

AUBURN EXPRESS

September, 2026

ACDC Executive Committee Members

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ACDC – September, Report

Diary Date

ACDC AGM

12th October 2026, 7pm

Auburn Institute

Supper provided

All community
members welcome.

October Community Meeting: The ACDC's *Open Meeting* held in August provided an opportunity for discussions on the **Auburn Streetscape** topic, in view of Council's allocation of funds in its 2026-27 budget. ACDC will hold a community meeting on **Thursday 22nd October 2026, 7pm at the Auburn Institute**, for further discussion to determine community priorities of possible projects, to then submit to Council for their consideration. An invitation to attend this meeting will also be extended to Council representatives.

Successful Heritage SA Grant: ACDC was successful with its submission of a Heritage SA Grant (\$19,000) for funds to assist with the cost of restoration of stonework at the Council Chambers on St. Vincent Street.

Toilet Dilemma: ACDC received information recently, that the business whose toilet module was planned for the Council Chambers on St. Vincent Street site, had gone into receivership. We are now exploring other options, and there are implications for the overall budget for this project.

U2KIDS: Plans are underway for another exciting Halloween event in Centenary Park on Saturday 31st October. Watch for announcements through social media, the digital notice board and posters. This will be lots of fun for families and kids. **Trick or Treat**, dress-ups, BBQ, music and more.

Melbourne Cup Lunch: the Auburn Institute Management Committee (AIMC) is holding a Melbourne Cup Day Lunch in collaboration with local Women's and Children's Auxiliary. Check out the **'Save the Date'** message in this edition. **Refer page 2.**

SALA Exhibition: The Artists and Auburn Institute committee were very pleased with the recent SALA Exhibition held at the Auburn Institute. With the sale of some artworks, and 331 visitors attending over two weekends, the event was a great success. Additional bookings for new events have been coming through, with October to December seeing a considerable increase.

ACDC New Member: ACDC welcomes new member **Abby**.



ACDC - Automated External Defibrillator (AED): The community AED installed on the wall of the Auburn Institute has been registered with SAAS (GoodSAM platform), and available to the public 24/7. As part of the registration process expiry dates of pads and batteries must be entered. This resulted in a recent email to us, indicating that the pads were close to their expiry date. What a great and clever system! Although we have been monitoring the green flashing light regularly to indicate the machine is operational, the expiry dates of pads can easily be overlooked. The checking of the AED will be a permanent agenda item for ACDC meetings.

AED's in Auburn, Available 24/7

Auburn Institute *southern wall*

Rising Sun Hotel *north-east
corner of building*

Auburn Recreation Park (2)

Other known AEDs are located at

Auburn SA CWA building

Auburn Bowling Club
with access limited to
time when venue is open.

complete the Proxy Form that will be emailed to all members, and return to acdcsecretary5451@gmail.com prior to the AGM. The executive committee positions due for election will be Secretary, Treasurer, and two executive committee members. Supper will be available after the meeting.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.



SAVE THE DATE

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More information to come
2 Course Lunch by **Ash Catering**
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Council Chambers on St. Vincent Street:

The Working group for this building is busy with plans for a **pop-up market** over the October long weekend (5th October - a "must" to visit), a **morning tea and history walk** for a visiting group on 31st October, and its second **Twilight Christmas Market** on Saturday 5th December. Over the next few weeks there will also be some activity removing crumbling old mortar in preparation for the stonework restoration to commence.

ACDC Annual General Meeting (AGM): The October meeting will be the AGM for ACDC. Please check the details on page one of this edition. A revised Constitution will be presented at the AGM for acceptance. It is important for ACDC members to provide their support for the acceptance of the Constitution. We look forward to seeing our members at the meeting. If you are not able to attend, please



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We continue with our weekly line-up of **FREE live music in the front bar on Sunday afternoons from 2pm - 5pm.** Check our website for upcoming artists.



Gladraggs & More by Gert, the Corner Shop at the Auburn Institute with vintage and preloved clothing and décor is open.

Friday – Sunday & public holidays from midday to 5pm and by appointment.

