



AUBURN EXPRESS

February, 2026

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ACDC – February, Report

Welcome back everyone from Christmas holidays and New Year celebrations. I hope that your 2026 year has begun well.

Busy Agenda: January has proven to be a busy time for ACDC and our community groups, with several Auburn community group meetings held for further collaboration on potential projects for submission to the Auburn Grant Program. This is the Grant Program which Council has developed to disburse funds from the sale of the Auburn RSL building. A draft of this document was presented to Council's January meeting, and it was adopted with a few changes to the eligibility and assessment processes. The final Grant document should be released by Council very soon.

The latest community group meeting was on 5th February, where Auburn community groups had the opportunity to hear about the proposed Grant Program and to ask questions of Council's CEO David Stobbe and the Community Development Coordinator, Judy Giles. Once the Auburn Grant Program is open, groups are encouraged to contact the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council Community Team if they have any questions or require assistance with their application.

Christmas Eve in the Park: Christmas Eve in the Park was well attended with the perfect weather for food, family and friends in the Park, and of course a visit from Santa. Thank you to all the volunteers who

assisted with Santa, food and raffle! **A special thank you** to Juanita who attended with her very popular spring rolls.

The efforts of the Christmas Eve in the Park organising team are acknowledged, having installed the new street decorations and organised the Park event. The new 'green trees' (with Auburn Primary School student decorations) attracted many complimentary comments. ACDC continues to work collaboratively with Auburn Business and Tourism Association (ABTA) and the Auburn Primary School for this special community event.

The Digital Notice Board (DNB): The DNB has been well utilised over the first months of its installation. A small digital/media team has been established for uploading and maintaining the DNB. If businesses and community groups are interested in advertising in this space, please contact me.

Promotional material for the DNB will be available soon.

Memorial Place: The Memorial Place Donor Plaque **will be replaced**, due to spelling errors of some donor's names.

Centenary Park Lighting: During the last few months of 2025, reports were made to Council regarding the floodlight in Centenary Park and the Fluro-lights in the *Pavilion*, not operating.

The community is advised that a sensor has been installed for the Fluro-lights in the

Pavilion, and the floodlights (new ones) have been set up with an on/off switch in the corner of the *Pavilion*. ACDC would like to acknowledge Council's attention to the repair of these lights and extend a "thank you" on behalf of our community.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED):

Two defibrillators are located on Auburn's main street- **one at The Rising Sun and one at the Auburn Institute**. These are both registered on the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) website - on the AED Register. If your business or community group owns an AED, you can register its location through SAAS, and indicate if it is for public use, and the hours of each day of the week it is accessible. Check the website for the details about your AED that you need to complete the online registration.

This is not a compulsory register, but knowing the location of the nearest AED might save a life.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.



Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated the **Rising Sun Hotel's 175th Birthday Bash** with us! Despite the heat, it was still great to see everyone enjoying the incredible line up of talent over the weekend.



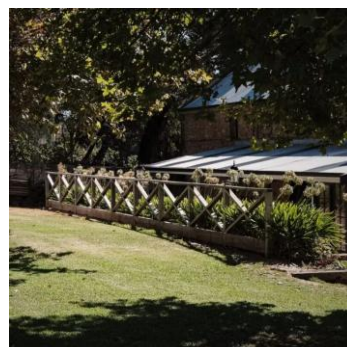
Upcoming Events The Rising Sun Hotel...

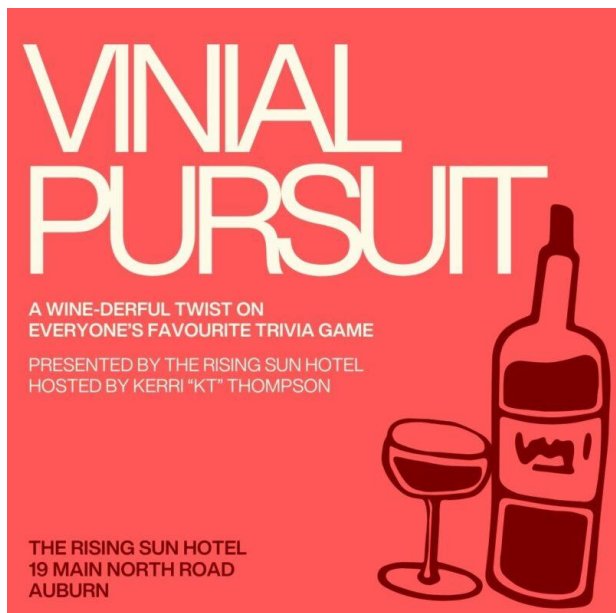


Valentine's Day: Valentine's Day is a Saturday night this year, reserve your table now! Pre-arrange sparkling on arrival, or try our cocktail special, the Lovebird Sour. Book now:



