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A life amongst the Horses

In the January 2025 Issue of the Willy Wag Tail Newsletter, I was fortunate enough to post an article on Lucy Roberts, her Floristry Business, Ellamore Flowers, her plans for 'Barossa Elopements' and a little about her Life's Journey, a large part of which has run alongside her husband Martin Roberts, who is the subject of this article. I chatted to Marty at the couple's home on their beautiful, large property just outside Williamstown. No stranger to living in the country, Marty grew up on a small acreage on the outskirts of Newcastle, N.S.W. When he was 12 years old, a Newcastle Businessman bought the property next door and young Marty helped in the development of the land for use by horses. Leaving school as soon as he could to follow his dream of being a jockey, Marty was thwarted by the scales, which deemed him too heavy. However, his desire to be around horses led him to remain in the thoroughbred industry, training and breaking in horses, until he reached his early twenties when, in 1997, he went to Ireland and spent 8 months breaking in 2-year-olds on the Curagh, (the Kentucky of Ireland). On his return to Australia, he took a job with Coolmore Stud, Jerry's Plains in the Hunter Valley, where he stayed for the next 12 years, progressing from general hand to Assistant Stud Manager. Here, he also met Lucy! In 2010 he was approached by the Royal Studs, Sandringham, and asked if he was interested in taking on the job of Stud Manager of their properties in the UK. After being contacted by the General Manager and having had a video conference interview, he was flown to the UK for a face-to-face interview – and met Queen Elizabeth 11. (Whereupon I became very excited! Not everyone gets to do that in their working day!) With Property Heads in attendance, Marty 'talked horses' with the Queen for 20 minutes in front of a roaring fire in Sandringham House!! Returning to Australia, Marty discussed the offer with Lucy and accepted the position in the late December of 2009 with the prospect of commencing work in early 2010 and for Lucy to join him in the August. In mid-January Marty took up the role of running everything – the new property, new animals, new staff - but he settled in and took on the many challenges it offered. Whilst here, he met the Queen twice more. One weekend, early in the morning, Marty was down in the yards as a staff member had brought to his attention a lame foal. Alerted to the fact that "Ma'am is here!", he turned to find her standing in the stable doorway, concerned that there might be a problem with the foal. After reassuring the Queen that all would be well with the foal, they both then walked around and looked at a few other horses before the Queen drove herself away, no aides visible but obviously around! Marty described it as a lovely casual event, but then Marty is a very grounded person! On another occasion, an official visit, the Queen and Marty went through all the stock on the farm, discussing things like breeding, fertility, growth patterns etc., studying all her animals! Unfortunately, just as Lucy was on the brink of moving herself, dogs, cats and furniture to join Marty in the UK, Marty was faced with a very tough decision, and citing sad family reasons, resigned and returned to Australia after only 8 months in a 'dream job'! Fortunately, Lucy was still working at Coolmore, and they welcomed Marty back into the fold into his old position. The couple stayed there for another few years until Marty took up the position of Stud Manager of a new property being developed, called Newgate, which is now one of the top 5 thoroughbred farms in the country. Next came Queensland and Aquis Farm, owned by a Chinese Billionaire. This property went through a rapid time of expansion in S.E. Queensland, into N.S.W. and then into Victoria. During these moves, Lucy, working as Stud Secretary, was also carving out a highly respected place for herself in the industry! One of the things that has always struck Marty as interesting is the respect that everyone within the industry has for each other, right through from the 'grass roots' workers to the owners and trainers. When the opportunity arose to come to the Barossa to manage Cornerstone Stud, (part of the old Lindsay Park Stud near Angaston) Marty and Lucy embraced the opportunity as they both love the Barossa area. Marty managed the property from 2018 for approximately 3 years until Covid intervened and the decision was made for Lucy to set up her Floristry Business just outside of Williamstown.

A life amongst the Horses (cont)

Nowadays Marty keeps his hand in by doing Consultancy Work around Victoria and N.S.W. He still has a few horses on the property, still has shares in a few currently running and has an impressive list of great horses he has worked with over the years – Makybe Diva (3x Melbourne Cup Winner), Sunline (2x Cox Plate Winner), Jezabeel and Let's Elope (both Melbourne Cup Winners) plus many, many more! Marty's Tip – watch out for Beau Bandit, trained in Newcastle and a rising star! It was a pleasure to chat with Marty who has had "an interesting journey thus far....."and lots of untold stories still to tell, I think! L.L.

