

AUBURN EXPRESS

May, 2025

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ACDC – May, Report

Time to Celebrate!

At last, the closing of a chapter and the opening of another! The old **Wakefield Council Chambers Building** at 5-7 St. Vincent Street, Auburn, will become the property of the Auburn community on Monday 19th May 2025, with final documents having been signed, today, Friday 16th. It has been suggested that there be an 'Open Day' for the building...more details next month.

Auburn Institute: The subcommittee is excited to confirm the Auburn Institute is registered as a venue for SALA 2025, and already Artists have booked wall space for the upcoming event. Look for further information and advertising of this event in the next editions.

U2KIDS: The subcommittee organised and held a very successful Easter egg hunt, followed by a well-attended movie at the end of last school term. Thanks to parents and families for coming along and having ham and cheese toasties and popcorn. Thanks to the generous donors of empty bottles and cans, the U2KIDS' funds continue to grow, assisting with the costs of the events held throughout the year for Auburn youth.

The Memorial Place subcommittee: Having completed all work identified in the initial *scope of works*, committee is researching ways to display and acknowledge the names of donors for this very successful local project.

Auburn Frenchfest Update: A further 'call-out' has been made for committee members for the Auburn *Frenchfest* subcommittee. Please see the poster in this edition (page 2), calling for interested people to attend a meeting on May 29th at Auburn Institute.

Community Breakfast: A lovely sunny morning on Sunday May 4th, saw community members gather in Centenary Park for ACDC's Community Breakfast. The favourite chipolatas, bacon, eggs and muffins were cooked and served by a wonderful crew of Auburn volunteers, alongside juice and a few *bubbles*. We were grateful for the talents and skills of our volunteers who were able to provide background music. This event also celebrated the commitment and generosity of our community volunteers, by presenting **Paul McCormack with an ACDC Community Award for 2025**. Congratulations Paul.

Auburn Strategic Plan: ACDC executive committee and past committee member Russ Parkins continue to work on the ACDC Strategic Plan. Attention will be given to the responses gathered at the April Open Meeting, and it is hoped that there can be more opportunities to involve community members in further developing this document. Goal 1, "to improve engagement with residents and widen the cross section of community members who participate in community activities" will be one topic of focus.

Peak Body Forum: This is an event organised by Council for all Peak Bodies (town Progress

Associations) to meet and share information about local developments/projects; a meeting will be held on June 2nd. The Peak Bodies were set up in 1998-99 as a mechanism for community representation with Council. A review of the Council/Peak Body process was held by Council during 2024, to gauge opinion on the workings of this process. There has been considerable changeover of Council Staff at executive level, in the last 12-18 months and with this comes different ideas and ethos.

Auburn Streetscape Consultation: ACDC awaits any update from Council on this matter. ACDC did make submissions to the Council Budget Bid process requesting funds be made available for **underground powerlines along a section of Main North Road, and greening of Church Street.**

Wakefield River Walk Brochures: An ACDC member has discovered an 'old' "Wakefield River Walk" brochure. It was agreed this brochure should still have a presence in Auburn. ACDC members will consult with the local Upper Wakefield Landcare (UWL) Group to discuss future possibilities for this brochure.

Rainfall: A local resident has requested ACDC's assistance in determining the current status of the Auburn PO, as an **official rain reporting point**. ACDC will make some enquiries.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.



Treat yourself...

SACWA Auburn Branch Presents
Gourmet Weekend Breakfast
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May, 2025



8am to 12 noon

26 Main N Rd, Auburn

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HOPE FOR FARMERS...

Life can be feeling a little tougher right now, particularly for our farmers and local businesses amidst this drought, so we are putting on a free event here in Mintaro, next week!

The first 3 nights are for the blokes and the last night (Saturday) is an all in/family night, so whoever you are, wherever you're from, whatever you do.....come along!



JOBS & SKILLS NETWORK YORKE AND MID NORTH

10:30 AM -
 12:30 PM

THURSDAY
29
 MAY

BENTLEY'S
 HOTEL
 VAT ROOM

Please join us for the Jobs and Skills Yorke & Mid North Network meeting!
 Network meetings are an opportunity to better understand local workforce and skill needs, and the various organisations, programs and services aimed at improving employment, education and training outcomes for people in the region. And, it's great way to make new connections, explore opportunities for collaboration, and promote your organisation. Light networking lunch to follow.

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Auburn's History Column:

Jubilee 150 (J150) year, continued 1986.

The J150 program for the year at Auburn involved lots of volunteering that very often involved some fund raising.