Chaos Theory: The Comedy Experience by The Beautiful Bogan is headed to The Rising Sun on Sunday, **15 February at 4:30pm.**





Vinial Pursuit: Join us at The Rising Sun Hotel for Vinial Pursuit on Wednesday the **18th February from 5:30pm**, a fun and friendly blind wine tasting challenge **hosted by KT**. Teams of three to five will taste three mystery wines, follow the clues, and compete to uncover what's in the glass.

wines **KT.**



We continue with our weekly line-up of **FREE live music on Sunday afternoons from 3pm - 6pm**. Check our website for upcoming artists.



February and March, 2026 HAT's Fringe program – Refer pages 11 this edition.

Sunday 15th February...

Her Story – of the Blues

Mississippi - Harlem - Your Local Petrol Station
One-Woman's Homage to the Original Trailblazers

ADELAIDE FRINGE WEEKLY AWARDS WINNER 2025

Music of the Women who Pioneered the Blues
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Saturday 21st February...

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SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2026
7:30 - 9pm

Hats Auburn Courthouse
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Auburn SA 5451

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ADELAIDE FRINGE

Saturday 28th February, Sunday 1st March



Water Security Forum - Report

Report for ACDC from Clare Valley

Water Security Group

Meeting 6th February, 2026

Prepared by Cheryl Glenie

Since the November meeting, Tony Piccolo has been lobbying the treasurer on behalf of our committee for funding to enable the CGV Water Forum business plan to progress. Tony has been successful in securing the full funding, and it will be included as an election promise. The work will most likely start during the current financial year, after the SA election. This work will go ahead regardless of the outcome of the election.

The attached official press release has been provided by Tony Piccolo's office. Having read the press release it explains the work of and intended outcomes of the work of this

committee. I attach the copy of the press release.

Cheryl Glenie, 6th February, 2026

Refer, Press Release Pages 14 & 15 this issue Auburn Express

Auburn's History Column:

Auburn Recreation Park...continued with User Groups



Cricket Club - Cricket – the Auburn Mintaro Bullants Cricket Club – have seasonal use – up until Christmas then at Mintaro grounds

Additional facilities: Practice nets for cricket, a public toilet, shower and laundry amenities block. Anyone can use the two, coin-operated industrial grade washing machines and a drier, clothes line if needed.

A new Toilet/shower/disability facility, block has been built nearer the Circle C Western Riding club and the camping ground.



The new amenities block -Solar panels to offset some of the power costs, electricity is one of the major expenses.



The cricket grandstand, clubhouse and Caravan Park office, with solar panels on the roof

R.V. (Recreational Vehicle) Dump point has been installed on the southern side of the oval, for use of the Caravan Park users/patrons only.



R.V. Dump Point for Caravan Park users only

Not far from the Dump Point and new amenities block is the Rose Becker Garden, a path leading from the Bicentenary plaque winding through the trees to a picnic area, that there is also a driveway gate entrance into, for camping amongst the trees. A future project has commenced with the donation of a farmer's silo, transported there also by donation, to be an amenities BBQ centre for campers or picnic groups.

Over recent years a number of improvements have been made. The major source of funds available to the Committee comes from operation of the Auburn Caravan Park while minor income comes from user body

subscription, rental or facilities and small Council donations.

The Strategic Plan, 2025 to 2034 of the Auburn Caravan Park Management Committee lists future objectives.

In the mean-time, the grounds look very attractive and inviting, thanks to the Committee members who volunteer to do **minor maintenance and use the ride-on mower, tractor with bucket and mower to mow in the grounds. The Caravan Park caretaker** has access for this equipment for the area he is responsible for.

Photos: Kay Lambert



Kay Lambert
National Trust, Auburn Branch.

**Items for the next Express due
Tuesday 10th March, 2026**

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3rd Saturday of each month

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Corner Henry & Main North Road Auburn

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Rustic Iron work



Asian Food



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Fresh Donuts

Auburn Primary School is excited to have commenced the 2026 school year and feels very fortunate to have several exciting projects planned with local community groups, including the **Auburn CWA**, in the year ahead. We have proudly welcomed three new families to our school community this year and are looking forward to a number of grounds and facilities projects commencing throughout 2026.