FIRST OVERLAND TRIP WITH STOC

The newspaper the: South Australia on 31 October 1845 stated:

Mr Tennant and one of the Messrs Malcolm are about to start for Port Lincoln, overland with a party of fourteen men, and 8000 to 10,000 sheep. The sheep are to start on Monday

One might wonder – what does that have to do with Williamstown?

The area around what is now known as Williamstown was "taken up" from the early 1840's. Williamstown was subdivided in 1857.

One of the earliest settlers was William Oliver Malcolm who had sections along the South Para River in 1841, and as late as 1845 his address was identified as the "Glen". Some of the history from these very early times is confusing and sometimes appears conflicting.

J D Somerville and A.J. Perkins, noted historians, had both pieced together aspects of this area, but it was the former who delved into the history of the Malcolms and the shipment of sheep. J D Somerville's article <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page9554349> provided great information.

Both William Malcolm and John Tennant were in the area in 1841 when the census was collected (January 1841).

Not long after some of their sheep were shown at the Grand Cattle show Nourlunga as mentioned in the newspaper South Australian of 26 March 1841

**FOR THE BEST TEN BREEDING EWES.
Mr Colville, of Willunga, shewed one pen—
Mr Hewett, Oxenberry Farm, another pen—
Messrs Malcolm, of the Para, seven pens—the
South Australian Company, one pen of the
Saxon breed—and Mr J. Morphet, two pens of
the Saxon bred.
Prize awarded to the Messrs Malcolm.**

The sections that the Malcolms had on the South Para were 917, 921, 988, 994 and 1524. It's this last section that is of great interest as it was stated to have houses on it when it was for sale in 1846 (It is not clear on which side of the river the houses were). This section is that which is under the South Para bridge when travelling south of Williamstown to Kersbrook. The names Malcolm Creek and Malcolm Flat perpetuate the memory of members of the Malcolm family who came to the area.

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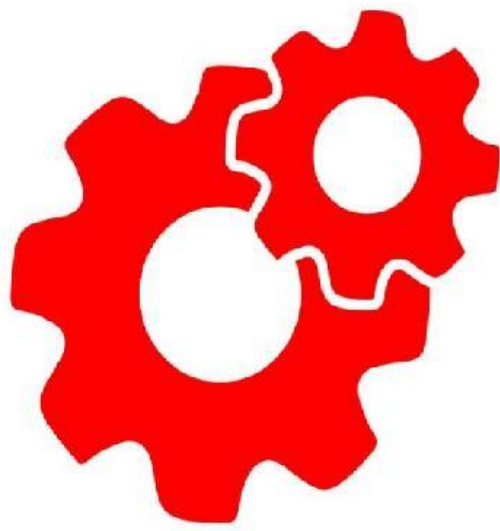
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What's on in Williamstown

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: 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 - 1pm 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

Williamstown Christmas Fair December 7th, 2025

Market Open from 12pm to 4pm at the Williamstown School Oval and School Hall, Williamstown 5351
APPLICATION FORM

Trading Name: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Own Insurance: Yes _____ No _____ If yes, Please attach your Public Liability Certificate of Currency
Insurance is Required – Insurance can be organised for an extra \$20, if arranged with us by Thursday 30th Nov.
Food handling details and Food Ref Number: (if applicable) _____ to be attached

Postal Address: _____

_____, P/C _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

email: _____

What will you be selling:

Other requirements: _____

While every care will be given to allocate you your preferred site, it cannot be guaranteed. However, those who have their applications in first with payment in full will have priority preference. Sites will be allocated as applications come in with payment. If you need more space, please hire 2 sites

Number of Outside stalls required: _____	3 m x 3m Non-Powered Site \$25 per site plus raffle donation
Number of Inside Hall stalls required: _____	3m x 3m Non-Powered Site \$25 per site plus a raffle donation
Inside Hall stalls ONLY: _____	3m x 3m Powered Site \$30 per site plus a raffle donation
Trestle Hire (number required) _____	Trestles are available to hire for \$5 extra each trestle.

