

# AUBURN EXPRESS

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### ACDC – February, Report



Welcome to the New Year and hope you enjoy new adventures and experiences. What a blast of heat this week! 46 under the pergola!

**Community Resilience:** So, this brings to mind, our own resilience, adapting routines to survive the conditions. ACDC representatives have been working with the **Southern Clare Valley Resilience Group** (you can find them on **FACEBOOK**) to further develop information and useful posters that were imagined in 2022 when our community participated in Red Cross Resilience Workshops. Auburn residents, along with Watervale, Leasingham and Penwortham, are being provided with a

"Household Emergency Plan", a "Creating a Telephone Tree" and an information sheet "Your Local Emergency Plan".

You will receive these in your Post Office Box during the week, postage paid by ACDC. It is hoped that you and your family will complete the 'Plans' and keep them prominent in your kitchen or family space, to guide you in the event of an emergency. Our local emergencies are most likely to be Fire, Heat-Wave, Family or Medical. We hope that these 'Plans' will be of benefit to you. In extreme heat, the telephone tree could be used to check on your neighbours, friends or family members. A **sample** 'Household Emergency Plan' is included in this issue of the Auburn Express, on **Pages 16 & 17** to assist with filling out your own plan.

#### ACDC Community Breakfast:



ACDC is also calling for nominations for the **ACDC Community Awards for 2025** which will be celebrated as part of this *Community Event.* A **Nomination Form is** available on **Page 15** of this edition of the Auburn Express. A few paper copes will also be available at the Auburn Post Office.

**Thank you!** The ACDC would like to thank families for attending and supporting the local Christmas Eve event. From all accounts, it was a very enjoyable evening. A big thank you to the volunteers who worked behind the

scenes and on the day with food, decorations, Santa's Cave, set-up and pack-down, raffle, and kid's activities. Because of you, our community enjoys these great experiences.



Volunteers serving Christmas food...



The crowd enjoying the evening.

**2025** *Frenchfest:* Another meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at the Auburn Institute at 7pm to discuss the 2025 Auburn *Frenchfest* event. To date, sufficient volunteers have not come forward. If you have an interest in joining the organising subcommittee, please come along.

<u>Auburn Cemetery:</u> Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council has approached ACDC with a proposal to provide additional facilities at the Auburn Cemetery for the placement of Ashes. This matter is undergoing further discussions.

ACDC Defibrillator: the Defibrillator installed at the Auburn Institute has been registered with **SA Ambulance Service** (*SAAS*) on its website – Automated External Defibrillator (AED) – Register-checker. If anyone dials 000 in the vicinity, and needs an AED, they will be directed to its location.

ACDC April Open Meeting: Save the date for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, for community groups and members to come together to share information and ideas. More details next month for discussion topics.

# Auburn's Quiet Achievers Peter and Wendy honoured



Our very own Peter and Wendy Lane OAM were named **Order of Australia Medal** recipients for their services to youth and the community as part of 2025's Australia Day Honours.

This couple do not stand still...!

Peter was acting Principal of Auburn Primary School for 17 years during which time he also coordinated the CJ Dennis and *Max Fatchen Poetry Awards...*these Awards were commenced for local students but soon enquiry and entries to the Awards were received from multiple schools across South Australia.

Both Peter and Wendy have been and still are, dedicated to their volunteering endeavours with Scouts, Wendy also was a Brownie and continued through to Girl Guides where she became a Ranger and Leader...Peter has held significant and leading roles in is Scouting involvement since 1989. He is also one of the Group's Emeritus trainers, a title he will hold for life. Wendy also holds an important role Scouts. now acting as with District Commissioner Karkana District since 2021. They have both been awarded and honoured with the Silver Kangaroo, the highest award for Scouting in Australia.

Their involvement and roles and contribution with the RSL are immeasurable – Peter was RSL President from 2008 to 2020 and Wendy also involved in roles of treasurer and fundraiser.

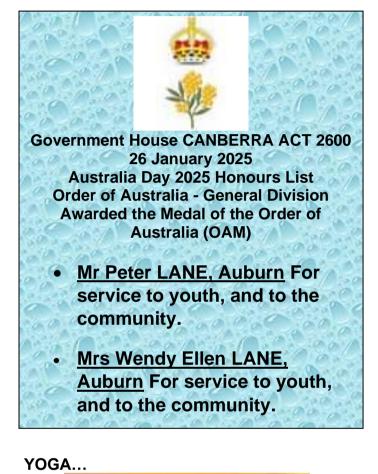
We acknowledge and respect Peter's service in Vietnam and Malaya...

