

Local Artists in Rotary Exhibition The Murray Bridge and Mobilong Rotary Club's annual Art Show is currently open to the public in the Murray Bridge town hall.

144 pieces are on display, from paintings to photography, assemblages to ceramics and much more. Four pieces by two Meningie artists are on display. Pam Gillen's mixed media, *Spring in the Outback* and Marianne Cunneen's mixed media 1000 Beads and Earth, an acrylic, are on display in the Vicki Nottage Gallery. She also has a photograph on display named Seaweed in the Jean Sims Gallery.

Marianne attended the official opening on Sunday, 5 May and was surprised to find that one of her pieces, a circular piece of metal, wire, and beads *1000 Beads* had already been sold. The exhibition will be open until Sunday, 19 May, and she recommends people drop in and have a look at the exhibition. *More photographs on page 5.*



Marianne Cunneen with her work, '1000 Beads'.

Community Car at Risk

Meningie is at risk of losing the community car, based at Jallarah, due to driver shortages. Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network (MMCPN) is currently seeking dedicated volunteer drivers to support its vital transportation services in Meningie. Your assistance can make a significant difference in the lives of those who are without transport, enabling them to access essential medical and social trips.

The MMCPN covers a vast area, encompassing six local government regions and spanning over 35,000 square kilometres. The network is committed to providing reliable transportation services to individuals who face barriers to accessing necessary healthcare appointments, social engagements, and community events. By volunteering as a driver, you can help bridge the gap and ensure that these individuals receive the support they need.

Currently, there is a car based full time at Jallarah in Meningie. However, due to a shortage of volunteer drivers, they are considering relocating it to an area with more available volunteers. Your contribution as a driver will help them maintain the local service and prevent the need for the relocation.

Joining the team as a volunteer driver is flexible and rewarding. There are no set rosters or obligations for trips. It is understood that everyone has unique commitments, and they respect your availability. The MMCPN will send you trip details, and you can choose to accept, or decline based on your schedule. This flexibility ensures that volunteering fits seamlessly into your life while still making a significant impact in your community.

During the last financial year, the MMCPN provided 1,844 essential medical and social trips to 340 transport disadvantaged individuals residing in six local government regions; Coorong, Karoonda East Murray, Southern Mallee, Rural City of Murray Bridge, Mid Murray and Tatiara. Astonishingly, these trips which travelled 108,517 kilometres were made possible by forty-six active volunteer drivers who contributed 2,329 voluntary hours. *Continued on page 5*



CHURCH SERVICES

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH *Sunday, 19 May* 11am HC Fr Ian *Sunday, 26 May* 11am HC Fr Daniel

Wednesdays, 3pm Evening Prayer

Fr. Ian Jansse 0427 626 402 Raelene Secomb 8575 1868

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1st Sunday, 9am Communion Service
2nd Sunday, 9am Mass
3rd Sunday, 9am Communion Service
4th Sunday, 9am Mass
5th Sunday, 10.30am Ecumenical (combined)
Service

Priest: Father Philip Marshall 8531 1699

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday, 19 May Parish Service 10am at Tintinara

Sunday, 26 May Meningie 10am Ian Kluge Coonalpyn 11am Pastor Peter Tintinara 9am Pastor Peter Tailem Bend 11am Pastor Tony

Pastor Peter Heintze <u>peter.heintze@lca.org.au</u> 0408 265 555 Meningie Chairperson: David Eckert 0428 582 348

UNITING CHURCH

Sunday, 19 May 10am Ian Kitto (Morning Tea after) Sunday, 26 May 10am Interview Service Sunday, 2 June 10am Jeff Wright HC Sunday, 9 June 10am Ian Mundy (Morning Tea after)

Contact Jeff Wright 0428 755 029 or Bill Paterson 0427 971 355. Coomandook – Beryl Freak 8573 3085 Coonalpyn – David Heinrich 0488 711 013

JALLARAH SERVICES

Wednesday, 12 June 1.30pm Uniting Church *Wednesday 10 July* 1.30pm Lutheran Church

DIARY DATES

May

- 15 Meningie Hospital Auxiliary
- 16 Vet Visit
- 17 RSL Bar open
- 18 Football/Netball v Imperials away
- 20 Garden Club trip to Willunga Nursery
- 21 Coorong District Council Volunteer's Day
- 23 RSL Coffee & Chat
- 24 RSL Bar open
- 25 Football/Netball v Mallee Dist. @ home
- 28 Probus
- 29 Museum Clean Up Day
- 30 Museum meeting
- 31 RSL Bar open

