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## ACDC – December, Report

ACDC and Auburn Business & Tourism Association (ABTA) are looking forwarding to co-planning with U2Kids the community Christmas Eve event in Centenary Park.

Come along with your picnic blanket and chairs, meet with friends and family and enjoy the community Christmas atmosphere.

Important information: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm-9pm

- Santa's Cave Auburn Institute 5pm -6pm
- Santa in Centenary Park 6pm 7pm
- BBQ sausage sizzle 6pm 8pm.
- Drinks on sale
- Raffle with great prizes from local businesses.
- Carol singing and Christmas sing-along
- Bring your chairs, picnic rugs and enjoy the community event.

Thank you in advance to the wonderful volunteers who help put this event together for our community.





<u>Auburn Cemetery:</u> ACDC has been offered the opportunity to extend the facilities at the Auburn Cemetery for placement of Ashes. Council has allocated funds for this project and asked ACDC to provide ideas on design and location. ACDC believes that any new structure should be of similar design to the existing *Niche Wall*, which ACDC initiated plans and raised funds for, in 2015-2018. ACDC will discuss with Council a possible location, to ensure the new facility does not impact on any grave sites.

<u>Auburn Express</u>: Thank you to additional community members who recently took up the offer to record their details on ACDC's electronic mailing list to enable receiving the



Auburn Express by email. For information, before "we" went digital, in 2019, ACDC paid in the order of \$2,500 per year for the printing and posting of the Auburn Express.

**New Auburn Residents':** Do you have a new neighbour where you live in Auburn? If so, could you ask if they have received their "**Welcome Pack**", which is put together and provided by ACDC with lots of useful local information available at the Auburn Post Office.

<u>Memorial Place:</u> Memorial Place subcommittee are currently holding working bees...the planter pots are being constructed, and seats ready for installation. Council commenced and completed restoration work on the entrance to Centenary Park this week. The subcommittee are assisting with the restoration work on the "new" entrance to Centenary Park, placement of boundary fences, plants and the garden area.

**<u>Community Breakfast:</u>** ACDC will be discussing a future "Community Breakfast" event at its February meeting. If anyone has particular ideas to assist us in the planning this event, please make contact and share your ideas.

Southern Clare Valley Resilience Group: Following on from the Seek and Connect Festival. the Southern Clare Vallev **Resilience Group** has been established. This is a group of community members from Watervale, Leasingham, and Auburn working together to prepare and share information on Community Readiness in the event of any emergency. As information and posters are drafted, they are shared between these communities offering guidance to prepare for floods, fire, storms, etc. The Southern Clare Valley Resilience Group has created a FACEBOOK page, where information is being shared. Please check in on the FACEBOOK



page, share, and join us in our efforts to build our community's preparedness. **Rhonda Seymour, Chair.** 

## Dr, Jo Mitchell, Vet



For further information please do not hesitate to contact **0477 721 786** 











## Merry Christmas to all our loyal supporters – wishing you a safe and Happy New Year...





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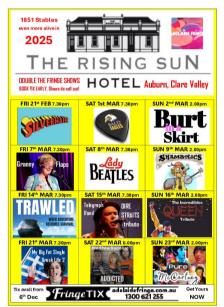
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# Seahorse 13<sup>th</sup> of December

5pm-9pm Junelee performing.

Come in and purchase your Christmas table wines or last-minute presents. Why not celebrate the new year with some Taylors Sparkling for just \$22 a bottle.

...Always supporting Auburn



## Auburn's History Column:

## Continuing the account of the 1849-1857 Gulf Road, re-enactment in the Jubilee 150 (J150) year of 1986

Coming from the site near Burra and various camping resting places along the way, an overnight camping site was set up at "Blenheim" then property of Ross and Joan Sandow.



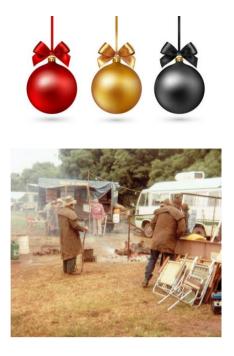
The bullocks have to be yoked up in the mornings ready for the day's travel – at "Blenheim" the old stone wall was used to pair-up the teams along. The three J150 teamsters on this occasion are carrying this out, Jim Kelly, Jim Hornabrook and Jack Grumett. Jim Kelly had previously trained the bullocks and carted wool from Naracoorte to Adelaide by wagon (Auburn National Trust photo)

The teams then travelled south on the closed road past the apple trees of pioneering days.



