



Southern Gateway to the Barossa

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Williamstown Amateur Players Inc.
proudly presents

"The Ugly Rooster"

A Pantomime for the Young and the Young at Heart

Williamstown Memorial Hall
22 Queen St, Williamstown SA

October 2026

Saturday 10 @ 2pm

Sunday 11 @ 2pm

Saturday 17 @ 2pm & 7.30pm

Adults \$15 Children \$8

Catering available at Interval
(EFTPOS & cash accepted)

Seniors Only Shows *

Tuesday 13 @ 1.30pm

Thursday 15 @ 1.30pm

All tickets \$15

[No Sales at Door]

(*includes light afternoon tea)

Tickets via Trybooking from Sept 1st

<https://www.trybooking.com/DNVMF>

Also available at the door



Proudly Supporting the Local Community and Charities

SMASHING THE ILLICIT TOBACCO TRADE

Sophisticated, organised crime gangs now run Australia's tobacco trade.

Four out of every five packets of cigarettes sold in Australia are illicit and the statistics are worse when you include vapes.

Legitimate local businesses and their staff, including supermarkets, general stores and service stations, are paying the price but so too is the community more generally.

Billions of dollars are being syphoned into the coffers of criminals furthering criminal activity that places the community at further risk.

Almost daily fire-bombings are

just the most visual expression of this activity which includes the sale of drugs, violence, extortion and corruption.

Here in Barker, recent raids have demonstrated both the scale of the problem and the need for a stronger national response.

The current approach of closing down illicit cigarettes stores it not achieving results. Too often an illicit tobacco and vape shop is closed only to reopen just days later. The only way to end this illegal trade is to smash the business model that underpins it.

The Coalition has a plan to do just that.

We will cut tobacco taxes by 80 per cent to remove the

enormous price advantage driving customers onto the black market. We will legalise and regulate vapes and fund a nationwide law enforcement surge.

We will strip away the profits of organised criminal gangs, shut their shops, stop their shipments, seize their money and arrest those responsible. We will return customers to legitimate businesses that employ locals and support our local communities.

This is part of the Coalition's Plan to fix the economy and protect our way of life.



**FIGHTING
FOR US**

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Williamstown News Snippets for October 2026

September 19th the South Para Reservoir Parkrun celebrated its 250th event. Thanks to SA Water for the new signposts. Saturdays at 8 am a 5km walk or run. Check it out! The most attendees on a day is 99. Volunteers are necessary to run this event and we thank them. Particularly AJ who has been Race Director and Volunteer coordinator for most of these 250 events. Mammoth effort AJ.

September Scone time was our Native plants presentation by Bob Wallace from Lyndoch.

A wonderful presentation with samples and stories. Thank you, Bob.

October 20th presents “How’s your heart”? – check out the ad.

October 31st we say a sad farewell to **Lucy and Marty Roberts – Ellamore flowers** – as they move on to greater and exciting times in NSW!! Ellamore have been great supporters of our community and we will miss them. But...

Welcome to Kate from Tuck’s Folly flower farm -From Kate “Thank you to Lucy @ Ellamore_ Flowers for her kind introduction, I am very excited to be starting my flower journey in this beautiful community. I am available for orders on 0447 697 545 and will be open Wednesday to Friday 10 - 5pm and Saturday 9-12. Please have orders in by 5pm Tuesday if possible- local delivery \$10”-

October is Pantomime month. - Don’t forget to get your tickets and support these amazing ladies. – A tradition for nearly 45 years. The first one with a smaller stage, minimal lighting, no storeroom on the side or verandah on the north side of the main hall. Much of these additions have been added by monies raised by these productions. Congratulations ladies.

Remember when ...??

10th January 1979 – a Williamstown community meeting was held – Ron Fromm initiated the meeting as chair of the Williamstown Community Council. The document is a little old and tattered, but it was decided- **Williamstown – a peaceful place to live.**

Ideas brought forward for progress –

- *Stimulate pride in the town with tidy gardens*
- *Survey for a local bus!*
- *Use Willy Wagtail and Notice Boards for awareness*
- *Liaise with Council for improvements*
- *Develop Seniors areas*

Some of these have been achieved- others we are still waiting.

A list of challenges was listed, and a SONG WAS WRITTEN - maybe next time we’ll reproduce that!

A School Council comment from **May 1986** – “Television is a medium, because it is not rare nor well done!”