Already this year, a new air conditioning system has been installed in our Middle Primary and Upper Primary classrooms, further enhancing learning environments for our students.

We would also love to hear from members of our wider community who attended **Auburn Primary School** in the past. If you are a former student, we invite you to email the school with any stories or memories of your time here. If you have photos, you are willing to share, we would be delighted to receive those as well.

Your contributions will assist us in establishing a clearer timeline of when buildings and facilities were established and installed on site.

If you have a family member or know someone within the community who is considering schools for their children, please encourage them to arrange a time to tour **Auburn Primary School**. I love having the opportunity to meet new families and to showcase the wonderful opportunities available at our school.

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1st Saturday of each Month
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Riverton Community Hall

rivertoncountrymarket@gmail.com
Cindy 0412 805 390

**Valentine's Day
MENU**

\$75 Per Head

Starter
Tuna Tartare with Ricotta and Grated Parmesan
Lamb Croquette with Radish, Micro Herb Salad and a Rhubarb Jam

Main Course
Crispy Skin Barramundi with Cauliflower Rice, Bok Choy and Lemon Butter Sauce
250gm 9+ Marble Score Wagyu with Potato Puree, King Oyster Mushroom and Béarnaise Sauce

Dessert
Red Velvet Lava Cake with Pimm's Strawberry Cream and Chocolate Flakes
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CLARE VALLEY

Chaos Theory @ The Rising Sun

Granny Flaps @ The Rising Sun Hotel

Her Story of the Blues @ Auburn Courthouse

NINA SIMONE - A Musical Life @ Knappstein Wines, Clare

Queens of Songs @ St Joseph's School, Clare

Rhapsody in Chicago Blues @ Auburn Courthouse + St Joseph's School, Clare

Two Blondes + a Bloke or two @ Auburn Courthouse

The Walking School Bus @ St Joseph's School, Clare

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www.clarevalley.com.au/What's-On




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Get a group of friends together for a fun day out.

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Tickets go on sale Sunday 1st March...
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3rd Saturday of each month

@ Uniting Church 9 am to 1 pm

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New stall holders welcome Phone WENDY: 0417 823 558



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Working Bee

SUNDAY 22nd February
@ 9.00 AM

There are a host of new plantings that have been growing away along the river in Auburn.

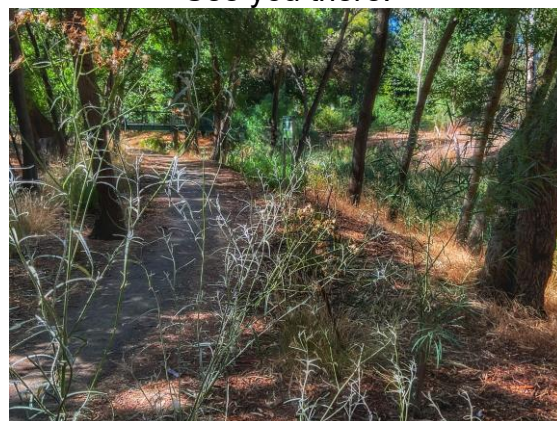
The first **working bee** for UWL in 2026 will be on **Sunday 22nd of February from 9.00am.**

We will be watering and also clearing weeds near the old weir.

Bring gloves and sun protection as well as buckets and weeding equipment.

Please meet at the BBQ pavilion in Centenary Park for sign-in.

See you there.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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FEBRUARY, 2026 – FRINGE PROGRAM

Charles Jenkins in Concert

**Saturday 21st February
7.30pm**



Charles Jenkins is a Vic/SA songwriter/performer known for his strong, poetic songs, his melodic invention, sharp tongue and clever sense of humour - He's too good a writer not to be in your life SMH. Charles Jenkins is a Melbourne songwriter/musician, producer and performer who has released 23 albums, toured Europe and the USA several times and been nominated for two ARIA awards with the Ice cream Hands. In 2014 he won the AGE/Music Victoria award for best folk/roots album. In Oct 2023 he released his latest album Radio Sketches - The Third. Known for his strong, poetic songs, exquisitely crafted ballads, unique phrasing and melodic invention, Charles Jenkins is a top storyteller with a sharp tongue and a wry sense of humour.

