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ACDC July Report

As I sit writing this report, it is a true winters day. Cold, grey and wet! Hope you have somewhere warm to sit and read this edition. Remember that you will receive it via your email, and only a few will be printed for those residents who do not have internet access. Please remind your neighbours and family to provide email addresses, to receive their copy. Simply email the Editor, Kim Bleeker acdc@hillsviestate.com.au or telephone 8849 2397.

ACDC Open Meeting: The next ACDC meeting, to be held on Tuesday 13th August, will be an **Open Meeting**. Community groups will be receiving an invitation to attend, to present reports on their last year of activities. Community members are also invited to attend. Food and drinks will be provided at 6.30pm and the meeting will start 7.15pm. It's important to **RSVP by 31st July, to Rhonda on 8849 2389 or John on 8849 2555.**

Centenary Park: National Tree Planting Day: Liz Pridham (ACDC Member), has been working closely with Council and the Auburn Primary School, organising tree plantings in Centenary Park 11am on Friday 26th July as part of National Tree Planting activities in our community. There will also be a community tree planting day on Sunday 28th July at 10am.

Our Thanks: ACDC wishes to thank Council for the replacement of the underground watering system in Centenary Park.

Southern Gateway Project: The Southern Gateway sub-committee is working behind the scenes, meeting with Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; Council personnel; and Grant sources.

The Auburn Institute: The Auburn Institute has had a refurbishment on the lighting front, with the remainder of old light fittings being changed to LED lights.

Other Projects: Other projects still underway include a submission to Council for replacement of Auburn main street rubbish bins for an enclosed style.

Organisation for **Christmas Eve in the Park** event and street decorations.

A location for our recently gifted **outdoor sculpture**.

CJ Dennis Festival: "An evening with CJ and Doreen": Saturday 7th September is CJ Dennis' birthday! A cabaret style community celebration is being planned for Saturday 7th September, 7.30pm. BYO drinks and supper. Tickets at \$25 each, include a complimentary drink, birthday cake, prizes for the Best CJ and Doreen, entertainment and dancing. On Sunday morning 8th September, grab a coffee and cake at Velvet and Willow, wander up the road to visit Lynhay Gallery for the Art Exhibition inspired by CJ Dennis works. After lunch, you are all invited to the Children's Poetry competition event (Max Fatchen Literary Awards 1pm Auburn Institute) where you will hear the original words of young talent and be inspired by their interpretation of the

competition theme - "Unique Animals of the World".

Keep a lookout for Advertising Posters and a 'CJ and Doreen' Brochure.

**Rhonda Seymour,
Chair.**

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Auburn's History Column:

Bleechmore Street (off North Street) is named in honour of J.E. Bleechmore, early pioneer of Auburn.

Over the years Auburn's historic records have benefited greatly by the descendants of previous citizens or early pioneers, coming to the town with their family history memorabilia or research, in search of more information about their forebears. On most occasions an exchange of knowledge takes place. The exchanges following internet contact is also a valuable resource.

The Bleechmore family is one such example. Bleechmore descendants from both NSW and WA as well as Adelaide, have stayed in Auburn to visit family sites and learn more. Over the years the NSW and Adelaide descendants have supplied a wealth of knowledge about their family tree details and some memorabilia.

Bob Bleechmore of Adelaide, recently supplied today's photos and detailed research information about the pioneer carpenter of Auburn, William Threadgold, who was related to the Bleechmore family. Bob left for overseas recently to further his research.

A number of Bleechmores were early settlers of Auburn or the area, but Joseph Edwin Bleechmore JP, who was the first licenced victualler in Auburn, was an outstanding citizen. The Rising Sun Inn was licenced to

him from 1851 to December 1871. He was also an auctioneer and agent. He was like the "father of Auburn", a very benevolent man heavily involved in the community. He also took on wider responsibilities such as in 1859, Treasurer of the Auburn Mechanics Institute, the 25th in South Australia. This library system was to increase the opportunities for education of the worker.

