

AUBURN EXPRESS February, 2023

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ACDC - February Report

I hope everyone had a great festive season with family and friends.

We began our ACDC year with a busy *agenda* at this week's meeting.

Auburn Community Events: Reports were tabled on two social events for our community, Christmas Eve in the Park and Australia Day Breakfast. Thanks to the community members who supported these events, and a big thank you to the volunteers who helped with preparation, execution and pack up. We have received some feedback on the Australia Day Breakfast event, which will be reviewed for future event planning. There will also be an opportunity for further discussions at our next ACDC Open Meeting in April.

<u>Auburn Institute:</u> The Auburn Institute has its new digital projector installed and ready for use as part of the hiring of the facility. It will be a great asset for events/meetings etc held at the hall. This project was funded jointly by the Auburn Institute and **U2Kids** committees. Well done!

<u>U2Kids</u>: The <u>U2Kids</u> committee has ordered the new play items for Centenary Park as part of the Council's Community Asset Grant they received. We are waiting for the supply of same.

<u>New Project - Memorial Place</u> ACDC is excited with the Launch of the Memorial Place Project, announced at the Australia Day

Breakfast event. A sub-committee has been established within ACDC for this project, with a Terms of Reference to operate. This project involves raising and developing the current gravel area adjacent to the South Australian Country Women's Association, Auburn Branch building, to street level. There will be a space for seating, garden and the relocation of the War Memorial gates into this space. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated to see this project come to fruition. The project has been presented to Council as required and the elected Councillors approved the proposal. Please see the Memorial Place feature in this edition **Refer to Pages 4, 9 and 10.**

Volunteers and Community Awards: The success of any projects across our community, is dependent on volunteers providing skills. time and energies for the work required. We are always appreciative of any assistance given to tasks around the community. Well **Done** everyone, who has helped over the last year. From the nominations received by ACDC for the ACDC Community Award for 2022, it was decided to present two Awards. Congratulations go to George Sugars, for his long service to Auburn CFS, involvement in the Auburn Branch of the National Trust and community Flag raising. Congratulations also go to Kim Bleeker for his long service as Editor and the production of the Auburn Express, also volunteering in community garden activities.

<u>Open Meeting:</u> A date for your Diary is Wednesday April 12th for the ACDC Open Meeting. More information next edition.

Auburn Frenchfest: The Auburn Frenchfest committee is well underway with planning, programming and all things in between, for the event 8th -10th September 2023. Would you like to become a Friend of the Festival? Would you like to become a sponsor? Please email auburnfrenchfest@gmail.com with any requests for information or offers to volunteer.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.



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Hours: 10am until 4pm.

Currently showing an eclectic mix of painting, photography and textile work by Auburn and Adelaide artists and a lovely selection of hand-made gifts and cards.

Coming up:

March - Suzanne Gummow quilted textiles and more.

April - Stellan Schroeder Englund paintings inspired by the Flinders Ranges.

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Thought for the month

Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you can only SPEND IN ONCE!

Auburn's History Column:

Ye old Wheel Inn

On the 1st March, for one month, a number of Auburn families in the past used to travel on the metal roads down through Port Wakefield, Melton, Maitland and onto Foul Bay on lower York Peninsula, for their annual holiday. It was like a tent community amongst the bushes near the seashore. Don Lambert recollects his experiences and I invite others to also share their recollections of this time in the history of Auburn citizens. Also share their photos.

Don, as a 17 year old in 1949, was invited to drive Reg and Cliff Allen's truck with the gear to Foul Bay, accompanied by Max Nicolai.

A community room, (kitchen/dining), was built from surrounding limestone, one of the designers being 'Stump' Nicolai. In the front gable of the room was set a large metal wheel from an old solid tyre truck, thus its name the Old Wheel Inn. There was a big table inside. On the outside of one wall was a lean to where the fish was cooked.

Many hands helped hold the fishing net when it was time to bring the net in (Don said he and Max got the deep end!) – a freezing cold job when you came to shore in the keen breeze – with mainly mullet fish that had been attracted to the cockle beds. Bert (B.C.) Freeman was referred to as "Doc" Freeman, holding a wine flagon over his arm, administering the drinks to warm up the salty, cold, fish handlers. There were jobs for potato peelers for the chips and batter makers ready for the deep frying of the catch. Cold cooked fish were available in the day time.

