

# AUBURN EXPRESS

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## ACDC June Report

Welcome to another edition of the Auburn Express; with frost still on the ground at 10.am. I hope you are all keeping warm, and able to make contact with family and friends.....over the fence, on Facetime or socially distanced encounters.

**ACDC's June Meeting:** At our meeting on Tuesday afternoon (9<sup>th</sup> June), we agreed to action a few matters:

- We are working towards establishing a framed list of the ACDC Community Awards recipients since 1999, for display in the Institute, to acknowledge those who have received awards.
- We have purchased trees for the Auburn Cemetery to replace some that have died.
- We agreed to cancel the Open Meeting for August, due to social distancing and current limits on number of people at gatherings. If anyone has matters of business to raise, please contact Liz Pridham (Secretary) or myself.
- We are reviewing ACDC's range of projects, prioritising events and projects to assist with forward planning.
- We accepted a revised ACDC membership form.

**ACDC Membership:** Are you a member of the Auburn Community? Would you like to influence the direction of the community and guide the ACDC management committee? Do

you have ideas about how we can improve our environment and make Auburn, the place to be? Do you have ideas to support our local projects or activities? Then, you might consider becoming a member...**at no cost to you, it would however give you a "vote"**.

ACDC is seeking to expand its membership base. A copy of the ACDC membership form has been included in this edition of the Auburn Express (**page 7**). We hope you will consider joining ACDC by completing the form and returning it to ACDC

## **Auburn Institute - Tentative Dates for your Diary:**

Two events being organised by the Auburn Institute Management Committee: Firstly, a Cabaret on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Auburn Institute, featuring the Clare Concert Band and Mt. Barker Brass Band; and secondly, the Spring Fair Sunday 1st November in the Institute. More details in the next edition.

However, confirmation of these events will be dependent on the status of the State government's Covid-19 restrictions at that time. Now that some Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, it is heartening to see visitors coming to our area again. The long weekend was busy!

**Rhonda Seymour, Chair.**

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## REMINDER

### RECYCLING - AUBURN

#### Auburn Recycling, Batteries, Mobile Phones and Chargers

An initiative of Patrick Williams...an Auburn  
resident and a Lion's Club Member...  
Patrick recently posted the following on  
FACEBOOK...

Hi Auburnites...

- Don't forget that there is a receptacle in front of Becker's IGA store for you to recycle your small household batteries. It is a two-compartment bin, so one side will accept **batteries** and the other side is for old unused **mobile phones** and **chargers** etc.

*I will collect these items when the bin is almost full and will drop off at Clare Transfer Station into the E-Waste Container. This then goes to Adelaide to the recycle facility.*

*So, don't be afraid to use it because every time you dispose of these items responsibly, you know that they will **NOT GO TO LANDFILL!***

Patrick Williams – Resident of Auburn and,  
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### **Gerald Moore Back to the Beginning**

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~~Opening on Friday 2nd April  
Closing Monday 17th April~~

~~Gallery hours: 10am - 4pm, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon~~

~~Join us for a Celebratory event  
at 2pm on Saturday 18th April~~

**13 Main North Road, Auburn, SA 5451**

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## Auburn's History Column:

### **The Castine family continued...**

Continuing on from the memoirs of Sidney **Hayward** Castine, of what life was like for him as a small boy in Auburn in the earlier part of the 1900's. Hayward started at the Auburn Public school 03.10.1910.

"I can just remember being taken out in the middle of the night to see Halley's Comet streaking across the sky in 1910. In those days, we were able to buy a pennyworth of lollies. The shopkeeper took a piece of newspaper, rolled it into a cone, and put half a dozen white peppermints or boiled sweets in it, then folded the top down.

Dad had a little farm about four or five miles out of Auburn and we went to live out there. The excuse was that it was not good for the children to live in the town, but I do not think there was much wrong with a little town like that. We were five kids, and we used to drive a pony and cart to school. He was a little chestnut pony with only one eye. He was called Tommy and we used to take him everywhere with us.



