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Womens & Girls Football - Barossa District Football Club

Our inaugural 2025 season at Barossa Park has been very successful this year, where we have seen our largest number of registered players to date, spread over our 4 teams – U10's, U13's, U16's & Seniors

Our on-field accolades are also something we are very proud of with our U13 girls taking out the 2025 Premiership, our senior women just missing out and finishing as Premiership Runners-up, our U16 girls making it to the Prelim Final & our littlest doggies proving hard to beat in their end of season carnival.

Many of our girls have also achieved personal achievements, being selected to represent BDFC in the Central Districts Academy, Association sides, BLGW team of the year & Central District development squads. Not to mention the awards including, Camilla Alderton winning the BLGW best on ground for the U13 Grand Final, Imogen Glassenbury winning BLGW U13 Runner-up Best & Fairest, Kirra Tonkin winning BLGW Senior Runner-up Best & fairest & Tamika Reid winning BLGW Leading Goal Kicker for 2025.

As our season comes to a close, we look forward to another successful season in 2026 and invite anyone that would like to play women's football to come and join us. It's a great environment where you can meet new people, have fun and keep fit at the same time. If you would like anymore information please contact the women's football Co-Ordinator at womens@barossadistrictfootball.com.au

Netball - Barossa Bulldogs

It's hard to believe that we have already come to the end of our 2025 season. This time last year we were celebrating our last game at Williamstown, with the anticipation of playing at our new grounds in Lyndoch.

WOW, what a year it has been. We are incredibly proud to have made the exciting move to our new grounds this year, marking a significant milestone in our club's journey. The transition has not only provided us with a fresh, modern space to call home, but it has also brought renewed energy and unity to our netball community.



This past year has been one of our most successful yet – both on and off the court - as we've seen outstanding performances, growing support, and a strengthened club spirit. Kick starting the season with a full calibre of teams, 7 senior and 10 junior teams we knew it was going to be a busy one.

Congratulations to our three teams who made it to the final series and in particular, our Intermediate 2 team that represented Barossa District Football and Netball Club in the Grand Final.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the season. We are excited for what the future holds as we continue to build on this momentum.

Cheers to our next season.

Jodie Grantham. President, Barossa District Netball

Barossa District Football Club – 2025 season

What an amazing season of footy. I took over as Football President in November 2024 amid the anticipation of our Club moving from Williamstown into our new facility at Barossa Park Lyndoch and all the excitement over the upcoming AFL Gather Round.

We took advantage of so many opportunities that the Gather Round provided us and moved into the facility at the end of April.

I thank everyone who helped with the move as it was an enormous job.

Our first home game on 10th May was a massive day with over 3000 through the gate and our life members, sponsors, past players and officials all invited to share the experience with us. Our second home game on 31st May saw a huge crowd enjoy a spectacular night game.

Barossa District Football Club - 2025 season (cont)





We had on-field successes during the year in various grades. Our A-grade side had a pretty good season but we suffered a few injuries to key players late in the season which saw us miss the finals by a tiny percentage. However, we were so happy for Ethan Gant to be judged as the joint Association's best player, winning the 2025 Schluter Mail Medal. Our reserves side made the finals but were unfortunately knocked out in the Preliminary final. Whilst we struggled in our junior grades, we are really happy with their progress during the season and we've got healthy numbers in all grades moving into next season. Our women's program was really successful this year. Our Under 13 girls team won the premiership and our Senior Women's side made the Grand Final, going down by only nine points. Our Under 16 girls side made the finals but unfortunately, like the Reserves, they were knocked out in the Prelim.

We are so happy with our new home but we have a lot of work to do in the off season to truly making it our home. The oval lights are currently going up on the second oval which will allow us to have more teams training at the same time. We are also in the process of installing netting behind the goals at the western end of the oval.

All in all, it was a great season and we are so happy to have been well supported by local businesses including Major Sponsors Klose's Foodland (who are currently in the process of building a new supermarket in Williamstown), Ray White Barossa, CMI Hino, GJ Gardner Homes, WFI Insurance, and Premier Sponsors the Lyndoch Hotel and Vintage Chef Co.