Stall Set up from 10.30am

Vehicle access will be available until 11.30am then gates will be closed and no vehicles will be able to move in or out until after 4.30pm for safety reasons (unless the event finishes earlier).

Payment required in full upon confirmation from Debbie and is non-refundable. Receipt will be issued via email (preferred) or posted when received, if requested. Raffle prize is required when booking and prior to the day.

Enquiries and Bookings: Please contact: Debbie - 0417 851 061 (Please leave a message and I will get back to you if unavailable) or email wwwagtail@gmail.com

Send payment & form to Williamstown Action Group, P.O. Box 880, Williamstown SA 5351.
BSB 015 560 Acct 522354914 ref Wtown Xmas Fair

I accept responsibility for my booking

_____, Signature

Print Name.....

Market Guidelines - The Williamstown Christmas Fair stalls is a fundraising avenue for the Williamstown Action Group to provide free entertainment and activities for the children to participate in at the Fair.

Available stalls are for new items or handmade/homemade/handcrafted items. Stalls are available outside and inside the air-conditioned Hall.

You will have a 3x3 site allocated. If you need a bigger size, it will be at extra cost so please advise when booking.

Inside Halls will be supplied chairs. Trestles at an extra cost or bring your own.

Outside sites will need to supply your own trestles, shade/cover and chairs and weights to secure (will not be able to peg down).

The school has strict rules with traffic on the oval due to the irrigation system and no driving is allowed on the marked sports field at all, only around the boundaries. Entry will be at the gates located near the tennis court end of the grounds. Someone will be at the gates from 10.30am to allow access and direct you to the sites. Stalls must be set up by 12pm (opening time) and REMAIN set up until 4pm. If you cannot commit to this condition, please do not apply. Anyone that does pack up early (without a satisfactory reason) risks not being invited back.

After 11.45am the gates will be closed, and no vehicles will be able to move in or out until after 4pm for safety reasons. If you have an oversized attraction, this set up time is open for negotiation. Along with advertising on Facebook and there will be advertisements and flyers placed on shop notice boards, school newsletters and on community radio and in the community monthly publication from October through to December. If you can help spread the word, we can email you a flyer.

Terms and Conditions of Acceptance is based on having your application form in with payment and raffle prize being received prior to event. First in best dressed style acceptance. All site allocation will be made at the market organiser's discretion. Special requests such as site allocation choice will be based on the order applications come in and are not guaranteed, but every effort will be made to try and accommodate everyone. The market organiser reserves the right to refuse any application. Security is the responsibility of the stall holder. The organisers, The Southern Barossa Alliance, Williamstown Primary School and Education Department will not take responsibility for any damage, loss or theft of items or any monies of the stall holders. By attending this event, you do so at your own risk. The organisers and Southern Barossa Alliance will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any persons, their fittings or their products. The market will trade regardless of the weather conditions (except extreme conditions). Equipment to be securely tied down as you will not be able to peg into the ground. All your stall must be inside your allocated space and not encroaching outside your area into the next stall holder's space.

It is the responsibility of any stallholders selling food products to comply with all State and Local Government Laws regarding the handling and preparation of food, have all foods covered at the market, a list of ingredients available and to have their own public liability and products insurance. Please supply your Food Handling reference Number and certificate on your application. No illegal or adult products are to be sold at the market. Stall holders must remove any rubbish from their site at the end of the market and leave their space in the same condition that they found it in. This is a non-smoking venue.

Payment of stall fee - The stall fee is non-refundable. Unpowered sites are \$25 each, both inside and outside the Hall. A limited number of powered sites \$30 each are only available inside the Hall. Any electrical equipment must be safety checked and tagged prior and meet regulations. Payment will be required upon confirmation of your stall. Once your payment has been received, we will add your business name to our advertising.

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7.30pm

**Annual
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Barossa's TDU double header

Barossa is set to shine on the big stage with a full day of racing action following the announcement of a Santos Tour Down Under double header event.

