

# AUBURN EXPRESS

May, 2023

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## ACDC – May Report

Autumn in Auburn is really a great time of year: dewy mornings, sunny days, a sprinkle of fog, and just one frost, and the sound of new born lambs! We have our first bottle fed lamb, and saved twins today!

**Southern Gateway Project:** ACDC acknowledges the contribution of the sub-committee members over the past six years and thanks the members for their commitment to this Project. This \$100,000 project has been an important one for the township of Auburn. We are delighted that the generous bequest by the late Alan Farwell to establish a Southern Gateway to Auburn is now a reality. The ACDC committee approved the winding up of the Southern Gateway sub-committee at its May meeting. ACDC will now investigate through Council the requirements for ongoing and continued site maintenance.

**U2Kids:** ACDC wishes to thank the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council on behalf of U2Kids, for the Community Asset grant it received in late 2022, for the purchase and installation of a metal pod (cubbyhouse type structure) and music wall. These items have already delighted children and adults while visiting our park. U2Kids committee organised its first movie night at the Auburn Institute in the last school holidays, and hopes to have the event again each school holidays. There will be a different 'theme/genre' for each movie night, to appeal to a range of youth ages, and families.

**Auburn's Australia Day Event:** ACDC's Open Meeting in April held discussions on the Australia Day Breakfast. Information was gathered from those present and feedback at the time of the event. All information has been collated for your reference and is included in this Auburn Express along with a Survey (**refer pages 10 and 11**). We would very much appreciate you taking a moment to complete and return the survey, this will assist with the future planning of this community event.

**Advertising Poster Opportunity:** Calling all community groups! Don't forget the opportunity to advertise your group and associated activities in the 'Auburn Welcome Pack' given to new residents through the Post Office. Simply provide ACDC with an A4 size poster, your design, your information and it will be included in the 'Welcome Pack'.

**Community Garden Groups:** ACDC accepted the *Terms of Reference* prepared for Auburn Garden Groups' sub-committee to provide an "umbrella" for these volunteers to work under, with communication channels to Council and inclusion in ACDC's insurance framework.

**ACDC Strategic Plan:** ACDC members have spent considerable time over the last month, brainstorming and workshopping, to produce the first draft of a Strategic Plan for ACDC, this Plan will be used to guide activities over the next five years.

**Memorial Place:** A report on the Memorial Place was presented at the ACDC April Open Meeting, but was overlooked in my April report. Apologies to the Memorial Place sub-committee. Please see a summary of points below.

The redevelopment of the corner of Centenary Park adjacent to the public toilets and WW1 Memorial has been the subject of discussion between ACDC members (past and present), community members, the Auburn RSL and Council for around 9 years (since 2014) since Council removed a stand of old, dangerous and untidy, predominately pine trees from the site. More recently, the area has been included on the "Auburn Streetscape Plan" for redevelopment.

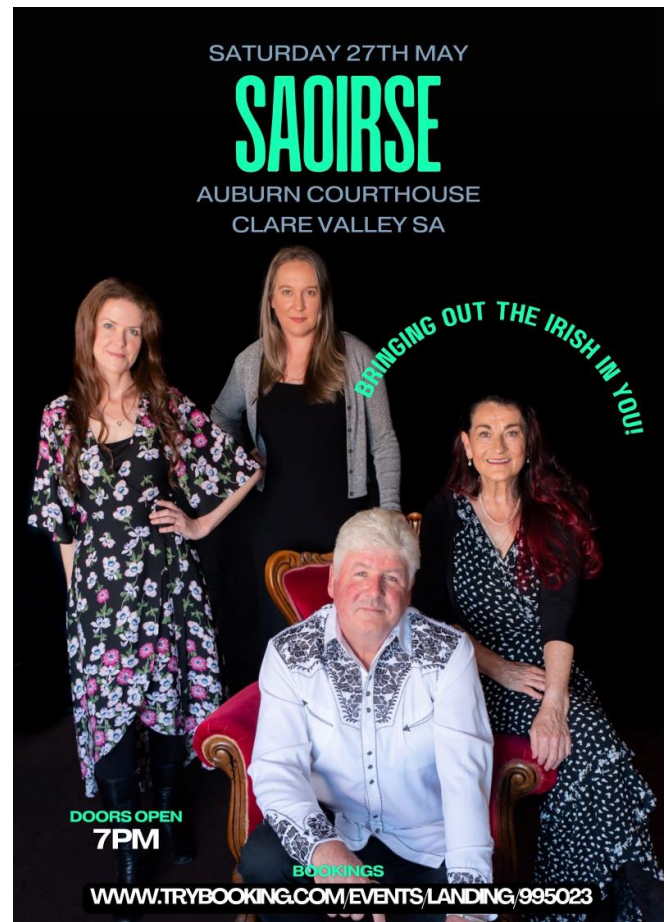
A sub-committee of ACDC was formed at the start of 2023 to prepare plans, consult with Council and fundraise for the project. The current plan will see the redevelopment of the corner to make it a more attractive space in the heart of the town; provide "off road" space for commemoration activities to be conducted; and bring the WW1 and WW2 Memorials and the flag pole into the same precinct allowing wreath laying on both Memorials during any commemoration service

