

# AUBURN EXPRESS

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## **ACDC – April Report**

Have you had time for a tea or coffee? Take a break and enjoy this read. Full of information! Thank you to the community members who attended and contributed to the ACDC Open meeting discussions this week.

**Sub-committees:** ACDC recently accepted its 6<sup>th</sup> sub-committee, which accommodates the volunteers who work on the numerous garden areas in Auburn. Each of the Sub-committees have *Terms of Reference* designed to suit the function of that group and the project it is undertaking.

**“Community Group Poster”:** It was recently agreed at an ACDC meeting to offer community groups (school, Recreation Park, Tennis, Bowls, SACWA, etc) the opportunity to provide an A4 poster advertising their ‘group’, meeting times, activities, membership, etc, which could be included in the Welcome Pack given to newcomers to Auburn through the Post Office.

Each organisation would need to design their own A4 poster, and preferably provide the copies. These could be left at the Post Office for our ACDC committee member to collect and insert into the folder.

**Peak Body Forum:** The Council held its **Peak Body Forum** recently. One question all groups were asked was “why is your town important?”

I would like to share with you the collaborative answer for Auburn.

## **Auburn is important in our district because**

- It is the third largest urban area in the Council area.
- It is a thriving community, with a diversity of businesses, (supermarket, Post Office, health services, service station, art galleries, cellar doors, eateries, and more) which support local lifestyles and visitors alike. A number of businesses have or are undergoing improvements to their facilities...a sign of growth and a healthy economy. There is an offering of ‘new commercial spaces’ for small businesses wishing to have a presence in Auburn.
- Picturesque with its historical buildings, tree lined streets and parks.
- The residents take pride in keeping the town clean and tidy.
- Our community attracts retirees, working people and young families.
- The ‘For Sale’ signs are not up for very long and there is lots of new housing.
- Auburn Primary School provides a great learning space for young children, offering before and after school care, and enrolments are increasing.
- **U2Kids** sub-committee has established exciting projects for children and young people - playground equipment, nature garden, family activities.

- Centenary Park and public amenities are well located for visitors to pause their journey to enjoy our local services and hospitality.
- The expansion of facilities at the Auburn Caravan Park is a good indicator of the growth of tourism in our area.

**Auburn Frenchfest:** Much work has gone into developing the program of events: liaising with artists, contract development, venue planning, free and ticketed events, sound equipment, etc. We are working with two local production managers Andrew and Karen. It is great that we have local skills. Many infrastructure items have been booked for the event -chairs, tables, marquees, portaloos, umbrellas, shades, etc. Local businesses are providing their support through sponsorship in cash and in-kind.

**Auburn Website Redevelopment:** This is a joint project between ACDC and Auburn Business and Tourism Association. A small working party have been reviewing the website. It is expected that the website should be published by mid-May, with sufficient quality to allow its use as an advertising and information medium for community activities such as the Auburn *Frenchfest*.

**Streetscape Plan:** **underground power:** *direct quote from Council representative Andrew Christiansen:* "Council have presented to the Powerline Environment Committee (PLEC). Being a State Government Road, the project must be presented to the State Government and this is happening in the coming weeks. Once these bodies are ok with the project, Council's contribution will need to be put into Council's budget. This will not be until the 24/25 budget. Detailed design work will need to be undertaken to underground the power, then followed by the streetscape plan as the second phase of the project." January Council Meeting approved expenditure to develop detailed design for the additional stages in the 23-24 Council budget.

**Library Building:** ACDC sent a letter to Council indicating its desire to have the Library Building gifted to our community. ACDC

committee members have completed an inspection of the building and its basement, written a report and taken photos to support this. We are also gathering quotes for the maintenance/repairs we believe should be undertaken. In an earlier communication with Council, it was suggested that we develop a Business Plan for the Library. Once we have gathered all the paperwork, we will be requesting a meeting with Council, to negotiate the way forward.

**Snippets of information from other community groups** who reported to our Open Meeting:

**Clare & Auburn RSL:** land revocation process is underway regarding the RSL Hall; The RSL expect to move their headquarters to Clare midyear. The Auburn Anzac Day Appeal is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, guess how many jelly beans.

**National Trust (Auburn Branch):** This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday for Auburn Branch, maybe a birthday party? Two successful grants have been received-landscaping the Police Horse Paddock, and partial reroofing of the old Courthouse building in slate.