For the first time, on Wednesday January 21, Barossa will host not one but two events, with a new women's one-day race around Tanunda immediately following Stage 1 of the men's TDU.

Mayor Bim Lange said it's a unique opportunity for the region and a chance for the Barossa to shine on the big stage again.

"Each year, the Tour Down Under puts Barossa on the world stage, attracting visitors and showcasing our region's premium tourism appeal – this year will be even bigger and better. We're thrilled to host a full day of racing and excited to welcome some of the best male and female cyclists in the world to our region" he said.

"It's shaping up to be a huge day of cycling action. With the double header we're going to see even more people in the region, and we look forward to showing them why Barossa is worth slowing down for.

"The TDU always draws a great crowd, and our region offers some of the best vantage points to capture all the race action. Now with back-to-back races there's a greater opportunity for people to stay longer, enjoy the best of Barossa hospitality and 'wine down' with us.

"We're encouraging community and businesses to 'embrace the race' and deliver a fun, exciting line up of entertainment and activations spanning the entire day. We're committed to creating an exciting atmosphere that encourages people to stay a little longer and soak up the action of both races."

With the race start and finish for both races in Tanunda, the town centre will be a hive of activity with a free family street party, entertainment and activities for the whole family and the race action live on the big screen.

Stage 1 of the men's race kicks off at 11.10am with an exciting new race route, that will see the peloton pass Barossa Park and grand Chateaux in Lyndoch, before making their way long Gomersal Road to complete three loops from Tanunda to Angaston. Following the men's race, spectators can dive into Tanunda's buzzing atmosphere, tasting, sipping, eating and shopping their way through Barossa's cafes, cellar doors, restaurants and shops before the women's race start.

Riders in the women's race will complete 12 laps of an eight-kilometre circuit, giving spectators plenty of opportunities to see all the colour and excitement of the peloton.

Council and the Santos Tour Down Under will work collaboratively to activate Tanunda for the day. Council will lead the activation of the township, working closely with local businesses to maximise the full potential of the double header, with support from SATC provided through the Santos Tour Down Under (TDU) Santos Best Dressed Town and Associated event programs.

Council and TDU will also work with local businesses and residents to address and minimise any potential impacts of the double header.

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Spring Declutter and Save

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 8159 5053 or emailing adeelaide.ops@solo.com.au, to schedule either a kerbside collection date (between 20 October and 13 November) or secure a voucher to be redeemed by 14 December.

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 14 December and, to make it a little easier, the Springton Transfer Station will be open extra days, including 25 October and 22 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 next financial year."

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

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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. 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

Snippets

"The Tale of Puss in Boots."

With record attendances and sold-out performances, the Williamstown Amateur Players pantomime, "The tale of Puss in Boots" was an absolute runaway success! For 'amateur players' these incredible pantomime ladies certainly know how to put on a very professional, entertaining show! The audience was captivated from the first moment and joined in enthusiastically with supporting cheers, clapping, boos and awws! We were easily drawn into the well-crafted plot and it's lovely little subplots, particularly the inspired 'mousey' one, laughing readily at the jokes and humorous dialogue, admiring the effortless acting, singing, dancing, the beautiful costumes and makeup, the awesome keyboard playing, the stage sets and their 'special effects' moments! I particularly enjoyed pondering the question of "Did those few players really forget their lines or was that a cunning device to generate more laughs??" Whatever! - Such a wonderful season of excellent performances, ably supported by the Torrens Valley Lions Club Caterers during the Intermission Time! Congratulations to everyone involved and Thank You for all the hours and all the effort you have put in during the year to put the smiles on our faces and the laughter in our voices in this world-wide, challenging year of 2025!! L.L.

Third Generation Barber.

Recently I had a chat outside our Williamstown Barber's Shop which resulted in the following quote from Chelsea. "I would like to say a Massive Thank \You to the Community for the support of the last year. It's been fantastic and we have grown organically. I have some amazing clients, young and old, ranging from 9 months to 99 years old! The 14th of October was our First Birthday. My Positive Affirmation Chalk Art on the pavement outside the shop has become a real hit with people stopping as they are walking past, reading it and taking photos! I extend my gratitude to customers past, present and future."