The WW2 Memorial gates are to be refurbished by Cooks of Balaklava with polishing and refurbishment of the engravings.

The current sub-committee has taken on the task of raising the required funds for this project, through sponsorship and fundraising activities.

The sub-committee has organised its first fundraising event at the Auburn Institute – the event will be a Quiz Night to be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 7pm. **(see notification on page 3).**

**Rhonda Seymour, Chair.**



**DATE Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
**TIME 8pm**

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## Memorial Place Fundraising update...

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As an example, we have received a letter from an older member of our community who now resides in Western Australia, Mr Doug Fitzgerald. Aged in his 90's Mr Fitzgerald's comments make this Project very worthwhile. We share a copy of Mr. Fitzgerald's letter (below) and also a typed copy if difficult to read the original.

Come along to the **Quiz Night on the 27<sup>th</sup> May** at the Auburn Institute and help us achieve our target funding and have a lot of fun in the process. **Refer details previous page.**

25B Stoneykirk Loop.  
Kingsley, WA 6026  
14-2-2023.

The Secretary  
ACDC  
P.O. Box 202  
Auburn S.A. 5451

My name is Doug Fitzgerald born Auburn 9/2/1929 - youngest son of Walter & Ida Fitzgerald - ex-farmers. I received a copy of the Auburn Express and have had a relationship with Kay Lambert for many years.

The proposal to relocate the WW11 Memorial Gates is a great idea. I grew up in Auburn during WW11 and clearly recall the Anzac Service in the Town Hall and the wreath laying on the War Memorial in which I and others participated. My cousin William Fitzgerald's name is on the Memorial. The three persons names on the Gates i.e. Hextall, Jones & Kench were all very well known to our family.

My two older brothers Robert and Harry survived active service in the A.I.F. and R.A.A.F respectively. I wish this project every success and have much pleasure in enclosing a cheque for \$100 payable to ACDC.

Yours sincerely,  
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Doug Fitzgerald



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**When:** Monday 15 May 2023  
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**Where:** The Tarlee Institute  
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**Cost:** Free

**Additional information:**  
Bookings are essential.

**(08) 8842 6400**

For further information or to register, please contact: **Judy Giles**,  
Community Development Coordinator, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.  
Office (08) 8842 6400 or email [admin@cgvc.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@cgvc.sa.gov.au) (Attention Judy).

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

### **LITERARY AWARDS**

The Auburn annual Literary Awards, which give children an opportunity to research and express their poetry writing skills on a given subject, are usually open for entries at this time of year (through until August). Briony Ackland, Principal of the Auburn School, has offered to coordinate the awards for this occasion. The awards will be announced during the *Frenchfest* in Auburn in September.

The literary awards commenced with adult participation from throughout Australia, commencing with the celebration of the centenary of the birth of C.J. Dennis, born in the Auburn District hotel number one bedroom, 7th September 1876 (This hotel has since been demolished).

How did a literary competition get established here at Auburn?