"He's too good a writer not to be in your life."
Sydney Morning Herald
... delivers the kind of set that astonishes in its depth, variety and good humour (and) reinforces Jenkins' position as the songwriter's songwriter" Time Off Magazine
<https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/charles-jenkins-at2026>

Her Story of The Blues

**Sunday 15th February
Afternoon Concert @ 2.00pm**



Erased in History - Amplified in Her Story. Music of the trailblazing women who pioneered the blues, conceived rock & pop, and were then - promptly forgotten! Returning Spotlight to Source, MT (Marie Thérèse) embarks upon a sonic mission to Restore Recognition - where due. Enraged by Erasure and Colonial-Capitalist-Con-Artistry, this One-Woman-Warrior Determines to Dismantle the Dominant narrative that Pedestals white Patriarchy - Revealing the Roots of our Contemporary Cultures, in the Heritage and Hard-Yakka, of these early blues women. Featuring MT on All Instruments, Curt Comments & Ad-libbed to Alliteration. Don't miss this Award-Winning show on its final round - Reaching the Regions, Beyond the Burbs. From the Mississippi Delta - to the clubs of Harlem - to your local Petrol Pump!
<https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/her-story-of-the-blues-at2026>

Tim Barton Rhapsody in Chicago Blues

TWO SHOWS
Saturday 28th February 3.00pm
Sunday March 1st Time 3.00pm

\$20/\$18



***** "Audience was mesmerized" is what Tim Barton brings to the Adelaide Fringe. 7th year now brings an all new program for 2026 including Grahams, Debussy, ragtime, Chicago blues and original compositions. The 60min show gives audiences the opportunity to be "immersed" in a language from the piano. Feel the sounds give you a journey to free your mind to imagine what music can do for you. Please join me at Hats Courthouse in the beautiful Clare Valley
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MARCH, 2026 – FRINGE PROGRAM

Bushwhacked, Bothered & Bewildered

Friday 13th March 7.30pm
Door/Bar 7.00pm
\$38.00 conc \$40.00 full www.trybooking.com/DICNE



Celebrating the Golden Years of the Bush through songs, yarns and verse. Opening with Eric Bogle three long term mates come together for a nostalgic night of Australiana music this not to be missed concert will take you back to an Australia we now only read about.

Martyn Wyndham-Read and Warren Fahey have been custodians of Australia's folksong heritage for over sixty years. Between them, they offer a deep swag of songs and stories from rare convict broadsides through to shearing ballads and larrikin city ditties. "There is something magical in how these legendary performers unfold their stories, press nostalgia buttons, and entertain. They bring our history to life." (ABC Radio National)
Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/DICNE>

Little Boxes

Sunday March 8th 3.00pm
Full Price: \$23 Concession: \$18 Group 6+ (per ticket): \$19.50


***** "This show is world class" Such Cliche Fed up of people putting you in boxes? When she was young Joann Condon (Little Britain) was written-off, body-shamed, looked down on for being working-class, and seen as only fit for the duller desk job. Partly thanks to an 80s pop icon she learned to defy expectations, building a screen and stage career as a comedian and actor. Joann's cathartic, funny and touching award-winning solo show 'Little Boxes' is about breaking free, discovering your true worth, living life to the full - and a deep love of tea. Little Boxes has delighted audiences and attracted critical praise in the UK and Adelaide, and is back in 2026 after sell-out shows at Edinburgh Fringe.
<https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/little-boxes-at2026>
The session on March 8 at HAT's will be followed by a Q&A.



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Two Blondes + a Bloke or 2

**Sunday March 15th
3.00pm**
\$30/\$25

Deliciously cheeky! With the most googled band name in music history, TWO BLONDES + A BLOKE draw upon their deep well of showbiz experience as they cross the music genres with fabulously engaging songs on life, love and mischief from their own pen as well as from other much loved artists. The show stars Blues Mama Gaye Reid, songbird Lisa McClelland with piano master/vocalist John Black and guest percussionist (Adelaide's own) Mark Madden. Get set for an entertaining show of soul stirring songs, beautiful harmonies, piano mastery, infectious rhythms and deliciously cheeky fun!
<https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/two-blondes-a-bloke-or-two-at2026>








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February 2026.

Living in a regional area teaches you to be practical. We fix things rather than replace them, share resources, and look out for one another. Recycling, however, can feel like a tougher challenge. Long distances, limited processing facilities, and high transport costs mean that what works easily in the city doesn't always translate well out here. Yet, despite these hurdles, regional communities are quietly proving that recycling *can* work—when it's local, practical, and community-led. One of the biggest barriers to recycling in country areas is logistics. Sending small volumes of waste hundreds of kilometres for processing is expensive, and sometimes the environmental benefit feels marginal when transport is factored in. That reality can discourage participation. But local solutions, even small ones, are showing that progress doesn't have to be perfect to be meaningful.