Some of those attending Don recalled as W.T. (Tom) Allen and his family of Cliff, Reg and Doll, Stephens family, Bert and Mrs Freeman, also his sister Mrs. Jones, Spackman (Spog) family, the Nicolai family, Clem and Pam Fisher, as many as 50 people there at times.





Don, Amy and Alex Lambert in front of the Old Wheel Inn at Foul Bay when they attended in 1956. Photo Don Lambert.



The 1861 shop dressed stone is now stored at the Auburn National Trust



The old solid tyred truck that the wheel came from was at one stage in the foreground of this photo of old metal items. To the right is the Stephens' former large carpenter shop on the corner of South Street and Main North Road. The back views of the 1861 shops facing Main North Road and the then Methodist (now Uniting) Church plus an unused tennis court, filled the space behind the buildings. This view after a fire. In 2023 four houses are on these allotments. Photo Auburn National Trust

Kay Lambert National Trust, Auburn Branch.



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WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL GATES CROWD FUNDING

Dear Auburn Friends,

At the 2023 Australia Day breakfast, proposed plans were announced, to redevelop Centenary Park adjacent to World War I Memorial and call it "Memorial Place".

While a similar improvement was included in the proposed Council's Auburn Streetscape plan, it appears as though no work would commence for several more years, if at all. Consequently, this will be a community driven and community funded project with permission from Council and endorsed by both local members Rowan Ramsey and Penny Pratt.

With the help of the Auburn Clare and Districts RSL Club we will move the World War II Memorial gates from their current position in King Street to their new position in Memorial Place. The scope of the proposed work includes:

- Install a section of concrete sleeper retaining wall between the CWA building and the toilet block.
- 2 Raise the level of the enclosed area at the corner to street level.
- 3 Remove the old fence rail and netting.
- 4 Relocate the WWII Memorial gates into the area parallel to the CWA building's northern wall.
- 5 Beautify this area with planter box gardens and seating around the perimeter of the raised area.

All attempts in the past to redevelop this area were to no avail, but with our new motto

"For the Community by the Community" and with every one's generosity we can.

"Make Dreams Come True"

This project will be CROWD FUNDED and our target is to raise \$50,000.



Your generous donation will make this happen. You can contribute by sending your donation to: -

ACDC PO Box 202 Auburn 5451 or EFT BSB 105-038 Account Number 030 636 140. For Credit Card Donation Ph: 1300 907 284

Thank you

Joan Concy, Treasurer ACDC.

Contact Jason for all your computer needs on 0432 724 305







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Auburn Caravan Park



"Under New Management" is a term frequently seen on businesses – and this is certainly the case with the Auburn Caravan Park!

Many of us are familiar – or think we are – with the Auburn Caravan Park (ACP) – which has been developed largely with volunteer effort over recent decades.

The "Caravan Park" nestles in the larger area of the Auburn Recreation Park which includes a variety of Community groups, including:

- Auburn Mintaro Cricket Club
- Auburn Tennis Club
- Auburn Bowls Club
- Circle-C Western Riding Club
- U3A Arts & Crafts Auburn Group
- Auburn Art Group
- Hand Spinners
- Auburn Market Group
- Auburn Caravan Park

The whole Auburn Recreation Park is managed by the volunteer Auburn Recreation Park Management Committee – ARPMC – which runs the Park on behalf of the Clare & Gilbert Valley Council – CGVC - who own the property.

In August 2022, the management of the ACP was taken over by new **Manager Leanne Reddick** under whose care – working closely with the ARPMC and CGVC - the ACP has flourished. A number of projects – long planned by the ARPMC in their 2019 to 2028 Strategic Plan – have come to fruition, including:

- 4 additional powered sites now 14
 with modernised power, water, waste-water & TV facilities
- New Ablution Block at the southern end of the Park
- Improved bush-camping areas for up to 30 vans at the southern end of the Park
- Site-wide free Wi-Fi connected to the NBN
- Upgrade of electrical switchboards to new standards
- Upgraded washing machines
- New Manager's Residence

All these projects have been financed by monies earned over many years by the dedicated efforts of the ARPMC and the previous long-serving volunteer ACP Caretaker – Eric Whiteman.