Donations toward Jallarah projects

BSB 105 165

account number 016 835 240

June

- 1 Football/Netball v Jervois away
- 7 RSL Bar open
- 8 Caravan Park live music Steam Punk
- 11 Friends of Jallarah Meeting
- 13 RSL Coffee & Chat
- 14 RSL Bar Open
- 15 Football/Netball v Southern Mallee @ Coonalpyn



Please note that our new email address at *The Lakelander* is

lakelandermeningie@gmail.com

Just Saying

There is a lot being said and hopefully done about the dire situation of domestic and gendered violence in our society, already twenty seven women have been murdered in Australia this year.

I worry that these figures will escalate in the future and the internet and social media could have a part to play in this. The violence, pornography, bullying, radicalisation and just one-upman-ship shown through this media is out of control. Constant exposure to violence tends to normalise this behaviour and can have a lasting effect on developing young minds. People film school yard brawls and ugly street fights and proudly display them on their devices, it seems to be common place.

I know that domestic violence existed well before social media but the easy access to this rubbish, particularly on mobile phones, is changing the normal growth of our children. It is addictive, self gratifying and mind numbing. Surely we need to rethink how we manage social media before it is too late.

I don't have the answers but I would certainly look into the impact it is having on our culture.

Just Saying

Foot Note:

At last and thankfully I see the government has announced its intention to try and regulate social media for children under thirteen.

The cynic in me wonders if this is driven by the fact that Mr Malinauskas has young children of an impressionable age but at least he has made the move to do something about it.

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Right; Winners of the Newspower, Meningie Post Office Easter colouring in competition Elise Hera-Singh and Annie Cocks.

Thank you Nurses

The HAC (Health Advisory Council) members acknowledge International Nurses' Day on 12 May. Again, we thank all nurses who work at Meningie, Tailem Bend and across our area, for their ongoing care and commitment to the health of our whole community.

The work you do is appreciated by all. Without you, our lives would simply not be the same! We sincerely thank you all for the good work you continue to do.

Happy International Nurses' Day to you all!

Julie Barrie, Presiding Member for all the HAC team.





Community Car at Risk

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Tammy Shepherd, Chief Executive Officer said that if you care about making a difference and have a heart for helping those in need, "we invite you to join our team of dedicated volunteer drivers. By lending your time, you can positively impact the lives of individuals who rely on our services for their well-being and inclusion in the community. Together, we can ensure that nobody in our community is left behind due to transportation limitations. Your commitment and support will help us continue providing crucial transportation services to those who need it most".

To become a volunteer driver or to inquire further, please contact Mel via email on mmcpnco@tbcc.org.au or call 8572 3513 at the Tailem Bend Community Centre. Mel will provide you with more information and guide you through the process of joining our team.

Tour De Cure recently donated \$10,000 to the MMCPN to help Meningie and surrounding communities who need transport for oncology health.

It would be tragic loose the service in Meningie. If you have a passion for helping others and a desire to make a positive impact in this community, please consider volunteering as a driver for the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network.

Garden Club trip to Willunga

The Meningie Garden Club is travelling to Willunga on Monday, 20 May to visit the Jungle in Willunga Garden Centre.

Those wanting to participate can meet for a car-pool at 9.30am on the road by the lake, just past the Waterfront Motel.

There will be lunch available at the Alma Hotel on arrival before travelling to the plant nursery, gift shop and tropical garden walk.

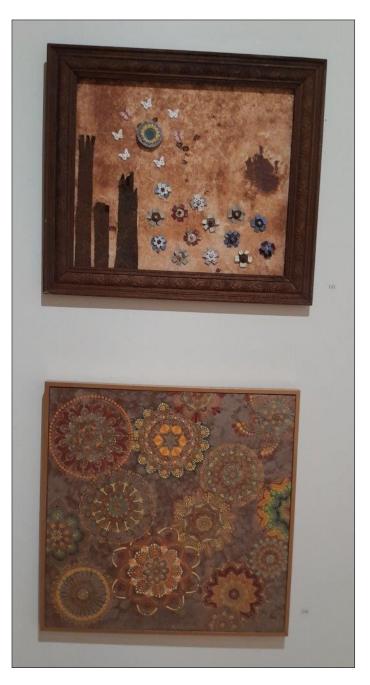
Non-members are most welcome to join in on the trip. RSVP to Pauline Linke on 0409 617 501 as soon as possible to book for lunch.