**Auburn Traders Association:** They are officially now known as Auburn Business and Tourism Association (ABTA). Congratulations! Now for a new logo and changes in the Tourist Information Bay. ABTA continues to work with ACDC for the Christmas Eve in the Park event, and also collaborating on the website upgrade.

**Auburn Recreation Park:** This important community asset, has a good occupancy rate; new amenities block; new Manger's residence; additional powered sites; new washing machine; and upgraded lighting.

**Upper Wakefield Landcare:** the Group's recent activity focused in the river from King St to Saddleworth Road; a successful grant assisted removal of feral trees and CGVC co-contributed funds; the focus is on habitat plantings up the banks and signage relating to plants and creatures to be found; working bees are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month 10am to 12noon-more volunteers welcome.

**Australia Day Breakfast:** The Open meeting provided opportunity to gather community input on planning future Australia Day Breakfast events. Those present were advised that the 'meeting input' would be published in the Auburn Express for further community consideration. Because of time constraints, this information was not ready for publication in this edition, but will be provided in the May edition. I apologise to expectant readers.

**Audio-visual System in the Auburn Institute:** A demonstration of the newly installed **audio-visual system** proved to be a great asset. Not only was the agenda displayed, but the community input for the Australia Day discussion was typed in real time, displayed for the audience, and 'saved' for the minute taker. Impressive! And well done to the Institute and **U2Kids** for funding this project. Come along on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and watch the first movie to be shown!! More details below.

**Two other business items: Corellas!** Some discussion took place on the current corella situation in Auburn. A suggested plan of action put to the meeting, was for any resident affected by the corellas, to write a report on their own experience including damage, photos, nuisance factors, etc, and send to ACDC. Once collected, ACDC could request a meeting with all affected Auburn residents and CGVC reps, to further discuss the issue and plan a possible path forward.

**Lighting and Improved Footpath:** the path between the main street and the Caravan Park was identified as poorly lit, and narrow. It is used by many visitors and locals alike, especially at night. This area is considered hazardous for patrons of the Caravan Park when accessing services in the main street of Auburn. This matter should be further discussed to agree on a plan of action.

Thanks again to all those who attended our Open Meeting...

**Rhonda Seymour, Chair.**







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Presented by Dementia Australia in association with the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

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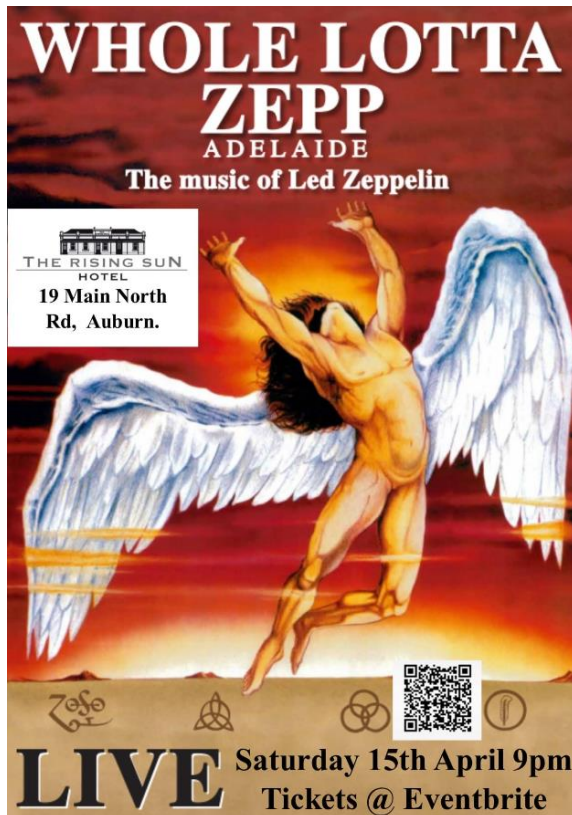
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## **Auburn's History Column:**

### **Schools' Patriotic Funds cont.**

The Auburn children were also encouraged to participate in this war effort.

The SPF publication records **Constance Blucher** of Auburn receiving the D.S.R., the Distinguished Service Ribbon. Each monetary value besides points of the items, built up to a bar hanging on the medal. Higher awards went into airplane medals as part of the Service Honours. The Blucher family lived at 4 King Street where they had a haberdashery shop.



**SPF Badge**

**Doug Fitzgerald** recounted some of the memories he had from those war years as a student at the Auburn School. The said sundry items were collected and delivered to the school, such as paper, cardboard, ferrous metals and bones and stored in an old shed off St. Vincent Street, pending clearance to a rail truck at the Auburn Railway Station. Students received points based on the weight. The SPF badge had a bar added depending on what the student earned.