#### Rhonda Seymour, Chair.

Peter and Wendy are still committed in their roles in the Mid North, Legacy Group, markets and art groups; further Peter's involvement as Chairman Mintaro-Manoora Sporting Club.

We also acknowledge Peter as acting Principal Lay Preacher of the Midlands Uniting Church.

Thank you, Peter and Wendy...











Adelaide Baroque Quartet

An exciting offering in the Hats Fringe season Violins - Holly Piccoli, Alison Rayner; Viola – Heidi von Bernewitz; cello – Tom Marlin Adelaide Baroque Quartet is an ensemble within the established Adelaide Baroque consisting of two violins, viola and cello.

Passionate about early music and performing works as they were intended to be heard, aut strinas. baroque bows and usina historically informed techniques. Violinist -Holly Piccoli has recently returned to Australia and is now Principal 1st Violin of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. Violinist - Alison Rayner has been a permanent member of both the Melbourne Symphony and Oslo Philharmonic. Viola - Heidi von Bernewitz has lived and worked professionally in England, Germany, Australia and the US. Cello - Thomas Marlin -Rapidly emerging as one of Australia's preeminent cellists, Thomas Marlin tours nationally with the Alma Moodie Quartet. We are committed to introducing audiences to a unique timbre and a fresh interpretation, breathing life into well-known compositions.

Catch them at **HATs Courthouse on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm**. So come along sit back enjoy a glass of Clare Valley wine with this special Auburn performance.

All bookings through Adelaide Fringe or call us on 8849 2420





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





Your local Justices of the Peace...

Tony PICK 0448 313 303 Roger VATER 0447 880 000 Richard BECKER 8849 2111



#### Auburn's History Column:



#### **Beckers 70 years**

Walter Richard Becker, known as Ric, established his business in Auburn on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1955 in a small shop which was the middle one of three being constructed in a building owned and built by Sylvester P. Stephens, known as Scally and son Harley. Prior to opening Ric visited all the houses in the town to introduce himself and tell people about the shop and asked for their support.

A year or two later Ric moved to the southernmost shop the Henry Street end as later the central one was Stephens' shop front for the building supplies and building contracting business. This had a door into the large shed at the back where woodworking machines, being a combination machine, saw and plane thicknesser, also mortising accessories, were set up. Caravans were built and truck trays – when timber truck trays were being built the noisy buzzer could be heard in the area. The truck cabins and tray timber sides were shadow sign written and comprised artistic decoration.

Ric moved to the southern shop near Henry Street, where he operated the first 'self-serve' in the district that the customer selected their items in a basket. At the counter the groceries were listed on a docket by hand. The shop on the north side of the complex was completed last and was for many years a Hambours haberdashery store, one of the country stores whose headquarters was Eudunda. Their large sales, drew big crowds.





The shop as seen in April 1960 when a large procession of floats and marching girls went through the street going to the recreation ground for the Auburn oval redevelopment official opening by the State premier, Sir Thomas Playford. The BUTEX sign is over Stephens' shop. Doug Kench produced this photo from a coloured slide taken by Don Lambert.

When this photo was taken business in Auburn was very different to that of today. Some people had a cow but on the south side of the now Uniting church, a Road House was conducted by the Nayda family, where customers took their billy to get milk ladled into it. Fuel was pumped into your vehicle by the Nayda family, and you got your Newspapers there. On the north side of the Institute was Bill and Dorothy Matz's Bakers shop. Bill baked the bread, made a variety of yeast buns and extremely popular pasties. For green groceries, Mrs Glovers shop (now Velvet and Willow) stocked these on display shelves in boxes and had a large array of glass jars with confectionary displayed. School children with their pocket money after school would file into her shop for their little paper bag of lollies.

The Auburn businesses in those days relied on the rail per goods train overnight on Wednesdays when Ric would go first thing on Thursday morning for the goods that had been dropped off in the station goods shed. The Riverton/Spalding line was closed after fire damage on Ash Wednesday and the rail transport ended in 1983.

