. I have a background in natural medicines as well as being a pharmacist and I have studied herbalism, nutritional and environmental medicine as well as other complementary therapies so, with me, you can get the best of both worlds.” The Pharmacy Team consists of Juliana and Rose, Sheryl, Nina, Madeleine and Tina. The majority are locals, but all enjoy working for the Community-minded Nasir and with each other!

In the accompanying staff photo, we have from Left to Right – Madeleine, Tina, Juliana, Nina, Rose and Sheryl. L.L



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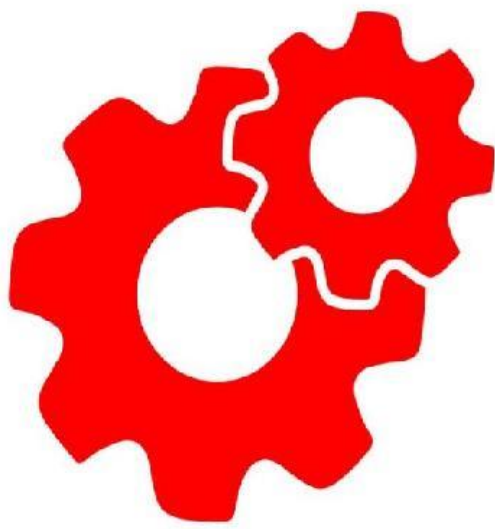
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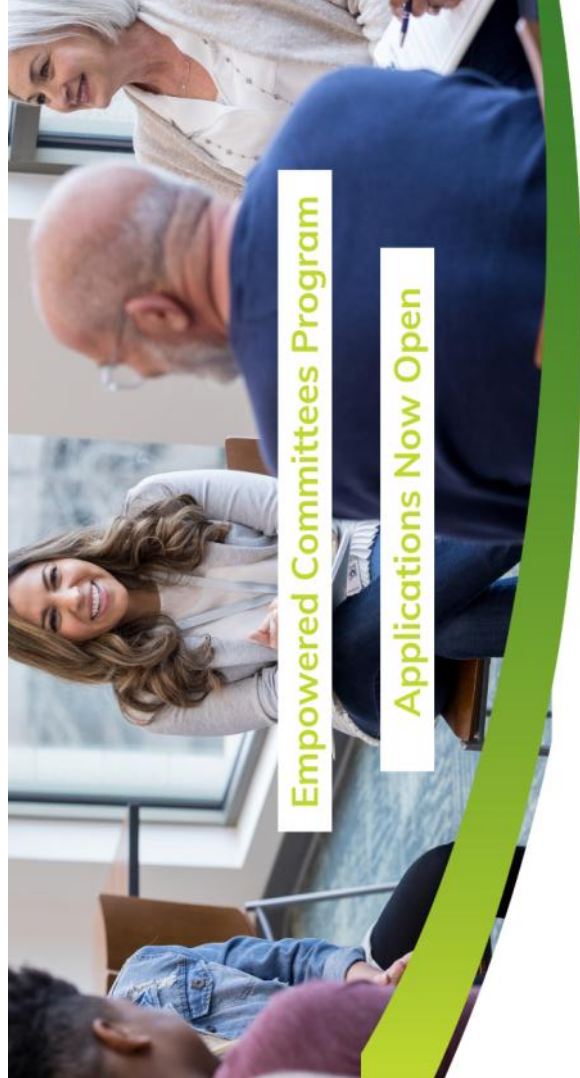
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This program supports Chairs, Presidents, and committee members of community, volunteer and business groups to lead with purpose, confidence, and clarity.

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- Access to expert-led core sessions
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Cost: \$320 per person (heavily subsidised by PIRSA)

Eligibility: Open to community leaders in the Barossa, Gawler, Light and Adelaide Plains region

Delivered in partnership with: Leaders Institute of South Australia

Download the information Kit and [Apply via our website](#).

Tour Town Under returns to Tanunda

For the third year running, Tanunda will "feel the rush" of the Santos Tour Down Under (TDU), with the town again hosting a start and finish on 21 January, 2026.

Stage 1 of the Santos Tour Down Under Men's Race will see riders tackle 120.6 kilometres through the region, offering plenty of vantage points for spectators to enjoy the action along the way, including a Ziptrak® Sprint past Lyndoch's famed Barossa Park.

"The Barossa has been an integral part of the Santos Tour Down Under since its inception, so we are naturally delighted to be going back there again in January," Race Director Stuart O'Grady said.