Their points were recorded at SPF headquarters and the teachers could inquire at what level the points were. Doug said the schools slit trenches were dug after the Japanese bombed Darwin.

Another of Doug's jobs outside school hours was deliver milk for his Aunty Lil (Maddern) who milked 4 cows, for her milk round. The Hextall family lived at 37 Port Road, on the south side of the school. Teddy Hextall was on soldier's pre-embarkation leave and was at home when Doug called, where he had his little Chevrolet car up on blocks and proudly polishing it. Teddy did not return, his remains were buried at the war cemetery at Tobruk, he was part of the 2/48<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion who went to North Africa and pushed the Germans back to Bardia.

**Joan Callery** (nee Vandeleur) recounted her school days at Auburn. She would collect silver paper, if her siblings had a Violet Crumble bar, she would ask for their paper- this was added to other tightly crunched up silver paper making a ball, adding to it each time until the size of a cricket ball then taken to school and weighed. Fathers were asked to help dig slit trenches, James Vandeleur and others helped children dig the trenches on the south side of the school by some pepper trees inside the boundary fence and later at a right angle along the western side, east of the toilets. There was a public farewell for the troops, Teddy Hextall being one, and not long afterwards Teddy was killed.

At a school function July 2007 **Dean Roberts** recalled the war time S.P.F. which was well and truly up and running at the Auburn School. Collecting any old metal or substance that could be recycled and used in the war effort. Our efforts were rewarded by getting a bar to add to our S.P.F. Badge each time you achieved a certain quota. One person that comes to mind who was the highest achiever was Connie Blutcher (Constance). She had so many bars that they seemed to hang almost to her waist. Dean also mentioned knitting for soldiers. In grade 3 or 4 even the boys had to learn to knit. He could remember being taught to do the necessary stitches. "Miss Ford would cast on and get us started and we would knit up until it was time to turn the heel and she would finish off. If any of those socks ever ended up on a poor soldier's foot, he would have been crippled in an hour. Also, she could not get knitting needles at that time and she made needles out of fencing wire. Sharpened the points on a grindstone and had some cork on the other end as a stop. They were very uncomfortable to try and use".

**Don Lambert** also recalled at the school function in 2007, stating that after Darwin was bombed by the Japanese and Australia was threatened with invasion, children dug slit trenches with picks and shovels, assisted by some parents. They had air raid drill and also played in the trenches. It would be fascinating watching the young pilots who were based at Mallala, practising over head in their small planes. We collected aluminium and other metals, scrap paper, bones, anything required for recycling for a war effort we stored this in a shed in the principal's yard north of the school building.



Pots and pans. Aluminium to be converted to the need of war.

**S.P.F. Aluminium to be converted to the need of war**

**Josephine McDermid** (nee Francis) attended school at Terowie at the time and stated the ammunition dump was established not far from the school. They dug trenches and had air raid drills, they each had a little calico bag with some type of preserved food in, for the practice. There were two strings across the class room, one for boys, one for girls, with an aeroplane moved along marking the money level as funds were raised to purchase packs to send to the boys overseas.



**Kay Lambert**  
**National Trust, Auburn Branch.**



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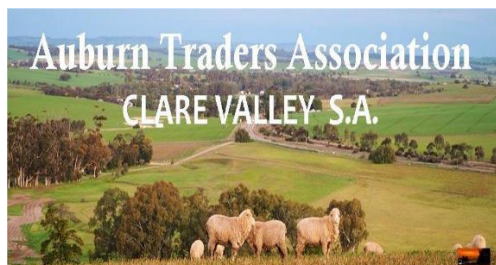
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Thank you

Denyse  
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**Items for the next Express due  
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The UWL group will also be discussing and voting on changes to its constitution after the working bee at the pavilion in Centenary Park. You are very welcome to join us for that as



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# AUBURN Frenchfest

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2. 30% more Performances, 130% more fun!
3. The Spectacular World Premiere of Moulin Rouge Dream with additional entertainment and dinner will be staged on opening night. A second show-only performance will occur during the festival.
4. There will be FOUR marquees to provide more weather friendly venues and performances.
5. The redesigned Wine and Cheese Trail will be available in its own exclusive marquee!
6. The tickets for many exciting performances now include dinner and cabaret-style seating and bar facilities.
7. Friends of the Frenchfest and Sponsors are invited to a delicious complimentary breakfast and receive their own exclusive pin!
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