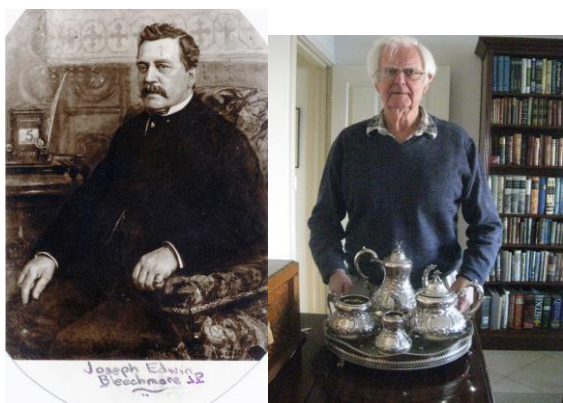
Mr Bleechmore was also involved in another educational area.

The following account is from a Northern Argus in April 1882. "The second bazaar at **Auburn** for this year was opened on Tuesday by Mr J. E. Bleechmore, JP., Chairman of the Saddleworth Board of Advice, and was continued on Wednesday and Thursday. It is for the purpose of raising funds to pay for a convent and school recently purchased in that township and was got up through the labours and exertions of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mrs Carrig, and other friends of the cause.....

At 2.30 pm Mr Bleechmore stepped on to the platform and said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I presume it is on account of my position as Chairman of the Board of Advice for the schools in this district that I have been honoured by an invitation to formally open this bazaar, which is as you are aware, is in aid of the **school in Auburn known as St. Brigid's**, and conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The schools that the Board have anything to do with are State schools established under the Act of 1875, and under which it is compulsory that all children over seven years of age residing within two miles of a public school shall attend for at least 35 days for each quarter, unless attending a private school. Your Church has a strong objection to secular education without religious instruction, and therefore advise their flock not to send their children to State schools. But they offer equal facilities for learning by the erection of colleges, schools, and convents, where education of a high class is given to the youth of both sexes, and by utilising the self-denying labours of the Sisters in every district in which they reside for the benefit of the young particularly.

The facilities for education, then, being so abundant it is almost a sin for parents to neglect to send their children to school, for if they cannot afford it they can have it free. Your

Church offers it to you, and the State offers it to all. But there is a great difference between the State schools and the one of St. Brigid's. In the first place the Government build the school, provides furniture and appliances, and pay the teacher, and if any children attending whose parents cannot afford to pay, they go free. This school of St. Brigid's receives no external aid whatever, and therefore depends for its success upon your sympathy and support, and I trust by your liberality you will show your appreciation of the work in which these ladies are engaged, and enable the promoters to accomplish their good intentions. I now declare the bazaar formally opened". Mr Bleechmore was then presented with a *crewel* worked smoking cap and a pair of slippers by Miss Mahar on behalf of the Sisters."



Joseph Edwin Bleechmore JP

This photo was taken from an oil painting in the State Records MRG 8/19. The painting was done at Auburn on the occasion of the presentation of the silver tea service 5th December 1884. Descendant of J.E./ Bleechmore and current custodian of the silver tea service, Bob Bleechmore, with the tea service.

Kay Lambert, Auburn National Trust.

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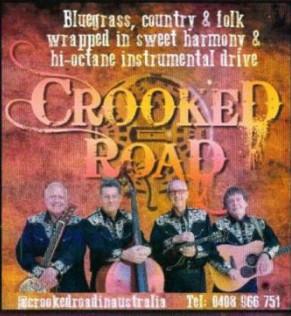
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2019-2020 Membership Fee invoices will be sent after June 30th.

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



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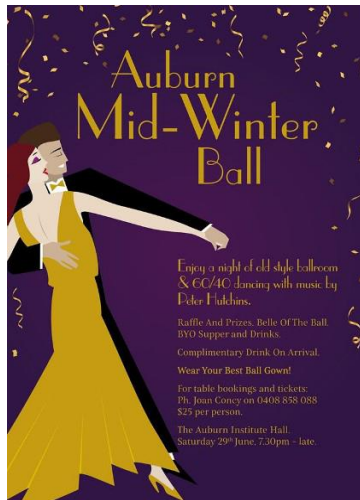
Don't think about what can happen in a month.

