

AUBURN EXPRESS

June, 2025

ACDC Executive Committee Members

Rhonda Seymour (Chair), **Position Vacant (Secretary)**, Joan Concy (Treasurer),
Graham Richards, Hellen Riley, Robert Tilley, David Kilpatrick.

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ACDC – June, Report

An Historical Moment: The old Wakefield Council Chambers building at 5-7 St. Vincent Street Auburn, became the property of the Auburn community on Monday 19th May 2025, with the handing over of the keys from Council's Mayor Allan Aughey to ACDC Chair Rhonda Seymour and executive committee representatives Hellen Riley and Joan Concy, also, local Auburn National Trust member Kay Lambert.



ACDC is organising a "Drop-in Session" at the old Wakefield Council Chambers Building on

Thursday 26th June from 2.40pm to 4.30pm, opposite the Post Office, for "Comments and Suggestions" from community members. Please come along to the viewing.

Our Volunteers will be in attendance during this time. The building will be open for community members to visit and chat about the future of the building and the process involved. Please come along. Tea and Coffee will be available.



Council's Peak Body Forum: Three of ACDC's committee attended this event held in Riverton. Five community Peak Bodies provided the meeting with a precis of their activities. Council personnel shared

information on Council Land Tenure types and Council Cemeteries. Recommendations from last year's Peak Body review were requested to be shared with the Peak Bodies, which will be useful to develop strategies for improved communications and positive experiences between Council and the community.

Auburn Footpath and street trees adjacent to North Street: Council has been working on replacement of a section of footpath in front of the Senior Citizens building. As this job progressed, the Telstra pits were found to need replacement. This has been happening this last week, along with removal of asbestos from these sites. Council contacted ACDC to indicate that due to a layer of limestone beneath the footpath, and subsequent discussions by elected members at Councils May meeting, Council is suggesting that street trees will not be replaced, and some low shrubbery would be planted. ACDC has written to Council requesting immediate consultation with our community on this matter.

Rain Records: Are you a keen rain gauge reader? Would you like to be Auburns' *Official Rain Recorder* and help record for our Local History? Please make contact with Rhonda (8849 2389) to learn how this could be a task for you.

ACDC Call for Committee Members...

Treasurer Wanted! ACDC's current Treasurer Joan Concy will be retiring from her position at this year's ACDC Annual General

Meeting in October. ACDC is looking for a replacement. Experience with *MYOB* would be useful. Could this be you? Please make contact if you have experience with book-keeping and interested in learning about this role. Phone Rhonda on 8849 2389.

Secretary Wanted! This position on ACDC executive committee has been vacant for 20 months. Could this position be for you?

Meet & Greet Council's CEO David Stobbe:
Pages 12 & 13 of this issue records Report for Auburn's Meet & Greet at Velvet and Willow on Wednesday 4th June...also please note next Meet & Greet at Tarlee.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Firstly, apologies for the delay in circulating the June edition which should have been circulated last Friday 13th June. We have had major computer issues and the electronic mailing records were compromised.

Our computer technician has managed to retrieve the majority of the records and we have distributed the June edition with the information we have. It is possible some of you may not receive the June edition, for which we can only apologise. We will no doubt receive a message from those who have missed the June issue.

As always, a copy of this edition will appear on the Auburn website.

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The Auburn National Trust invites current and former residents to delve into the history of their homes as part of a new initiative called "*Home Histories*." This project aims to preserve the unique stories and heritage of homes throughout Auburn and the surrounding district.

Residents are encouraged to research the background of their house — uncovering past owners, architectural changes, family stories, and significant events — and, if they wish, to share their findings with the National Trust. By contributing your home's history, you'll help build a community archive that celebrates the people and lives that have shaped our region.

Submissions can include oral histories, photographs, written accounts, and multimedia presentations. These contributions will be preserved by the Auburn National Trust and may also be shared with the State Library of South Australia, ensuring that these memories and records remain accessible for generations to come.

Participants can choose whether to include current information or limit their contribution to historical details only. The project is open to anyone in Auburn and surrounding areas who wishes to take part.

To join the project or find out more, please contact the **Auburn National Trust** at abubnt@hotmail.com or mail **PO Box 102 Auburn, SA 5451**

Graham Pike
Treasurer



Further Assistance

Need help getting started? Visit the State Library of South Australia's guide to house history research:

<https://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/HouseHistory>

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/blog/2024/12/02/history-your-home>



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Auburn's History Column:

Jubilee 150 (J150) October 1986 at Auburn, **continued**

The Auburn Progress Association had decided to hold a Honey Festival in conjunction with the J150 Gulf Road Re-enactment when its resting stage was to be at Auburn. Some volunteers worked incredibly hard to bring the successful procession about and when the Apiary industry was invited to participate, they did.



The South Australian Apiarists Association United banner was where then Chairman of the District Council of Saddleworth and Auburn, Murray l'Anson, officially opened the Honey Festival on Saturday 25th October, in front of what was often referred to as the Scout Hall (the early Mechanics Institute 1859) in St Vincent Street. At the left of the photo – Councillor Peter Shipside, Robert Wehrman President of the SA Apiarists' Association, Murray l'Anson with a top hat, then Kay Lambert and to the right is Anne l'Anson with son Kim l'Anson.



The Gulf Road Re-enactment bullock teams and the supporting crew left the Auburn Recreation Ground that morning, heralded at the front of the Honey Festival procession by Stephanie Moore and Sarah Shipside with the Honey Festival banner and Joanna Lambert leading two little bees, Sally Sandow and James Russell.