Also, from May 1986 WWT– Williamstown Active Teens (W.A.T.S) – 15 teens enjoyed a progressive dinner when they hiked the town calling at various people’s homes for a portion of the meal. Soup at Spehr’s, main course at Esdohr’s sweets at Bishop’s and meeting and supper at Sibbick’s. They have also been enjoying working at Wirraminna Homes. Lawns have been mown, gardens weeded and gutters cleaned. ...Interesting that this is how it was recorded. The original 8 rental units on Memorial Drive were called Wirraminna, which of course later the Abbeyfield house was added in 1989, but the name Wirraminna came back in 2019 for the whole area.

Is October – Supermarket month?

A Winter to Remember for the Bulldogs

What a fantastic Winter 2026 season it has been for the Barossa District Basketball Club!

We fielded seven junior and two senior teams take the court this winter, and it was wonderful to see our players develop, build friendships and enjoy their basketball throughout the season.

A very special highlight was welcoming DJ Vasiljevic to Williamstown, where he took over a junior training session. Our young Bulldogs had the opportunity to learn from an elite professional basketballer, making it a memorable night for our players and families.

The season finished on an incredible high, with six Bulldogs teams competing across five Grand Finals and the club celebrating four Winter Premierships.

U12 Boys Div 2 – Premiers

Bulldogs 42 def Magic Green 29

Grand Final MVP & Season MVP – Charlie Fromm

U14 Boys Div 2 – Bulldogs Red Premiers

Bulldogs Red 44 def Bulldogs Blue 29

Grand Final MVP – Aashan Jones

Bulldogs Blue Season MVP – Hunter Robinson

U16 Boys Div 2 – Premiers

Bulldogs Red 35 def TBC 31

Grand Final MVP – Harrison Davis

Season MVP – Conrad Randall

B Women – Premiers

Bulldogs 41 def Panthers 20

Grand Final MVP – Lauren Foote

Our C Men also finished as Grand Finalists, completing a fantastic finals campaign for the club.

A huge thank you to our volunteer coaches, team managers, committee members, families, referees, community partners and everyone who supported the Bulldogs throughout the season.

We are incredibly proud of our Williamstown-based basketball club and the wonderful community behind it.

Congratulations Bulldogs on a Winter 2026 season to remember!

Supplied by Sally Fromm

Editor's Notes

Spring is here and with the beautiful days of sunshine come the events and days outside with lots of change...

The **Christmas Fair** is going to be held on 6th December at the Primary School Oval and hall and if you are apart of a local group who would like to hold a stall or share your group activities to drive your membership we would love to have you join us.

The **Christmas Carols** will be held on the 16th in the Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall. We will also be holding the annual town garage sale again in February 2027!! Stay tuned for more info to come over the next few months.

We would love some more volunteers for these events and any sponsorship or donations that can be offered to the raffles will be very thankfully accepted.

We are all patiently awaiting the opening of the **Foodland Supermarket** and it was great to see cars parked in the car park today, albeit contractors, but none the less, I was able to imagine pulling in next to them to do my shopping as I drove past.

We are updating the **Willy Wagtail** ads and billing processes in the very near future so if you haven't already, but would like to place an ad or a story or column, please feel free to contact me and we can see what we can work together on. Debbie 0417 851 061.

If you can attend one of the **Pantomine performances** this year, take friends, family, and children. They are a lot of fun and the ladies are a dedicated bunch who spend many hours all year to make sure they pack lots of fun and talent in the performances.

You will see the **Christmas Fair and the Wirraminna Strawberry Fete** are both looking for stall holders for their events so why not take your products to both. Details are in this edition of who to contact about each one.

Enjoy the beautiful weather because only 5 years ago (29th Sept) we had hail and rain to cause many flash floodings in Williamstown. Debbie



Following the success of the Red Gum Series at this year's History Month, Ingrid Eidam continues to research and document important colonial history relevant to our local area.

The main geographical area of Ingrid's research is Mount Crawford and environs from 1837—1860, so about 20 years before Williamstown was known as a town.

The latest research note entitled the Three Knights of Eskdale will be completed soon and deposited in the State Library along with the Williamstown and District Historical Society.

This research is part of the basis for the understanding of how and why people came to be in this area from as early as 1839, with occupations of farming, timber getting and mining.

Local information, Researched , Recorded and Remembered, Red Gum Series explores the people, places and events that have shaped the early times of Williamstown, the basis of our local history for future generations.