Becker's IGA currently uses the whole building, encompassing the original Stephens workshop. By walking along the veranda, the doorways of the original three shops are obvious. Nowadays Beckers carry a lot of the items previously stocked and supplied by a number of different businesses in the town. Ric learnt his grocery trade by working at Eudunda Farmers at Saddleworth starting earning seven shillings and sixpence per week. He was later transferred to Eudunda Farmers at Gladstone in 1941.

In 1942 Australia's situation became very grave, the Japanese rapidly advancing towards Australia, invasion being feared. All males between 18 and 40 were directed to report to the nearest Post Office in a few days, Gladstone was Ric's nearest. Ric then received his instructions the following week to go by train to Adelaide, which was the beginning of Ric's army training and war service.

After the war Ric returned to Eudunda Farmers at Saddleworth for about 8 years and then decided to start his own general store in Auburn.

The grocer would call on you on Mondays for your order and later deliver it.

Business hours in those days were 9.00am to 5.30pm during the week, opening Saturday morning but closed on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. There was time for sport but owing to war injuries Ric was limited to goal umpiring for football but concentrated on golf. He played lawn tennis for a couple of years then cricket. He played day and night bowls, giving up bowls at 90. He also was on a lot of town committees, his meticulous bookwork shown in minutes or financial records.

Richard started in the shop in early 1979 after he left school. He too, played sport for the community and was involved in the CFS. By 1984 the shop was much bigger with increased display of items.



Richard at the then counter with customer Helen Smith with Grandson Thomas French October 1984.



Shop shelving and groceries.



Richard phoning first order with computer November 1984

Richard, Ric and Rose worked together in the shop, Ric retiring in 2005, 50 years to the day after he opened the business.



**Ric and Rose Becker** 

Over the years the store was a Welcome Mart but now an IGA modern supermarket following the recent redevelopment that Richard had completed.

Photos Auburn National Trust – Becker file

Kay Lambert National Trust, Auburn Branch.





# CALLING NEW STALLHOLDERS

AUBURN MARKETS 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY MONTHLY UNITING CHURCH, AUBURN 9 AM to 1 PM

Wendy Lane: 0417 823 558 Barbara Gray: 0409 460 329









# The Auburn Institute

Hire me for your next anniversary, significant birthday, wedding or family reunion.



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#### Items for the next Express due Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

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#### **Thought for the Month**

Either you run the day or the day runs you ...!



New Manager Appointed...

It is with pleasure that the Auburn Recreation Park Management Committee welcomes our new Caravan Park Manager Gavin commenced Pfitzner who on February 1st. Gavin has family ties with Auburn going to school here and growing up in our lovely town.

I wish Leanne Reddick our outgoing manager all the very best in the future and thank her for her high standards on maintaining, improving and promotion of our lovely Caravan Park.

The Auburn Recreation Park including the Caravan Park has a wonderful future as a neat, quiet and pet friendly area for all users.

I ask all to help promote our lovely town and district and to encourage visitors to stay and enjoy what we have to offer.

Booking / Enquiries Contact: 0417 550 781

Helen Karger, Chair, Auburn Recreation Park Management Committee









**Always supporting Auburn** 



**Wool & Fibre** is still working hard in Auburn producing quality craft but we now have a new name and a new outlet...

Possum Nest Crafters is now at

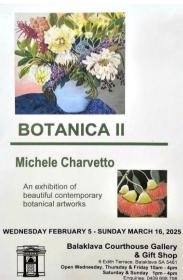
21 Torrens Road, Riverton

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## Memorial Place Update - February, 2025

#### Memorial Place - Nearing Completion

Over the past 2 months there has been substantial progress toward the completion of the Memorial Place project which commenced in March 2023.

During November, the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council workers completed work on the King Street entrance to Centenary Park. They poured a concrete strip where the WWII gates had been located; relocated the 2 bollards; levelled the entrance area with loam; and repaired the paving.



The remaining work since November has been completed over a number of 'Working Bees', using Memorial Place subcommittee members and a number of other willing community volunteers. These working bees were organised during some extremely hot weather and there were a number of early starts. So-far, these volunteers have put in more than 120 hours of voluntary work on the site.



