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ACDC Executive Committee Members

Rhonda Seymour (Chair), Position Vacant (Secretary), Joan Concy (Treasurer),
Graham Richards, Hellen Riley, Russ Parkins (Public Officer), Robert Tilley.

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ACDC – October, Report

Some of the work ACDC has undertaken this year includes: reviewing *Terms of Reference* (TOR) for each sub-committee, establishing a TOR for the Community Garden group of volunteers as a sub-committee of ACDC, mainly for inclusion of the volunteers in ACDC insurance; development of a *Strategic Plan* for ACDC which will include the activities of the sub-committees and provide guidelines for future projects and events; the cessation of the Southern Gateway sub-committee, re-development of the Auburn website, consulting with Council on the Auburn Library building and planning the way forward as a community asset; Memorial Place project, as well as other activities within the sub-committees.

The Australia Day Community Awards

2022: These awards were presented to Kim Bleeker for his editorship of the Auburn Express, and George Sugars for his commitment to Auburn CFS, National Trust and Flag raising.

Auburn Library: ACDC awaits the finalisation of the *land revocation* process on the Auburn Library building.

The Max Fatchen Children's Literary

Awards: Organised by Peter Lane and Briony Ackland (Auburn Primary School Principal), were held in September as part of the Auburn

Frenchfest, with local students gaining recognition for their entries. Thank you, Peter, and Briony for your contribution to this year's event.

Auburn Institute Management Committee

(AIMC): I acknowledge the contributions of the Auburn Institute Management Committee, Tony Evans, Karen King, Peter Newman, Lisa Ziersch, Andrea Mitchell, Andrew Cooper and Liz Pridham (as the ACDC rep.) who have committed time and effort to the development of policies, procedures, working bees and fund-raising functions, to ensure the successful and professional presentation of the Auburn Institute as a great local facility.

U2kids: Thank you Lisa Ziersch (Chair sub-committee) and student members Lilly and Myrtle – your contribution, enthusiasm and energy put into creating activities for our young people is commendable.

Auburn Frenchfest: A huge thank you to the *Frenchfest* committee Kathy Adams, Tony Evans, Joan Concy, Leonie Moore, Andrea Mitchell and Graham Richards for their dedication to planning and execution of the 2023 Auburn *Frenchfest*. ACDC hopes that this event will emerge into something great for our community on the entertainment calendar, and build Auburn's profile on the tourism and events calendar.

We can be proud of the efforts put in projects across this community, which are all undertaken for the promotion, enhancement and improvement of Auburn, local businesses and the community. I have received some very positive comments from local dignitaries, regarding the activity which the Auburn community undertakes and generates on behalf of its community.

Auburn Express: Thank-you to the Editor of the Auburn Express, Kim Bleeker.

Thank you to Kay Lambert for the history section each month.

ACDC: Thank you to Liz Pridham as Secretary and Joan Concy as Treasurer both of whom provided great support to me as Chair, and also kept the paperwork for meetings, finances and projects on track.

I also acknowledge the contribution made by other ACDC members Russ Parkins, Hellen Riley, Rob Tilley and Graham Richards, during the last twelve months.

Thank you to you as community members, for the support given to me and the committee during the last year.

AGM: The ACDC AGM followed after presentation of sub-committee reports with the following elections taking place:

ACDC Chair- Rhonda Seymour; Treasurer- Joan Concy. The position of Secretary remains unfilled. If you are interested in joining the team, **please contact Rhonda on 8849 2389.**

Auburn Institute Management Committee
Chair -Tony Evans; Secretary- remains Secretary - remains vacant; Committee members: Pauline Parkins, Jeff Seymour, Lisa Ziersch, Peter Newman.

U2Kids Chair: Lisa Ziersch, youth members Lilly and Myrtle.

Congratulations to all the new and continuing committee people. Look forward to working with you all.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.

Annual General Meeting Sub-committee Reports:

Full *Reports* for Memorial Place, Community Gardening Groups' Auburn *Frenchfest*, **U2Kids** Auburn Institute can be found at the end of this Auburn Express edition.



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Auburn's History Column:

Auburn RSL - Clubrooms for 70 years!

After holding their meetings in the clubrooms for 70 years, the time has come for the members to move out, with the property on the market for sale. The property now owned by the Clare and Gibert Valleys Council, was handed over by the R.S.L. Club to the Saddleworth and Auburn Council which was then amalgamated with other councils to become the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council. Membership declined as the veterans of the second World war passed on. These days membership is supported by affiliate membership and the local branch is now amalgamated with the Clare RSL. The Auburn, Clare & Districts RSL will in future be meeting in the new Clare sports complex with an area designated for the RSL club.

After researching the minute books the interesting tale of the veterans working and planning for a clubroom, is revealed.