Carissa
0419 184 419

- **Sunday Roots & Blues** every Sunday from **2:00pm – 5:00pm**, with **free live entertainment**.
- **Sunday Roast** every Sunday from **12:00pm – 2.30pm**
- **Beef & Burgundy Mondays** – a winter dinner special available every Monday evening.
- **\$2 Oyster Hour** every Wednesday from **5:00pm – 6:00pm**, celebrating the beautiful oyster season.
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Auburn's History Column:

Skillogalee murder cont.

In 1850 a brutal murder occurred in the vicinity of Skillogalee Creek, the area where the Auburn – Balaklava Road crosses the creek to go onto the plains. At a high point off this road was situated the Public House called “the Port Henry Arms”.

Some of the following formation was revealed by witnesses during proceedings of the Court case.

The prisoner YATES and the deceased MANSFIELD were both in the services of a gentleman Slater and were inmates of the same hut, the latter being employed as a shepherd and the former as hut-keeper. The deceased was a military pensioner, of steady and respectable habits, highly esteemed by his employers, and had left a wife and family to deplore his loss. On the day preceding his murder (the 22nd ultimo) he had been to his employer for the purpose of receiving his quarter's wages, amounting to £6, and Slater, after paying him, had sent by him a message to the prisoner to the effect that he was to come to him on the 24th as his engagement would terminate on the 26th and another man was to take his place.

This was on the Tuesday. On the Thursday, the prisoner did come to Mr Slater and that witnesses during the court case detailed what they had experienced before and after the discovery of the body of MANSFIELD.



1936 Photo of the home that had been the head station of Slater and later the home of the Lambert family, the land having been granted to G.R. Lambert in 1842. This house was demolished C. 1960 owing to dampness, a new home built by George Lambert for his wife Elaine and family of Julie Anne and David.

The learned Judge spoke to the Jury and they retired, returning in ten minutes with the verdict of WILFUL MURDER. The learned Judge then earnestly besought the prisoner to make good use of the time allotted to him in this world, and continued" The sentence of the Court is, that you be taken from this place where you now stand to a place of confinement, and thence on Thursday, the 5th day of September 1850, to the place of execution; and there to be hanged by the neck until you are dead, after which your body shall be buried in the precincts of the gaol, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul!

The weather on the morning of the hanging was quite severe but despite this the event attracted a large crowd of onlookers, most of whom were men and children. In total there were at least six hundred people there to witness the gruesome happening.

Inspector Berkeley was in charge of the squadron of mounted police who with swords drawn kept a space clear in front of the gaol. The scaffold had been erected near the gate and sombre drapery hung from the front and ends of the platform. The doomed man's coffin was in place beneath the drop and well within his line of sight as he mounted the platform.

The chapel bell chimed precisely at 8 o'clock proclaiming the approach of the melancholy procession. On the throwing open of the gates the Reverend Backhouse ascended the platform followed by the pinioned prisoner who appeared to all to be much wasted since his trial. He mounted the ladder without assistance and immediately kicked off his shoes, with difficulty, before kneeling at the reverend gentleman's request. As the rope was placed around his neck and the cap over his face, mumblings for the Lord Jesus to have mercy on his soul could be clearly heard.

Information came from the SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGISTER, ADELAIDE, 5th August 1850.

TYPED BY Albert Bannear of Saddleworth in 1984. Paper of the document was deteriorating and not in A4 format convenient for current times.

Retyped by volunteer Kate Young of Auburn into twenty-eight A4 pages.
The brief account of the historic occasion was prepared by Kay Lambert.



Kay Lambert
National Trust, Auburn Branch.



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Items for the next Express due
Tuesday 13th October, 2026

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Water Security Forum - Report

Water Security in Auburn East – Update6

Refer page 9 Letter from the Minister
Hon. Emily Bourke MLC
Minister for Climate, Environment and
Water.



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Working Bee SUNDAY 27th September @ 9.00 AM

The **Annual General Meeting** of **Upper Wakefield Landcare** will be held on **Sunday 27th September at 11.30 am in Centenary Park.**

The **monthly working bee** will occur prior to that from **9.00 am**. Please meet for the sign-in at the BBQ Pavillion.

There are a few melaleuca seedlings to plant, but most activity will focus on continuing the weeding, mulching and tidying up around previous plantings.

See you then.



Auburn Primary School's planting of reeds and sedges along the river for National Tree Day. You can view their plantings on the North-Eastern side of the pedestrian bridge.