The new Manager's Residence now nestles neatly under the trees between the Camp Kitchen and the western boundary adjacent to the Rattler Trail. It has been said by many observers that it looks like it has always been there – see image below.



An exciting recent activity at the ARP was the launch of a scientific balloon by the International Space University supported by the University of South Australia - see photos. This balloon soared to over 33,500 metres – yes 33.5 km!



Please take the time to visit the Auburn Recreation Park – it is YOUR Park – and is a real "hidden gem" of the Clare Valley.

Peter Newman, Chair
Auburn Rec. Park Management Committee

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Are you interested in:

- Helping youth to grow in Auburn?
- Organising youth events?
- Connecting youth to older citizens?
- Networking and meeting new people?
- Giving your opinion to make Auburn a great place for young people to thrive?

Can you commit to 1 meeting per month? We'd love to hear from you!

Please get in touch to chat about the U2KIDS Committee.

Contact Lisa 0437 839 043 or lisaromes@aapt.net.au





In early 2023 contractors will begin removing Ash trees along the Wakefield River in Auburn between Daly St and the pedestrian bridge on Church St. The focus is on trees in the riverbed, not the lovely river walk section.

This is part of our ongoing project of improving and maintaining the upper reaches of the Wakefield River. Our aims are twofold. Firstly, to improve water quality for plants and invertebrates by removing non-native plant species. Secondly, to reduce erosion and potential damage to property and infrastructure from flooding.

We have received a grant from Landscapes, Northern and Yorke and The Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council is also funding a section of the work.

Their generous assistance has enabled us to hire a contractor to tackle the complex task of working safely on the banks of the river. Mechanical Vegetation Solutions have been awarded the contract to remove the non-native species (Ash, Olive, Boxthorn etc) as they have extensive experience with clearing feral vegetation from waterways. Work will commence once the banks of the river are dry enough for the machinery to operate safely.

Revegetation of the riverbanks with local riverine plants will happen in the Autumn and Spring, weather and river permitting. All hands are welcome.

For more information, contact Kathy Alty 0400 792 287 or Paul McCormack 0484 001 808, or email

upperwakefieldlandcare@gmail.com



ABOUT

Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North together with the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council are pleased to be presenting two Business Capability Building Workshops on Thursday 2 March 2023 in The Stables at the Rising Sun Hotel, Auburn.

Presented by Tourism eSchool, these workshops are relevant to all businesses (not just tourism) operating within the Clare Valley Tourism Region. Each workshop is approximately three hours duration, and you are invited to attend either one only, or spend the day with us for invaluable learning, by attending both.

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I look forward to welcoming you in Auburn.

Warm regards

Mim Ward
Regional Tourism Manager –
Clare Valley & Southern Flinders Ranges
Regional Development Australia Yorke
and Mid North





Auburn Roadhouse New Management / Renovations

The new owners of the Auburn Roadhouse, Perry have been asked to comment on the ongoing works for Auburn...we received the following:

...At this stage, we are now preparing the site for renovations to feature our iconic Perrys 'Relax and Refuel' branding, where in mid-2023, we can now provide fuel, delicious cakes, cookies, freshly made meals and coffees to customers within the area.

While renovations are underway, fuel will be available on-site but we are currently limited in our offerings. We are offering unleaded, premium 98 and diesel. However, High flow diesel is not available.

Teyanna Smith

Marketing Account Manager



Proposed Redevelopment of

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Big push to revamp Auburn park

A community group launched a crowdfunding campaign to redevel-op Auburn's Centenary Park western entrance and war memorial precinct last week, hoping to raise \$50,000 and complete the project by the con-clusion of the financial year.

Auburn Community Develop-mentCommittee's Tony Evans made the announcement at the town's Australia Day breakfast, stating their intention to install a raised platform on the space between the SA CWA building and Centenary Park toilets, relocate the World War II Memorial Gates closer to the World War I Memorial and install planter boxes and seats.

There is a major Streetscape Plan "There is a major Streetscape Plan that has been announced by council which will take place in the future, but we want this to happen now, we don't have 10 years to wait, so that's why we've decided to launch it with-in the community," Mr Evans said. "The community will have a level of ownership of it and it's for the pride of the community at laye."

the pride of the community at large."
Currently, when services are held
for Remembrance Day and ANZAC
Day, attendees gather on the road

Day, attendees gather on the road along Horrocks Highway. "They'll have a dedicated area for these celebrations to take place so we put it on the community at large, this is your space, let's all work together



The people behind the project Lexia Mattner, Joan Concy, Pauline Parkins, Ian Mattner, Russ Parkins, Tony Evans, Jeff Seymour and Rado Marjanac. PHOTO: ISABELLA CARBONE

to achieve the ultimate goal," Mr another example of what we can do opment off of the council's hands.

