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Sandy Creek Primary School Garage Sale

Get ready to bargain hunt at the Sandy Creek Primary School Garage Sale! It's the perfect chance to pick up some hidden treasures while supporting our school SRC to raise money for a new mud kitchen.



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Snippets

“Street Party” in Williamstown

On Friday 15th of August, a group of extremely happy people gathered under the verandah of the old Fish and Chip shop, next to the Police Station, to celebrate a Tangible Indication that the long-awaited Supermarket, with all its attendant trials and tribulations, was actually becoming a reality. With glasses of champagne, the arrival of a Workman’s toilet was toasted! On Wednesday 13th of August Building Consent was finally passed, and the arrival of the building contractors occurred during following week. Everyone was so excited and three passing trucks acknowledged our presence with cheerful blasts from their horns. Everyone in the group, as well as people passing by, had something to say about the beginning of the actual supermarket at long last! Some comments were – “So excited that a Portaloo has arrived on site!” “So excited to see things eventually happening!” “We’ve been waiting since 2017. The town’s big enough to justify a Supermarket. I’m glad Klose’s saw it as a good opportunity to invest in the Barossa.” “That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for....’Williamstown!’” “Excited for when it will be here. Will definitely use it!” “We’ve been waiting a long time!” “Progress is good. Exciting!” “Fabulous for the town!” In 2020 there was a small celebration when the mural went up in an effort to disguise the depressing exterior of the Fish and Chip shop. The comment from the artist concerned on Friday 15th was – “I have never been so happy to see Artwork destroyed.” Congratulations to all those who have pursued this dream. L.L.

‘Make-Overs’ in Williamstown

Williamstown seems to be in the grip of a ‘Make-Over’ flurry!

Recently the Williamstown Medical Clinic was closed for a few weeks whilst major changes to the interior of the building took place. Extending into an area not needed by the police station, which itself has been undergoing interior changes, the clinic now boasts a more compact waiting room, a new consulting room for the visiting Clinpath Nurse and two more consulting rooms for part-time and visiting doctors, taking the total of doctors’ rooms up to five. Not only will these changes provide better facilities but doctor’s who were having to make their phone consults from home, due to lack of space at the Clinic, will no longer have to. The Clinic hopes to improve services by now having 3 doctors and a nurse on duty most days. The décor looks pretty smart too, with fresh white paint and new, dark grey, carpet tiles. L.L.

The Barossa Bakehouse Bistro is OPEN! It now sports a great new interior which includes a well-lit, sparkling bar, a delightful bright and colourful children’s room with appropriate tables and seating for parents, and two main dining areas. Athena and Richard have done a great job in redesigning. There is room to move about, to meet and greet people, the areas flow into each other and there is a very welcoming, friendly atmosphere. Opening Night on the 6th of August saw a good crowd and the place was buzzing with big groups and small. One of the waiters donned a rather large Mexican hat just for fun as he ferried the exciting food choices to the various recipients and there were smiles and laughter all around! The Bistro is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays but open on **Wednesdays and Thursdays** from 5pm until 9pm (last orders 7.45pm), **Fridays** from 4pm until 10pm (last orders 8.45pm), **Saturdays** Lunch 12noon to 3pm (last orders 1.45pm) and Dinner 4pm to 10pm (last orders 8.45pm) **Sundays** Lunch 12noon to 3pm (last orders 1.45pm) Dinner 4pm to 8.30pm (last orders 7.15pm) Times could be subject to change. All meals are available as dine in or take away. Phone: 75472014 for Bookings/Takeaway/Information. I hear the pizzas are popular takeaways!! L.L.

The Williamstown Pharmacy is steadily stocking its shelves as it eases into its more spacious surroundings! Standing at the door you could be forgiven for thinking the service counter had been forgotten, but no, its at the back in the ‘new’ extension section. Staff have been working hard over the last few weeks to make the new interior bright, cheerful and friendly, with easy access to stock – and they have succeeded! Well done, ladies!! L.L.

Snippets (cont)

On Tuesday the 19th of August, 'Scone Time,' in the Williamstown RSL Hall, hosted an information session by representatives of 'Dementia Australia' on "Become a Dementia friendly community." Anthony Pollock, one of the presenters, himself a dementia sufferer, talked about his own experiences. We were enlightened about many of the mindsets and emotions people with Dementia might be experiencing, and how some see it as a Death Sentence while others, like himself, take up the Challenge. Although everyone is different, having their own unique symptoms, ways that we, as an individual, may slow any tendencies towards dementia were mentioned, as were ways that we, as a community, can help and support those with Dementia. Between the 15th and 21st of September 2025 "Dementia Action Week" will be held, making people aware of the issues surrounding Dementia and reminding us that "No-one can do it alone!" Further information can be obtained from the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500. 'Scone Time' is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10am until 11.30am and has covered many interesting topics with speakers on Support Dogs, Pigeons, the Barossa Wildlife group, Bank scams, what's available from the local Library, Transport SA re driving, the CFS and the Police. L.L.