Jim Kelly and the bullock teams were next, followed by Michael Lambert on his grandfather's bike with a beehive in between the handlebars and a smoker on the back, depicting how his grandfather commenced beekeeping.

Wirrabara beekeepers Dick and Alice Morgan driving a little red car converted into a buck-board with a beehive and honey extractor on the back, which showed how Trevor Deer's family commenced beekeeping.

A number of beekeeping trucks followed, Trevor Deer of Wirrabara had honey drums and beehive "supers" on his tray, Les and Marie Bryksy of Watervale had a lifting arm, honey extractor, beehive supers on pallets, Don Lambert's truck with Richard Lambert hanging like a bee in front, driver Graham Woolford of Clare, with Steven Button (Auburn) and Ray Bickle (Halbury) on back tending to beehives, the truck being decorated by eucalypt tree cuttings. (Richard, the "bee" was spayed by a water pistol by clown Philip Allen!)



Bike & bee keeping trucks

Ken Kingston of Saddleworth with a settler's barrow which was set up ready to pan for gold. Zackers of Balaklava had an old small truck beautifully restored (Chevrolet?)

A clown on a decorated small bike, (Noel Kelly of Clare), peddled around between the floats. Another clown on a small bike also entertained the crowd.

Nick Zwiersen drove his truck with the title Beeswax Ensemble and musicians Chris Smith of Sevenhill James Parker, Leonie Moore, Dorothy, Bill and John Matz on the back.

The Primary School had a "float" called the Island Pool Monster, the leaders being Mary Anne Baker and Mark Burfield.



The "Good Old Days" – The driver and truck owner of this 'active Good Old Days' exhibit float was Lawrence Iskov, with those on the back being Josephine McDermid, Joan Kench, (hidden Janet McDermid) and Lois Dempsey "washing" Ted McDermid's hair, Ted appearing to be undressed! The mangle was used in the old days to press the sheets.

This was the winning float as judged by Murray l'Anson

This is part one of the procession of floats – to be continued. If any of the details need amending, please advise Kay on email: dklamb@rbe.net.au



**Kay Lambert
National Trust, Auburn Branch.**



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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.

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[Interested in joining us? Come to a training night or chat to a crew member—we'd love to meet you.](#)



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[Auburn CFS Newsletter #4, June 2025.](#)

Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council (CGVC) CEO, David Stobbe - “Meet and Greet”.

CGVC organised a “Meet and Greet” session at Velvet and Willow on Wednesday 4th June to provide community members to meet the new CEO David Stobbe.

Approx. 20 people attended. Participants introduced themselves to the CEO and were able to speak, raise concerns, ask questions and make comments about their particular area of interest.

Topics covered included:

- Corellas in Auburn. This problem needs to be addressed. One resident sold their homes and left Auburn because of the issue. ACDC and local residents have contacted CGVC re this matter for at least 4 years, without any resolution.
- Development Applications: these need to be lodged through SA Planning now and not through CGVC. More support locally is needed to assist residents with DA applications.
- Roads and bitumen, who decides what roads are asphalted? Henry Steet was recently re-sheeted when streets in East Auburn remain gravel roads.
- The importance of tourism in our area: an audit of “roadside signage” needs to be undertaken as a lot of tourist signage is out of date. Some ‘attractions’ no longer exist, or new ones are not signposted.
- Detour of Heavy traffic coming from Brothers Hill Road into Auburn is needed. The obvious route is to use Flaxmill Road and Taylors Road. This was raised by three different people.
- Wakefield River walk extension: several community members have spoken with Council re this. It would be a good project to undertake at little cost and good to extend the existing River Walk, creating a loop with the Riesling Trail. CGVC does not control the riverbed and banks.
- Feral tree removal in the Wakefield River bed and banks has taken away residents’ ‘privacy screening’ at some properties. Concern expressed of well rooted and established trees being removed.
- Response to Works requests to CGVC currently was praised. Working well through the current Council system.
- Communication from CGVC back to community can improve. Communications from community members to council are not being acknowledged or responded to, or the response time is very long.
- The current footpath repaving/tree removal project on the northern end of Main North Road had poor community notification. There was only a few days’ notice given that the project was being undertaken. Discussions by elected members at CGVC May meeting lead to a suggestion that street trees will not be replaced and some low shrubbery would be planted. Serious community consultation is needed on this subject so that the current project does not set a precedence for future street tree removal.
- Undergrounding of power lines consultation as part of Auburn Streetscape plan- a request was made for the collation of community comments to be shared with ACDC, so this can be shared with those who participated in the consultation, to acknowledge their efforts.
- More lead time was requested for advertising Council-initiated community events, such as the Auburn streetscape consultation and this CEO meet and greet.

- The regular use of Council website was emphasised as one of Council's main avenues for advertising current Council matters and events. Make sure you check CGVC website front page regularly for community consultations.
- Community members expressed the joy they received from living in Auburn.
- There is a difficulty recruiting new members to volunteer groups.
- Availability and access to Medical Rehabilitation facilities in our immediate area was raised- -car accident victims and the aged. Options are all too far away.
- Auburn RSL building sale and disbursement of the funds policy was raised. It is now 18 months since the building sale settled and there has been no communication with Auburn community about these funds.

The Next Council “Meet and Greet” is being advertised now for Tarlee on Wednesday 2 July 2025 4.00pm –6.00pm, at the Tarlee Bakery.



MEET & GREET

Wednesday 2 July 2025

4.00pm –6.00pm

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& Greet

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