A driving force was Ken Overton, son of the local butcher Hubert H. Overton, known as Bert. Another returned soldier son of Bert's was Wilf, who continued on with the butchering business.

On the 2nd February 1953 the Building Fund committee was established, K.P. Overton starting it off with £100 donation and L.H. (Jim) Schober (also a returned soldier) supporting it with £50.

In March they held a club room discussion, the suggestion being they purchase the office of the Flax Mill. A motion was then moved and carried that the purchasing of a building at the Flax Mill auction be left with the Building Committee, who were asked to carry out a building inspection. K.P. Overton offered to be the guarantor, which was accepted with thanks.

The May meeting recorded that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr B. (H.H.) Overton for the gift of a block of land for the Club Rooms.

(In 1960 a plaque was purchased to be inscribed to state the name of the donor of the grounds).



This plaque commemorates the generous gift of this block of land by the late H.H. Overton Esq. to the Auburn R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. Sub-Branch. Photo K. Lambert

This land was the butcher/bakery shop (which was on the Eastern side of the road) horse yard, with the stables along the western fence. (The December 2021 Auburn Express shows the "mud map" layout of the area.) Individuals started donating bags of cement for the club rooms foundations.

The Northern Argus reported on the 25th March 1953 that the RSL had purchased the Flax Mill Mess Hut and had opened a Public Subscription list, the donors' names and amounts, to be published in the "Northern Argus" each week.

E.H.P. (Ted) Whitehead (a wartime pilot who trained pilots in England) donated a flag pole. The May meeting also decided to get A. Vater to shift the Flax Mill Mess Hut, the prospective clubrooms, to the site.

The opening night of the club rooms was December 12th 1953.



The official opening of the Auburn RSL Clubrooms. The building to the left was the newly established workshop of S.P. Stephens (now part of Beckers IGA). In the background the house is now the French family home. (The Mess Hut was the Male and Female Mess Hut shown in the August 2017 issue of the Auburn Express.) Photo National Trust – Overton collection

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Kay Lambert
National Trust, Auburn Branch.



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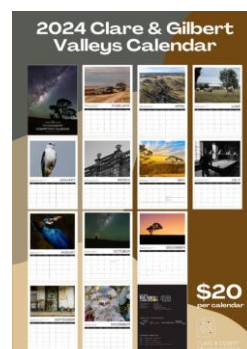
The exhibition runs until the 27th, October, from 1-4pm on weekdays.

If you're available, please feel free to visit the Riverton Community Hall to appreciate these stunning photos!

The 2024 calendar can also be purchased at the Clare Library, Saddleworth Library, and Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council.

We are also happy to collect bulk orders from each community and deliver them

Please feel free to contact me on 8842 6400 if you have any questions.



Many thanks,
Cecilia Wang





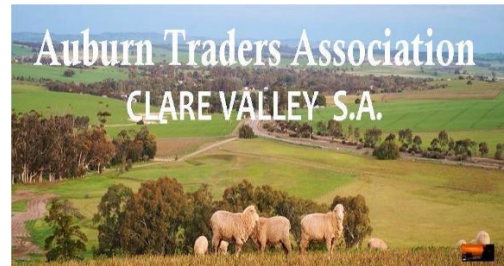
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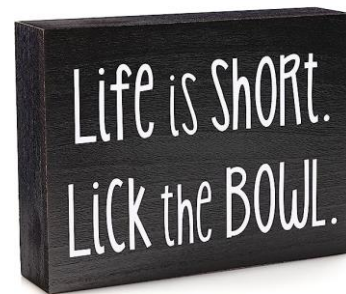
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Memorial Place Update – October. 2023

ACDC AGM– Wednesday 11 October 2023

1. The Memorial Place sub-committee of ACDC have been busy over the past 10 months since its formation in January 2023.

2. Action to date:

- a. The Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council have fully approved the project through the Development Application process;
- b. Fundraising has been ongoing;
- c. The sub-committee was contacted recently by a family member of Flight Sargeant Trevor W R Jones, one of the 3 names on the WW2 memorial with a generous personal donation toward the project.

3. Memorial Place – a Project in 2 parts:

- a. The Memorial Place sub-committee is responsible for the proposed site works, beautification (garden planters and seating) and connection of electricity for lighting and water for irrigation.
- b. The Clare and Auburn RSL have responsibility for the WW2 memorial refurbishment and relocation plus the purchase of 2 new flag poles.

4. Work commenced

a. The initial site works – retaining wall and infill commenced on Wednesday 11 October 2023. The local Auburn business, MCG Earthworks has been contracted to complete this first phase.



b. Around mid-October, Cooks Memorial will be asked to commence the renovation of the WW2 Memorial Gates. Site works have to be completed so the footings can be dug and poured, before the WW2 Memorial Gates can be relocated.

c. Additional sub-committee work includes: construction of concrete steps into Centenary Park; modification of a section of the pathway adjacent to the toilet block; removal of the existing cyclone wire fence; the installation of garden planters and seating; and the installation of power and water infrastructure. Local businesses are to be used wherever possible on the project.

