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ACDC February Report

I hope everyone had some relaxing times with family and friends during Christmas and the New Year.

The first meeting for the year for ACDC got off to a good start on Tuesday night (12th February), with discussion and decisions about many things.

Christmas Eve in the Park: This event was a great success, jointly organised and run by ACDC and The Auburn Traders Association. A comfortable surplus of funds was achieved, which will be held over for December 2019. Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted with the organisation, decoration and running of the event.

Australia Day Breakfast: Great weather for the morning (especially wished for) and a smaller crowd (than anticipated) community members appeared to enjoy the food, music and company. Another thank you to all of the volunteers, whose help is essential in holding this event. Congratulations go to Taylors Wines and Mr. Ric Becker, as the recipients of the 2018 ACDC Community Awards. Mr. Ric Becker has held positions in many of the community groups over the decades, from Auburn Institute to sporting clubs and the School, to name only a few. Taylors Wines were recognised for their continued support of the community through donations and sponsoring of local organisations, as well as supporting the community through allowing employees to respond to CFS call-outs.

Southern Gateway Project: The sub-committee will meet again soon. The plan for this meeting is for the architect/artist to provide visuals and a draft budget for perusal.

New Auburn Institute Website: Our website is now active and can be visited by anyone wanting to get information, make a booking, or just have a look! The address is institute.auburn.sa.au Well done Phil Sanders and thank you for the many hours of work put into the website development.

Future ACDC Annual General Meetings: ACDC Committee members agreed at their last meeting, to move the ACDC AGM to October of each year, rather than November. This will allow the Committee more lead in time for the organisation of the Christmas Eve and Australia Day events, especially when new Committee Members come aboard.

Auburn Express: Please be on the lookout for a "special newsletter" which will be delivered to letter boxes in the next week or so. This newsletter will be about the future distribution of the Auburn Express. It is a great community asset, but the ongoing costs continue to rise and is currently over \$3,000 per annum. ACDC wishes to reduce the running costs associated with the production and distribution of the Auburn Express by forwarding this important publication electronically. Please note, those in our community without a computer or an email address...you will continue to receive the Auburn Express in your mail-box. There will also still be some hard-copies produced for the Auburn Post Office counter. When the newsletter arrives in your letter box, please "all" complete the form and return it to the Post Office (box provided), post or email to ACDC.

Happy reading!

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.

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Auburn's History Column:

First world War letters

The November issue of the Auburn Express covered the first World War contribution in Europe of Nurse Yeatman of Auburn and December edition of a young Undalya soldier writing home about the sea voyage over to England followed by a letter from another Undalya soldier writing to his cousin from the Egyptian war zone. Today's letters to relatives at Undalya are from France. **They are copied in the language as written.** The line mentioned was the railway line being established from Riverton to Clare (as far as Auburn early 1916). Some local men were employed on the construction work, pick and shovel.

France – envelope marked On Active Service (logo on envelope YMCA) Passed Field Censor -with a crown- 2964 Field Post Office 26? 1916

Dear Glad and all just a few lines in answer to your most welcome letter glad to have received the paper and also the packet of fags but I am sorry to hear you are not well of late but hope by the time you receive this you will be yourself again Uncle and Aunt are still going strong your news said how Florence keeping his she still teaching at the same school at Kadina remember me to her when you write as I have lost her address or else I would have written before, Well Glad we in the trenches where I am writing this from don't know how long we are in for this trip but I hope not to long as the weather his pretty

miserable rain nearly every day but suppose the weather will soon take a turn I suppose Undalya his by now looking up a bit with the line through you were saying Jack his working on the line Phil his I suppose in Egypt by now well Glad I have not got much news to write about here the same old thing every day shells flying around but one acts wise to them.

Love to all Glad your affectionate cousin, DB
(Dave Roberts)

Thanks for the Paper and Cig Glad

France April – Active Service envelope where the soldier Roberts had to sign that he certified the contents refer to nothing but private and family matters. (16 MY 1917) Field Post Office

Dear Glad and all just a few lines hoping that this finds you all in the best of health as I cannot complain just now I had your welcome letter the other day Glad was glad to have got it. I see Glad that Willie Isaacson has gone into camp well Undalya must be getting pretty low now. Well Glad France his looking lovely now the warm weather his coming the feed here has about 18 inches height and looks perfect plenty of flower around some of the old houses which once were standing are now a mass of ruins we as out of the trenches for a time not far has we receive plenty of iron Rations every day that his the name they have got for shells but one has to get a little used to them but I don't mind telling you that they take a lot of getting used to well glad there is not much news from here so will have to draw to a close.

Sincerely Cousin Dave give my love to Uncle and Aunt also Flo write soon

Kay Lambert

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The Valleys Art Group will be holding an Art and Craft Show at the Riverton Community Hall on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All Art will be for sale, and the community is encouraged to come along and have a look.

Artists come from all over the Mid North and as far south as Adelaide, and there will be a People's Choice prize for the artist that the public feels have done the best painting in the exhibition. Voting slips will be given to all people attending.

The Arts and Craft Show will open from 10am to 4pm on both Easter Saturday and Sunday, and from 10am to 2pm on Easter Monday.

Anyone can enter the Art and Craft Show, and **entry forms are available from:**

**Carolyn Evans (08) 8847 2069
or Elaine Rosenzweig 0417 837 109.**



Sat 23rd Feb 4pm Banjo Patterson & other stories John R Sabine

Sat 23rd Feb 8pm Clare Valley Music Hub Acoustic Open Mic (FREE)

Sat 2nd Mar 8pm Johnny sings Johnny Cash PLUS The Shambolics IRISH Party

Sat 9th Mar 8pm Neil Diamond Tribute Under the Stars Dave Freeman + Full Band

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 Registrations are essential

NEWS FROM AUBURN TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Do any resident's in Auburn have excess, flowering plants or bulbs? The Main Street "planter boxes" are looking rather poor given the excess heat we have all been experiencing. We hope to re-plant and rejuvenate the planter boxes for the Main Street.

If you can assist with some plants or bulbs you can contact me on **0413 466 013**. Thank you.

**Kathy Adams, Secretary
 Auburn Traders Association for the
 Executive Committee.**



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