Ingrid Eidam, ieidam@dodo.com.au

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- Games: Most likely Tuesday nights
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What's on in Williamstown

If you would like details of your group added or updated send us your details

Williamstown Amateur Players	Rehearsals—Every Tuesday 9am – 2pm Performances October each year. Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall email –williamstownamateurplayers@gmail.com Contact: Suzanne 0422 353 898 or Babs 0406 615 953
Barossa Arms & Ammo Collectors Club Inc SSAA	1st Thurs monthly (except Jan) 7pm Williamstown RSL Hall Gold Coin Donation. Contact Jo: 0422 889 866
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: barossa4wdclub@gmail.com
Church of Christ	Sunday Service 10am 8 Margaret Street, Williamstown Contact Trev: 0426 977 292
Kersbrook Landcare Nursery (Williamstown)	Volunteers Wednesday 8.30am—4pm. Public Plant Sales first weekend of each winter month 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
Parkrun	South Para Reservoir , 176 South Para Rd. 8am every Saturday
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
Williamstown Action Group	7.30pm 1st Monday monthly in Meeting Room upstairs in Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall Contact Graeme 0499 881 008
Scone Time	3rd Tuesdays of each month RSL Hall, Williamstown

Williamstown Church of Christ

Worship - 10:00am Sunday's

All are welcome to come and join us

**Contact - Trevor Venning
0426977292**

**You can view our weekly message
on our YouTube page**

**YouTube Search - Williamstown
Church of Christ SA**

Sandy Creek Uniting Church

4th 9.30am Rev Brian Polkinghorne HC
Older Persons Sunday

11th 9.30am Rev Geoff Graetz

18th 9.30am Mr Darrel Schutz

25th 10.30am Dr David Taplin
Animal Blessing in Bush
Chappel
Followed by lunch

Nov 1st 9.30am Rev Geoff Graetz
All Saints Day

sandycreekuca@gmail.com



Sandy Creek Uniting Church

162 Williamstown Rd, Cockatoo Valley,
Regular Sunday Services are held at the Church at 9.30am
Followed by a time of fellowship and morning tea

Sandy Creek Uniting Church

Bush Chapel

Situated alongside the Church and is available
To all for private, quiet contemplation,
Or can be booked for Function, Weddings,
Baptisms, Funerals and other celebrations



St. Peter's Anglican Church

Friday 2nd 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th 10am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity Church, Lyndoch

Friday 9th 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th 10am Holy Communion
2.30pm Little Para Singers
St Boniface Hall, Nuriootpa

Friday 16th 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th 10am Holy Communion

Friday 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th 4pm Holy Trinity Church,
Lyndoch

All are welcome to join us

Fr Steven de Kleer 85642087
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Supermarket timeline Things take time!!!

2016 – Brian and Marg Harris (then Councilor) and Lyn and Glen Venning travel to Riverton to meet Ian Drill, leader of the Simarah group who had recently purchased the old fish and chip shop and vacant land. Saltyjams, developers pulled out of development and passed the plans etc. on to Simarah Group.

2017 August - photo where the architectural design was presented and hopes were raised. After much toing and froing Simarah group were not committing to the build.

2017-2021 - Lyn made much contact with various groups, including Klose's Romeo's, Drakes and in conjunction with Metcash was continually told this 'takes time'!

July 2020 – a lovely Mural was painted on the wall of the old fish and chip shop by Bron Venning – this gave some brightness and hope during the Covid lock down times.

July 2021 - A suggestion for starting our own Southern Barossa Co-operative was thrown in and so in January 2021 a steering committee came together to look at this and work with Simarah and eventually presented the idea to the public meeting held in December.

Steering committee: - Lyn Venning (Chair) Steve Balch (advisor, vice chair extraordinaire) Kristina Jug (Minute secretary extraordinaire) Bob Woodbury, Marijan Bulley, Lucy Roberts Debbie Boehm, Wayne Thomas, Charlie Scalzi, Glen Venning

2021 December - the first public meeting was held in the school rec center with over 50 people attending. (refer paper clipping)

Feb 2022 - Another meeting was held, this time in the Football club rooms and the meeting voted overwhelmingly to go to the Foodland group which is part of Metcash.

2022 Feb to July – loads of work to pull together all documents. Many, many thanks to Steve Balch, Kristina Jug, Bob Woodbury, Lyn Venning for pushing this through.

July 2022 - Southern Barossa Co-operative registered

Jul – Dec 2022 – Negotiations with Metcash and Simarah Group continued

March 2023 – It appeared the Southern Barossa Co-operative was in no situation to commit to Metcash requirements and Klose's Supermarkets purchased the land from Simarah group. Communication with Klose's continued while plans were being altered to more suit the block of land, and Public Notification was submitted through PlanSA. This closed in Nov 2023.

April 2024 – 17 community members attended the Development Assessment Commission meeting to support Klose's in their bid to get the plans of the building approved. This was approved with 23 conditions and 7 reservations!