Lions Club of Gilbert Valley Collecting Old Mobile Phones for DV Safe Phone

The Lions Club of Gilbert Valey is encouraging local residents to donate their old mobile phones to support Australians escaping domestic and family violence.

The club has recently become a collection point for DV Safe Phone, a national charity that collects, refurbishes and distributes mobile phones to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Donated phones are securely erased, tested and provided free of charge to people who need a safe way to contact family, friends, support services and emergency assistance. Phones that cannot be reused are responsibly recycled, with proceeds helping to support the program.

Many households have old mobile phones tucked away in drawers that are no longer used. Rather than leaving them unused, these phones can provide an essential lifeline for someone rebuilding their life after experiencing domestic violence.

The Lions Club of Gilbert Valley is now accepting donations of:

- Mobile phones (smartphones and older models)
- Phone chargers and charging cables
- Phone accessories where available

Donating is easy. Phones, chargers and accessories can be placed in the Lions Club battery recycling bins located at Tarlee Bakery, Tarlee Post Office, Riverton Hardware and Saddleworth Post Office.

Residents are asked to remove any SIM cards and personal accessories before donating. All donated phones are securely data wiped before being refurbished for reuse or responsibly recycled.

If you have an old mobile phone that is no longer needed, please consider donating it. Your unwanted device could make a real difference to someone in need.

To donate a phone or find out more, please contact the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley via our Facebook page or speak with any Lions Club member.

Jodie Stone Secretary, Lions Club of Gilbert Valley
Contact: 0417 722 492 or 0419 672 073



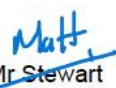
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Hon Emily Bourke MLC



MCEW26/00218

Mr Matt Stewart
midstewart@gmail.com


Dear Mr Stewart

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the water supply in the Clare Valley.

The Malinauskas State Government recognises the significant water availability and affordability pressures facing communities across the Clare Valley, driven by declining local water resources and a growing reliance on potable River Murray water delivered through the Clare Valley Water Supply Scheme.

During the 2026 election campaign, the Malinauskas State Government committed \$450,000 in the State Budget to deliver a business case on water demand and supply in the Clare Valley.

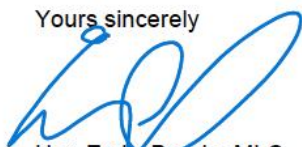
I am pleased to reconfirm that this election promise will be delivered and is scheduled to commence in 2026–27. It will focus on identifying potable water options to meet current household needs in Manoora, Waterloo, Armagh and East Auburn, this includes assessing the capacity of existing infrastructure and the viability of future supply options.

A joint government–industry working group is examining lower-cost, non-infrastructure options to support irrigation demand in the short to medium term. This group includes representatives from the Department for Environment and Water, SA Water, the Clare Valley Grape and Wine Association, and Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North.

Our Government remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering on its election promises and in continuing to work with industry, councils, and affected communities to ensure the region has a secure, affordable and sustainable water future.

Thank you again for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely



Hon Emily Bourke MLC
MINISTER FOR CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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Water Security Forum – Report
Water Security in Auburn East – Update6 – Cheryl Glenie

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September 2026 Newsletter.

Spring - A Season to Nurture and Protect Our Landscape

As the Clare Valley bursts into life with new growth across our vineyards, rolling hills, and native bushland, spring reminds us that we are stewards of a truly special environment. But with the beauty of new growth comes responsibility. The warming days and drying winds mean the summer Fire Danger Season is not far away, making this the most important time of year to care for both our land and our community.



The natural cycle here is clear: the same spring growth that greens our valleys will become summer fuel if left unmanaged. The SA Country Fire Service guides us to work with the land, not against it. Their [Preparing Your Home and Property](#) page shows how reducing fire risk also supports landscape health. Slashing long grass, cutting overhanging branches, clearing gutters of leaf litter, and removing invasive weeds are not just safety tasks - they are acts of environmental care that reduce fuel loads and protect native vegetation, wildlife corridors, and the vineyard country we all value.

A well-prepared property protects more than your home. It reduces the chance of fire spreading through our community and damaging the ecosystems that make the

Clare Valley unique. Creating defensible spaces, ember-proofing your home, and maintaining equipment all help preserve the balance between our built environment and the bush that surrounds us.



