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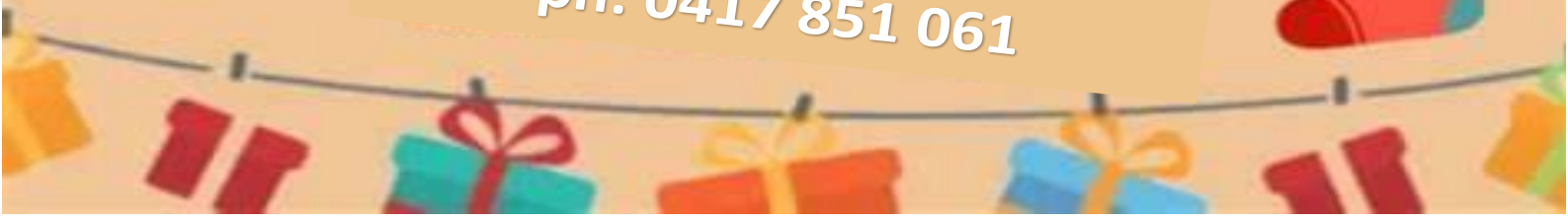
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# SOUTHERN BAROSSA MEN'S SHED

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 (S.B.M.S) welcomes men from all walks of life to attend our Shed, you can participate in a range of activities in the workshop if that is your desire or you can simply turn up for 'a cuppa' and socialise with others in a non pressured setting. The Mens Shed does not follow a strict format but it does encourage fellowship. Projects are also undertaken which benefit the community.

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. There is an emphasis on 'having a go' with projects but there is no pressure, it is most important for men to enjoy the activities, have a sense of belonging and feel happy in the Shed environment.

Men with an interest in the activities of the S.B.M.S. are welcome to attend on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9am-1pm. at the rear of Wirraminna Little Shop of Treasures on Queen Street, Williamstown.

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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](mailto:barossa4wdclub@gmail.com)

## Southern Barossa Coffee and Chat Mornings

Our last Coffee and Chat Morning was at the Lord Lyndoch Restaurant and it was lovely to have Zoe Phillips from the Grapevine join us! Thank you so much Zoe! It was very much appreciated! Again many thanks to the staff for their excellent and friendly service!

Our next catchup will be at:

Lyndoch Lavender Farm at 407 Tweedies Gully Road Lyndoch on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am.

We will be having Devonshire tea with one lavender and one plain scone served with tea or coffee.

As this is a catered morning If you haven't told us you are going and would like to join us please phone Judy on 0413606565.

We are always happy to see new faces from the Southern Barossa 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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## Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 7th November 2023

Location: Senior Citizen Hall (RSL)

Time: 7:00pm



New Members Welcome

If you are community minded and looking to be part of a wonderful not-for-profit organisation, please consider becoming a member of Wirraminna Care Inc or a Board Member





# The Eagle's Nest.

A Newsletter of the Lyndoch Bowling Club

**NOVEMBER 2023**

## **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS NEEDED!**

Bowls is a great game that can be played by people of all ages, genders and abilities. The Lyndoch Bowling Club will make you welcome and can provide equipment and training to allow you to have fun at whatever level you would like to participate. Night Eagles Community Bowls on a Tuesday night is a great starting point for your fun bowls experience.

If you don't want to play pennants or Night Eagles, Friday Social Night is on every Friday during the year from 5:00pm (practice from 3:30pm). Everyone is welcome to come to the club for a drink, snack and a chat. Social Membership is available and new members (playing & non-playing) will always be welcomed.