The Memorial Place sub-committee wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to every member of our community, both private and commercial, who have supported the

project to date. We would appreciate additional donations to the project. Please email the Chair – ACDC.

Jeff Seymour

Committee Member - Minutes - Memorial Place sub-committee

Auburn Gardening Groups

ACDC Occasional Gardening Group Annual Report 2023

Occasional pruning and weeding has been undertaken during the year in Centenary Park and Memorial Park. Council have taken away the larger pruning's when given prior warning that the group will be having a working bee. Weeds and smaller pruning's have been disposed of using the bin provided by Council for the fortnightly *green waste collection*.

A working Bee is planned for Memorial Park in early November before Remembrance Day on 11th November.

Thanks to all volunteers for their hard work.

Liz Pridham - Co-convenor.

St Vincent Street Rose Group

We have had another successful year with our team of 20 volunteers in maintaining the roses in St. Vincent Street. Working bees were carried out with all volunteers being invited to prune the roses, mulching and the first dead heading which is always a big job as there are lots of old blooms to remove from the bushes. Weekly through the flowering period, crews of 5 volunteers dead head the spent blooms so that the roses keep producing more blooms. There are 4 crews which means volunteers do this once a month for about 6 months. Each crew has a dedicated co-ordinator to work out with the rest of their team which day they will dead head the roses. The roses are watered once a month by one of the volunteers and another one keeps an eye on the weeds that appear.

These roses were donated to Auburn from Ross Roses about 24 years ago and a team of volunteers have maintained them ever since

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to help out for a couple of hours once a month, so if you are able and can assist get in touch with me." Many hands make light work"

Ian Mattner

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St. Vincent Street Rose Co-ordinator

Auburn Frenchfest Report

A huge thank you to the *Frenchfest* committee Kathy Adams, Tony Evans, Joan Concy, Leonie Moore, Andrea Mitchell and Graham Richards for your dedication to planning and execution of the 2023 Auburn *Frenchfest*. The committee took on board feedback from the inaugural event of 2021. The 2023 event was planned with more entertainment, more venues, more food, more sunshine, more people. The local businesses provided great support through sponsorship in dollars and in-kind.

The *Frenchfest* committee was excited when it received confirmation that the request for the road closure on King St was approved. I would like to make a special thank you to Council, its representatives and workers, for supporting the road closure application, for the work they undertook as part of the event planning; delivery of bins, bollards, bunting, collection of same after the event, mowing of Centenary Park, the repair work carried out on Church St footpath and the entrance to the Centenary Park.

We thank our major sponsor Gordon Pickard AM, many local businesses who were gold, silver and bronze sponsors, as well as many individuals making donations as Friends of the Festival. The South Australian Tourism Commission provided a grant of \$7,500, as an emerging event, to support infrastructure, marketing and production manager costs.

Auburn community members continue to amaze me, with their generosity of time and eagerness to participate. The recent *Frenchfest* was supported by a team of 64 volunteers. I received many compliments on the helpfulness and friendliness of the volunteers across the events and activities. Be proud of the contribution you made as a volunteer, to this great local event.

**Rhonda Seymour,
Auburn *Frenchfest* Chair.**



**U2Kids Sub-Committee of ACDC
Auburn Community Youth Voice focus**

Our members include: Lisa Ziersch- Chair, youth members, Lily Macdonald and Myrtle Courtenay, Rhonda Seymour-ACDC Rep.

(Currently on hiatus: Eve Rogers, Amanda Camilleri, Rachelle Bartz, Jodie Whitelaw, Matty Rogers, Austin Camilleri & Sam Bartz)

Our 5 Guiding Principles:

- Engage:** by providing a variety of opportunities that relate to, stimulate and involve our young people. Identify youth needs and create sense of belonging.
- Connect:** by directly communicating and interacting through programs and places that allow young people to be a part of the community and share among peers and determine their own outcomes
- Mentor:** by creating links between young people & our community, businesses, families and volunteers to forge strong ties to people and place
- Grow:** By providing activities to grow our kids' healthy minds and bodies. To challenge them encourage independence, determination, collaboration and empowering them to be confident leaders.
- Develop:** Develop infrastructure in play spaces, networks and support programs in workplaces, and to actively seek to improve facilities (and access to them) in and around Auburn for all young people.

