

# AUBURN EXPRESS September, 2024

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## ACDC - September, Report

To all our community members who are travelling, or planning to, "bon voyage and safe travels". For the rest of us, hoping for some more rain and would love to not need to light the fire!

ACDC Annual General Meeting: To be held Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at the Auburn Institute. All community members are welcome. A chat over supper to follow.

Please note: A call out for new committee members! ACDC currently has no Secretary, and two of the general committee members are retiring at this AGM. Please consider nominating to fill these positions. ACDC is an active community group, working between the community and Council, undertaking local projects to improve and enhance our township. We would be pleased to welcome new members to the ACDC team. Please see the nomination form Page 10 for the AGM included in this edition. A proxy form Page 11 is also included.

Auburn Frenchfest: ACDC made the decision to postpone the 2025 Auburn Frenchfest event due to insufficient numbers of applicants interested in joining this organising subcommittee. ACDC will plan for further discussions on this matter and will keep the community informed of any further information.

ACDC Strategic Plan: The draft Strategic Plan has been forwarded to ACDC members, requesting some feedback. If you have not received a copy and would like to, please contact Rhonda <a href="mailto:rhoje100@gmail.com">rhoje100@gmail.com</a> to organise this.

## **U2KID's** and the Auburn Bike Park Project:

The <u>U2KID's</u> subcommittee has been working closely with Judy Giles at Council gathering information and creating documents to assist with this major grant submission, which includes other communities across the council area.

Royal Visit Park Signage: ACDC has taken up a new small project, to replace the old (wooden) Royal Visit Park signage on the Southern Gateway entrance site to Auburn.

Community Resilience: A group of locals from Watervale, Leasingham, Clare and Auburn met recently for a Free Resilience Workshop run by Australia Red Cross. A short workshop will be held after our AGM, to gather input for developing the next steps in Auburn's resilience program. What ideas there are, what practical steps can we achieve.

The Auburn Carnivale: A fundraiser for the Auburn Institute. Please come along and support this event which will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. There will be food, live music, art on the street, road closure, wine, market stalls and more.

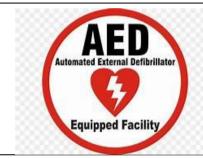
Memorial Place: As you walk through your community, please stop and look at the

progress of the site. Loads of concrete and some heavy lifting has occurred. The Memorial Place subcommittee has been informed of the recent death of Doug Fitzgerald, a relative of Auburn WWI soldiers, and a generous donor to the Memorial Place project. We offer our condolences to Doug's family.

**Festival of the Lamb:** This event is holding an Art and Fashion exhibition in the Auburn Institute from 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please support the local students and their projects by paying a visit during this time- 10am -2pm each day.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.

## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY REMINDER



## Important Community Information:

Please note that the AED (Defibrillator) which was located on the verandah of the old RSL building has been removed. It is temporarily unavailable to the public until a new location is determined. If you require an AED in an emergency, please access the unit on the verandah of the Rising Sun Hotel.



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

## Paddy (Patrick Michael) Ryan (1818-1862)

The man who discovered copper at Moonta which led to the development of the Moonta Mines in 1861 was buried at the Undalya Catholic Cemetery on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1862.

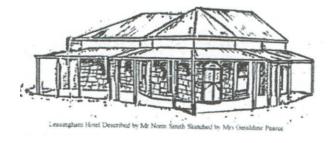
The Moonta National Trust or Visitor Information Centre of Moonta are keen to have any additional information if some of our locals could supply it. The Moonta group are arranging to have an information plaque made to be added to the grave site at Undalya. Paddy's large plot includes the grave of his son, and is enclosed by a substantial cast and wrought iron railing.

Paddy's memorial reads: - Erected by Alicia Ryan in Memory of her dearly beloved husband, Patrick Michael Ryan, Country of Tipperary, Ireland. Who departed this life January 10<sup>th</sup> 1862. Aged 44 years. Leaving his beloved wife and children to deplore his loss. May he rest in Peace. AMEN.



Patrick Ryan substantial cast and wrought iron railing surrounding the Patrick Ryan grave site at Undalya. Photograph courtesy Doug Kench.

Auburn's well-known historian, May Meller, had provided information to the Moonta people earlier, that Patric Ryan died of a heat stroke at the now demolished Leasingham Hotel, at a small settlement north of Auburn, and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Undalya.



Sketch of former Leasingham Hotel

Details of his death and the inquest were detailed in the Adelaide Observer January 18<sup>th</sup> 1862.

"An inquest took place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> inst. at the Leasingham Hotel before Mr George Young and a respectable jury, as to the cause of the death of Patrck Ryan, the discoverer of the Tippara Mine, who died suddenly the preceding night. (Oswald Prior shows a sketch of a copper find at a mound of a wombat at Moonta in 1861).

### Charles W. Watson (sworn) said:

'The body that the jury have seen is that of Patrick Ryan. He came to the house about 1 o'clock yesterday. I think by his appearance he had been drinking, but he was not very drunk. I put his horse in the stable. When I came back, he asked for a bed saying he was very tired. I put him into a room and he lay down on the sofa. I drew the blind and closed the door. Shortly after, he called for Nora. I asked him who he wanted. He said his daughter. He got up and came into the bar.

He did not have anything to drink, then. He lay down again and came into the bar between 2 and 3 o'clock. He had a pint of beer and went and laid down again. I heard nothing more of him until about tea time when Mrs Watson told me that she thought he was very ill. I went in and rose him off the sofa. He drank some water and Mrs Watson bathed his head. I then went immediately to Auburn (4½ miles) for the doctor. When I came back, he was in a very low state.