"There is a real European feel to the race whenever we are in the region, with people having a picnic on the side of the road with a baguette and a bottle of wine, and really enjoying the atmosphere."

After the prologue to start the race the day before, Stuart said Stage 1 is the first opportunity for sprinters.

"The race goes out past Lyndoch and the Barossa Park which is a great addition to the state and used for Gather Round this year," he added.

"Then riders come back through Tanunda for the more traditional circuit through Angaston and the back of Mengler's Hill where they'll do three laps before the finish."

The Barossa Council Mayor Bim Lange is excited to see the Barossa return to the spotlight again, further cementing its place as a premier events and tourism destination.

"Having a start and finish in Tanunda means more people will stay longer in the region, maybe a few extra nights in our caravan parks, motels and B&Bs to enjoy our hospitality and everything else we have to offer," Mayor Lange said.

"In previous years, people were spilling out of coffee shops and eateries onto the footpath. Kids were having their faces painted and families were milling around, enjoying the activations in Tanunda's town square and around the rotunda.

"I always love seeing groups set up chairs along the race route too, waving and cheering on the riders, it adds to the atmosphere of a fantastic event that has become a firm favourite on our calendar."

For more information, visit tourdownunder.com.au



Southern Barossa Business Group – July Newsletter Update

Hello Southern Barossa Business Community, It's been a vibrant and busy couple of months for our group, with some fantastic events that really showcased the energy and support within our local business network.

On **Monday, 16 June**, we gathered for our *Business at Sunset Networking Event*, hosted by the beautifully restored **Old Cromer School**. Run by an incredible team of volunteers, this historical gem has been brought back to life as a community space—and what a spot for a winter catch-up! With an open fire, a glass of wine in hand, and great company all around, it was a perfect evening. If you haven't already, do yourself a favour and check it out on Facebook: [Old Cromer School](#)

Just two days later, on **Wednesday, 18 June**, we celebrated the **Southern Barossa Business Awards** at the Lyndoch Hotel's Red Room. It was a brilliant night filled with laughter, recognition, and community spirit. With around 100 attendees across all industries, we were thrilled to have special guests including **Barossa Council Mayor**, the **CEO of Barossa Australia**, **MP Ashton Hurn**, and **MP Michael Brown** (attending on behalf of the Hon. Andrea Michaels).

Shout out to our overall Event Sponsors: Robbers Dog Distillery, Ministry of Beer and 1837 Barossa.



Congratulations to all our winners and runners-up across **11 categories**:

- **Cellar Door/Brewery**
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 Winner: Robber's Dog Distillery
 Runner-up: Ministry of Beer
- **Club or Community Group**
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 Barossa Wildlife Rescue
 Lyndoch & District Bowling Club

- **Event** (Sponsored by Lyndoch Grand)
 Lyndoch Street Party
 Barossa Rodeo
- **Hospitality Business**
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 Mt Pleasant Bakery
- **Professional Services**
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👏 A big thank you to all who attended, supported, and nominated—this event gets bigger and better each year because of you!

As we roll into the **new membership year (which runs from 1 July – 30 June each year)**, we're excited to continue growing the group. Membership for **2025–2026** is only **\$50**, and invoices have been emailed. If you'd like to join or renew, just reach out via the contact information below.

We're also planning our **next networking event for September**, and we're always on the lookout for businesses interested in *hosting* future gatherings. It's a great way to showcase what you do and connect with others.

Pictured top left—Phil, Dayna & Brett (Ministry of Beer)
Top right—Charlie Scalzi, Mayor Bim Lange, Steve Balch
Bottom left—Heather & Gordon Bitter (Old Barossa Bakery BnB)
Bottom right—Henri & Gemma (Styled by Gemma)

Lastly, we welcome any and all **feedback, ideas, or offers to help the committee**—whether you're keen to get involved in events, planning, or just want to support the business group in some way, we'd love to hear from you.

Warm regards,
Bridgette Hasting
Chair, Southern Barossa Business Group

Contact:
General and Chair:
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Memberships: member@southernbarossa.au



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: Doug 0418 855 066
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	Tuesdays 9am—1pm & Wednesdays 9am –2pm Contact Glen: 0409 675 937
Uniting Church	SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 am followed by morning tea . Contact: Peter 0458 202 004
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A photograph of Tony Pasin, a man with dark hair wearing a white button-down shirt, leaning on a wooden fence in a vineyard. In the background, there are rows of grapevines and some old, rusty metal wheels.

