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ACDC August Report

The ACDC organised its usual August Open Meeting, with a difference. Representatives of local community groups were invited to attend on Thursday night (16th August) for a light meal prior to the meeting. The success of the evening was measured by the 'chatter' over good food and a drink, and the participation in discussions of local ideas and activities. The meeting was a great success, and it was generally agreed that this type of get-together should be scheduled again, to encourage support and team work within our community. It was noted that a few groups were not able to attend, or may have been overlooked in the organisation process. Apologies to those groups and we will work to ensure everyone is invited in the future.

Thank you to ACDC and AIMC members who provided delicious food, helped set up and packed away after the meeting.

Unsolicited comments heard a few times at the end of the night were "it's good to hear what other groups are doing" and "I didn't know they did that!"

All of the local community groups are busy planning events and activities in our community.

One common theme that became obvious as each of the representatives spoke of their own group's activities was the time and energy that local volunteers commit to our community each day, month and annually. I threw out a challenge to all in attendance. You can all help! Can each community group leader (President /Chairperson) please record every volunteer hour that you and your co-members put into your organisation for the

month of September. I would like to tally up what volunteers do for the Auburn community. Please send your total volunteer hours to me on 30th September (email on the top of Auburn Express).

Auburn Traders Representative Kathy Adams led some discussion on "Christmas Eve in Auburn". The Auburn Traders will be discussing this topic (lights, decorations, Christmas Eve event and more) in detail at a meeting on Wednesday 19th September, 6.30-7.30pm at HATs/Courthouse. Representatives from all the local community groups will be invited to attend for discussions and future planning, and any other interested people may attend as well.

Tony Evans, Chair, Auburn Institute Management Committee presented the meeting with information about booking the Institute for functions, new signage, and an advertising brochure for the Auburn Institute.

This Open Meeting was a great success, a positive step towards establishing a supportive network for the many volunteers who work for our community.

Thanks to all who attended the meeting, and we look forward to meeting again in 2019.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair, ACDC.

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The Auburn Hand Spinners & Fibre Artists

I would like to thank the Auburn and surrounding Districts, for making our inaugural Fibre Festival 1st, July 2018 a very successful event. The Auburn Institute was the perfect venue and we are already planning another event for 2019. We have had requests for spaces for next year from Renmark and Victor Harbor, so this benefits the whole of Auburn Township; we were also able to give a donation to our wonderful local CFS. Many thanks to all.

Llewena Newell.

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Auburn's History Column:



Mrs Rose Becker, daughter of Mrs WG Williams, with the school bell. Rose was patron of the School Welfare Club for many years. (Photo Elizabeth Becker)

The Bells of Auburn

There are four bells that can be heard to toll in Auburn, the school bell, the Anglican Church, Catholic and Uniting Church bells. Of these, the most significant is the School bell, which was originally the bell from the four masted, steel hulled barque called the *Norma*.

A news item in "The Advertiser" on 4th August 2018, had a story about Dr Richard Harris, of fame as a cave-diving expert honoured for his crucial role last month in saving 12 boys and their soccer coach from the northern Thailand cave. As a 15 year-old, with others and a diving instructor, he was saved after sitting in a flooded five-meter boat for 12 hours overnight, their rescue making front line news in 1980. They had been diving on wrecks in Outer Harbor and were tired after diving on the *Norma*.

About 5 kms off Semaphore, the *Norma*, laden with 31,000 bags of wheat, was at anchor waiting for favourable winds about 2.00am on 21st April 1907, when she was struck in pelting rain in the mid-ship by *Ardenraig*. The *Norma* sank in 15 minutes with the loss of life of the ship's carpenter, who was said to have gone below to retrieve his tools. The *SS Darling* passed the now overloaded *Ardenraig* and approached to

offer assistance, ploughing right into the *Norma* and its masts which were just breaking the surface. The *Jessie Darling* sank on top of the *Norma* but was later re-floated and salvaged.

With the *Norma* lying within the main navigation channel to the Port River, and the masts just visible above the surface, it was decided to blow up the remains after other vessels became entangled. Today the site is very popular with local fishermen and divers alike, with the ribs of the ship's hull still intact and supporting a vast selection of marine wildlife.

The *Norma* used to carry vast cargoes of wheat from South Australia's Gulf ports to Europe.

How did the bell come to be at the Auburn School? The grandma of John Williams and Richard Becker, Mrs WG Williams of "Greenwood Park", went to school in Victoria as a child where they had a bell; she thought the School here should also have a bell, purchased the bell of the *Norma* and donated it to the Auburn School in 1936. This magnificent bell is engraved with the words *Norma* and can be heard throughout the town.

Of the other town bells that can be heard tolling, the one at the Uniting Church isn't the original former Bible Christian Church bell. When the Catholic congregation purchased the Wesleyan Church to be their regular worship centre, their Undalya Catholic Church bell replaced the cracked bell at the then Methodist Church, now Uniting. (The Undalya Church was situated at the Undalya Cemetery but since demolished.)

Kay Lambert Auburn Branch, National Trust

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