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Pam Gillen's 'Spring in the Outback' and Marianne Cunneen's 'Earth', hanging together in the Murray Bridge Rotary Art Exhibition.



Putting your Rates to Work

Residents and ratepayers across the Coorong District Council are invited to view and provide feedback on how their rates will be put to work.

This can be achieved through the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget, the draft 2024/25 – 2033/34 Long Term Financial Plan and the Community Vision Plan mid-review.

The draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget will guide Coorong District Council's expenditure and project delivery for the next financial year. Mayor Paul Simmons encourages all Coorong residents to read the draft plans and provide written feedback by close of business on Thursday, 23 May 2024.

Mayor Simmons said that the next twelve months will continue to see Coorong District Council deliver core services whilst ensuring the council sufficiently fund replacement of assets. He added that Council has conducted a thorough review of current services and expenditure, and he is pleased to say that it has found considerable savings. He said that Council is currently in a budget repair phase given low to nil rate rises during COVID-19, coupled with significant inflation over the past two years and revised depreciation figures to account for renewal of Council's assets.

In 2024/25 Coorong District Council will maintain a strong focus on core activities, including its forty-two kilometre unsealed road re-sheeting program. New activities will include; delivering 'Changing Places', accessible community toilets in Coonalpyn, works associated with the Narrung jetty, Tintinara Customer Service Centre and upgraded toilets at the Tintinara War Memorial Hall, progression of moving to drinkable water at Wellington East, pre-development activity associated with Tailem Bend Tenth Street surplus land affordable housing project and continued renewal of Carcuma Road (further three point nine kilometre to be sealed).

An average rate increase of eight-point-fivetwo percent has been proposed for 2024/25 to ensure council achieves a position in which services and assets can be maintained whilst setting consistently lower rate increases and balanced budget positions in following years. This is supported by a fifteen percent rate cap upon request, and availability of a comprehensive rates hardship package for residents. To support the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget, a review of the 2024/25 – 2033/34 Long-Term Financial Plan and the Community Vision Plan 2021 – 2025 has also been undertaken.

The concurrent review of these three documents aims to align community aspirations to current and future services, programs and project delivery within a sustainable financial model. Public consultation on the draft Plans, reviewed Community Vision Plan and draft 2024/25 Schedule of Fees & Charges opens on Thursday, 2 May 2024 and will close at 5pm on Thursday, 23 May 2024. The draft documents will be available to view on Coorong District Council's website (www.coorong.sa.gov.au) or by visiting any Coorong District Council office. Residents are encouraged to attend an upcoming Community Information Session to find out more about the draft Plans first-hand.

Tackling Climate Challenges

The Coorong, Lower Lakes, and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre is taking a collaborative approach to tackle the pressing climate challenges affecting the region.

Climate change is placing significant pressure on the region's delicate ecosystems with reducing river inflows, rising sea levels, increasing temperatures, more frequent and extreme climatic events, and habitat loss threatening biodiversity, ecosystems, and local communities.

To ensure that research reflects the perspectives of both community and first nations people along with management agencies, the CLLMM Research Centre has established the Research Centre Advisory Forum (RCAF). This forum brings together stakeholders from various sectors including representatives from commonwealth, state, and local government, local councils, landscape boards, first nations representatives, and community members to guide and oversee the centre's research program. The CLLMM RCAF has played a crucial role in fostering constructive dialogues, particularly in prioritising research topics in the Research Centre. Following the engagement of over 300 individuals from fifty organisations across the region, topics were collated and discussed amongst RCAF members. These discussions were vital in shaping research priorities and fostering a comprehensive understanding of climate change impacts.

55 Years of Meningie Hospital Auxiliary

The Meningie Hospital Auxiliary, formally known as the Meningie Hospital Women's Sub-Auxiliary, celebrates its fifty-fifth anniversary this week.

More than thirty young mothers gathered at the Methodist Church, now the Uniting Church, on 13 May 1969 at 8pm to form the Meningie Women's Sub Auxiliary. Most members were young mothers and meetings were held in the evenings so that the dads could look after the children.

In 1979 (forty-five years ago), the group became known as the Meningie Hospital Auxiliary with some older members joining. On 27 April 2005, 2nd Time Round opened its doors for a short time at Wadmore House before moving to its current position, the old butcher shop alongside Foodland.

