

AUBURN EXPRESS

November, 2025

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Rhonda Seymour (Chair), Peter Newman, (Secretary), Kate Young (Treasurer),
Graham Richards, Hellen Riley, Robert Tilley, David Kilpatrick.

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ACDC – November, Report

Sunshine, rain, cold, all weathers at the moment!

ACDC AGM: resulted in some new appointments and the members are now: Chair, Rhonda Seymour, Secretary Peter Newman, Treasurer, Kate Young and executive committee members Graham Richards Hellen Riley, Rob Tilley and David Kilpatrick.

The Auburn Institute Management Committee (AIMC) positions were also due for elections, resulting in Chair, Phil McHugh, Secretary, Jeff Seymour, general committee members Peta Yaksick, Peter Newman, Grant Booker, Brian Castle and Bruce Enting.

Congratulations to all the new members. We are grateful to have such a wealth of skills and talents across these committees from our community.

U2KIDS Halloween: Thank you to the local families and volunteers who attended this popular event and made it the best! Many community people were talking about the family groups walking Auburn streets and the wonderful manners of those looking for “trick or treats”.

Christmas Eve in Centenary Park: Planning for this event is well underway with plans for decorations, food, entertainment, Santa's Cave and raffle. New decorative ‘trees’ have been produced by volunteer Twiz, with the

Auburn Primary School students painting them. Great job and a big thank you!

A poster will be placed around Auburn soon with all the details. The Christmas street-decoration session will be **Saturday 29th November** to decorate street trees, fences and the Park. This will start at **9.30am** meeting at Centenary Park. Please come along and join in the fun of decorating our town.

Council Chambers on St. Vincent Street held its first ‘fundraising event on Sunday 2nd November with a very successful **Book Sale** which raised \$800. Thank you to all who prepared for, visited, purchased and supported the event in any other way. “Great job” to the volunteers and all.



Auburn Twilight Christmas Market: Planned at the **Council Chambers** on **Saturday 6th December from 5pm to 9pm**, with numerous market stalls. An amazing sponsorship from *Clare Valley Event CO* has been secured with a donation of a Marquee, tables, chairs, Portaloo and festoon lighting. Children's activities, Lions Club Donut Caravan, a Wine Wall and Lucky Squares. Auburn businesses may take this opportunity to be open for trading on that evening. **Refer to “advert tile” page 4**





Working Bee
Council Chambers St. Vincent St
Wednesday 19th November
9.30-11am

Aim, to reduce geraniums to a workable size...

Sunday 30th Nov 9.30-11am

Aim, further tree tidying and ground cleanup.

All helpers welcome.
Bring your secateurs and/or rake.

New Members: ACDC welcomes two **new members** Kath and Grant. We hope your involvement in ACDC provides you with new friendships and a satisfaction assisting our community.

Update Digital Noticeboard: Hopefully, arriving the week of 24th November. With the digital noticeboard coming online soon, ACDC will take this opportunity to explore options for coordinating the workings of the website with the Auburn Express and noticeboard.

Palliative Care: Recent correspondence from a **Palliative Care** Navigation Service has indicated that we may be able to organise a community presentation in Auburn or perhaps a webinar session. More details on this in the new year as we seek to secure a possible date.

Royal Visit Park Sign – BIG A: ACDC agreed at its meeting last night to progress its project of replacing the old wooden **Royal Visit Park sign** at the Southern Gateway Entrance to Auburn. ACDC will purchase the new stainless-steel sign and Council have kindly offered and agreed to install it.

Future ACDC Meetings and Community Participation: ACDC is currently reviewing its structure with the aim of providing options for community members to attend ACDC monthly meetings...this will strengthen lines of communication. These discussions have commenced and suggested changes will be hopefully announced early next year!

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.



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Coming to Hats Friday 12th December...

"Books for under the Christmas Tree"
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 & favourite Clare Valley Mayor Alan Aughey (OAM)*





Friday 12th December 7.30pm
Hats Auburn Courthouse
 Tix \$25.00 includes light supper. Wine/Coffee available for purchase
 Bookings essential <https://www.trybooking.com/DGDWW>

A book launch fundraiser with a difference. Fionas latest book will be available to purchase just in time for Christmas. Meet & Greet at the end be prepared for the almighty cake auction and for lots of fun and hi jinks when these two hit the HATs stage. All proceeds to Hats Inc a not for profit Arts/event organisation for our ongoing 2026 arts/music program.