### **Calendar:**

- ✓ Tuesdays Weekly – Ladies Practice – 9:30am;
- ✓ Tuesdays Weekly – Night Eagles – 6:30pm for 7:00pm start;
- ✓ Wednesdays Weekly – Men's Practice – 3:00pm;
- ✓ Fridays Weekly – Open Practice – 3:00pm followed by Social Night;
- ✓ Thursday 2 November 2023 – Women – Angaston @ Angaston, Div 1 Men – Tanunda @ Lyndoch, Div 2 Men – Tanunda Black @ Tanunda;
- ✓ Saturday 4 November 2023 – Div 1 – Eudunda @ Eudunda, Div 2 – Kapunda @ Lyndoch, Div 4 – Tanunda @ Lyndoch;
- ✓ Thursday 9 November 2023 – Women – Nuriootpa @ Nuriootpa, Div 1 Men – Eudunda @ Eudunda, Div 2 Men – Tanunda White @ Lyndoch;
- ✓ Saturday 11 November 2023 – Div 1 – Angaston @ Angaston, Div 2 – Freeling @ Freeling, Div 4 – Eudunda @ Lyndoch;
- ✓ Monday 13 November 2023 – Ladies Rose Day – 9:30am for 10:00pm start;
- ✓ Thursday 16 November 2023 – Women – Tanunda @ Lyndoch, Div 1 Men – Kapunda @ Kapunda, Div 2 Men – BYE;
- ✓ Saturday 18 November 2023 – Div 1 – Nuriootpa @ Nuriootpa, Div 2 – Angaston @ Lyndoch, Div 4 – Angaston @ Lyndoch;
- ✓ Thursday 23 November 2023 – Women – Mt Pleasant @ Mt Pleasant, Div 1 Men – Nuriootpa @ Nuriootpa, Div 2 Men – Kapunda Red @ Lyndoch;
- ✓ Saturday 25 November 2023 – Div 1 – Mt Pleasant @ Mt Pleasant, Div 2 – Tanunda @ Lyndoch, Div 4 – Freeling @ Lyndoch;
- ✓ Sunday 3 December 2023 – Garage Sale – 9:00am – 12:00noon;
- ✓ Sunday 17 December 2023 – Christmas Dinner – 12:00noon; and
- ✓ Sunday 4 February 2024 – Cosmo Triples – 9:00am for 9:30am start.

### **Garage Sale:**

The Lyndoch and District Bowling Club will be having a Garage Sale in their Car Park at the Lyndoch Recreation Reserve (up in the back left corner as you enter the grounds) on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023** from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Various items available for purchase at very cheap prices. There will also be bacon & egg rolls available on the day. All proceeds to support the Lyndoch Bowling Club's maintenance of the greens and buildings.

### **Sponsors:**

The Lyndoch & District Bowling Club is seeking more sponsors (big thank you to those businesses currently sponsoring us) to stay viable and is interested to hear from any businesses (or individuals) that would like to sponsor our important social community club.

### **Lyndoch Bowling Club Hire:**

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For further information:-

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E-mail. [Info@sandycreekuca.net.au](mailto:Info@sandycreekuca.net.au)





## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

# Volunteer Engagement Workshop

### Learn how to attract, motivate and retain volunteers

Attracting volunteers? It's not as easy as it sounds. People are busier than ever. Plus, if organisations don't provide a clear role, a pat on the back, or the right tools, even the most passionate volunteers can feel left out and move on. To keep volunteers coming and staying, it's all about making the experience worth their while. Whether you're a community group, sporting club, men's shed, art group, RSL or any non-profit entity, you'll learn the skills you need to attract, motivate and retain volunteers in this exciting 3-hour workshop facilitated by NFP Success.

- **Engagement techniques** - Master the art of attracting, motivating, and retaining dedicated volunteers
- **Policies and strategies** - Create a clear framework for your volunteers that gives clarity and keeps them safe
- **Harness team dynamics** - Learn how to celebrate collective successes, fostering a culture of appreciation and mutual respect

**\$15 plus booking fee. Limited spots. Book one of the sessions listed below at [barossa.org.au](http://barossa.org.au)**

- **Adelaide Plains:** Two Wells Bowling Club, Tues 14 Nov, 9am-12pm
- **Gawler:** Gawler Civic Centre, Thurs 16 Nov, 9am-12pm
- **Barossa:** Barossa Regional Uni Campus, Tues 21 Nov, 4pm-7pm
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*December is Mingle Bells*

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**Enjoyment at ‘Scone Time’ in October**

At the RSL hall on the third Thursday of the month....What a great time we had with Bindi Hawkes from the CFS Community presentation. We learned so much about the safety and preparing of our houses in case of a bushfire.

Thank you to all those who came. The front door mat was a good reminder of serious hazards around the home.