Madeleine Brunato, President of the South Australian branch of the Australian Writers Fellowship, approached Norm Burfield, District Clerk of the District Council of Saddleworth and Auburn, with the plan of the Fellowship sponsoring an Australian-wide competition to celebrate the centenary of C. J. Dennis's birth and intimated they would like to tie in with any celebrations proposed by the Auburn District. A meeting was held in March 1973 at Auburn, when a committee formed and initial planning commenced.

The year of celebrations started off at Chateau Clare (now called Taylors Wines) in March 1976, the large crowd welcomed by George Lambert, Chairman of the District Council of

Saddleworth and Auburn. Br. May of St. Aloysius Church, Sevenhill, officially opened the occasion, saying he felt he had a special bond with Dennis in the fact that 100 years ago a fellow Jesuit, Father Strele, rode on horseback from Sevenhill to Auburn to baptise new-born Dennis.



***Br. May of St. Aloysius Church, Sevenhill, officially opened the C.J. Dennis Centenary celebrations.***

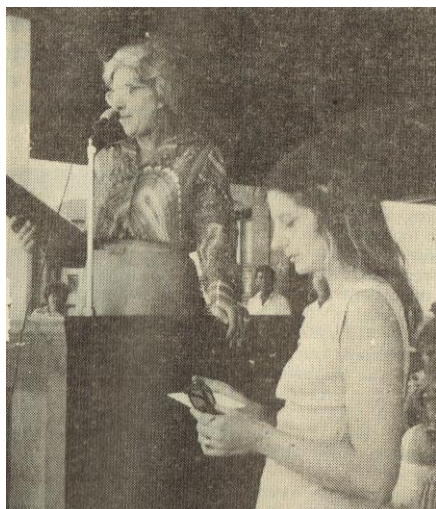
Br. May said the writers paid Dennis a wonderful tribute by electing to come to Auburn as the culmination of Writers Week. He also said that it is fitting that the profits for the year of celebrations in Auburn go towards the construction of a Senior Citizens' Home to be built on the site of his birth.

Some of the Adelaide and inter-state visitors travelled in two buses, one planning to leave after the afternoon program and the other after the filming of the black and white film of Dennis's most famous works, "The Sentimental Bloke", in the evening.

Present was the Federal President of the Fellowship of Australian Writers, Patsy Adam Smith from Victoria – she was also the Chairman of the C.J. Dennis Vic. Committee which was holding their celebrations in August and September. Interstate writers visiting Auburn came from as far away as W.A., Vic., N.S.W., and Queensland. The publishers, Angus and Robertson, who hold most of the copyright of C.J. Dennis works, were represented, and were amazed at the demand for the books from the book stall.

The C.J. Dennis Literary Competition winners announced that day were in the categories

Section A- Plays, Section B - Lyric Verse, Section C – Narrative Verse. First, second and third prizes were awarded, with commended entries. Nancy Keesing of Sydney, Chairman of the Literature Board of Australia Council, announced and presented the awards.



**Nancy Keesing of Sydney, presented the awards. Margaret Nuedegg of Westbourne Park, is seen receiving first prize for her play 'C.J.'**

Interstate people were well represented in the awards. This Literary Competition was organised by the Writers fellowship who were assisted by the Literature Board of the Australia Council.

The winning play was produced by the 'Q' Theatre in Auburn later in the year.

***To be continued – socially pleasant time at the winery and later the children's literary awards***



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

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**THEME: L'AMOUR** *Love*

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| YEARS 8 - 12 |                    |             |

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*Entries - send to:*  
Max Fatchen Literary Awards  
Attention: Bri Ackland  
c/o Auburn Primary School  
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Mail: PO Box 47, Auburn, 5451

**Attention teachers:** Please ensure each entry is labelled with the student's FULL NAME, AGE, YEAR LEVEL and SCHOOL. Please also include a contact email address with entries to ensure outcomes of the competition can be shared.

**ENTRIES CLOSE:  
FRIDAY, 11 AUGUST, 2023**

ENQUIRIES to: BRI ACKLAND  
Mobile: 0439 071 522  
Email: dl.0425.info@schools.sa.edu.au





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**Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00 AM - 12.00 PM**

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Everyone is very welcome. Bring a pair of gardening gloves and your planting tools. We meet for sign-in at the BBQ pavilion in Centenary Park at 10.00.