In June 2008, the Meningie Hospital Auxiliary became an Incorporated Body in order that all monies received from donations and 2nd Time Round went to the hospital and not government funds.

The auxiliary now hold its meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, except January, in the Lifestyle Centre behind the hospital at 2pm. New Members are very welcome.

Snippets from the Past

185 years ago, on 6 April 1839, Charles Bonney discovered the lake now known as Lake Albert.

On 12 April 1879, 145 years ago a small port light was erected on the end of the Meningie Jetty.

On 11 April 1889 Meningie Jetty control, management and care was placed under control of the new Meningie District Council, and in May the same year the annual Meningie Athletic Sports meeting was held on the Queen's Birthday and was a great success.

The hotel owner and Councilor, Mr Henry Botten built the house south of the hotel in 1904, 120 years ago. The home was used as a hospital from 1944 to 1964. In 1904,

In 1909, 115 years ago, Point McLeay indigenous inventor David Unaipon patented an improved handpiece for sheep shearing.

Yalkuri station was established in 1919. 90 years ago, on 14 May 1934, Arthur (Took) Gardner built the Meningie Garage complex in the main street on the corner of Princes Highway (then South Road) and Narrung Road (then Albert Road). The building was also later occupied by Mr and Mrs Harry Fleet who ran a tearoom and a billiard room and Keith May would cut hair in a back room. The Meningie Garage sold Shell and Mobil fuels.

In 1949 Bonney Sales and Service took up a shop in the billiard room on the west side of Princes Highway (opposite the hotel). Bonney Sales and Service purchased the workshop site from the Kruse Brothers.

Seventy years ago, in 1954, the RSL Hall on Narrung Road was built. The hall was built by volunteers, who in the main were young men returned from WWII. The RSL at the time had about forty members. Mr Arthur Court (draftsman/ stone mason) built many houses around Meningie and drew the plans for the hall and Mr Bruce Hackett, a WWI veteran, assisted. The exterior of the RSL Hall was constructed of Mount Gambier stone, conveyed to the town in large slabs free of charge by Mr Herbert Hall. The stone was converted to smaller pieces with a crosscut saw by Jack Mincham and Herb Harrison along with many others. The inside walls of the hall consist of bricks which Jack helped to lay. Mr Keith Haskett, bricklayer, is another person who helped. The hall took months to build as volunteers and finances permitted. RSL members held many meetings in the hall despite no proper flooring, just planks, and a roof but no windows. The kitchen was tacked on much later.

In 1959, sixty-five years ago, Bonney Sales and Service moved across the road to the building where it is now.

Also in May 1959, the Meningie Higher Primary School moved across the road (north over North Terrace) into the new school buildings.

Sixty years ago, on 22 March 1964, the old Field Methodist Church at Karwin was closed at a morning service and the new premises opened at a service in the afternoon.

On 14 April 1969, fifty-five years ago, the new Meningie and District Soldiers Memorial Hospital commenced operating and on 13 May 1969 a meeting was held in the Methodist (now Uniting) Church Hall, chaired by Mrs Peg Williams, and the Meningie Hospital Women's Auxiliary was born.

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Road Construction & Maintenance Team Member

» Permanent full-time

» Outside work



» Work/life balance

Coorong District Council is one of the largest and most diverse in South Australia. Spread over 8,832 square kilometres we are perfectly located one hour from the Adelaide CBD via the South Eastern Freeway and offer an escape to open spaces, river, beaches and national parks.

An exciting opportunity has become available for a multi-skilled plant operator, which will be required to service the road construction & maintenance needs of Council.

This position offers an opportunity to contribute to the development and improvement of vital infrastructure within our community. If you are a dedicated with a passion for construction and maintenance, we encourage you to apply and join our team.

Want to find out more or apply? Visit www.coorong.sa.gov.au/jobs or phone Charmaine Sherman, Human Resource Officer on 1300 785 277.

Applications close Monday 27 May 2024, 9:00 am Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages and embraces diversity, supporting an inclusive culture.

Water & Wastewater Coordinator Tailem Bend

» Full time employment » Mid-level career



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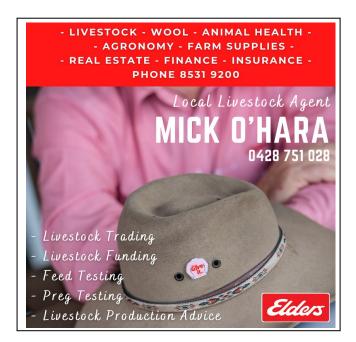
Council is seeking a reliable & motivated individual for the position of Water & Wastewater Coordinator to join our Infrastructure Team to ensure Councils assets are maintained and improved to an appropriate standard.