### The bullockies shown driving their teams pulling the wagon towards Taylor's Road, in inclement weather. (Auburn National trust photo)

The J150 re-enactment group came out onto the road at the corner of Taylors Road 0-402 and Kenworthy Road 0-235 and passed the large established group of aloes, a sure sign that bullockies travelled that way many years ago, aloes being used by them for medicinal purposes. They travelled onto Auburn to the camp site already set up by their advance support team, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, on the Auburn Recreation ground.



The camp site with fire burning, where the Teamsters and support crew experienced miserable conditions for the few days they were set up in Auburn. (Photo Auburn National Trust, Betty Sparnon collection).

The first official function in Auburn was a Bullocky dinner in the Oval Kiosk, packed out by the public who had booked for the dinner and to hear guest speaker Jim Kelly. Highlight on the evening was the Beard Competition. Gentlemen had advance warning of the competition and had been growing beards for this J150 occasion – or had found ingenious ways to make up a fake beard.



Competitors were: (Back row) Phil Lamkin, Roger Schmerl, Ken Beatton, Bill Gregor (false beard), front row: Michael Lambert, Eric Whiteman (false beard), Malcolm Allen.





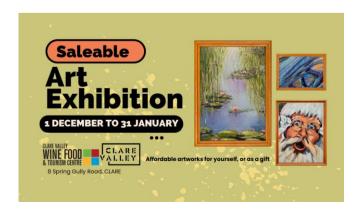
Winner of the beard competition was Malcolm (Mick) Allen (photos of competition, Auburn National Trust)

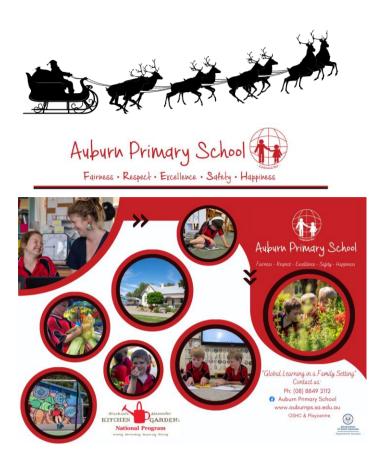
To be continued...

Kay Lambert National Trust, Auburn Branch.



Items for the next Express due Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 Editor: Kim Bleeker Tel: 8849 2397 or E-mail: info@hillsviewestate.com.au







De-consecration St. John's Anglican Church, Auburn Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2024



A strong congregation attended the sad and solemn de-consecration service held at St. John's Anglican Church in Auburn officiated by the Bishop of Willochra the Rt. Reverend Jeremy James ably assisted by his Clergy.

Taped organ music by past St. Johns Anglican Church organist Dorothy Matz was enjoyed on arrival at St. John's. prayers, hymns Psalm 24 and de-consecration protocols were acknowledged.

The Bishop reiterated this de-consecration undertaking with sadness – the closure is symbolic of what is happening in many parts of rural Australia and the decline in the number of our fellow Australians who wish to belong to a church.

Words of reflection by Leonie Moore were both informative and very interesting. Leonie expanded on the history of the important stain glass windows, the War Memorials, the donation of the alter and other items in the church.

Graham Richards extinguished the alter candles as part of the de-consecration ceremony.



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The Bishop confirmed that there is still much to do, in particular, arrangements for the relocation of headstones and ashes from St. John's to the Auburn Cemetery.

Thank you to all those who attended this moving Service.



A Historical wall plaque reads, " A Gothic Revival church constructed form Auburn bluestone with quoins and dressings of Watervale sandstone it was built by Pike and Dale in 1862. Joseph Meller and James Scott cut the stone and Joseph Jones was one of the stone masons employed on this project. The roof is of Welsh slate while the steps are of Mintaro slate.

The Hall was built in 1908 by Bed Meller using some of the stone from the dismantled Wesleyan Chapel in Leasingham. The Foundation stone for the Hall was laid on 15 July 1908 by Mrs J.J. Duncan".

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Thought for the Month







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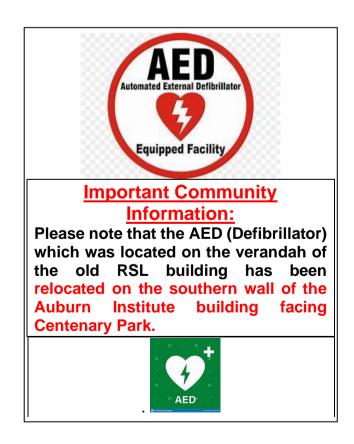
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