Accompanying is a beautiful, hand-drawn, pencil sketch of Chelsea at work. This was done, also with gratitude, by the father of the gentleman in the barber's chair, both loyal customers, and it is a gift that Chelsea says she "will treasure for ever!" L.L.



Hand-drawn, pencil
sketch of Chelsea at
work—
Third Generation Barbers



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Pioneers Mens Chat

Thursday 13th November 2025
2.00pm - \$5.00 per person

Topic

"Aged & Homecare changes"
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SOUTHERN BAROSSA WINERY AND TOURIST ACCOMMODATION PROJECT – STRATEGIC ALLIANCE AND COMMERCIAL PTY LTD - IMPACT ASSESSED DEVELOPMENT

RELEASE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Southern Barossa Winery and Tourist Accommodation Project, by Strategic Alliance and Commercial Pty Ltd, is being released by the Minister for Planning for public comment from **Wednesday 5 November 2025 until Wednesday 17 December 2025**.

The proposal can generally be described as development involving a change in land use and building work associated with the construction and operation of tourist accommodation (in the form of a multi-level hotel building, with restaurant, function-conference facilities, wellness-spa, pool and other recreational facilities, outdoor areas and associated carparking) and a winery, cellar door, indoor and outdoor function areas, and carparking; and ancillary service infrastructure and civil works.

How to access the Environmental Impact Statement

From 5 November 2025, the EIS can be accessed online at plan.sa.gov.au and yoursay.sa.gov.au/barossa-eis

Hard copies are also available to view at:

- Department for Housing and Urban Development, Planning and Building: Level 9, 83 Pirie Street, Adelaide (please call the PlanSA Help Desk on 1800 752 664 beforehand to confirm access and visitation arrangements)
- The Barossa Council's Lyndoch Branch Office and Library, Barossa Valley Way, Lyndoch; and the main office of the Barossa Council, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa.

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Community Information Sessions

Two information sessions with DHUD: Planning and Building and Strategic Alliance representatives have been arranged to learn more about the project and the impact assessment process:

- In person: **Thursday 27 November 2025** from 4pm until 7pm; Clubroom (Court Facing), Barossa Park, 2 Barossa Valley Way, Lyndoch (carparking available).
- Online: **Wednesday 3 December 2025** from 6pm to 7pm. Pre-registration will be required to join the online session. For details go to Eventbrite <https://plansaevents.eventbrite.com.au/>

For further information visit yoursay.sa.gov.au/barossa-eis or plan.sa.gov.au .

Submissions

Submissions are invited until **Wednesday 17 December 2025 via:**

- Online: plan.sa.gov.au and yoursay.sa.gov.au
- Email: spcreps@sa.gov.au (Subject: *Southern Barossa Winery and Tourist Accommodation Project EIS Submission*)
- Written:
Minister for Planning
Attention: Robert Kleeman, Manager, Crown and Impact Assessment
Planning and Building
Department for Housing and Urban Development
GPO Box 1815, ADELAIDE SA 5000

All submissions will also be made available to Strategic Alliance to prepare a Response Document.

At the conclusion of the assessment process, public submissions will be published on the Plan SA website, with personal details such as names and email addresses redacted.

Next Steps

Following submission of the Response Document, an Assessment Report will be prepared by the State Planning Commission, which will then be provided to the Minister for Planning for consideration. A decision can then be made on the proposed development.

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10.30am Church 121st Anniversary
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Nov 23rd 9.30am Rev Brian Polkinghorne
Nov 23rd 9.30am Reign Of Christ.
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Southern Barossa Coffee & Chat Mornings

The ladies enjoyed a lovely morning tea at the Table Café for their October catch up. Again, thank you to the staff for their valued support.

The next catch up for will be at the Bakery in Lyndoch on Thursday 13th November at 10.30am.

Our final get together will be for our Christmas lunch at the Monkey Nut Café on Thursday 11th December. We will be meeting at 12 noon.

It would be appreciated if you can tell us at the November meeting at the Bakery, if you are going in December as we do need to have correct numbers. If unable to be there and you would like to go, please contact Judy on 0413 606 565 and let her know.



