

AUBURN EXPRESS

July, 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 – July, Report

On a very cold and rainy evening, a few quick phone calls resulted in ACDC committee members holding their first “zoom” meeting. How comfy we were!

Wakefield Council Chambers: This historic building was opened to community members on 26th June, we thank the good number of visitors for their support for this event. Their shared ideas have been collated into ‘common themes’ report - this information is provided in the Auburn Express. **See page 2.**

ACDC Open Meeting: We invite Auburn community members to attend the next ACDC Open Meeting to be held at our new venue, the **Wakefield Council Chambers on Wednesday 13th August at 7pm.** We will ensure that the building is warm and cosy, with mulled wine and cheese served after the meeting.

Topics for discussion will be:

- The Wakefield Council Chambers building into the future;
- A display of proposed plans for the ambulant/accessible toilet facilities at the Auburn Institute;
- Feedback from the Auburn Streetscape Community Consultation session held in March 2025.
- Other items of business that may be raised for discussion.

You are invited to join us for these important discussions and provide your input.

U2KIDs Movie Event: **Saturday 19th July at 2.30pm.** Gold coin donation, popcorn and ‘movie’ snacks available, children under 12 years must have a parent stay with them at the movie. Bring the family, or the Grandkids, for a fun time with “Paddington Bear”. **See page 4 for more details.**

New Volunteers: some of our local committees are looking for volunteers to take up vacant positions: ACDC is seeking a **Secretary**, the Auburn Institute Management Committee is seeking a **general committee member**, and the Auburn *Frenchfest* Working Group is looking for **3 additional committee members**. Can you help? If you want to know more about these positions, please contact Rhonda on 8849 2389 or alternatively email: rhoje100@gmail.com

Christmas Eve in the Park: A small group of volunteers are working behind the scenes, gathering ideas, information about possible ‘town decorations’ for Auburn. There is a ‘call out’ to anyone who have unused surplus wooden pallets; it is proposed to create Christmas tree shapes from these pallets. Please make contact with Denyse on, 0408 828 459 or Rhonda on 8849 2389 for pick up.

Keep warm!

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.



**Community feedback at Open Session at
Old Council Chambers building
26th June 2025.**

It was exciting to open the doors of the Old Council Chambers/former Library on St. Vincent Street, opposite the Post Office, for the first time since the property was gifted to the Auburn Community. There are lots of opportunities to reactivate this lovely little space and the potentially beautiful grounds sloping down to the creek.

Many community members dropped in to offer their ideas about where we should go and what to do next. A summary and categorisation of these ideas is provided below. We will discuss this further at the ACDC Open Meeting next month.

To provide greater opportunity for the community to get to know the space, our Open Meeting will also be held in this building!

INFORMATION AND HISTORY CENTRE (for visitors, newcomers & locals)

- Visitor and Information Centre.
- History displays
- Meet & Greeting Place for newcomers (quarterly gatherings).

RESOURCE CENTRE (for locals and visitors)

- Gardening advice, workshops and information and plant nursery (Ian Roberts, Blyth)
- Primary School hosting afternoon teas with produce from their garden.
- Open for activities in school holidays.
- Men's Group to do maintenance.

- Health & Wellbeing resources
- Community Resilience
- Re-establish the Library

RETAIL AND ADVERTISING

- Art gallery
- "Rent a shelf" offered to businesses or crafters, for marketing/advertising.
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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 aubnt@hotmail.com or mail **PO Box 102 Auburn, SA 5451**

Graham Pike
Treasurer



Correction

Last issue the contact email address was incorrectly shown...the correct address is now shown in the advert aubnt@hotmail.com.



Remember – CWA Flea Market Sunday 13th.

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Auburn's History Column:

Jubilee 150 (J150) October 1986 at Auburn, Procession of floats, continued

The Auburn RSL float utility was driven and owned by George Schulz with Vic Gaerth on the back. This float proudly had a large RSL monogram badge on the front of the vehicle and large Australian flag displayed on the back.