January 26th Australia day sports reunion with more than 200 people at the Recreation Park Kiosk representing hockey, cricket, basketball, football, tennis and bowls



Footballers who played in Auburn premiership teams. Back row – Bill Norris, Eric Fitzgerald, L. McEvoy, Eric Whiteman, Roger Schmerl, John Williams, Gordon Blatchford, Jack Dempsey, Maurice Vandeleur, Front Row: Brian Graham, Brian Byrne, R. Bolton, Alex Lambert, G. Bannerman, Arthur Kench, Don Lambert, B. Naismith. Photo National Trust sport collection.

21st February J150 costumes, 30 models, on parade at the Institute with Devonshire tea, in aid of the Institute

30th, 31st March Red Cross stalls, activities and perambulator race in King Street by the Auburn -Undalya Red Cross branch.

6th April Gymkhana – The Circle C Western Riding Club at the Recreation Park

16th May Auburn Presentation Ball at the Institute

July The 15th season of the Auburn Players melodrama production 'For Love Ore Money' was a J150 event.



Another season ends for Players
Pictured is the wardrobe mistress, Jeanette Grosset, helping Sarah Shippide with her costume before appearing on stage. Northern Argus August 13, 1986.

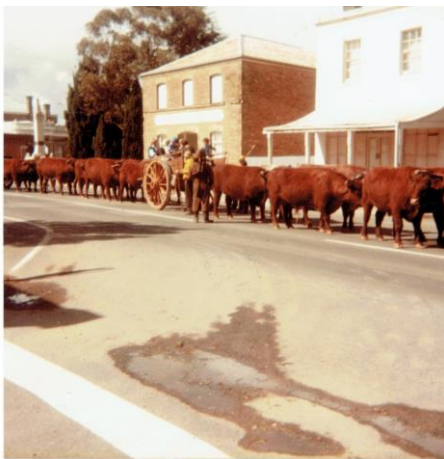
Each year local organisations benefited from the efforts of the Auburn Players by catering for the dinner nights and making the event a fund raiser. On this occasion caterers for the dinner performances and the cast dinner were Auburn CFS, Auburn Institute, Auburn Uniting Church and the Anglican Parish of Auburn and Riverton. The proceeds from the concert night aided Clare's entrant in the Miss South Australia Quest.

23rd August Auburn Old Style Ball at the Institute

7th September – Jones family re-union - Auburn's most famous sportsman, bowler Ernie Jones.

7th September C.J. Dennis Pilgrimage – C.J. Dennis famous poet born here – pilgrimage from Auburn to Watervale to Gladstone and to Laura

22nd October Auburn begins part of Gulf Road re-enactment with arrival of convoy of bullocks and teamsters



The bullock teams arriving in Auburn, some children having a ride in a dray!

Photo – Auburn National Trust, Betty Sparnon collection

At night the bullocky dinner at the Recreation ground kiosk 30pm Roll call, displays, Devonshire tea, souvenirs.

4.00 pm unveiling of commemorative plaque at Hoyles Hill and bullock teams leave our district
8.00pm concert in the Institute.

25th Sunday - 125th Anniversary of the Auburn Uniting Church building 10.15am, pooled luncheon at Recreation Park.

23rd "Get to know Auburn" with walk booklets and Thursday night an "Old Time" picture show at the Courthouse in St. Vincent Street

24th Arrival of mule and donkey convoy. Old style picnic and games at the school.

Friday night 6.30 pm at Recreation Park, bon fire, yarn spinning and singing. B.B.Q. tea

25th October 10.00 am. Maxine Allen convenor of floats - will advise these in another issue of Auburn Express

10.00am to 5.00pm "Honey Festival" in St. Vincent Street. (The first honey Festival was in 1985 – the brainchild of Suzanne Laslett of Undalya, a journalist and photographer, who was assisted with the organisation by Rosmary Shipside, and again for a bigger "Honey Festival" for the J150 in 1986.



Street Scene in St. Vincent Street for "Honey Festival". National Trust caravan from Adelaide as one of the stalls, tennis club parade members holding their sign. Note in front of the Courthouse the rough kerbside embankment and no garden of roses as in 2025!

12.00 noon – Back- to- School. Open inspection and registration of former pupils and teachers. 1.00pm opening of the J150 School grounds development and the unveiling of the commemorative plaque.

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Kay Lambert
National Trust, Auburn Branch.



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Clare Valley Portrait Prize

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Clare Valley Portrait Prize! This event invites artists to submit portraits of people they know, showcasing the connections and stories that inspire their art. The exhibition also includes an animal portrait section, celebrating our beloved animal companions. With prize money up for grabs, this is your chance to gain recognition for your talent and contribute to one of the Clare Valley's most celebrated art events.