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A Fundraiser for the Old Auburn Library- Find the market opposite the Auburn Post Office!

Auburn's History Column:

Premier Declares Auburn Recreation Park Open

Opening of the Park on 23rd April 1960 continued...

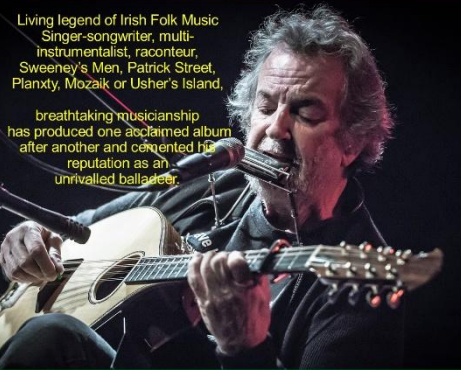
Sir Thomas Plyford, in opening the park, said he was very pleased to have the opportunity to declare the Park open. It was obvious to him of the great effort that had been made, and it would be an effort that would stand for all time. The people of the district were helping the young people by providing the facilities. He was also delighted to see the Marching Girls.



There were nine Marching Girls teams, this shows four of the teams from Port Pirie

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In a special tribute to the S.A. Police, he said that he considered the S.A. Police Force second to none in the Commonwealth, and wished to thank them publicly for their loyalty.



The Police band provided the music for the day

Amid great smiles from assembled Auburn School children, he granted them a holiday for Tuesday April 26.

The Premier then declared the Recreation Park open and unveiled a Plaque which read:

**Auburn Recreation Park
opened by
The Honourable Sir Thomas
Playford G.C.M.G., M.P.**



*Sir Thomas Playford, Mr Len Moore and
Mr George Lambert*

ANZAC SERVICE:

An Anzac Service was then held, the Police Band playing 'Last Post' and 'Reveille', while Mr. George Lambert recited the "Ode".

GRAND PRADE:

All Floats and marching girls headed by the Police Greys and Band moved round the Oval in a Grand Parade.

A feature of the Grand Parade were the cattle, and those studs parading the cattle were:
Jerseys – J.H. and D.P. English, 'Ulster' Stud; B.A. and J.M. Kench, 'Kenfield'; M.C. Garrard, 'Garford'; S.A. driver, 'Bencobin'. **Friesians** – G. P. Garrard, 'Pinebray' **Guernseys** - F. D. Mintern, 'Wandelo'; G.& E. Lambert 'Kercoonda' **A.I.S.**- G.W. and J.G, Williams, 'Greenwood Park'. **Poll Shorthorn** - R. E. and M.E. Nicholls, 'Vendale', J. Klau, 'Abercrombie' **Poll Herefords** – F. Kelly, 'Grahamville'

(none of these studs operate today)

There was also a display of Stud sheep while side shows, hot dog and other stalls did a roaring trade.

£30 (\$60) was taken at the gate, while gross takings were approx. £650 (\$1300), which included the Grand Ball on Friday night.

During the afternoon the Marching Girls and Police gave marching demonstrations, and the police

riding, jumping and Tent pegging from on horseback while the band music continued.

From the following two photos, the change of the position of the oval can be seen: -



*1937 view of the oval, on the upper right hand the
Grand Stand can just be seen.*



*1973 view of the oval, on the left a short road is all
that is left of the former road to Saddleworth*

All photos are from the Auburn National Trust
Auburn Recreation Park collection.



Kay Lambert
National Trust, Auburn Branch.



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Auburn Primary School was fortunate to have a volunteer from the Auburn community who previously cared for our rose bushes on Port Road, pruning and fertilising them.

Currently, our roses are in need of some attention, and **we are seeking a volunteer to help restore them to their former beauty.**

If you have a passion for gardening and would like to assist, we would greatly appreciate your support.
 Please pop in or contact the Front Office on 8849 2112.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

**THE BEST WAY TO GET RESULTS IS
 NOT TO MAKE EXCUSES...**

AUBURN GREEN

Building Sustainably in South Australia

Creating Homes for the Future

Sustainable residential building is no longer just a trend—it is becoming essential for families, communities, and the environment. In South Australia, where hot summers, cool winters, and rising energy costs shape our daily lives, building sustainably makes sense both financially and environmentally.