Thank you to all those that have contributed to the Club this year. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to doing it all again in 2026.

Cheers, Simon Carpenter President Barossa District Football Club

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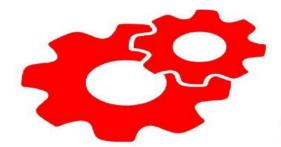
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	(except January) Contact: Doug 0418 855 066
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	Contact Trev: 0426 977 292
Kersbrook Landcare	Volunteers Wednesday 8.30am—4pm.
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Nursery (Williamstown)	Contact: Heidi klg.nursery@landcaregroup.org.au 0431 989 397
Williamstown& Districts	Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall by appointment . Contacts:
Historical Society	Jodie: jvrandall4@hotmail.com.au Denise: ppa19495@bigpond.net.au
Knit & Natter	Every Thursday 1.30 pm-4pm Contact Prue 85 246 437
Williamstown &	Meetings 4th Wed of every month in Library Rooms Lyndoch., 7.3opm
Lyndoch Landcare	Working bees Thursdays 9-12pm (except over 30 degrees).
	Contact: Chairperson— Angus Atkinson 0498 649 766
Patchers	Every 2nd & 4th Monday (If Monday is a public holiday, then
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Playgym & Playgroup	Contact: Williamstown Primary School 85 246 280
Williamstown Community	Every Tuesday 1pm till 4pm St Peter's Anglican Church Hall
Social Group	Contact: Pam 0427 246 382
Southern Barossa	Tuesdays gam—1pm &
Men's Shed	Wednesdays 9am - 1pm Contact Glen: 0409 675 937
Uniting Church	SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 am followed by morning tea .
	Contact: Peter 0458 202 004
Williamstown Action	7.30pm 1st Monday monthly in Meeting Room upstairs in Williamstown Soldiers
Group	Memorial Hall Contact: Graeme 0499 881 08

Christmas Town Decorations

The next Williamstown Action Group Meeting October 13th 7pm will be incorporating Christmas Fair preparations and updates, any other matters but with a dedicated subject of Christmas decorations and ideas planned fo the town.

- We definitely need volunteers and new ideas to assist the older members of the group who are becoming old and tired after many years volunteering in the community.
- If you can come to the meeting, we would love to see you there.
- If you are unable to attend for the short time, but wish to put your hand up with an idea or volunteer please get in touch with one of the Action Group members.
- In the next edition of the Willy Wagtail we will publish the stall holder registration form for the Christmas Fair but in the meant time, if you wish to book a stall please let us know. We will be holding the Christmas Fair in the Williamstown School Hall on the Sunday 7th Dec from 12pm to 4pm.

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Delivering Concordia's future

The Barossa Council has welcomed the State Government's finalisation of the Code Amendment for Concordia Growth Area, incorporating the release of the Concept Plan.

After many years of collaborative efforts this is a major milestone, and Barossa Mayor Bim Lange congratulates the Malinauskas Government and Minister Champion, and his team, in reaching this point.

The release of details on the Concordia Basic Infrastructure Scheme is also welcomed, as this represents a novel approach by State Government in ensuring essential infrastructure is planned and funded in-step with development.

Importantly the Concordia development will unlock vital new housing supply for the future and delivery of essential public services to the area to support 12,000 new homes and up to 30,000+ residents over the next 30 years.

Mayor Lange said the release of the Code Amendment is the key legislative vehicle to developing Concordia and acknowledged the significant forward planning of the State Government.

"It's fantastic to see the State Government adopt a new approach with foresight and planning, ensuring infrastructure will support residents well into the future," he said.

"The Barossa Council has worked tirelessly to support the State's vision for Concordia. We welcome the continued progress toward the release of much needed land for housing supply in the region and a considered approach to long-term planning and infrastructure delivery.