## Mr Joseph Bleechmore, Auburn publican





Rising Sun Inn, Auburn, in 1862, showing the stable at the back, stock yards across the road in front and the telegraph pole to the right, which was installed in 1862.

Mr Joseph Bleechmore told me he came from his place and that when he left, he was going to Mrs. Young's. He had nothing to drink but the pint of beer and the water. We moved him from the sofa to the bed in another room."

Eliza Ann Watson said: "The deceased came here about noon yesterday. He went and lay down on the sofa. He got up two or three times and then took his coat off. About dusk I went in to give him a cup of tea. He was breathing hard. I told my husband I thought he was not well. My husband lifted him up. He muttered something and I took him a glass of water. I bathed his head with vinegar and water when I saw that he was not well. The doctor came in the evening. My husband served him with a pint of beer. That was all we had at our place.

### Doctor's residence, Port Road, Auburn





Thomas Ward of Auburn, Surgeon, deposed: "I am a duly qualified medical practitioner. I reside at Auburn. Last night between 9 and 10 I was fetched by Mr Watson to see Ryan. He said he thought he was in a fit. When I saw the deceased, he was in the state described by Mr. Watson. From the symptoms I concluded the case would be fatal.

I applied the light close to his eye, but he gave no sign of consciousness and he barely did so when I touched the pupil of the eye. The pulse was very full and beating and though I had little hope of the case I opened a vein and took about 8 oz of blood. I found I had taken all that was safe. I applied mustard plasters to the feet and calves of his legs. I found it was useless doing any more. About a ¼ of an hour after my arrival he breathed his last. I give it as my positive opinion that the cause of death arose from habits of intemperance in connection with the extreme heat of the weather which we have experienced these last few days.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence.

In a field guide to the Geology of Yorke Peninsula the following was stated "It was the first mining company in Australia to pay a million pounds in dividends. Paddy Ryan drank himself to death before the first dividend was paid. The company continued to pay his widow £6 a week"

Kay Lambert National Trust, Auburn Branch.



Items for the next Express due
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## Free Community Information Sessions for Seniors!

## Balaklava Thursday, 19th September, 10am Balaklava Town Hall

**Scam Awareness Presentation:** Presented by the police, learn how to protect yourself from being scammed.

Advanced Care Directives & Advice from the Bottom Drawer Book: Two different approaches to express your wishes towards end of life, both are invaluable.

#### Clare

## Thursday, 26th September, 10am Barbara J Long function room, Clare Town Hall

**Scam Awareness Presentation:** Presented by the police, learn how to protect yourself from being scammed.

**Healthy Bladder Care:** Presented by Jude Christie from Cormie, an important topic for all to know.

#### Bookings are essential as places are limited To Book Call 1300 773 202

These talks are organised by Country Home Services, who are dedicated to providing home care services for older people in a way that supports their independence to live at home.



## **Thought for the Month**

REMEMBER

EVERY NEW DAY IS A
CHANCE TO TRY AGAIN



## Opening of the Little Street Library in Auburn.



Hellen speaking with students

On a very windy day, 16<sup>th</sup> August, the Auburn Primary School students and staff met with community representatives to hold the official "Opening" of the **Little Street Library** currently located at the Auburn Post Office.

The students shared book readings at school, where ACDC provided fruit and drinks for the students, then walked to the post office with teachers, family, and community members.

Hellen Riley and Kathy Alty, local artists who decorated the *library* attended - Hellen gave a short address to the gathering. Then followed the students 'untying the ribbons' to officially open the library. The students were able to deposit a book in the little library while some were able to 'swap' a book to take home. The library is there for all family and community members to deposit and swap books.

...Happy Reading...



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## Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10.00 - 1.00

Join the Upper Wakefield Landcare group in planting native shrubs and understory plants at the weir on Young Street. This will be followed by UWL's Annual General Meeting at the BBQ pavilion in Centenary Park.

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 at mccormack.paul21@gmail.com



## **AUBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INC.**

Any member of Auburn Community Development Committee is eligible to nominate for Committee positions. The positions are held for two years.

The current Chairperson and Treasurer were elected 2023 for a two-year period, so not applicable at this Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary position remains vacant.

The four general committee positions are due for re-election this year, to run for a two-year term (2024-2026).

## **Nomination Form**

Being a member of the Auburn Commun	nity Development Commit	ttee Inc	<b>)</b> .		
I (name)		_			
nominate (name)		_			
to stand for election to the Committee of Auburn Community Development Comm	<u> </u>				
in position of:					
Secretary					
(position not filled in 2023) a nominati remainder of this two-year term, to A		ne			
General Committee Membervacancies)		(there	will	be	two
Signed:	(Proposer)				
Signed:	(Nominee) Date	ed:			
Please return to the Chair person, AC	DC Inc. PO Box 202, Au	ıburn.	SA 5	451	,
or rhoje100@gmail.com					
by Tuesday, 1st October 2024					



## **AUBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INC.**

## **PROXY FORM**

I, (name)	<del></del>
appoint (name)	_ to vote on my behalf at
the Annual General Meeting	
of the Auburn Community Development Committ	ee Inc.
to be held on Tuesday 8th October 2024, 7 pm at	the Auburn Institute.
Signed:	_ Dated:
(In the absence of the proxy, or if no other appoin the meeting may vote on my behalf.)	tee is mentioned, the Chairperson of
Please return to the Chair person, ACDC Inc.	PO Box 202, Auburn. SA 5451,
or rhoje100@gmail.com	
by <u>Tuesday</u> , 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	