Don't think about what can happen in a year.

Just focus on the 24 hours in front of you and do what you can to get closer to where you want to be.

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Auburn's Mid-Winter Ball in June...



On Saturday June 29th. the Auburn Institute came alive with the Mid-Winter Ball. Approximately 70 people, "all dressed up to the nines", came along to make it a very colourful event.

The ladies looked very elegant in ball gowns and furs and the gentlemen with black ties! **Belle of the Ball was Dot Newman** in a gorgeous black and white gown.

Beau of the Ball was John Adams, handsome as ever in a cream tuxedo.



Music was by Peter Hutchins of Gawler and he brought dancers from Roseworthy and Maitland to lead the dancing.

Many prizes were won during the evening for novelty dances and the main raffle was won by a very excited Nona Burden.

A healthy profit of \$1600 was made after expenses were accounted for.

A big thank you to all those involved; these events just don't happen!

Special thanks to Rosemary Howe and Juliette Ninnes and the Auburn Institute Committee.

Thank you to our major sponsor, Taylors Wines, who are always supportive for our town.

Thank you to all our donors of prizes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

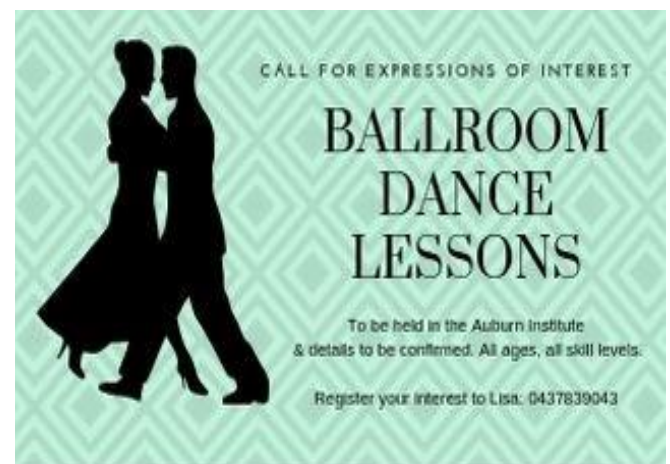
We look forward to our next event.

Lisa Ziersch is organising dancing lessons and has 19 participants to date.

For information contact Lisa on 0437 839 043.

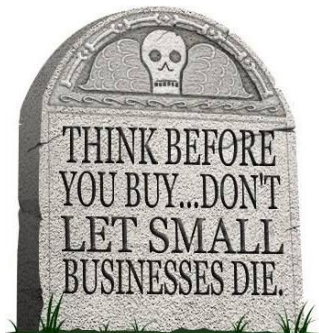
Thank you to all,
Glen Osborne.

Auburn Institute Management Committee.



Auburn Traders Presents

**“Let’s Work Together to
make Auburn grow!”**



**An open interactive night open to all our
Auburn Traders, Community members,
friends & family.**

A special working night put together by Auburn Traders for local business in what is rapidly becoming a tough economic environment. Many shops have already closed in Clare and remain closed. We know that Auburn does not have this visible amount of shop frontage, so things are not so obvious here, however, we do know that business everywhere are affected when there is a downturn. Let's get together and see what ideas/suggestions we might be able to activate as a group in this situation. Let's start talking!

**Date: Monday, 22nd July, 2019
Auburn Institute, 7.30pm**

Please join us for an evening of brainstorming followed by nibbles, coffee/tea/wine.

**RSVP: by 15th July, 2019 to Kathy
(0413466013)**

The invitation is **open to all traders, and members of the community** to help us collect ideas of strategies to assist business in these challenging economic times. How can Auburn Traders help? How can we work together to make Auburn the place to be? Do you have any ideas?