A good example is the household battery recycling point at **Becker's IGA**. Batteries are a common household item, easy to forget about and unsafe to put in general waste. Having a simple drop-off point at a place people already visit makes recycling easy and visible. It removes the "I'll do it later" problem and turns a tricky waste stream into a manageable one.





Located at CogWebs café.

Another standout initiative is the **Red Nose** clothing and textile recycling bin. Accepting clothes, shoes, and soft goods, this program has been a huge success—largely because it was initiated locally and embraced by locals. Textiles are a growing waste issue, and knowing these items can be reused or recycled rather than buried in landfill gives people a positive reason to act. The strong response shows that when people understand *where things go* and *why it matters*, they are more than willing to participate.

What's encouraging is that these ideas didn't come from big corporations or complex policy frameworks. They came from the community. Locals are already suggesting other practical options: collection points for coffee pods, soft plastics at sporting clubs, agricultural containers through drum recycling schemes, and even sharing repair skills to extend the life of everyday items. None of these alone will solve the waste problem, but together they start to form the foundations of a circular economy—where materials are kept in use for as long as possible and waste is seen as a resource rather than a burden.

The key is keeping the conversation positive and grounded. Recycling in regional areas doesn't need scare tactics or guilt. It needs common sense, local leadership, and accessible options that fit everyday routines. Every battery dropped off, every pair of shoes recycled, and every idea shared by a neighbour helps close the loop just a little more.

A circular economy won't arrive overnight, especially in the regions. But step by step, bin by bin, and idea by idea, communities are showing that distance and cost don't have to stop us from doing better with what we already have.

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News Release

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Tony Piccolo MP

State Member for Light
Labor Duty Member for Frome

Friday, 6 February 2026

WATER DEMAND STUDY FOR CLARE AND GILBERT VALLEYS

A re-elected Malinauskas Labor Government will invest \$450,000 towards a Clare and Gilbert Valleys Water Demand and Options Study which would explore options to ensure water security for the region.

In early 2025, residents across Armagh, Waterloo, Manoora and Auburn East raised concerns about the security of their water supply.

Throughout this process, residents in Clare also identified water as a barrier to housing and economic growth in the area.

Key stakeholders were since brought together to form the Clare Valley Water Security Group, aimed at identifying pathways and investigating future solutions.

Included in this group are:

- Residents from Armagh, Waterloo, Manoora, and Auburn East.
- State Government agencies including SA Water, the Department of the Environment and Water, and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions.
- Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.
- Regional Development Australia – Yorke and Mid North
- Clare Valley Business and Tourism Association.
- Clare Valley Wine and Grape Association.
- Landscape SA – Northern and Yorke

The group met several times to understand SA Water's economic regulation model, and how funding for infrastructure is applied.

During the meeting in November 2025, the group agreed on a process that would identify the water needs of the region, and how they might be met.

The group then agreed to establish a business case to consider opportunities for a drinking supply to meet the current domestic needs, as well as fit for purpose water to meet quality, demand and servicing requirements for different uses in the area.

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The comprehensive business plan is estimated to cost \$450,000, which includes the need to consult with the diverse stakeholders in the Valley – from residents to grape growers to farmers.

Labor Duty Member for Frome and Candidate for Ngadjuri, Mr Tony Piccolo MP, announced the securing of the commitment towards the business case at the 6 February 2026 meeting.

“I am delighted that this investment has come to fruition for the Clare and Gilbert Valleys area,” Mr Piccolo said.

“Residents had expressed their concerns about the security of their water supply across the region and identified it as a hurdle in growth.

“This business plan is the first step in the process to improve water supply.”

Armagh resident Matt Stewart said Armagh residents felt there had to be a better way to deliver water rather than trucks that have been carting nonstop for the past two years.

“We met with the local Member and Tony as the Duty Member to work through possible options of water supply to Armagh,” said Mr Stewart.

“Tony responded and met with the group in a very short time, then worked across departments to work out the scope of the matter.

“He worked across various department to find potential solutions. In the process, he found other communities in a similar position to Armagh and brought them into the process.”

“Tony has been proactive in working with various departments and setting realistic targets for the project. What started out as a possible solution for Armagh residents to have better options for water supply has turned into a whole of Clare and Gilbert Valley project.”

“This funding is not just for Armagh, Manoora, Waterloo or Auburn East properties, but it is about providing space for growth, and investment in the region.