The committee hopes to quickly se the \$50,000 required to complete the project before the end of the financial year, or at the latest before

the Auburn French Fest in September.
"The community of this little town punches above its weight pretty constantly and this is hopefully

Stage One of the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council's Auburn Streetscape Plan for the town, so the local community will now take this particular stage of the town redevel-

amongst conselves to achieve our ultimate goals," Mr Evans told the Plains Producer.

The raised platform constitutes

The project "fantastic" when

moving the motion.
"The first thing I'm really pleased to see is the Auburn community, including the RSL, are looking to fund it themselves so we don't have to find the money in the budget," Cr Calvert said at the meeting.

"The second thing, as an attendee at the dawn services and others, it's

dangerous.
"We've got retired service men and women standing out on the road at the dawn service and dodging the a tit dawns whe am doughig interactic as it goes along, which is not a very good idea.

"The other thing too which I am very pleased about is there'll be a new

wery preased anounts there in the anew flag pole put up in the plaza because the thing is, as a Navy brat, I look on the flag to be raised and lowered along with the sacred ceremonies we attend.

we attend.
"Right now it's down King Street, we can't see the flag going up and down, and that totally detracts from

down, and that totally detracts from any of the ceremonies we have. "Putting the gates up there will also be a fantastic entry into the park, not down the side, and it just makes sense when we can have the levelling and extension of the plaza so people

and extension of the piaza so people aren't hanging off the edge." Additionally, council committed to undergrounding the power lines along the Main Street between North Street and Henry Street as part of the Streetscape Plan for Auburn, subject to successfully receiving

subject to successfully receiving grant funding.

The decision divided councillors equally, before Mayor Aughey made the casting vote in favour of under-grounding the power lines.

Honours for town veterans

A life member of Auburn CFS and the man-chind the town's newsletter were recognised for their community contribution at an Australia Day celebration held in the township.

The Auburn Community Development Committee hosted the event in Centenary Park and cooked up a delicious barbecue breakfast. Clare Valley musician Geoff Stace enter-

tained the crowd with an acoustic set of tratained the crowd with an acoustic set of tra-ditional country tunes before committee chair Rhonda Seymour presented the 2022 ACDC Community Award.

With so many dedicated residents, the de-velopment committee could not settle on just

one recipient, instead awarding George Sugars and Kim Bleeker.

Mr Sugars has a long history in Auburn after he and his family first came to the town

in the 1950s. He attended local schools in Auburn, Seven-

hill and Riverton before his family moved away. He joined the CFS in 1980 while he was re joined the CFS in 1930 winte ne was serving in the defence force in Edinburgh, filling in the roster on weekends and holiday periods when many were busy with sport or family commitments.

He moved back to town full time in the mid

He moved back to town full time in the mid 2010s and has become heavily involved with the National Trust and always raises the Australian flag when required at community events. Mr Bleeker moved to Auburn with his parter in 2003 and became involved with the development committee the following year to get to know the townsfolk.

Within a couple of years, he had taken over the Auburn Express and ensured the community remained informed on all happenings in the area.



2022 recipient George Sugars, ACDC chair Rhonda Seymour and Trish Schmerl. PHOTOS: ISABELLA CARBONE 2022 recipient Kim Bleeker.











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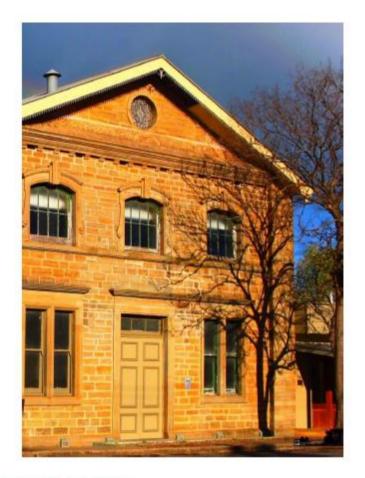


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