"Council has partnered with stakeholders in planning for delivery of critical community and social infrastructure which complements the State's Infrastructure Scheme. This includes extensive advocacy and negotiations to ensure adequate provision of social infrastructure including recreation, sporting, administration and cultural.

"Our understanding is that the State Government is planning for the long-term delivery of critical State infrastructure including education, emergency services and the like.

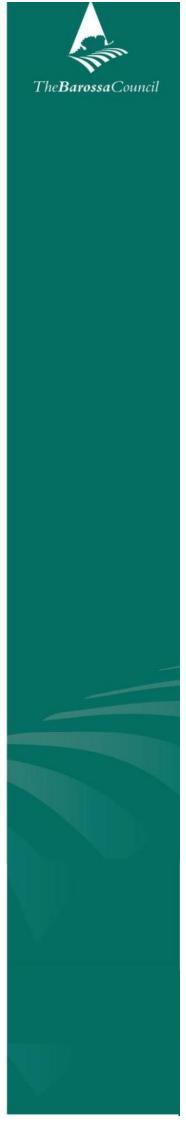
"Council applauds the State's proactive planning direction for Concordia including the provision of land for such infrastructure and we look forward to further information from, and engagement, with the State Government on this.

"We will continue to advocate in the best interests of our community when it comes to the level of infrastructure required for creating a self-sustaining, viable and healthy community, now and in the future."

Mayor Lange said it was pleasing to see numerous shared path networks through the site and connecting to Council's already existing assets, as well as multiple precincts providing for better liveability outcomes for the residents of Concordia.

Rezoning the land was a key deliverable in the Premier's Housing Roadmap, with work in Concordia expected to begin by 2027 and the first homes constructed by 2029.

For information contact Team Leader Communications and Marketing, Taryn Wills on 8563 8328 or Communications and Marketing Partner Alicia Ludi-Schutz on 8563 8442.





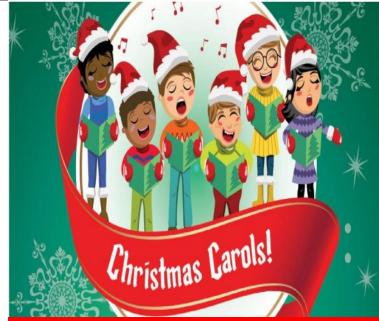
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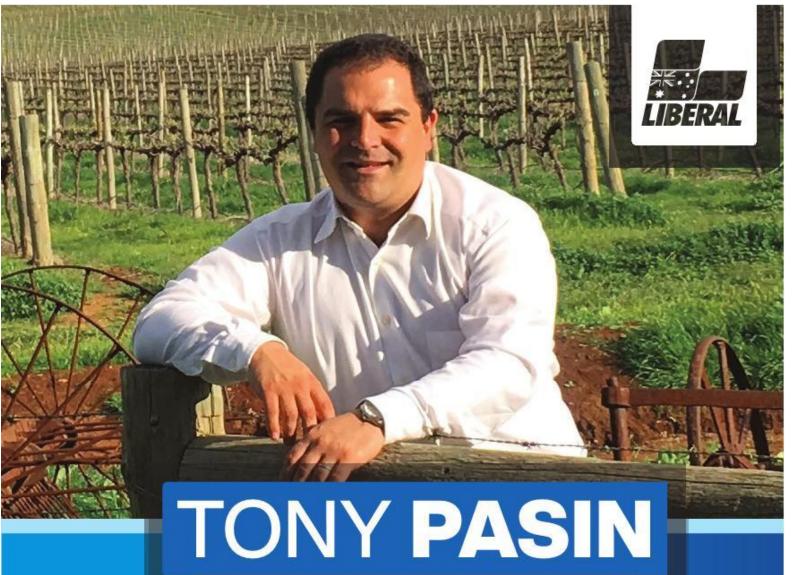
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The Southern Barossa Mens Shed extends a welcome to men from all walks of life to attend our Shed. Without a strict format we foster fellowship and emphasise the importance of men enjoying the activities, feeling a sense of belonging and being part 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. September is Prostate Cancer Awareness month and Member for Barker Tony Pasin is holding the Big Aussie BBQ to raise awareness and funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. The Southern Barossa Mens Shed has raised \$526 to contribute to this very important cause. 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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Timber Icon Returns Home

Williamstown Historical Society has been fortunate to have an important piece of timber industry memorabilia donated by Mr. Alan Shepherdson's family. Mr. Shepherdson purchased this Fordson Tractor in 1920 and repurposed it to operate a drag saw.