The CWA truck was George Lambert's with George driving and on the back were Sonia Zwiersen, Helen Smith and John Masterman, wearing a top hat. CWA activities were exhibited on the truck.

Driver Roger Schmerl supported the Children's Hospital Auxiliary volunteers, Anne Masterman, Barbara Lamkin holding a parasol, the nursing Sister walking was Helen Williams, with Gill Baum wearing her red cape, on the utility.



There was a group of former Land Army girls from the second world War Days, marching and carrying their large green and gold banner with one of the ladies wearing her uniform. The Land Army women came from a wide area and helped with the flax production in the Auburn area during World War II, and living in a hostel at Undalya.

Dad's Army was led by Zella Schulz in uniform, causing a laugh; some of the other ladies were – Sadie Shepherd, Dossy Schober, and Mary Ackland, keeping time with the beating of a Base Drum.

The Auburn Bowling club float was on Leon Klau's truck which he was driving, with John Williams having extra padding and Arthur Kench padded up as a woman in a lady's bowling dress demonstrating bowling on the "green" on the back of the truck.



Taylor's Winery float was a rubber tyred small trailer with Leith Jenkins and his two donkeys in control, David Slow also sitting in the front with Maureen Gaerth in colonial costume and grandson Grant Allen on the back of the float with a wine barrel.

The District Council of Saddleworth and Auburn had a patrol grader and low loader machinery trailer loaded with a tip dray with its wooden wheels, its load of large stones tipped of its load of stone onto the trailer - the driver was Max Allen with Reg Geister and Colin Fiedler on the back "at work"!



The model of the Undalya bridge was towed by Gerald Moore by tractor, Samara Butler was on the bridge -the painting of the scenery on the sides of the bridge were the artwork of Mrs Masterman, some of which is in the CWA room on the wall today. This photographic scene is in St. Vincent Street.

The model of the bridge was first used for a procession for the "New Oval" opening in 1960, when in the street procession to the oval it was pulled by a grey Fergy tractor driven by Keith Sandercock and David Lambert was riding a three-wheeler bike on the 'bridge'.

The Mule team with a loaded wagon was led by Jim Lowe, Jim also had some camels.

The Tennis Club and Netball Club both had a contribution to the procession as did a group in their white uniforms doing *Taekwondo*.

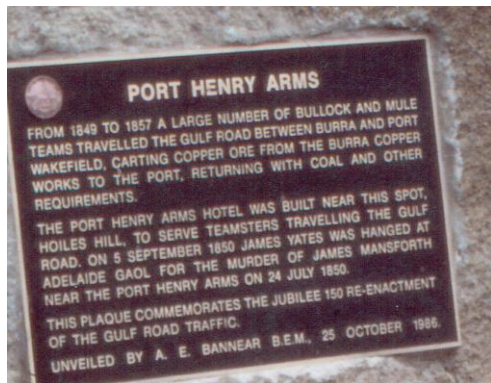
The Circle C Western Riding Club had a number of horses with their banner plus a J150 flag



David Noble with his Phaeton Buggy, harnessed to a first cross Quarter horse mare, Sandy Vaquero.

Peter Shipside's car was part of the parade, a 1939 MG WA Tickford Coupe

The bullockies and their teams went on through St. Vincent Street and onto the Skilly where, with a view to the sea coast from Hoiles Hill, a cairn was unveiled with a plaque of the story of the gulf road Wine Shany, the Port Henry Arms, near the site. The remainder of the procession finished in St. Vincent Street, the people milling amongst street stalls with their festive bunting.



The plaque on Hoiles Hill

This is the concluding part of the procession of floats. If any of the details need amending, please advise Kay on email: dklamb@rbe.net.au The photos are part of the National Trust collection about the event.



Kay Lambert
National Trust, Auburn Branch.



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Flu cases have reached a nearly five-year high in South Australia, with over 10,000 reported this year.