**1909 Auburn School Photo, with the Head Teacher Mr Thompson and the Rev. C. F. Hall. Hayward's brother Clem Castine is in the third row. The Auburn National Trust has all but 10 children named. Those desiring an emailed copy of the photo and names please contact per email: [dklamb@rbe.net.au](mailto:dklamb@rbe.net.au)**

As far as the school at Auburn went, we did not learn much – you were more popular with the head master if you groomed his two beautiful ponies. His daughter was a teacher there too,

but she was much too frightened to say "Boo" to him. There were 40 or 50 pupils at the school and Thompson was a tyrant. (*William A. Thompson was Head Teacher from 1909 until he died 1<sup>st</sup> July 1921, average attendances during this time ranged from 51.7 in 1912 and 78.4 in 1917*). He had drinking bouts, and then you had to look out for yourself. School was 'Hell'. He used to cane everyone, especially his son, whom he used to settle on more than anyone else. Children used to wet their pants. If you did not know your work, he used to go along and tap you under the chin to make you bite your tongue. There was a family of children called Cooper, who lived on a run-down farm and had to walk 3 or 4 miles across open country to school. They cleaned their boots with blacking and water, and even if they tied their boots around their neck, by the time they got to school, their boots would be dirty. (*Mrs Ocalia English - nee Kench – said she walked to school with her boots around her neck too*). Every morning we were lined up to show our hands and nails to be checked for cleanliness, our boots were inspected and we saluted the flag.

These poor Cooper children were caned by Thompson two or three times a week, because their boots were dirty.

We took our revenge, such as it was, on Mr. Thompson, by chanting, from a safe distance.....

Thompson's nose is long, Thompson's  
nose is strong,  
It would be no disgrace to Thompson's  
face  
If half his nose was gone.

When Thompson was on the booze, the Church of England parson (*Rev. C. F. Hall*), who lived in the rectory on the other side of the school oval, seemed to know, and he would come into the school to quieten the rumpus and pacify us. (*"The Old Rectory 1874" is now the home of Ian and Lexia Mattner*). He did a wonderful job. He taught me never to use a big word when two or three little ones could make the meaning clearer. He used to ride a motor bike and would give the kids a ride on the carrier, but I remember he had to run with it to start it.



Rev C. F. Hall and his motor bike (from the "Drumcalpin Collection" Auburn National Trust)

In those days, one of our subjects at school was "Manual". For "Manual", we plaited binder strings and made them into mats. (*Horse drawn "binders" cut and tied with twine, crops of wheat into sheaves. After the hay was used for such as cutting into chaff, the strings were kept*). We used miles of the stuff to make a mat, curling the plaited strings around and sewing them up with a bag needle. These days, the family wonder how I can plait!

#### Photo



"Drumcalpin" binder and stook of hay 1914–  
"Drumcalpin" collection, Auburn National Trust

I also remember doing physical jerks and also the visits of school inspectors. "



Activity at Auburn School 1910

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We are so happy to now be open 7 days for tastings again. We recommend booking your visit via our free call number 1800 804 295. Inside and outside tastings available. A big thank you to all our local friends who came to visit us over the long weekend – it was great to see all of your smiling faces!

Don't forget that local discounts apply.

## MOUNT HORROCKS



Mount Horrocks cellar door is back open and ready for visitors.

We have our Covid – 19 plans in place and are offering seated tastings either in the waiting room, tasting room or outside on the platform. Cosy gas heaters have been purchased to make outdoor tastings even more enjoyable.

Jen is looking forward to welcoming everyone Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays from 10am-5pm.



**Items for next Express due  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AUBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Registered as - Auburn Community Development Committee Inc.

The Auburn Community Development Committee Inc. is the peak community body with direct access to the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council. The Chief Objects of the Association are to improve services, maintain the heritage of Auburn and promote the interests of its community from a social, economic, environmental and recreational perspective. As a member you will have voting rights that can guide the committee of management and influence the direction of our community through prioritising projects and the expenditure of funds. **No membership fees are charged.**

I/We, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership of Auburn Community Development Association as an Ordinary<sup>1</sup>/Corporate<sup>2</sup> /Associate<sup>3</sup> (delete as applicable) member.

I confirm that I am a member of the Auburn Community<sup>4</sup> and agree to abide by The Constitution and Rules of the Association, copies of which are available on request.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address		Auburn PO Box No
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**<sup>1</sup>Ordinary Member** Any natural person aged 18 years and over who is the owner or occupier of property within the community subject to annual rating assessment by the local authority shall be eligible for membership as an ordinary member of the Association.

**<sup>2</sup>Corporate Member** Any incorporated body whose registered office or business premises are within the community shall be eligible for membership as a corporate member of the Association.

**<sup>3</sup>Associate Member** Any person the Committee considers has some special reason or qualification for membership may be admitted as an associate member.

**<sup>4</sup>The Community** means the township and environs of Auburn South Australia Post Code 5451 as determined by the Committee.

**Please post or email the completed form to:**

The Secretary, Auburn Community Development Committee Inc.

PO Box 202, Auburn SA 5451

or

Email: [acdc@hillsviewestate.com.au](mailto:acdc@hillsviewestate.com.au)

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**OFFICE USE ONLY:** Approved by the Committee at the meeting held \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_