Editor's Notes

With the increase in local vandalism and damages, the Council lead by Natalie Mudge, Community Development Officer, with a group of keen individuals have been working on a youth engagement plan and program to offer activities to the local youth. The next meeting is Monday 15th September. If you would like to be involved please contact E: nmudge@barossa.sa.gov.au | T: 08 8563 8488

The first meeting to plan the **Williamstown Christmas Fair** to be held on **December 7th 12pm—4pm** has been held and we had a few people who could not attend but have shown interest in joining the planning/working party. We have made a lot of plans and started taking stall bookings @ \$25 each 3m x 3m space plus a raffle prize for each stall holder. If you feel like you could volunteer and help us or join us, please let us know. The next meeting will be **22nd September 7pm** in the hall (upstairs room). The Agenda will update the Fair details and focus on the Christmas street decorating.

Advertising for the **Sandy Creek Primary School Garage Sale** have been included in this edition. This will be held on the Sunday 15th September 9am—2pm. Stall holders are booking a 3m x 3m site to bring their own trestles and goods to sell. We will set up in the school carpark and have stall holders parking on the school grassed land via the Barracks Road in Cockatoo Valley. Buyers can park at Curdnatta Park, adjacent to the school. A sausage sizzle will be provided by the Sandy Creek Primary School SRC students and parents to fundraise with funds raised being used to replace the sandpit mud kitchen that had reached the end of its useful life. Table spaces are available for only \$10 so if you would like to sell some wares or have items to clean out of the house contact Debbie to book a spot.

How exciting to see the development of the Supermarket actually coming into reality after all the hard work, angst and patience of the Williamstown Action group led by the main champion Lyn Venning and all the other volunteers and wider community supporters and of course the brave owners who have listened to the Community and believed the call the locals have been asking for in the need of a local supermarket. To all the non believers, you have no idea how much work has been required behind the scenes over the past few years to get the supermarket to this point.

Why not sell at the Sandy Creek Primary School Garage sale?

Date: Sunday 14th September 2025

Time: Set up @ 8:00am, 9:00am selling starts, pack up @ 2:00pm

Location: Sandy Creek Primary School car park

Here's what you need to know:

- BYO table (must be 6ft trestle size or similar)
- 1m space for movement around your table
- Plenty of local foot traffic ready to browse and buy
- Limited spaces available, so grab your spot soon!

To book your spot:

Phone: 8524 4164

Email: Debbie.Boehm377@schools.sa.edu.au

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to declutter and make some cash. We can't wait to see what you'll bring!



Graham and Toto

Graham Todd was born in Salisbury in the old hospital which is now a KFC! He was raised in Blair Athol and served an apprenticeship as a wood machinist preparing timbers for carpenters. Moving into Sales and Management in the Food Industry Graham spent 3 years in Tasmania managing Rosella Foods before returning to Adelaide and becoming, at one time, the Manager of Yates and Hortico. Later, he ran his own business for 20 years before retiring and has lived in Williamstown for the last 13 years. Graham has always had dogs in his life and after his last dog died, nearly 2 years ago, Graham decided to pursue a long-held desire to help train a Guide Dog. After contacting Guide Dogs SA/NT, Graham's property, already set up to accommodate dogs safely, was deemed suitable and he became a 'Puppy Raiser'. His 7-week-old golden labrador puppy arrived in Adelaide, coming from Sydney with his 2 brothers. The puppies were already named by the Guide Dog Association in line with their 'alphabetical' policy, so Toto came from a litter of "T's" - Toto, Tofu and Tacho!

