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ACDC December Report

The ACDC meeting on Tuesday 11th December began with finger food and drinks, as a thank you to outgoing committee members Helen (Smith), Wayne (Butcher) and Phil (Sanders), as well as a welcome to new members Mary (French), Russ (Parkins) and Hellen (Riley).

ACDC Treasurer: On the night of the AGM we did not get a volunteer for the Treasurer's position. At the December meeting, it was agreed to accept the nomination of **Joan Concy** as the **Finance Officer** until the next AGM.

Drought Funding Grants: ACDC Committee members spent some time over the last month gathering information and quotations on several projects for submissions to Council for possible 'Drought Funding' (Federal funds). Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful.

Auburn Cemetery: Next time you are out on a Sunday drive, why not visit the Auburn Cemetery. Repairs to the headstones continue. The avenue of trees add colour, and the stone niche wall is now adorned with two marble urns.

Centenary Park: The ACDC meeting agreed to submit 'works requests' to Council, for some fence repairs at Centenary Park, repairs to power points in the Park pavilion, and removal of tree roots from the verge garden bed in front of the Institute.



Christmas Eve in the Park: Organisation for Christmas Eve in the Park is well underway. Please remember to pack your chairs, picnic rug, and join friends and family to celebrate the season, from 6pm.

Christmas Decorations: Thank you to the Auburn Traders, ACDC and community members who assisted with the street decorating last weekend.

Auburn Website: The new Auburn website is now live. Why not visit it and check out all the information available to visitors and community.

ACDC Community Awards: Some discussion was held on creating some form of display board for the past recipients of ACDC Community Awards. Further discussions will occur.

Southern Gateway Project: The sub-committee met on December 12th for a very productive meeting. More information will be available soon. It's getting exciting!

Auburn Express: A detailed discussion paper was tabled at the ACDC meeting regarding the Auburn Express, covering advertising, format, cost of production and distribution. A sub-committee has been formed, and will prepare a submission for the February meeting. ACDC is confident that the community enjoys and appreciates this publication and looks forward to each edition.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.



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Park Auburn, from 6pm on Monday 24th
December, to celebrate Christmas Eve with
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Rising Sun Hotel entertainment guide

Sun 16th Dec 2.30pm Dave Hudson & Duo
Sonic, Best of Best, FREE

Sun 23rd Dec 2.30pm Rose & Thorns of the
Valley Xmas Show FREE

Sat 29th Dec 8pm Open Mic with Hugh &
Jenny all welcome FREE

Sun 30th Dec 2.30 Billy February The surfin,
country dude FREE

Sun 13th Jan 2.30pm Bacardi Arrest, upbeat
and feel good! FREE

Sun 3rd Feb 2.30pm Dave Freeman, the man
of 100 voices FREE

Auburn's History Column:

Letters from Abroad during 1st World War
Some years ago, a visitor to Auburn handed
a bundle of soldiers' letters from abroad, to
the Auburn National Trust. These had been
sent to her Undalya forebears – an Uncle,
Aunt or cousin to the soldiers. If you have
letters from those serving for Australia in any
wartime circumstance, that relate to local
people, a lend of them to copy for local
history records would be appreciated.

The following soldier No. 1938, Private A. E. Kirkland, "On Active Service", wrote a two-page letter in pen and ink with very neat handwriting on board the Troopship "Seang Bee" August 1916 and listed himself as Reinforcements. His description of the voyage is like that of a tourist enjoying the experience. They left Adelaide on July 13th, arrived in Freemantle July 18th, staying there for two days before leaving for South Africa. He stated they didn't get much leave at Cape Town but the white people gave the soldiers 'a real good turnout at Camp's Bay'. He wrote that he never enjoyed himself better in his life before! He described the mountains, the wild flowers and silver leaves, the nicely laid out gardens, the museum (very good wild animals and birds) and the zoo, but he wrote that the Adelaide Museum wax works and the Adelaide Zoo were better.

The voyage was enjoyable, every night they had dancing, boxing, singing, music, also many other games. Day time sports were held with little prizes for the winners. He had never seen so much water before and commented on the sharks, whales and flying fish. Private Kirkland was looking forward to arriving in England and his last comment was "write soon as possible if you can".



This next letter is from Phil Roberts to his cousin Gladys (Gladys had a disability having an accident as a child). The letter is neatly written in pencil and transcribed as he wrote it, from Egypt Feb 6th 1917.

Dear Gladys just a line in answer to your very welcome letter which I received a few days ago & was sorry to hear you were not enjoying very good health of late & I hope by the time you receive these few lines, that you will be quite your self again, & as for myself I never felt better. I was also very pleased to have a note from Florrie & to hear she was alright. I suppose you have read in the press

about our advance in Egypt about Christmas time, & as you said in your letter that you had a quiet Christmas, but I should think it was a bit better than mine, as we had three days & nights ride on to the Turks position, & then it was some fight, & we captured about fifteen hundred prisoners, guns, rifles, camels, mules & a lot of military equipment, so you see we had a nice little Christmas box, & we came back with the prisoners on Christmas day to where we were camped & about a fortnight later we had another go at Jacko the Turk & again gave him a severe trouncing & captured another sixteen hundred of the enemy, & our casualties were very slight compared with the enemy's losses & we have cleared the Turk's right out of Egypt now. We have struck a bit of good land now as it does one good to see a bit of green grass again after seeing nothing but sand for months, & the town we occupied is an old Arab place consisting of mud houses & a couple of fine mosques & a beautiful palm plantation & fig trees, but of course it's nothing to be compared with Australia as you only see a bit of wheat in the gullies between the big sand hills. I think I have told you all the news at present, as there is nothing here to write about in particular so I think I will close this letter with best wishes and kind regards to yourself, mother & father, & trusting you will rite soon & let me know how you are all getting on & you can remember me to all inquiring friends so goodbye for the present. I am your Affectionate Cousin, P. Roberts
Phillip Roberts, No. 2400, last rank Private, 5th Light Horse Regiment.

Kay Lambert
Auburn Branch, National Trust



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