Aug 2025 – Demolition started and the 12-month build commenced by Chappell Builders. The next 12 months the demolition and building were keenly watched by the community. The community has been very impressed by the work ethic from demolition contractors and builders.

August 2026 – It rained a LOT putting building completion behind by about a month.



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. It's a happy place.

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

We encourage anyone who wants 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.

We emphasis that the workshop is not the thing for all men, some may simply want a cuppa and a chat in our meeting room (with kitchen) and we encourage that. In fact when that bell rings its coffee/tea/bikky break which is one of our most important functions, but just be warned of all the high minded banter that takes place (not), The bell ringer has the most onerous task in the place by the way.

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.

If you would like to advertise, submit a letter or story to the Willy Wagtail

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

DEADLINE: 25th of each month

Advertising Prices: Full Page \$50,
Half page \$25, Quarter Page \$15.
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Williamstown

Christmas Fair

Sunday 6th December

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11.30am – 3.30pm



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Pioneers Mens Chat

Thursday 8th October 2026

2.00pm - \$5.00 per person

Topic

"Making a Wagon Wheel using Conventional Tools"

John W-0466 346 215 or John K 0417 405 080

Venue - RSL/Senior Citizen Hall@Williamstown
Memorial Drive, Williamstown

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CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

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Saturday October 10

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Sunday October 25th at 9.30am**



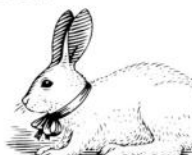
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Williamstown

'Scone Time'

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Many thanks to Bob Wallace for sharing his well found knowledge of Native Plants and..”to prune or not to prune?” the samples and examples were greatly appreciated.

This month..... ***How's your heart??***

Presented by Caroline Wilksch RN, BN, Grad Dip (Acute Care Nursing)
Cardiac Rehabilitation and Heart Failure Support – Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network

** Information – you may like to know –*

➤ *Contact My Aged Care?*

➤ *Help with something else?*

** or just some one to share a cuppa with
or meet new people in the town?*



Door prize

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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

The ladies enjoyed a lovely morning tea at The General in Williamstown! Once again, staff were fantastic and made them feel most welcome. Our catch up for October will be at the Barossa Chateau, Lyndoch on Thursday 8th October at 10.30am.

We will be enjoying a beautiful Devonshire tea at a cost of \$13 per person.

Anyone interested in attending who hasn't already done so, please ph Carolyn on 0411 410 453.

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 an hour or two to spare, we would love to have you join us.

If you require further information, please contact Carolyn on 0411 410 453.



**Are you finding it's tough in this world at the moment?
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Join us at our Williamstown Uniting Church Family:

- Sundays 10am
- Mondays 7pm Life Group
- Tuesday 1pm Bible Study and more

**Little Eve Street/Church Street
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or Peter 0458 202 004.**



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.



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My name is Kate, and I'm a local from Mt Crawford where I've lived most of my life.

In 2018, as an adjunct to my nursing career, I did a year-long course in Clinical Hypnotherapy through the South Australian Society of Hypnosis.

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The Warren Reservoir – SA's Wild Child

Have you ever looked at the still waters of the Warren as you drive past and thought what a quiet and tranquil body of water. Would you be surprised to know that this little reservoir was once a wild child and caused the Government of the day quite a few red faces.

Back in the early 1900s the people of the northern Barossa/ Eudunda/Kapunda area were in desperate need of a good, clean and reliable water source. The government sent forth so-called experts to assess the situation. By July 1912 the Advertiser reports that the findings were in and their recommendation was to see a reservoir on the South Para River in the Gully near Williamstown. The Government officials wanting to please the desperate locals promised they would have water within five years; work would be starting soon. Every heard a politician make a promise like that before???

All seemed to be going well except by the end of 1913 nothing had happened, and the locals started to find out why. It could be classed as a comedy of errors, except to the water desperate people in the north, nothing about it was funny. A Vigilance Committee was formed and meetings and protests began. The Adelaide Observer and the Kapunda Herald ran headlines "Protest against Delay – Vigilance Committee Formed". "Warren Reservoir – An Unpleasant Surprise."

The professional Surveyors with all their equipment for the day had got it wrong. The locals expressed their frustration and anger. From the Kapunda Herald 24 December 1913 "highly paid government officers had been two years in finding out that their original surveys were mistaken. It was very disheartening". As they pointed out "ordinary folk could take levels with a spirit level and straight edge and they could soon tell where the water would go."

The height of the wall proposed for the quantity of water forecasted would flood the South Para River valley right back within 50 yards of Alick Murray's front garden. He of course wanted to be compensated for the loss of his land and stud business. This was fair enough, but the northern folk took this as a let out for the Government and pointed out that landowners around the proposed Millbrook Reservoir were getting compensation. The rights of one person shouldn't weigh against the need of many.