**Clean up now.**

We are really looking forward to SAPOL help with scams and security for our November meeting and The Barossa Fun Factory presenting Mingle Bells for December

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

27 October 2023

## Barossa invests further in recreation and sporting assets

The Barossa Council has endorsed the extension of the oval at Tanunda Recreation Park at a Special Council meeting held on 26 October.

The oval will be lengthened from an existing 160 metres to 171 metres.

The investment coincides with the current renewal of the oval, which is well advanced after Belair Turf was appointed the successful tenderer in August.

Council said there is no better time to do this work than now while contractors are on site, describing it as the most efficient and cost-effective way to deliver these improved service levels.

The extension of the oval is a long-term investment and will make Tanunda Oval comparable to similar sized grounds in the Barossa and the main oval planned for Lyndoch.

In endorsing the plan, Council stated "this is an investment in our future generations, irrespective of any prospect of national or state sporting games."

The long-term investment responds to local, regional and State aspirations, and will deliver improved community recreation and sporting assets as well as economic event and tourism opportunities.

The investment of \$303,000 – the equivalent of \$10,100 a year for the life of the asset – will commence immediately and includes extension of the playing surface, irrigation, fencing, tree removal and associated changes to parking and viewing mounds.

The project does not impact other works already planned in Council's 2023-24 budget.

Council will also review the tree replanting program in conjunction with the Tanunda Recreation Park advisory committee and previous landscaping community group. This will identify further opportunities to replant trees as outlined in the original masterplan for the site, now that the majority of works in the plan are complete or near completion.

The tree replanting program review and stakeholder engagement will be prioritised and completed as soon as possible.

The oval extension will be ready for recreational and sporting use as early as possible in 2024.

Ends

For more information contact Team Leader Communications and Engagement Heidi Helbig on 8563 8428 or Communications and Engagement Partner Alicia Ludi-Schutz on 8563 8442.



The Barossa Council



# Williamstown & Districts Historical Society



## The old Swimming Pool

The large pond of water in Victoria Creek referred to by locals as the Duck Pond or by the old locals as the Old Swimming Pool has a colorful history, in fact the area holds an important part in the history and development of the town of Williamstown. The Pond however was the dream and vision of one man – William Sylvester Dyer, and the hard work of the local Community. The locals rolled up their sleeves and the first Williamstown Swimming Pool came into being.

William Dyer, created the first small pool next to what the locals call Cundy's Bridge, by sandbagging the creek in 1931. However the winter rains of 1932 washed the bags down the creek. So not discouraged he sandbagged further down the creek and made a larger pool. However the writing was on the wall, the next big flood would carry it all away.

William Dyer began canvassing for donations to build a more permanent wall with concrete. Stewart Hammett in his "Back Home to Williamstown" states that in 1933 several public meetings were held and a Swimming Pool Committee was formed. Leading lights of the day became involved, GKG Warren President, A Kelley, P Buckley, F Adams, C Johnson, PC Wilson, JA Woods, A J Springbett and S Wilson. They were a successful group and the wall was built at the cost of £52. Membership was 5/- a year and children 1/-.

Then the work began with many of the local people donating their time and their equipment and horses. Boulders were manually carried out and the horses used to operate scoops to clear the bottom. The rock floor was blasted to make a ditch to pour the wall into. Mr Warren is credited for designing and the building of the sluice gate mechanism. He is also credited with covering most of the cost.

Later a wooden diving tower was added and then this was replaced by a windmill tower of steel construction. Given the fearful stories that are told it is amazing that no one ever drowned.

The first "Learn to swim" classes were held at the old pool. Leeches were numerous. The water cold and murky, but what fun.

To quote a few of these exploits:

A cable was strung across from bank to bank and a bike with the tyres removed was ridden across on the cable. Some made it, many didn't.

Guss Fromm used to plant a huge water melon on the bottom of the deep end and challenge the lads to get it up. The reward – the melon of course.

Graham Chudleigh dived from the top of the tower but his false teeth beat him into the water. They are still there if you are interested.

There are numerous stories, most of the old locals can probably tell one. So next time you stop and look at the old duck pond, stop and listen, you might just hear the children's shrieks and laughter as they bomb each other from the side of the pool.

Denise Patterson

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