Primary Focus:

1) Youth movie nights

U2Kids have hosted 2 movie nights in the April and July school holidays and will continue to utilize the Auburn Institutes' wonderful digital projector and sound equipment in the coming years. To date the movie nights have been modestly supported with low numbers. We have outlaid the funds for movie licencing (around \$250 per film, per screening) and broken even in the provision of a food stall. We really need more attendees to make this more successful. This October we will be hosting a movie night in conjunction with our Halloween event and hopefully the joint activity will entice more families to stay and watch. If anyone is interested in making financial donations towards our movie night we would gratefully accept. There is a big benefit to our two young committee members Myrtle and Lily who are developing wonderful marketing skills, are brimming with creative ideas and enjoying being involved in organizing these movie nights.

2) Bike/Scooter track

During July an online survey was promoted and completed over 3 weeks by 28 families both local and other Clare Valley postcodes. The data collected has been compiled and yet to be fully analysed but early feedback shows a very diverse range of needs and wishes for both bike and scooter facilities at the Recreation Park in Auburn. We will be working with Auburn Recreation Park committee to discuss what we are able to achieve on the site and how to best act on the survey results.

Financials to 31st July, 2023 for the recycled bottle funds totals \$1713!! This is from Recreation Park bottles, Centenary Park bottles and private donations at the depot. This money has been earmarked for funding the Bike/scooter facilities.

3) Santas Cave

In December 2023 U2Kids will work with ACDC and the Auburn Traders to collaboratively host Santa on Christmas Eve. Details have not yet been discussed.

We have a **SUGGESTION BOX** located at the Auburn Post Office front counter for anyone to communicate with us! We are also active on our Facebook page U2Kids Auburn. We are in need of more committee members, young and old. We meet monthly and at present we are enjoying organizing kids' events!

Please feel free to get in touch with any of our members if you'd like to chat about possible connections and ideas in the future.

Thanks!

Lisa Ziersch

Chair. U2Kids

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Auburn Institute Report

Since my last report in October 2022 the Auburn Institute Management Committee has undertaken many activities in this facility. Coming out of COVID we have conducted weddings, engagement parties, birthday parties, conferences, art shows, live music performances, 2 incredible Quiz Nights, Electoral Polling Booth, two very successful Fetes plus other activities including our very successful Monday night Table Tennis where 3 tables are in use most Monday nights.

In addition, the installation of our Digital Projector with the full-size screen and new audio mixer and amplifier has proven to be a major asset adding value to recent hire contracts. This state-of-the-art feature in our facility provides the hirer with the option to integrate a Slide Show or Power Point with music or audio backing. The equipment has been used recently in a wedding and an engagement party with amazing results. Furthermore, the recent Photographic Awards conducted by the Council utilised the System to provide a visual overview of the competition finalists, the result was spectacular. I feel it is fair to say that Auburn can provide an Audio-Visual Solution for any function or event taking this standard of technology to another level. This was very evident with the recent *Frenchfest* World Premier of the DREAM; the equipment made the stage effects complete in order to tell the story that was played out.

I feel it is worth mentioning that the original motivation to source this equipment in conjunction with U2KIDS was to conduct a few film nights throughout the year for our younger members of the Community. I am pleased to report that they have not been overlooked and the original objective has been achieved. I am sure Lisa (Ziersch) will elaborate on this in her report.

From the end of July this year we signed Sassy Lass as a tenant for the corner shop for the next 2 years. This has proven to be a very successful agreement with the retail outlet performing extraordinarily well and we expect to have Sassy Lass as a tenant for some years to come.

Although there have been and continue to be many positives in the use of this iconic facility there are also costs to ensure the facility continues to exist. Apart from the usual expenses of power, water and cleaning we have had issues with bees which I might add is for the third year in a row but this time they decided to use a different location. We have had the foyer and toilets painted; we had additional costs that were not budgeted for in the installation of the Digital Projector. We have had water leaks in several places that we were aware of but are now addressed as the issue became very obvious with the heavy rains, we had this winter and could not be left any longer. We have installed NBN and now have our own private network. This service provides the Institute and ACDC internet access on a secure network allowing us to utilise the benefits of EFTPOS more efficiently for any of our own Events. In addition, we can live stream any of the streaming platforms through the Digital Projector including music from Spotify, this feature has already proven beneficial with the last wedding we hosted. Furthermore, the System allows us to provide secure guest access to the internet that can be another added value proposition for a hirer wishing to use the facility.

The Management Committee identifies the need to ensure a regular income from all our initiatives is essential to ensure we have the funding available to maintain this majestic building and the challenges going forward will be many and varied. As a consequence of this we are in the process of setting up a 'Auburn Institute Maintenance Fund' where we will put aside from all income generated 10% of the gross takings for the purpose of ensuring we have the capitol available for any major works that may be required in the future.

In conclusion I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Management Committee for their dedication and tireless support throughout the past twelve months.

A.J (Tony) Evans
Chair,
Auburn Institute Management Committee