G.K.G Warren weighed in, to support his friend Alick Murray, stating that he was only expecting his just rights, also the water would be shallow and evaporation and soakage would be great and much of the area would be nothing more than swamps and marshes. The error was all on the government for getting it wrong.

So, what could the government do but get another survey done and send their Hydraulic Engineer Mr. Beyer to assess the situation. There were two options, move the Wall further down the river or lower the Wall. As no other suitable site could be found, lowering the Wall was the only option. This reduced the holding capacity from 1,000 – 2,000 million gallons to 800 million gallons.

Well, you would think that was enough, but no. Another headline appeared in the Daily Herald 15 July 1914 – A HUGE MISTAKE – The Warren Reservoir – Minerals Worth More than The Water. Many will know there is a seam of Clay running from the old Clay Mine on the nearby hill down under the Warren Reservoir. It is rich in rutile and other minerals. There had been a rutile mine on the perimeter of the reservoir. So not what the government wanted to see!

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However, the works went ahead and other than the partly built Wall being washed away in a flood during construction, the job was done. In 1926 work began to increase the holding capacity. The wall and the overflow were raised by 3 feet and 6 inches. Also, the motor bridge over the reservoir was raised to accommodate the extra height. The capacity of the reservoir increased to present day levels of 4.7 billion litres.

Most locals will remember the excitement of the Reservoir being emptied in 2023. The water dropped and the little drowned bridge appeared. The fish were caught and moved to the South Para Reservoir.

However, more pain for the Government when this appeared in the News? **SA Water fined 60K for causing environmental harm during botched maintenance of Warren Reservoir.** Remember that day? SA Water were conducting maintenance on a leaking "scour" valve. During complicated work, the valve was unable to be closed and rain had caused the water level to rise and continue to drain into the South Para River. Oh no, that pesky clay silt drained down the river to at least 1.7 Kilometers, smothering little things on the way. These big oops cost SA Water a fine of \$60,000 and almost \$1 million in remediation. Unfortunately, remediation doesn't bring little dead things back to life. That's a lot of money for a mistake but then there have been a few and you know who pays?

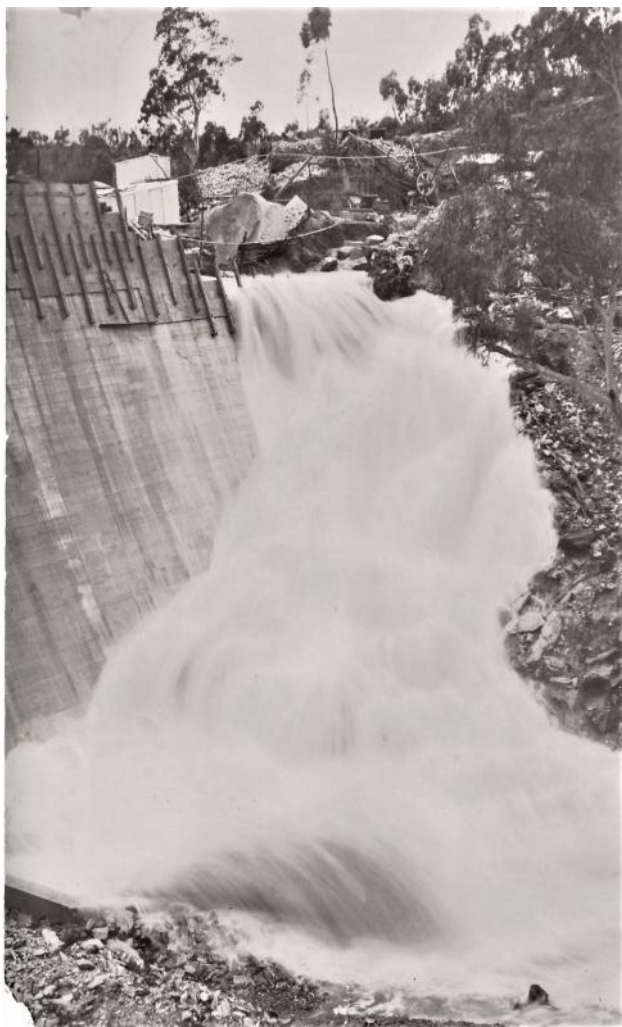
So next time you drive past the Warren Reservoir !!!

Denise Patterson

Member of the Williamstown & District Historical Society

Image 1 —Flooding over the wall before it was finished.

Image 2—View of land now submerged under Warren Reservoir.



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