TONY PASIN

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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 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.

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.

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The Whispering Wall

There is so much more to it than its ability to transport sound along its curved wall, and hold back water, and there is no doubt that it is a phenomenon that is not fully understood. There are only a few places in the world that have achieved this amazing feat. It was also the first arch dam in South Australia, the highest in Australia and one of the first true arch dams built in the world to generated international interest.

Why build it? At the end of the 1800s the town of Gawler and surrounding areas were running out of clean water. The South Para and local bores, the only source of water for a growing town, were becoming contaminated. So the plan was to build a dam on Yettie Creek.

Alexander Bain Moncrieff, an Irish engineering draughtsman was commissioned to draw up plans for the dam wall. His curved dam was controversial at the time, but the authorities put their trust in Moncrieff and in 1899 the wall began; Moncrieff having convinced them a curved wall was the most economical.

Although the structure may look simply there was nothing simple about it. For instance, the cement used was imported from England in barrels and aerated for 14 days in a large shed. Stone from near the site was crushed to three different sizes, to a maximum size of 2 inches (5cm).” Plums” or large stones for the lower portion of the wall were quarried near the site. Four different mixes of materials were used according to the height of the wall. Construction was carried out in horizontal layers each one carefully bonded to the layer below. Weather was monitored as extreme heat or cold could affect the curing process. On cold frosty nights the top was wrapped in straw mattresses and fires were lit in tar drums and placed near to the wall.

Ten metres thick at the bottom and tapering to under a metre at the top the slender curve was reinforced with tram tracks, second hand from the Gawler main street. This gave strength to the narrow top without compromising the width. For all this attention to detail it was built in only three years. There were an estimated 400 workers, and it necessitated the building of a temporary small town. The working week was 48 hours, and the base pay rate was 48 shilling per week.

It is sad that a dark shadow has been cast over it in recent times, because it is a wonderful structure and deserves so much better publicity.

Statistics: Capacity – 4515 Megalitre s, Wall Length – 144m, Wall Height – 36m, Wall Depth – 28.6m

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Remembering Pamela Murray-White and the origins of Operation Flinders

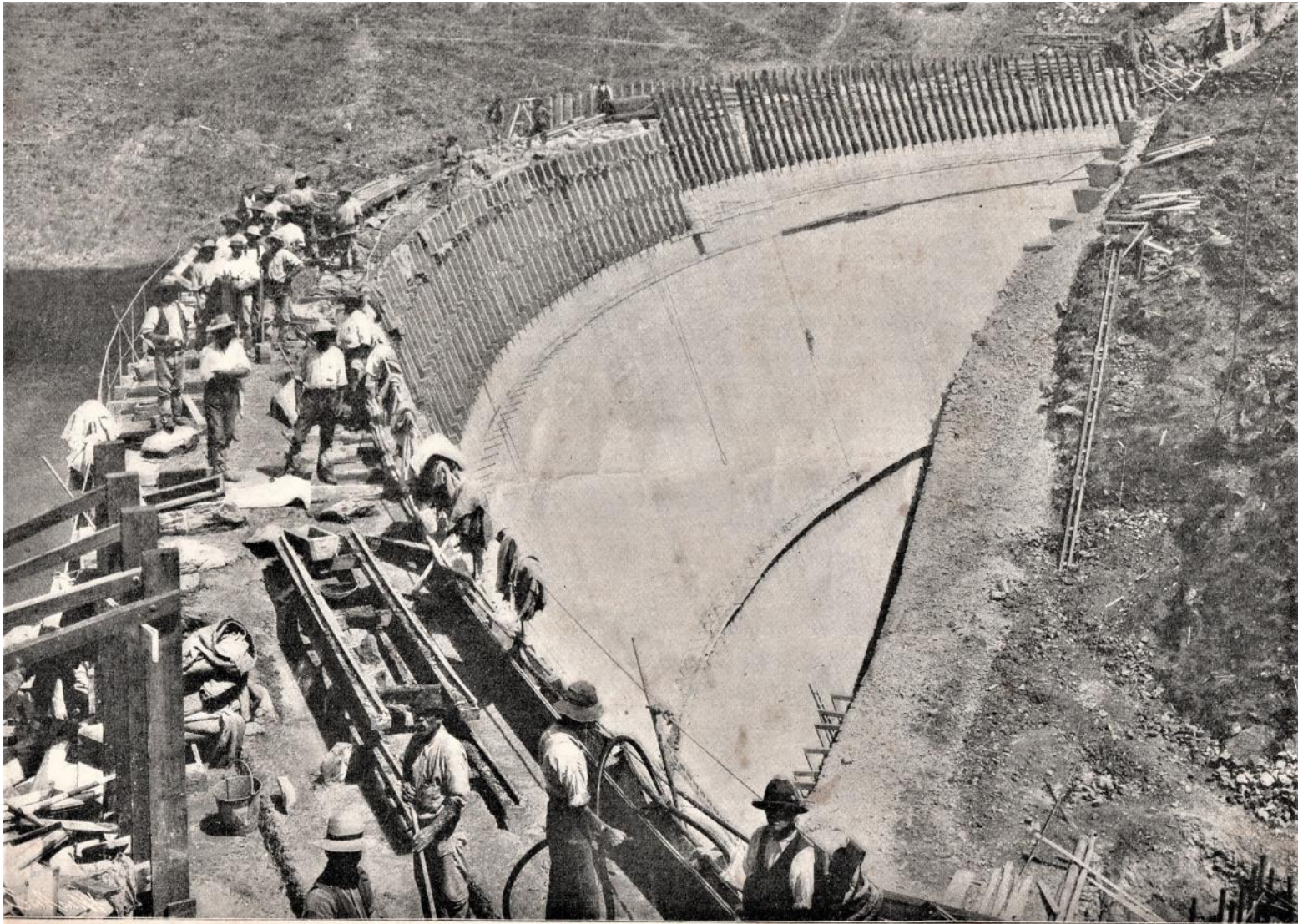
Williamstown and its environs have had several remarkable personalities over the years, some memorable in good ways and some in not so good ways.