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J. Kassebaum



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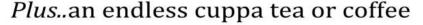
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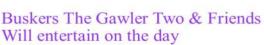
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In early August southern South Australia had a major rain event. It rained solidly for a week and by the 11th of August, rivers and creeks were flooding, bridges were washed away, railway lines were cut and houses were flooded.

The Williamstown area was not spared, and the newly built bridge over Victoria Creek at the bottom of Queen Street was severely damaged and had to be rebuilt. It just so happened that this was the day selected for the group calling themselves the Foresters Court of Williamstown to receive their Dispensition. This allowed them to fulfill the requirement of the Ancient Order of Foresters. They were a benevolent society, concerned with the welfare of working people and operated in a similar way to a Friendly Society.

Among their number was a family named Adams. Frederick and Mary Adams and family lived down Yatta (Yettie) Road. On the special day in question their 18 year old son George was travelling on horseback to reach the event. He tried to cross the South Para at the "lower" ford (this was probably Lindfield) near and before the present South Para Bridge was built.

There was a witness on the bank, the wife of a German settler, who was able to give a full account of the tragedy. (*Adelaide Observer 16 August 1862*) After two attempts to enter the water, horse and rider were swept away. The horse managed to reach the bank with some injury, but there was no trace of the young man. The alarm was raised and a search party from Williamstown, with poles and ropes, searched the river banks, but there was no trace of him and the river was still rising.

The following August 1863 was wet, heavy rainfall had turned the rivers into torrents. The South Para was no exception and a roaring flood came down from the hills, washing away a large deposit of sand and exposing the remains of George Adams.

Just over 12 months from his disappearance George Adams was buried with full Forester Military Honors. A local correspondent recorded. "His grave is the first in our newly opened cemetery". (South Australian Register 17 August 1863).

A tragic and macabre tale. Now you know why bridges are so important.

Unfortunately there is no record of his plot in the cemetery. His parents are in row C plot 8 -9 so possibly he is in C 10 beside them.

Provided by Denise Patterson, Member of the Williamstown and District Historical Society

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Will be lovely to catch 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.

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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.

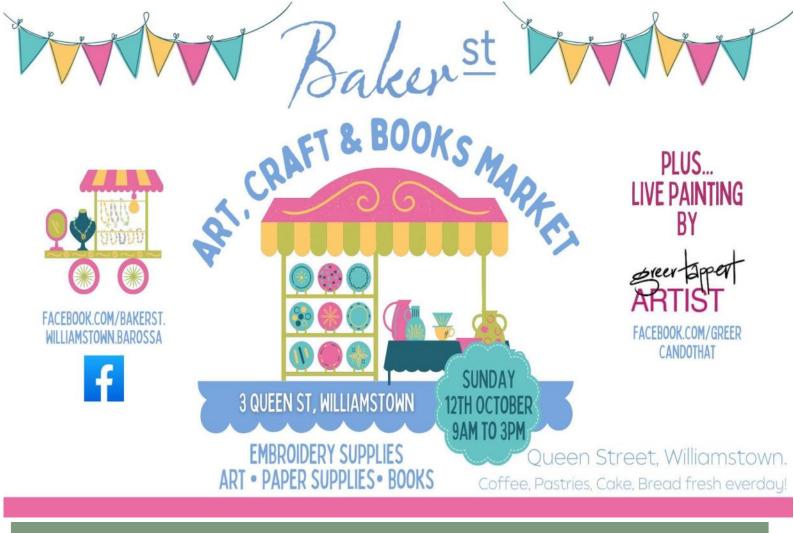


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