“Discussions have not been about rolling out pipe everywhere but looking at what options may be a best fit.

“This funding will allow a strong case to be built to support the region, the residents and businesses with water.

“Tony has brought community and business groups together and provided a space for open discussion with the relevant government departments and has shown a real care for our region.”

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CINEMA PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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*****No bookings needed unless specified*****

Ticket Prices: Adult \$14, Concession/Student \$12, Child \$10, Family (2Ad + 2Ch) Animated: ALL \$10.00

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Fri 30 Jan 7.30pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Fri 30 Jan 8.00pm "ELLA MCCAY" (M) 3* Emma Mackey, Jamie Lee Curtis
 Sat 31 Jan 7.30pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Sat 31 Jan 8.00pm "ELLA MCCAY" (M) 3* Emma Mackey, Jamie Lee Curtis
 Sun 1 Feb 2.00pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Sun 1 Feb 2.30pm "ZOOTOPIA 2" (PG) 3.5* ANIMATED
 Wed 4 Feb 10.30am "ANACONDA" (M) 3.5* Jack Black, Paul Rudd
 Wed 4 Feb 10.30am "ZOOTOPIA 2" (PG) 3.5* ANIMATED
 Tues 3 Feb 2.00pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Thurs 5 Feb 6.30pm "HAMNET" (M) 5 stars Paul Mescal, Jessie Buckley
 Fri 6 Feb 7.30pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Fri 6 Feb 8.00pm "HAMNET" (M) 5 stars Paul Mescal, Jessie Buckley
 Sat 7 Feb 8.00pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Sat 7 Feb 8.00pm "HAMNET" (M) 5 stars Paul Mescal, Jessie Buckley
 Sun 8 Feb 2.00pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Sun 8 Feb 2.00pm "HAMNET" (M) 5 stars Paul Mescal, Jessie Buckley
 Tues 10 Feb 2.00pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Tues 10 Feb 2.00pm "HAMNET" (M) 5 stars Paul Mescal, Jessie Buckley
 Fri 13 Feb 8.00pm "THE CHORAL" (M) 3.5 stars Ralph Fiennes Period Drama/Music
 Fri 13 Feb 8.00pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Sat 14 Feb 8.00pm "THE CHORAL" (M) 3.5 stars Ralph Fiennes Period Drama/Music
 Sat 14 Feb 8.00pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Sun 15 Feb 2.00pm "THE CHORAL" (M) 3.5 stars Ralph Fiennes Period Drama/Music
 Sun 15 Feb 2.00pm "SONG SUNG BLUE" (M) 4* Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
 Tues 17 Feb 2.00pm "THE CHORAL" (M) 3.5 stars Ralph Fiennes Period Drama/Music
 Fri 20 Feb 8.00pm "MARTY SUPREME" (M) 3.5 stars Timothee Chalamet Drama
 Fri 20 Feb 8.00pm "THE CHORAL" (M) 3.5 stars Ralph Fiennes Period Drama/Music
 Sat 21 Feb 8.00pm "MARTY SUPREME" (M) 3.5 stars Timothee Chalamet Drama
 Sat 21 Feb 8.00pm "THE CHORAL" (M) 3.5 stars Ralph Fiennes Period Drama/Music
 Sun 22 Feb 2.00pm "MARTY SUPREME" (M) 3.5 stars Timothee Chalamet Drama
 Sun 22 Feb 2.00pm "THE CHORAL" (M) 3.5 stars Ralph Fiennes Period Drama/Music
 Tues 24 Feb 2.00pm "MARTY SUPREME" (M) 3.5 stars Timothee Chalamet Drama
 Tues 24 Feb 8.00pm "THE CHORAL" (M) 3.5 stars Ralph Fiennes Period Drama/Music
 Fri 27 Feb 8.00pm "MARTY SUPREME" (M) 3.5 stars Timothee Chalamet Drama
 Fri 27 Feb 8.00pm "BLUE MOON" (M) 3.5 stars Ethan Hawke Drama
 Sat 28 Feb 8.00pm "MARTY SUPREME" (M) 3.5 stars Timothee Chalamet Drama
 Sat 28 Feb 8.00pm "BLUE MOON" (M) 3.5 stars Ethan Hawke Drama
 Sun 1 Mar 2.00pm "BLUE MOON" (M) 3.5 stars Ethan Hawke Drama
 Tues 3 Mar 2.00pm "BLUE MOON" (M) 3.5 stars Ethan Hawke Drama

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