This is a new position with Council, that will ensure the provision of high quality and reliable operations of Council's Water and CWMS network including wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) and pump stations.

Want to find out more or apply? Visit www.coorong.sa.gov.au/jobs or phone Travis Hay, Operations Manager on 1300 785 277 or 0428 321 192.

Applications close Monday 3 June 2024, at 9:00am

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GARDEN CLUB: Monday, 20 May, trip to Jungle in Willunga Garden Centre. Non members are welcome. Please see article on page 5 for details.

LOCAL PHONE BOOKS: are available at the post office or The Lakelander @ \$5 each.

NEW EMAIL: Please note that our new email address at *The Lakelander* is <u>lakelandermen-</u> <u>ingie@gmail.com</u>

THE LAKELANDER reminds *Notice Board* users to include a clear name and address for billing purposes when submitting advertisements to avoid any inconvenience.

THE LAKELANDER reminds people to use the diary at the Post Office to advise of upcoming community functions or events to be included in 'Diary Dates'.

THE LAKELANDER FOLDING ROSTER.

Wednesday, 29 May – Maxine Sched's team

Wednesday, 12 June – Fay Marles' team

Wednesday, 26 June – Lesley Bubner's team

Wednesday, 3 July - Ellen Charlton's team

team

In the Past

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On 3 June 1969 Quentin Turner was the first baby to be born in the new Meningie Hospital.

Fifty years ago, in 1974, the Meningie Ladies Bowling Club was admitted into the Lower Murray Bowling Association.

Twenty-five years ago, in March 1999, the Meningie lawn tennis courts (corner of Narrung Road and Princes Highway) were used for the last time by the Meningie Tennis Club.

In May 2004, twenty years ago, Meluleuca closed the doors of its shop front in Wadmore House. Raine and Horne moved in some time later.



Justices of the Peace - Meningie District

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November	11	12	13		
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December	9	10	11		
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Croquet

Saturday 27 April Game 1: R Kernick and D Saddlier 7-3 B Paterson and J Williams 7-6 A Szrabo and P VandnenBrink 7-4 V Leehy and G Halliday 7-5 Game 2; R Kernick and H Witteveen 7-3 D Saddlier – two colours 7-3 H Ousley - two colours 7-4 C Kuchel and C Hayes draw 5-5 V Leehy and D Kuchel Monday, 29 April Game 1: D Kuchel and B Paterson 7-3 R Kernich and J Williams 7-2 D Saddlier and A Szarbo 7-3 Saturday 4 May Game 1: J Davis and E Nankivell 7-4 I Boundy and R Kernick 7-4 V Leehy and M Ousley 7-2 Game 2: R Smith and R Kernick 7-5 D Kuchel and G Halliday 7-3 J Davis and B Paterson 6-3 K Jamay and C Hayes 7-5 Monday, 6 May Game 1; R Kernick and D Saddlier 7-2 M Ousley and H Witteveen 7-3 B Paterson and M Smith 7-3 Game 2; B Nankivell and G Halliday 7-2 B Paterson – two colours 7-2 M Farrimond and D Saddlier 7-5

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Golf

Wednesday, 1 May Competition: Pairs Aggregate Stableford Sponsor: **VandenBrink Contractors** Winners: J Mitchell/ S Schaefer 55 on a c/b R/Up: L Biddle/ S Turner 55 Long Drive: Div 1 - C Harvey Long Drive: Div 2 - B Kirkman NTP all grades: S Schaefer Meningie Car Wash: L Biddle

Wednesday, 8 May Competition; Stableford Sponsor: **Freshies Cafe and Bar** Winner: J Mitchell 36 R/Up: B Kirkman 30 Long Drive : Div 1 - M Verhees Long Drive: Div 2 - D Hilton NTP all grades: J Mitchell Meningie Car Wash: S Schaefer





Saturday, 11 May Competition: Captain v President's Aggregate Sponsor: **Ampol** Winner: B Mitchell 36 R/Up: T Davis 36 J Stuart, P Saint 35 NTP: 4 – A Martin, 6 – C Fisher, 12 – B Mitchell

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