The work completed has included:

- Installing posts and rails at the King Street entrance to Centenary Park to define the new entrance and create an additional area of garden;
- The acquittal of 2 grants toward the project. One from the Waterloo Wind Farm and a second, a Community Asset Grant from Council;
- The assembly of the 5 planter tubs and their installation in Memorial Place;

- The filling and planting out of the planter tubs with rosemary;
- The installation of 4 aluminium bench seats, and
- The planting of photinias behind the memorial gates to eventually create a green backdrop for the WWII gates.



We did need to come to the rescue of the *photinias*, after the first burst of extremely hot weather following their planting, nearly cooked them. They are currently protected by a shade house; this will be removed once they are better established and when the extreme weather has finished.

#### What is left to do?

Hopefully, in the next few days, the in-ground lights will be installed in front of the WWII gates, so that they will be illuminated at night. The netting on the fence rail at the King Street entrance to the park is also scheduled to be completed soon, weather permitting.

The Clare and Auburn RSL are also organising the construction and installation of 2 flag poles on site.

So, the Memorial Place Project as it was first planned is almost complete. The subcommittee will then turn their attention to some form of permanent on-site recognition of donors for the project and the possibility of some small shade structures over some of the seating.

#### Jeff Seymour, Secretary - Memorial Place subcommittee (of ACDC)

## The Auburn Institute

The Auburn Institute is a facility that all Auburn residents can be proud of. It is the oldest Hall in the Clare Valley, constructed in 1866, and it is also one of the finest!

The Institute was gifted to the Auburn community by the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council in 2018 and is under the control and management of the Auburn Community Development Committee (ACDC).

Unfortunately, at present, the Auburn Institute is a highly underutilised facility.

The Auburn Institute Management Committee (AIMC) has spent some time over the past few months reconsidering the hire costs of the Hall and the associated spaces and equipment.

There is a **Standard Hire** rate for both a full day hire and now a half-day hire (less than 4 hours), which applies to non-Auburn hirers.

The AIMC has reviewed the **Auburn Community hire costs.** Auburn residents have always been eligible for a discount on the hire of the Auburn Institute. We are now offering a huge **50% reduction on the standard hire rate until June 2026,** for Auburn residents and community groups, in an effort to reinvigorate the use of the Institute.



This reduction is also a reward and to acknowledge and thank the many Auburn community members who volunteer their time to assist with Auburn Institute fundraising events.

Many residents would also be aware that the Institute is equipped with state-of-theart screen and projector on the stage for presentations, slide shows and movies. It also has a fabulous lighting system for photographic and art exhibitions.

#### So, let's get behind the Auburn Institute.

Please consider hiring it for: your next anniversary, significant birthday, wedding or family reunion; or for your community project promotion or fundraising event.

For further information call 1300 907 284 – Auburn Institute Management Committee



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# **ACDC Community Award 2025 NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Person you are Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Their Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Their phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Reason for nomination – how has this person contributed to our community?</u> (you could consider length of time involved, organisations involved in, contributions and achievements) Additional material may be attached if necessary.

Nominator (your details)		
Name:	Telephone:	_
Address:		
Signature:	Date:	
Please return to ACDC Chair, PO Be	ox 202, Auburn SA 5451	

Or email to rhoje100@gmail.com by 31st March, 2025.

# My Household Emergency Plan GRISWOLD: 21 BRANCH RD Emergencies Happen

Think ahead, know what to do

#### **Household Members** Name **Contact Number** Clark 0412345678 Ellen 0402 044200 Audrey 0410123456 Where will we go if we leave? Riverton Main Street How will we get there? Clark's Car **Emergency Meeting place** HOME: Rear Door Auborn : CWA Front Door. If we can't contact each other. we will call .....

Nanna Grisweldin Borra 88440000

> What medications are essential?

Clark's hypertension tablets Acidney's Asthma Inhaler.

#### Pet Details

Name **Registration #** Rusty (spaniel) #13457 #8756-2043 82024567 Fluffy (Tabby Cat) net registered.

Police, Fire & Ambulance 000 Flood, Storm Emergency 132 500

# **Emergency Kit Location** In white tub in home office. **Emergency Contacts** 000 Emergency. Clove High School. School/Childcare 88422788 Clare Medical Doctor Centre 35413777 Work # 11ens Riverton 164 88472061 Vet Clare Animal Health 38421074 Other Neighbeur 0411224466 Bruce & Alice Durggar **Insurance Details** Policy Number Phone Number Home Insurance AAM/ # 781-236-02 1800 561 351 Contents Insurance AAM/

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