Smarter Design, Better Living

The foundation of a sustainable home begins with thoughtful design. Positioning homes to take advantage of natural sunlight can reduce winter heating needs, while wide eaves, pergolas, and shading trees help to keep interiors cool during summer. Cross-ventilation, achieved through clever window placement, allows fresh breezes to flow and reduces reliance on air conditioning.

Materials That Matter

Choosing the right building materials can make a big difference. Locally sourced stone, recycled timber, and low-carbon concrete are durable options with smaller environmental footprints. Insulation—whether in walls, ceilings, or floors—remains one of the most effective ways to reduce energy use year-round.

Energy & Water Efficiency

South Australian homes can take advantage of abundant sunshine with rooftop solar systems and battery storage. Energy-efficient appliances and LED lighting further reduce household power bills. Water is equally precious: rainwater tanks, greywater systems, and drought-tolerant native gardens conserve supplies while supporting biodiversity.

A Community Effort

Sustainable homes benefit more than just their owners. They contribute to cleaner air, reduced strain on the power grid, and healthier local ecosystems. By adopting sustainable practices, we also support South Australia's commitment to a cleaner, greener future.

Building sustainably is about creating comfortable, affordable homes that respect the environment while providing long-term benefits for generations to come. Whether renovating an existing house or planning a new build, every choice makes a difference.

Click on the link below, it's a doozy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olddRKVH6H0&pp=ygUMI29uZWVvZGVzaWdu>

Auburn Green Newsletter. November 2025.
E: simba103@bigpond.com

Auburn Institute Management Committee (AIMC):

The AIMC has undergone a substantial change in its membership following the 2025 ACDC AGM.

A number of members from the 2023-2025 committee stepped down from the Management Committee, including the long serving Chair, Tony Evans, who was in that role for 8 years.

The new members of AIMC include: Phil McHugh (Chair); and committee persons: Peta Yaksich; Brian Castle; Grant Booker; and Bruce Enting.

All of these new committee members are relatively new to our Auburn Community and it is fabulous that they have stepped forward to assist with the management of our very important community facility – the 159-year-old Auburn Institute.

Peter Newman (Committee member) and Jeff Seymour (Secretary) are continuing members of AIMC.

Residents are reminded that the Auburn Institute and Function Centre is a multi-purpose facility and is available for hire. Auburn residents and Auburn Community Groups are eligible to a substantial discount on the hire fee. Enquiries about the availability, hire, cost or facilities available at the Institute can be made by phoning 1300 907 284 or go to the website: www.institute.auburn.sa.au for the hire arrangements or to contact us.

Auburn Institute - Melbourne Cup Lunch:

More than 60 guests attended the very successful Melbourne Cup Lunch, organised and promoted by the Auburn Institute Management Committee (AIMC) at the Auburn Institute on Tuesday 4 November 2025.



A number of outgoing (2023-2025) AIMC committee members and others put themselves forward to organise the event, expertly advised and assisted by Ally Guerin.

The AIMC thank in particular, Ally Guerin; Jane Gloster; Russ Parkins; Pauline Parkins; Tony Evans and Taylor's Wines (Sponsor) and a range of others including, many friends and family members who assisted with the organisation and set-up of the Institute Hall. All contributed to the success of the event.

Over \$4000.00 was raised to support the Auburn Institute and the Women's & Children's Auxiliary Clare/Auburn Branch.

Those assembled at the Auburn Institute enjoyed an excellent meal prepared by ASH Catering - lots of good humour and entertainment by MC Russ Parkins; an excellent silent auction (wonderfully supported by local businesses and individuals); lots of generous sweeps; 'fashions on the field', sponsored by A Joyful Bunch; and of course, the running of the 165th Melbourne Cup on "the big screen".



The tables and hall were beautifully decorated with roses from 2 local gardens (thanks to Di Tilley and Gill Baum), expertly arranged by Trish Schmerl.

On every level, this inaugural Melbourne Cup Lunch at the Auburn Institute was a great success and plans are in place to make it an annual event.

We will hope to see you all on Tuesday 3 November 2026 at the Auburn Institute for the running of the 166th Melbourne Cup.



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