**For more information contact the  
UWL Secretary**  
[mccormack.paul21@gmail.com](mailto:mccormack.paul21@gmail.com)

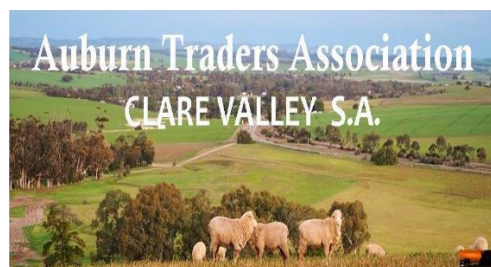
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### **Thought for the month**

#### **CALLING ALL SNOOKER PLAYERS**

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We are not looking for champions as all levels of skill will be catered for even people who haven't played previously. If you are interested and would like to know more, please text or phone.

**John on 0458 719 766 for further information.**

### **Thought for the month**

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#### **SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS @ the AUBURN INSTITUTE**

**Mondays**

**5pm – 6.30pm**

**New players welcome**

***Gold Coin* donation**



**New Tables have ARRIVED!**

# ACDC Australia Day Event Feedback and Survey – May 2023

## Summary of feedback received from an Auburn resident after the 2023 event:

- Reduced numbers attending;
- Not enough advertising;
- A raffle wasn't held/tickets sold prior to remind people of the event; and
- Limited available seating/tables to sit and eat breakfast.

## Suggestions put to ACDC for consideration to plan future events.

- Review of advertising strategies.
- Re-instate raffle for Australia Day.
- Allocate some Xmas Eve in the Park raffle prizes for an Australia Day raffle.
- Sell raffle tickets before the day.
- Set out additional tables and chairs reserved for older members of the community.
- Organise community volunteers to transport people with reduced mobility.

## The above feedback about the Australia Day event was discussed at the ACDC April Open meeting and the following points were raised:

- Ways to improve advertising. e.g., article/editorial in the Plains Producer (read by Council Australia Day Committee), flyers at PO, IGA, large sign in Centenary Park.
- Provide additional seating – we would need to borrow /hire outdoor chairs and tables for less mobile adults.
- Discuss how donations for the Xmas Eve in the Park raffle are gathered with Auburn Business and Tourism Association (Auburn B&TA). Christmas Eve in the Park is jointly organised with Auburn B&TA organising the raffle and entertainment and ACDC the BBQ and Santa's Cave (U2Kids).
- Council has three Official Events for Australia Day held in Clare, Riverton and Saddleworth. Councillors are allocated to attend these events, so not always able to attend the Auburn event.
- Focus for Auburn Australia Day event is on Community Awards and a community gathering with entertainment. It may be preferable to choose a different date for a community breakfast and Auburn residents would then be free to attend one of the Council official events.
- Predicting numbers for the Australia Day breakfast can be difficult which impacts on organisation of the catering. Suggestion to use *an on-line* booking system to indicate attendance.
- Australia Day event follows soon after Christmas Eve in the Park, so need to consider volunteer availability/burn-out.
- Suggestion made to have separate committees to organise each event.
- Provide transportation for less mobile members of the community (this may raise insurance issues).

ACDC agreed to develop a survey for inclusion in this month's Auburn Express. To help with future planning and to help us respond to community views we would really appreciate your completion of the following survey and returning it to either the **ACDC secretary**

[lizpridham1@gmail.com](mailto:lizpridham1@gmail.com) or to **PO Box 202, Auburn SA 5451.**



## Survey:

1. Do you normally attend the Auburn Australia Day event? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. If Yes, what attracts you to attend the event? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. If No, why do you not attend the event? \_\_\_\_\_

4. There are currently a range of views about Australia Day being celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. Is the date an issue for you?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. If the ACDC Community Awards were held on a different date than 26<sup>th</sup> January, what date would you suggest? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you have any suggestions to make the community breakfast and awards event more appealing to the Auburn community? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

7. Would you be willing to volunteer your time to assist with planning this community event in the future? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thanks for your suggestions and the time taken to complete the survey. (May, 2023)**