Artworks Due | **Clare Valley Wine, Food & Tourism Centre**
Monday 23 June | 8 Spring Gully Road, Clare
9am-12pm | art@clarevalley.com.au

SACWA Auburn Branch Presents
Kings Birthday Long Weekend
 7th, 8th & 9th June, 2025



8am to 12 noon
26 Main N Rd, Auburn

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

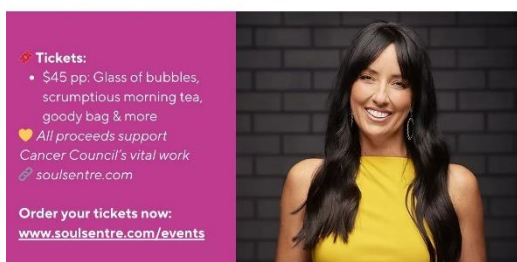
Possum Nest Crafters, now at

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SACWA Auburn Flea Market
Auburn Institute 9am to 2pm
13th July 2025

Got a lot of stuff you want to get rid of?
Don't want the hassle of a Garage Sale at home??

We have the solution.
Book a stall at the Flea Market
\$25 per table and \$40 for 2 tables.
Prebook and pay for your table by 5th July at

SACWA Auburn branch
on Sat or Sun between 10am to 2.30pm
EFTPOS available.

**TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AT
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Thought for the Month

**TODAY
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THE SADDLEWORTH INSTITUTE COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO THE

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SATURDAY 14TH JUNE
FROM 6PM
SADDLEWORTH INSTITUTE

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Ticket includes a meal and light desserts.
Drinks will be available for purchase from the 'Saloon'.
Strictly no BYO.

LIVE MUSIC BY BAND
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Best Dressed Competition,
Line Dancing Demonstration,
Raffles and Door Prize.
Kids - make a hobby horse to race on the night, Prize for the best horse.

Adults: \$50
Children (4-16yrs): \$25
Children under 4: Free

Tickets available for purchase online via Ticketebo or from the Saddleworth Post Office until Friday 6th June.

All proceeds will go towards the renovation of the Institute Kitchen.



The Auburn Institute

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**Email: institute@auburn.sa.au
www.institute.auburn.sa.au**



🌟 TRIVIA NERDS, ASSEMBLE! 🌟

It's time to dust off your fun facts, rally your brainiest mates, and get ready for a night of fierce-but-fun competition, all for a fantastic cause

**RFDS Quiz Night is BACK!
Saturday 28th June 2025**

**Auburn Institute, Main North Rd,
Auburn**

🕒 Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start

🍷 BYO Supper

🍷 Bar available + tea and coffee

Tables of 8 – Book a full table or jump in with a group on the night!

All proceeds go to the Royal Flying Doctor Service helping keep this life-saving service flying high.

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Mondays
5pm – 6.30pm
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POULTRY & PIGEON CLUB
MONTHLY SHOW**

DATE: SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025
LOCATION: CLARE SHOW GROUNDS

CLASSES ★ ADULT ★ JUNIOR

◇ CHICKENS ◇ PIGEONS
◇ WATERFOWL ◇ BACKYARD BIRDS

• ALL BIRDS PENNED BY 9:30AM
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Working Bee
SUNDAY 25th MAY
10.00 AM – 12.00

**Meet at the BBQ pavilion in
Centenary Park for sign-in.**

We will be preparing an area along the river in front of Ford Cottage on King Street. The preparation is for the Auburn Primary School's National Tree Day celebration where Upper Wakefield Landcare, local indigenous representatives, and staff from Clare Toyota will help the children in their planting. If there is time at the working bee, we will continue watering.

All welcome.



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Flu Vaccination Service Now Available at Clare Valley Family Pharmacy

Clare Valley Family Pharmacy is now offering the 2025 influenza vaccine to help protect the local community against this year's flu season. The vaccine available is the **2025 quadrivalent flu vaccine**, as recommended for use in Australia this year.

The influenza vaccine is recommended annually for everyone aged six months and over. Vaccination helps reduce the risk of serious illness, hospitalisation, and complications caused by the flu, especially in higher-risk groups.

Under the **National Immunisation Program (NIP)**, the flu vaccine is **free** for eligible individuals, including:

- People aged 65 years and over
- Pregnant women
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Individuals with certain chronic medical conditions

Please note: Flu vaccinations for children under five years of age are **not available in pharmacy settings** and should be arranged through a GP or immunisation clinic.

At Clare Valley Family Pharmacy, flu vaccines are available to those aged **18 years and over**, with a private fee of **\$25** for individuals who are not covered under the NIP.

To book an appointment or check your eligibility, contact Clare Valley Family Pharmacy on **(08) 8849 2159**.



19 Main North Road, Auburn
Clare Valley Phone: 8849 2015



A New Chapter for the Rising Sun Hotel, Auburn...