One of the shining lights that has left a great legacy in terms of wellbeing for the youth of the State of South Australia is Pamela Murray White.

Her name known to a lot of current residents of Williamstown, though it is the town that is associated with her – but the project that she initiated is well known throughout the state. Pamela commenced her project of Operation Flinders in her family shed on Yettie Road near the Whispering Wall in 1991.

For those that wish to know more of her story, there is a great write up on the Operation Flinders website [Autobiographical Pam Murray-White | Operation Flinders Foundation](#), and in her words : It was in those early days of 1991 that I conceived Operation Flinders. It just seemed right, as the kids with the real behaviour problems seemed to lack direction, self-esteem, decent challenge and good role modelling.

She died in August 1995 - which is 30 years ago. She is remembered by several people in Williamstown; however we all need to know of her good work and take time to remember.



The Dam in Course of Construction.

THE CURVED CONCRETE DAM AT BAROSSA, AUSTRALIA.—[See page 266.]

Pioneers Mens Chat

Thursday 14th August 2025
2.00pm - \$5.00 per person

"Maintaining Physical Health & Mobility Fitness"

**Presented by
Sharon Wallace-Yarrow**

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Sun 10th 9.30am Dr David Taplin
Sun 17th 9.30am Rev Brian Polkinghorne
Sun 24th 9.30am Mr Andrew Beckman
From Gideons
Sun 31st 9.30am Rev Geoff Graetz
Sun SEPT 7th 9.30am (Father's Day)
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Sandy Creek Uniting Church

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Friday 15th	9.30am Holy Communion in the Hall
Sunday 17th	10am Holy Trinity Church, Lyndoch
Friday 22nd	9.30am Holy Communion in the Hall
Sunday 24th	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 31st	10am Holy Trinity Church, Lyndoch

All are welcome to join us

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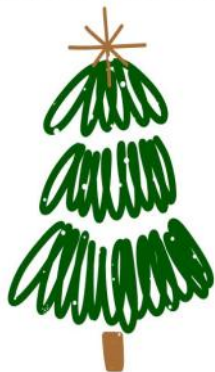
Or Church Warden Pam 0427 246 382

*Apologies for delay in publication missing earlier
dates of August!*

Lyndoch Street Party

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Friday 12th December 2025



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The third Tuesday every month

August 19th 2025

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

This month we welcome Dementia Australia representatives to present:- "Become a Dementia friendly community" by becoming a Dementia Friend.

Look out for poster advertising for this event.