Graham was given a manual on how to train Toto to become a Guide Dog, starting with the basic commands of Sit, Stand and Down, in addition to a command for 'ablutions on demand'! Support was available from the Guide Dogs Association in the form of a lady called Sheradin, who, to begin with, came out once every fortnight, then once every month, then once every six weeks. As time progressed, the commands became more in depth, for example, Toto might be called to come to Graham from a long distance away. This would occur when other dogs and people were around, so Toto would have to concentrate on what his master was requiring him to do and not be distracted by all the other interesting and exciting things going on around him. When he was fed, Toto had to learn to wait for Graham to whistle three times before he could eat. Coming in and out of doors Toto needed to wait for the command, as with going up and down stairs, which is a really lovely moment for observers, as the dog puts his front paws on the bottom step – and waits! Toto, when in training, proudly wears his Guide Dog in Training Jacket, which is a warning also to people not to pat him and distract him from his tasks. When not wearing his jacket Toto knows he can behave like a 'normal' dog and not one destined for a great career in service to someone with a disability. Toto is a very strong dog, so, when out and about, he is attached to Graham by a "gentle leader", a lead which stops him from pulling, but puts no pressure on his neck and only gentle pressure on his nose as he walks alongside Graham. Every time Toto obeys a command he is rewarded with a treat, which is Kibble, the only food he and all other Guide Dogs eat. Toto loves going to Rundle Mall and saying "Hello!" to the Pigs!! He also goes to the football – and is an avid Port Power Supporter!! An experienced Public Transport rider, on the train Graham sits sideways, and Toto sits between his legs and doesn't move! For their last outing together - it will be a train ride to the city! At night, Toto lays in front of the fire and only moves to go out before bed! Two times a week Toto, wearing his Training Jacket, accompanies Graham to the Men's Shed in Williamstown where he is a firm favourite!

Recently, Toto went through a two-week Evaluation and the Head Trainers agreed that he has the potential to be a Guide Dog, which didn't mean much to Toto but meant a great deal to Graham who has worked very hard in the training of Toto. Now Toto must leave Graham and their life together as he has 5 months of intense training before graduating as a Guide Dog. However, there are no guarantees that he will become one, as only one third of all dogs going through the programme become a Guide Dog. Of the other two thirds many are 'reclassified'. Some work as Companion Dogs or Facility Dogs or have a career change, stop working and become pets. Graham will receive a report on Toto's progress in this new chapter of his life at 12 weeks, then at 16 weeks, and finally at 20 weeks, which will be the end of Toto's training programme. Guide Dogs SA/NT do not receive any Government Support and rely totally on public donations for their very necessary charitable work.

Graham and Toto (cont)

As well as donating people can also become part time puppy carers, stepping in when a full-time carer becomes temporarily unavailable. Graham was well aware of what he was signing up for in the training of Toto, but his departure will still be a huge wrench, to say nothing of how bewildering it will be for Toto! Both man and dog are to be commended for their selfless dedication. Toto will go on to brighten many lives along his way and the good news for Graham, the man with the caring, generous heart, is – he welcomes a new puppy into his life in January! Congratulations on a job well done, Graham! (With Many Thanks to Graham for sharing his and Toto's story with us. Thanks also to Sally and Danni at the Post Office for pointing out the story that has been right under my nose since its beginning! L.L.) Photos are of Toto at 8 weeks, Toto with many of his mates at the Men's Shed, Toto now.



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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.

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HC Season of Creation 1
- Sept 14th 9.30am Mr Ken Edwards
Season of Creation 2
- Sept 21st 9.30am Rev Brian Polkinghorne
Season of Creation 3
- Sept 25th 1pm Wildflower & Ecology Walk
- Sept 28th 9.30am Dr David Taplin
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- Oct 5th 9.30am HC Rev Geoff Graetz



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- Sunday 7th 10am Holy Communion
- Friday 12th 9.30am Holy Communion
- Sunday 14th 10am St Aidan's Church, Tanunda
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- Sunday 21st 10am St John's Lutheran, Lyndoch
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**Thank you to Dementia Australia for interesting information at the
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Our catch up for September will be at the Lyndoch Bakery Thurs 11th Sept 10.30am.

We look forward to catching up 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

LET'S GET SOCIALISING!



COME AND JOIN US AT THE WILLIAMSTOWN COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB!

IF YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN PLAYING TABLE TENNIS, PLAYING BOARD GAMES OR CARDS, DOING JIGSAW PUZZLES, SOCIALISING AND HAVING FUN, ENJOY TEA, COFFEE AND BISCUITS THEN COME AND JOIN US!

WHERE: St Peters Anglican Church Hall George St, Williamstown

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



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. Barossa 4WD Club Inc.

Williamstown Amateur Players Inc.

Pantomime



“The Tale of Puss in Boots”

**Williamstown Memorial Hall
22 Queen St, Williamstown SA**

October 2025

Friday 10 @ 7.30pm

Saturday 11 @ 2pm

Sunday 12 @ 2pm

Saturday 18 @ 2pm & 7.30pm

Adults \$15 Children \$8

Seniors Only

Tuesday 14 @ 1.30pm*

All tickets \$15

[No Sales at Door]

(*includes light afternoon tea)

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