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ACDC – March, Report

How are you all faring with the warmer days and no rain?

The **Auburn Express** is distributing information to you for events across our community. Hope you get a moment to read about what's happening.

Walk With History At Auburn Brochure:

The new print run for the Walk With History At Auburn brochure, keenly sought by visitors to the town, should arrive very soon. If you would like some to display in your business, please let us know.

Peak Body Funding: ACDC members usually attend the Council organised *Peak Body Forum* at this time of year. This event allows all of the peak bodies, like ACDC, to speak about future local community projects and accomplishments for the last year. Council is rescheduling this forum for later in the year.

<u>Auburn Library:</u> A group of ACDC members attended the February Council Meeting to present a *Deputation* to the CEO, Mayor and Elected Councillors, requesting Council's consideration to assist financially with the mandatory and essential maintenance (required to allow any type of occupancy) on the old Auburn Library building, once gifted to Auburn community, <u>Auburn Frenchfest 2025:</u> Discussions and planning within ACDC, for the formation of the 2024-2025 Auburn Frenchfest subcommittee have begun. A call for **expressions of** *interest* to join this subcommittee will hopefully take place during April.

Open Meeting: The next ACDC meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9th April**, as an Open Meeting. All community groups and community members are invited and welcome to attend. The meeting will be held at the Auburn Institute at 7pm.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.





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The Rising Sun Hotel - Auburn 2024 AFL Footy Tipping Competition 1st Game kicks off Thursday 7th March–Sydney v Melbourne Come one, come all, the more the merrier Great 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes End of competition BBQ and drinks for all \$25 / per head payable to John Adams or Bar staff

Items for the next Express due Tuesday 9th April, 2024 Editor: Kim Bleeker Tel: 8849 2397 or E-mail: <u>info@hillsviewestate.com.au</u>





Watch this space for the new logo for Auburn Business & Tourism Association Inc. Supporting Small Businesses, Always Welcoming New Members

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The Rising Sun Hotel, Auburn has a huge *Fringe* after party featuring Burt in a Skirt - with heaps of songs written by Burt Bacharach like, Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head, I just don't Know What to Do with Myself, Close To you, What Friends Are For, and many others he wrote for Tom Jones, Carol Bayer Sager and a host more! This Sunday 17th March 2pm Tix \$25 through Trybooking. See you there for a nostalgic trip of top 10 hits!

HAPPY HOUR EVERY FRIDAY GREAT MEALS

Auburn's History Column:

Electric Light Cricket

Having experienced the days when Auburn RSL had an Electric light Cricket pitch on the south side of Linhay Gallery, Doug Kench prepared this article for a sports record book he put together for the museum of the Auburn National Trust.

Electric Light Cricket was a unique South Australian sporting activity started in 1930 by Alf Stone, a returned serviceman with the Hilton sub-branch of the RSL. The first official match occurred in 1933.

It was a low point of the Great Depression and Stone thought that the under occupied locals needed an outlet for their energies.

At first there was simply a weekly game on the Cowandilla ground, however the uptake was so enthusiastic that other RSL sub-branches were soon challenging and establishing grounds.

By the 1935/6 season there were seven clubs within the initial association with a second 'Adelaide' association formed and associations formed at Wallaroo and Port Pirie.

A women's association started at a similar time growing to quickly have some 400 members. Electric Light Cricket was brought to Auburn in the 1960's. Local RSL branches also established grounds at Clare (Victoria Road), Saddleworth (tennis courts), Riverton and (possibly) Blyth, to form a local association. The game was played by between 10 and 18 players, each bowling one over (under arm) and batting in the order of the listing of their names on the scoring board.

The "ground" was 60ft x 50ft, the pitch 40ft between stumps with the batting pitch 18ft x 5ft 'level and free from holes.'

The Auburn "pitch" was between the RSL building and "Overton's Barn" (now Linhay Gallery garden) with a 12ft high chain mesh fence around it. The use of the land was donated by Mr. Overton and Council donated use of plant and operators to prepare the area.

Electric Light Cricket faded out locally in the 1970's with the commencement of Basketball".

Information from the Auburn RSL minute books

Not much detail was written in the minutes about the first matches of the Electric Light Cricket. In September 1948 they proposed to hold a meeting with the Saddleworth RSL Club and in February 1949 with the Riverton Club regarding a sports evening. In the December 1954 meeting they wrote about forming an Electric Light Cricket club.

The April 1955 minutes "congratulated its members for winning the Night Hawk Association" not mentioning where the game was played. A minute further moved "That we have the cup suitably inscribed, Night Hawk Association, Auburn Sub Branch, Premiers 1955.

Where is this cup today?

The Auburn RSL club discussed Electric Light Cricket fully in March 1963 wanting to get further information from the Secretary of the Members decided to Saddleworth club. accept the offer of land by Mr Wilf Overton, a returned serviceman, and have an agreement legally drawn up. The District Council of Upper Wakefield was written to as to whether they would grade the land. Machinery was offered free of charge and council staff also donated their time. H.G. Stephens donated cement, H.E. Jones donated sand, the RSL purchased 2 loads of gravel from H.H. Kruse for £8.15.0, and possibly the wire mesh cost £90, as an amount for A. W. Vater doesn't mention what it was for in the books.

The Electric Light Cricket club kept a separate financial statement in the RSL cash book, having their records audited by E.H.P. Whitehead. Their income was of match collections from players and bank interest. Their costs included electricity; amounts paid into the RSL main account from their funds. The electric light cricket surrounding fence was sold in 198l for 150 dollars.



Electric Light cricket surround on the South side of the now Linhay Gallery. At the time of the photo the former corn store was being inspected by committee members of the Auburn branch of the National Trust, Peter Russell, Gerald Moore, Mervinia Masterman, Kay Lambert and Margery Powell Photo Auburn National Trust, Tom Moore collection.

The running line around the perimeter of the fence can be seen, about 6 feet above the ground – if the batter bounced the ball into the ground and (it) went over that line, the score was 6.

Anyone with further information for the National Trust records on the Electric Light Cricket and photos of the Auburn Court, please contact Kay Lambert 8849 2075 or email: <u>dklamb@rbe.net.au</u>



Kay Lambert National Trust, Auburn Branch.



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AUBURN QUIZ NIGHT

A Memorial Place Fundraiser

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 24 7 PM AT THE AUBURN INSTITUTE

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Tables / Teams of 6 people

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Karen Wauchope





Celebrate St Patrick's Day at Ulster Park Wines featuring live music by awardwinning artist Steve Ashley.

When? Sunday 17TH March 2024, 12pm – 5pm Where? Ulster Park Wines, 23 Main North Rd, Auburn

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ADELAIDE FRINGE FESTIVAL at HATS Courthouse

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