The CFS [5 Minute Bushfire Plan](#) helps households align personal safety with environmental awareness, and their [Emergency Kits](#) page ensures you are ready without relying on resources that could strain local services during an event.

Visit cfs.sa.gov.au for full details. Fire Danger Ratings will be published daily once the season begins. Let us use this spring to protect the Clare Valley we love.

Stay safe and tread lightly.

Patrick Williams. E: simba103@bigpond.com



AUBURN BRIGADE.

Newsletter. September 2026

Gate and Driveway Width

According to the official CFS fact sheet [Building a home in a bushfire risk area](#), **gateways should be at least 4 metres wide** to allow room for the safe movement of firefighting vehicles. CFS social media posts also consistently reinforce that **driveways need to be at least 4 metres wide and 4 metres high**, clear of overhanging branches, shrubs, and other obstacles.

Turning Room

The same CFS fact sheet specifies:

- **Turn around areas should be wide enough for large vehicles to easily manoeuvre**
- **You should allow for a minimum turning circle of 25 metres in diameter**

Roadway Surface and Gradient

For the driveway or access road itself, the CFS advises:

- **A well-compacted surface**
- **Gradients no greater than 1:3**
- **Solid crossings over permanent waterways**

Hardstand for Firefighting Equipment

If your property has a firefighting fitting (like a hydrant or standpipe), the CFS [Planning & building in bushfire areas](#) page notes that a **fire truck needs to reach a suitable hardstand within 6 metres of the outlet**, along with a turnaround site.

The Bottom Line

So, **will the truck fit through your gates?** If your gate is at least **4m wide** with **4m overhead clearance**, then yes. **Will it have room to turn around?** You need a **turning circle of at least 25m diameter** and a designated turn around area wide enough for large vehicles.

If you are in any doubt, you can contact the **CFS Development Assessment Service** on **08 8115 3372** or email das@cfs.sa.gov.au for a site-specific assessment.



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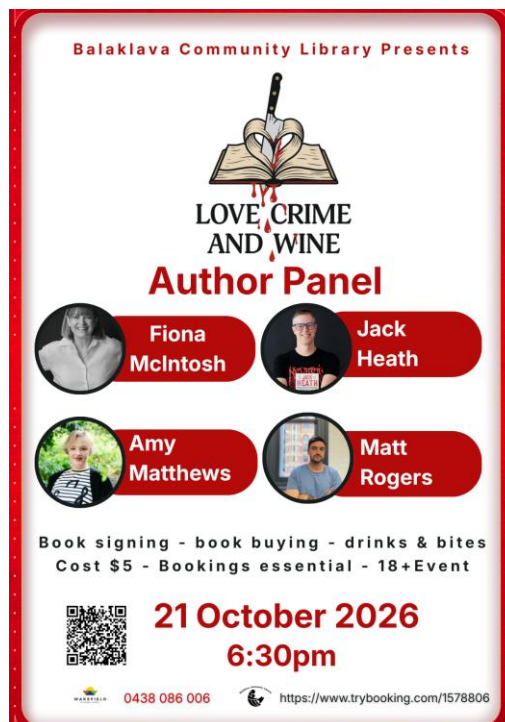


Corner North Street and Horrocks Highway, Auburn

More Information:

Angela 0427 839 197

Sue: 0414 584 707



ABOUT

Balaklava Community is hosting its annual Love, Crime and Wine Author Panel

DATE

Wednesday 21 October 2026 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

LOCATION

Balaklava Community Library
May Terrace, Balaklava SA 5461







Grab your seat at the Annual Eldredge 'Vineyard Long Lunch'.
 Delicious food served up by Sprout Catering in a stunning setting between the vines
 and the gums.

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Polish Pioneer Descendants Picnic



ABOUT

Pioneer descendants of the Polish families who arrived aboard the barque August in 1856 are warmly invited to join us for a 170th Anniversary Picnic Day Celebration on Saturday 3 October 2026 at Polish Hill River Church, 234 Polish Hill River Road, honouring their arrival at Port Adelaide and the founding of the Hill River—now Polish Hill River—settlement. We will be there from 2nd October Friday until Monday 5th Oct 2026. Caravaners welcome, SMS 0427654017 and leave you details for a call back.

DATE

Sunday 4 October 2026 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

LOCATION

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