This is important for all business in Auburn to attend. We need you to support us with this.



Completion of the Riesling Trail into Auburn

We are well on the way to completing the final 1km of Riesling Trail to meet with the Rattler Trail at the old railway station (now Mount Horrocks Wines) in Auburn. This was first proposed some 25 years ago when the Riesling Trail was being constructed, but was never done,

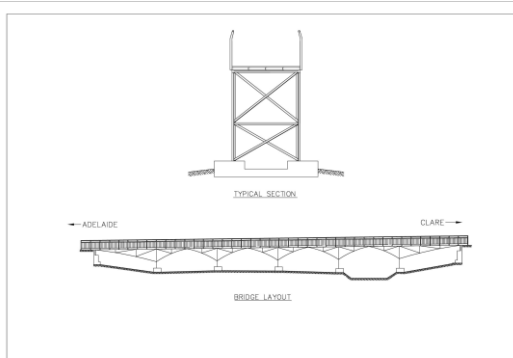
As we know, the Riesling Trail starts more or less on the north side of Auburn. There is no safe park there for families to set up for a ride and it's not that easy for visitors to find. Completing the Riesling Trail into Auburn made a lot of sense and was strongly supported by the community, including Judy Searley, Geoffrey Grosset and Stephanie Toole. The potential barriers were crossing the highway, constructing a bridge over the River Wakefield and of course the funding.

We started planning something like four years ago. After looking at a lot of options to cross the River we decided that following the old railway line was the best. The Grosset Gaia Fund generously funded an engineering plan (by Mace Engineering) for this bridge. We then proceeded to get prices for the bridge and trail as well as applying for the (many) approvals needed for the Council Development Application. This took many months (in fact several years) and included some modifications to our plans. The cost for this planned completion ended up being \$320,000. We were successful in getting a Federal Government Building Better Regions grant (for 50%). The remaining \$160,000 came in parts from the SA Government (\$120,000 - through Geoff Brock) and from the Grosset Gaia Fund, Clare Valley Winemakers, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council and the Riesling Trail Management Committee.

The big job of building the 60m long bridge is being done by Clare Metal Fabrications. All components have now been made and the base and railing (freshly galvanised) is now on site. The supports are expected to arrive in the next couple of weeks and construction to start in August. This bridge will be 2.7m wide and so has enough room for pedestrians and cyclists to pass. Clare Quarry will then build the trail surface & Smart Earthworks the crossing. This road crossing will be simply a bitumen surface either side of Horrocks Highway and with handrails and safety signs. It will be designed so that if it is clear to cross cyclists will not need to stop. For this we have taken out some Aleppo pines along the edge of the road so there is sufficient line of sight at the crossing. There will be no change to the highway traffic flow and we will install signs warning of a pedestrian and cyclist crossing ahead.

To set it off we will build a rather imposing archway just north of the Manoora Road crossing. As well, there is now a table and shelter at the car park at Mount Horrocks Wines. We will also build a roof over the signs about the Riesling and Rattler Trails and add more signs with stories about the old Auburn Railway station (written by Kay Lambert).

When will all this be finished? We are hoping it will be completed by the end of October, but then we can't be too sure. We will be really pleased when it is finished and trust it will be used by the local community and visitors for many years to come.



**Allan Mayfield, Chairman,
Riesling Trail Management Committee**

It's National Tree Day Sunday, July 28th



Celebrate the Day by coming along and joining the Upper Wakefield Landcare Group in re-planting native vegetation along the banks of the River Wakefield in Auburn, followed by a BBQ in Centenary Park.

When: Sunday the 28th of July, 10.00 – 12.00.

Where: The section of the River Wakefield between King and Church streets.

What to bring: Digging tools, if you have them; a pair of gloves and a hat.

**For further information contact:
Leonie Moore (Chair) 0417 856 358.
Paul McCormack (Secretary) 7506 5154.**

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