The Rising Sun Hotel, Auburn has been a meeting place and a proud icon at the southern gateway to the Clare Valley for close to 175 years...

Our iconic and historic venue changed hands not so long ago and is now owned by a Family who also own and run Skillogalee Estate.

You would have noticed the Rising Sun has been temporarily closed this week while "light" refurbishment and essential upgrades are made prior to the front bar reopening first, followed by the back dining room and accommodation to follow after that.

The new owners are proud and delighted to confirm that the venue's poker machines will be removed.

"We love Auburn, the Clare Valley and the community that makes this region so special," says owner Simon Clausen. "The Rising Sun has always been a community meeting place. We're really looking forward to honouring that and creating a warm, generous and local experience built on great food and drink, and great company."

The Executive Chef, Dan Moss who is well known to us from his restaurant Terroir will be in charge of the kitchen. We are informed he will oversee and will offer a revitalised take on classis country pub – delicious, honest fare made with fresh, seasonal produce sourced from South Australia. There will be a front of house Executive Manager, Priscila Cunha and a General Manager Guy Parkinson to oversee the venue.

We are clearly in good hands...support this new chapter on our door-step!

Auburn Brigade



Auburn CFS Brigade-Serving Our Community.

Defending Our Community.

The Auburn CFS is entirely staffed by volunteers—locals who juggle full-time jobs, family commitments, and everyday life while still making themselves available to respond at a moment's notice. Many of our CFS members work in businesses around Auburn and the broader Clare and Gilbert Valleys. When an emergency call comes in, they drop everything—whether they are in the middle of their workday, spending time with family, or even sleeping—to respond.

Local businesses play a crucial role in this system of support. Many employers in our area understand the importance of the CFS and allow their employees to leave work when an emergency arises. Without this generosity, our firefighting capacity would be significantly diminished. These businesses, from mechanics to retail shops, wineries to farms, are part of the fabric that holds our community together.

The Sacrifices of Service

Volunteering for the CFS is not just about the adrenaline of firefighting—it requires commitment, training, and a willingness to sacrifice personal time. Regular training sessions ensure that members are prepared for any emergency, developing skills in fire suppression, vehicle rescue, first aid, and communications.

These men and women also face the mental and emotional toll that comes with responding to disasters, witnessing traumatic events, and working under immense pressure. Despite this, they continue to serve because they know their efforts are making a difference.

How You Can Help

Supporting our local CFS doesn't necessarily mean putting on the yellow uniform. There are many ways the community can show appreciation and contribute:

- **Volunteer:** The Auburn CFS is always looking for new members, whether as frontline firefighters or in support roles.
- **Support Local Businesses:** Recognizing the businesses that allow their employees to respond to emergencies helps ensure this practice continues.
- **Fundraising and Donations:** The CFS relies on fundraising efforts and community donations to maintain and improve equipment, facilities, and training programs.
- **Express Gratitude:** A simple 'thank you' goes a long way in showing appreciation for the sacrifices these volunteers make.

A Call to Action

For those interested in joining or supporting the Auburn CFS, reach out via their local station or visit the South Australian CFS website for more details. Together, we can ensure our community remains safe, strong, and resilient.

E: auburn@gilbertvalleycfs.com.au

M: 0431 494289 (Brigade Captain, Tony Hearn.)



Auburn CFS Newsletter #3

May 2025

APPAREL FROM THE PAST

1810 – 1930
Curated by Kirby Moore

Elegant pieces of clothing plus
Interesting items from the past

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Corner of Helston St &
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May 17th & 18th
May 24th & 25th
Saturday May 31st
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27th Art Exhibition

Opening Night

Clare Town Hall

6.00pm Thursday 15th May

7.00pm Presentations

Tickets \$15

Entry includes wine donated by

Clare Valley Wine & Grape Association & finger food

Tickets available at the DOOR

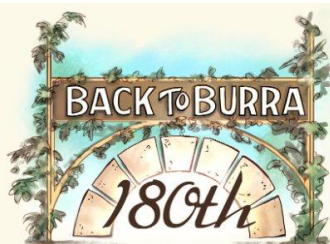


Thursday 15th– Saturday 24th May 2025

Entry \$5.00

Opening Hours: 10.00am to 4.00pm daily

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Event Spotlight

BURRA CEMETERY WALK & TALK

Join Abbey Snook, Burra's 2025 Young Citizen of the Year and local tour guide, for a walk and talk through Burra Cemetery, established in 1845. Abbey will chronicle the lives and misfortunes of the mining community and the pastoral families who shaped Burra as a commercial, social, and religious centre. A fascinating walk through history.

When: Saturday 10 May, 3pm

Where: Burra Cemetery, Spring Street

Bookings Required: abbeysnook@bigpond.com