Guest speaker

– Anthony Pollock- Dementia Australia

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- *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



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162 Williamstown Road, Cockatoo Valley

WILDFLOWER WALK IN LOCAL BUSH

Guided in 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

Meet at the Church at 1pm

Cost : \$20 including afternoon tea

Book in early as numbers are limited

Leslee Carle

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Stay tuned for the possibility of new Editor next month—

Then the Willy Wagtail will continually be ready for the 1st of the month and not run late as we have this issue!

Apologies everyone for the late publication. That's what happens sometimes when volunteers are busy



It's been some time since we last updated the Williamstown community on the progress of the proposed supermarket development. At this stage we have completed the tender process and have a preferred tenderer. As this is a major project there are several parties involved, all of which need to do their own due diligence, of which is occurring now.

We are at the tail end of this process, and we hope to be able to provide some clarity and a further update on the progress very soon.

I do hope everyone appreciates that projects of this magnitude take a lot of time to work through, to ensure the build it fit for the community, environment, and customers.

The good news is, that once works commence we anticipate no longer than a 12 month build time, so Christmas shopping in Williamstown 2026 is very much a possibility.

Tim Green

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

Strawberry Fete 2025

SATURDAY 22ND OF NOVEMBER 2025

9AM - 2PM

RSL HALL - MEMORIAL DRIVE, WILLIAMSTOWN, SA 5351



SALA – Allana Frank and Violet's Pantry

Since 1998, throughout the month of August, The South Australian Living Artists Festival (SALA) has celebrated “the many talented visual artists in South Australia”. With over 9,000 participating artists and 600 venues the aim of SALA has been to extend the visual arts audiences and be inclusive of visual artists of any level, working in any medium. As one of the chosen venues, Violet's Pantry has extended an invitation to local artist, Allana Frank, to exhibit her work at this popular Coffee and Food haunt in Williamstown, throughout August. As is the case with many of Jane's customers, Allana has become a friend, and when Jane saw some of Allana's work posted on Instagram, she approached her with the view to exhibiting her work at Violet's Pantry during the SALA Festival. This will be Allana's first solo Showing! Allana, and husband Simon, served together in the Australian Airforce for 35 years at bases in Wagga, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane and Richmond (NSW). In addition to this, they were deployed overseas twice, once to East Timor and once to Iraq. They retired to Williamstown in 2019. As a child, in Hobart, Allana was encouraged by her mother, herself an artist, to draw and to try her hand at watercolours. When she inherited all her mother's paints and tools of the trade, Alanna found that, in using them, it helped to reduce stress levels. Nowadays, she experiments with not only the watercolours but also with inks and acrylics. Throughout Covid Allana attended art classes in Handorf with well-known artist Christina Metelli, but after Covid and the move to Williamstown, she now attends the 'A to Z Art Group' run by Ernesto Zollo at The Men's Shed on a Monday night. As Allana points out, Art Groups are great places to meet people and make friends. Alanna paints for the sheer enjoyment of it these days, often starting with a photo that may have been taken whilst on overseas travel, or caravan and camping anywhere in this beautiful country of ours. As well as the camera, her artist's tools go travelling too, so her painting may have been taken directly from the current scenery. Allana's paintings just “happen”, depending on how she feels on a given day, how the colours develop on the canvas.....! There is a leaning towards impressionism, which can evoke in the viewer remembered emotions or places. The use of imagination is evident, not only in the paintings, but in their titles also, and they all come, at the present time, in 8cm-by-8cm frames, easy for travellers' souvenirs or for walls already running out of hanging spaces. Unfortunately, Alanna and Simon will not be around in August, as they will be out in the Bush they so love, on The Canning Stock Route in W.A., four-wheel driving on a challenging, almost 2,000 km long, historic track! Fortunately, however, Jane will be holding the SALA fort here in Williamstown, so make sure you head into Violet's Pantry to enjoy Allana's paintings - which are also for sale.

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Email us: wwwagtail@gmail.com or Ph Debbie 0417851061

or write to us and place your entry in the cream Letter Box on the wall on the end of the Post Office Verandah, Queen Street, Williamstown

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WHERE: St Peters Anglican Church Hall George St, Williamstown

WHEN: EACH TUESDAY
1PM TO 4PM COST: \$4.
Contact: Pam 0427 246 382



Southern Barossa Coffee & Chat Mornings

A lovely morning tea was enjoyed at the Yaldara Riverside restaurant in July.

Catch up for August will be at The General in Williamstown which is opposite the Post Office at our normal time 10.30am Thursday 14th of August.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

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.

If you require further information, please contact Judy on 0413 606 565



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

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