The number of flu cases in South Australia increased by 70% this year to 10,569 from 6,212 the previous year, according to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

Arrange your FLU VACCINATION...



AGM 2025 CFS Auburn Brigade

The 2025 AGM for CFS Auburn
Brigade will be held at the
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Time: 7:30 PM

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**For any additional information
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0431 494 289 or

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 oval
 followed by supper and refreshments.

All welcome

**Further enquiries – Secretary,
 Bill van Diemen 0411 039 594**



AUBURN BRIGADE

As the summer heat fades and winter rolls across the Mid North, the nature of our work at Auburn CFS changes too. Fires become fewer, but the hazards don't disappear—they just take a different shape.

Misty mornings and cold rain transform country roads into danger zones. The bitumen gets slick with the first rain after a dry spell, and roads that curve through farmland become treacherous if taken too fast. Our volunteers are often called to the scene of car accidents—sometimes it's a minor slide-off, but other times it's much more serious. The worst part is knowing it might have been avoided with better tyres, working lights, or just slowing down a little.

When that pager goes off, there's a hush as we prepare for what might lie ahead. Accidents, especially on familiar backroads, hit close to home. Sometimes it's a neighbour, a friend's teenage child, or a visitor passing through who didn't realise just how sharp that bend really was.

Winter also brings strong winds and heavy rain. Large gum branches fall overnight, blocking roads and driveways, or damaging power lines. We've had early morning call-outs to clear fallen limbs before the school buses run, making sure families can get to town safely.

And then there's flooding. Low-lying areas around Auburn can fill quickly when the water has nowhere to go. We've helped divert run-off from homes and cleared storm drains during wild weather. Sandbagging isn't glamorous, but it can mean the difference between a dry lounge room and a damaged home. These colder months bring their own rhythm—a quieter kind of urgency. The work doesn't stop; it just shifts with the seasons. And through it all, our small brigade remains ready, willing, and proud to serve our town whenever we're needed.

Drive safe this winter. Maintain your vehicle, take it slow—and know we're here when it matters most.






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Hosts



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AUBURN and our GREEN Environment.

Newsletter: July 2025



Auburn Green – Caring for Country

Winter 2025 Edition – Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden

Even in the cooler months, your garden can be a haven for butterflies. While many species slowdown in winter, become dormant, you'd be surprised how a few small changes can invite life into your patch of paradise.

Common Butterflies in Our Region

In the Clare Valley, local butterflies such as the *Red-spotted Jezebel*, *Common Brown*, *Wanderer (Monarch)*, and *Australian Painted Lady* may still be spotted on sunny winter days. And of course, keep an eye out for the beautifully elusive *Emerald Jewel* (Red Emerald), a rare treat when seen fluttering through native shrubs.



Image: Australian Painted Lady.



Image: Happy Wanderer. (*Hardenbergia violacea*)

Winter Gardening Tips

Butterflies are drawn to sunny, sheltered spots with food plants for their caterpillars and nectar for the adults. Here's how you can help:



Plant Native Species: Local natives are best suited to our climate and butterfly species. Try planting:

- *Woolly Tea-tree* (*Leptospermum lanigerum*) – great for shelter and nectar
- *Goodenia ovata* – bright flowers even in winter
- *Correa reflexa* (Native Fuchsia) – blooms that feed both butterflies and birds
- *Hardenbergia violacea* (Native Lilac) – a climber with stunning purple flowers



Provide Winter Blooms: Flowering annuals like calendula or pansies can supplement native plants with extra colour and nectar.



Offer Water: Shallow dishes with pebbles give butterflies a place to safely drink.



Avoid Pesticides: Chemicals can harm butterflies and their caterpillars. Let nature manage your pests.

Let Your Garden Speak for the Climate

Even small patches of green can offer sanctuary to wildlife. By planting for pollinators, you're helping restore natural cycles and support biodiversity right here in Auburn.

Together, we're caring for country – one garden at a time.

Contact: Patrick.simba103@bigpond.com