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The forefathers of Williamstown - Most locals know their names but what do we really know about them? The First - Thomas Adams

In 1849 a young Scotsman from Forfar arrived in South Australia on board the Calphurnia, he was a butcher by trade presumably he plied his trade after he arrived. However, in 1852, following the death in 1851 of Andrew Robertson, owner and licensee of the Thistle Inn in Waymouth Street, Thomas married Andrew's widow, Christina. She was the licensee of the hotel and from 1852-53 Thomas became the license holder. He was just 22 years of age.

In 1850 George Prince of Mitcham bought Section 984 off the survey map of the Hundred of Barossa for £80. In 1852 auctioneers Solomon & Co advertised the sale of Section 984 in the Hundred of Barossa in glowing terms. They sold it to Thomas Adams for £110, so quite a nice profit for nothing.

From 1854 the Victoria Creek Hotel was recorded on the new Council of Mt Crawford's Assessment Register. It was listed as "unfenced pasture, stone and brick house and outbuildings, licensed as a public house for the sale of wine". Thomas hadn't wasted any time getting his public house built. By 1854 he was granted a license after a glowing report from a hundred of the local people. (this must have been the whole population of the area) as there was no town at this time. Thomas was only 24 years of age. Not bad going for a young lad.

On November 10, 1854, Adams bought more land, 34 acres. The SA Gazette printed Sec 25, but I think this is a misprint and it was Sec 35 joining Sec 984.

On March 17, 1855 Miss E Adams, a 16 year old Scottish lass from Kerriemuir near Forfar, arrived on the ship the Jannet. Her parents were David and Amelia nee Nicoll and there were other children in the family including brother Thomas. In an article written for her 90th birthday and for her obituary in 1931 she called herself Helenor, (I think she was christened Ellen) and claims she came out to live with her brother Thomas Adams and brought a deer's head to put on the hotel wall. However, the records are at odds with the fact, as it states the Victoria Creek hotel was in Willaston. Thomas Adams was never the licensee of the Victoria Hotel in Willaston and this building wasn't built until 1866 by T Scown. Scown, then his wife, however, did own the Williamstown Hotel from 1868-9.

Helenor or Ellen married John Michael in Willaston and they lived on a farm near Gawler River at Riverside Farm. They had their children here and the birth records names her as Ellen. Later they move to Barunga, inland from Wallaroo.

However, on July 24, 1855 there was a report of Thomas Adams falling from his dray near Lyndoch Valley. The wheel passed over his body from knee to shoulder, he was seriously injured and taken to the surgeons in Gawler. He was reported to have recovered, but how well? On January 27, 1857, Thomas instructed George Warren to advertise the auction sale of Victoria Creek Hotel, and Sec 984 and 35.

On February 14, 1857, Thomas had a lease drawn up for George Snellgrove to take over the Hotel and land and on May 12, 1857 Adams sold his hotel to Lewis Johnston for £500.

It is hard to trace Thomas Adams after this. He was living in Willaston and this was where his wife was living at the time of her death on June 12, 1871. He did go back to butchering, records from 1857-62 placed him in Gawler as a butcher. I was unable to trace him over the next 15 years until his health records appeared.

The following records are sad. On June 8, 1878, Thomas aged 47, referred to as a drover, was in the Adelaide Hospital, on October 18, 1878, Thomas was back in hospital, his place of residence recorded as Barunga, he had psoriasis and was living with his sister Mrs. Michael. He was listed as being destitute for 29 days.

The First - Thomas Adams (copy)

On August 16, 1879, Thomas Adams, a butcher was living in the home for the destitute, section A (this is the male section). On May 7, 1881, Thomas Adams 50, a drover was admitted to the Wallaroo Hospital with pneumonia. His doctor was Mr Hamilton and a sister was recorded. On May 23, 1881, aged 50 Thomas Adams died in the Kapunda Hospital. He is buried in the Kapunda Cemetery, Old Section G. 56.

A sad ending for a life that started out with so much promise - and what foresight that young man had. One could say he put Williamstown or "Victoria Creek" on the map. I wonder what happened to the deer head?

Denise Patterson
Member of the Williamstown and District Historical Society



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