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2024 AWARD FOR ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP – MATT HALE

Congratulations to Matt Hale for winning the Active Citizenship Award!

The Williamstown resident is active in every sense of the word, championing physical and mental fitness as well as the importance of social connectedness.

As the founder of Barossa Outdoors with his wife Faye, specialising in kayaking, e-biking, and hiking in the Southern Barossa, Matt is a strong advocate for nature-based therapy to assist in health and wellbeing.

Read more on the Barossa Council website under Community and Wellbeing.

TOUR DOWN UNDER 2024

Thursday 18th saw the TDU bikes come through Williamstown and along Mt Crawford Road twice. A big group enjoyed watching from the Baker St corner and along the way.

The town was decorated with some bright orange bikes proudly painted by 10 great young people who came together to make it happen. Thank you to all those who participated with decorating and undecorating. Williamstown received great praise over the TV Broadcast. Thanks also to Matt & Faye Hale with Barossa Outdoors kayaks on the Warren as the bikes went over the bridge and the helicopter overhead.

All of you have made a difference to bringing Williamstown to the fore in the World Tourism stage. WELL DONE!



WILLIAMSTOWN GARAGE SALE

Saturday 24th February, 7:30am-3:00pm.

Maps for gold coin donation. Bacon and egg sandwiches. Sausage sizzle. Drinks for sale at the Soldier's Memorial Hall. Organised by the Williamstown Action Group. \$5 registration fee. For registration of your property, ph: 0417 851 061. Closes 19th February.



HISTORY WITH INGRID

A number of interested women spent the afternoon of October 29 with Ingrid at the Barossa Terrace Red Gum Retreat, 69 Queen St., Williamstown. We had a discussion about the beautiful Lyndoch Valley, which stretches down to the Williamstown Caravan Park, across to Yatta and up to Arno Vale – most claimed as a Special Survey in January 1839.

Barossa Special Survey and nearby areas community tree. Section 26 Hundred of Barossa. Joint Stock Cattle Company. Johannes Mange and Menge Town (near Mount Crawford) and associated research topics.

Keep an eye out for more information about these important parts of our State's history.



SOUTHERN BAROSSA MEN'S SHED

The Men's Shed is a concept, which is growing in popularity and increasing in number in Australia and around the globe. It provides an outlet for men, much in the same way that the backyard shed has in Australian culture over many years. The Southern Barossa Men's Shed (S.B.M.S) welcomes men from all walks of life to attend our Shed. You can participate in a range of activities in the workshop if that is your desire, or you can simply turn up of a cuppa and socialise with other in a non-pressured setting. The Men's Shed does not follow a strict format but it does encourage fellowship. Projects are also undertaken, which benefit the community.

Making or repairing furniture or homewares or toys, mending and fixing motors, renovating bicycles, arts and crafts, all examples (but certainly not the limits) of the activities that can be undertaken at the Shed depending on the knowledge and skillset of the members. There is an emphasis on having a go with projects but there is no pressure. It is most important for men to enjoy the activities, have a sense of belonging, and feel happy in the Shed environment.

Men with an interest in the activities of the S.B.M.S are welcome to attend on Tuesday's and Wednesday's between 9:00am to 1:00pm at the rear of Wirraminna Little Shop of Treasures on Queen Street, Williamstown.

Any enquiries relating to the Shed, membership, or the hire of the meeting room (attached to the workshop) can be directed to Glen Venning on 0409 675 937.

THE WILLIE WAGTAIL



LIFESPAN: 15 years
WEIGHT: 17-24 grams
LENGTH: 19-21.5cm
COUNTRY: Australia

The common name of the Willie wagtail is derived from its habit of wagging its tail horizontally when foraging on the ground. The exact purpose of this behaviour is unknown but is thought to help flush out insects hidden in vegetation and hence, make them easier to catch.

SOUTHERN BAROSSA COFFEE & CHAT MORNINGS

We had a fun time at Victoria Park in Williamstown for our January catchup! The weather was very pleasant and thanks to those who came along. A huge thank you to you all.

We were very privileged to once again have Carolyn and Estelle entertain us with Australian songs.

Our Coffee and Chat for February will be at the Sunrise Bakery at Lyndoch at 10:30am on Thursday 8th February. If you are new to the area or live here and have a spare hour or two, we would love to have you join us.

For further information, please phone Judy Neilson – 0413606565.



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Sunday's at 10:00am
 Monday's 7:00pm Life Group
 Tuesday's 1:00pm Bible Study and more
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 Contact Norma: 0408 834 450
 Or Peter: 0458 202 004

LET'S GET SOCIALISING

Come and join us at the Williamstown Community Social Club. If you like to participate in playing table tennis, board games, cards, doing jigsaw puzzles, socialising, having fun, enjoy tea, coffee, and biscuits, then come and join us. Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall, George St., Williamstown. When: each Tuesday 1pm-4pm. Cost: \$3.00. Contact: Pam 0427 246 382.



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February

Friday 2nd – 9:30am: Holy Communion
 Sunday 4th – 10:00am: Candlemas & Combined Service with Baptist at St. Aidan's Church, Tanunda
 Friday 9th – 9:30am: Holy Communion
 Sunday 11th – 10:00am: Holy Communion
 Wednesday 14th – 7:30pm: Ash Wednesday at Holy Trinity Church, Lyndoch
 Thursday 15th – 10:00am: Holy Communion
 Friday 16th – 9:30am: Holy Communion
 Sunday 18th – 8:30am: Holy Trinity Church, Lyndoch
 Friday 23rd – 9:30am: Holy Communion
 Parish Priest Steven de Kleer: 8564 2087
 Church Warden Pam: 0427 246 382

WILLIAMSTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship: 10:00 am on Sunday's. All are welcome to come and join us.

Contact Trevor Venning: 0426 977 292.

You can view our weekly message on our YouTube page. YouTube search: Williamstown Church of Christ SA.



BAROSSA 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

The Barossa 4WD Club is a small group of friendly individuals who enjoy exploring this beautiful country of ours together.

We organise both social and holiday trips of various duration where members are free to opt in to a variety of activities.

If you own a 4WD vehicle and are keen to share your time with other like-minded people, come along to one of our monthly meetings and say hello.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Lyndoch Library meeting room at 7:30pm. Send us an email at: Barossa4wdclub@gmail.com.

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SCONE TIME



The third Tuesday of every month.
 February 20th 2024
 10:00am-11:30am at the RSL Hall
 \$5.00

Time for a scone with jam and cream or
 savoury. Plus an endless cuppa tea or coffee.

What a great time we had in January with
 Nick Downey who was most informative
 regarding keeping the burglars at bay or keeping
 yourself safe. Thank you, Nick.

This month: What is an Advanced Care
 Directive? What Attorney? Power? Medical?

Presented by Jo Boetel – Wirraminna
 Home Care Co-ordinator.

*Information: do you need to know how
 to:

- Contact My Aged Care?
- Need help with rent assistance?
- Help with something else?
- Or just someone to share a cuppa with
 or meet new people in the town?

**A lucky door prize – Everyone
 welcome.**

PIONEER MEN'S GROUP

Thursday 8th February, 2024. 2:00pm –
 \$5.00 per person. Venue: RSL/Senior Citizen
 Hall, Memorial Drive, Williamstown.

Topic – “Men, Horses, and Bullocks”.
 (a DVD produced by Williamstown
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RDABGLAP NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Nuriootpa, South Australia: In a strategic move to maximise the benefits of the upcoming \$2 billion investment outlined in the RDSA Regional Blueprint 2023, Regional Development Australia Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains (RDABGLAP) Chair Rolf Binder proudly announces the addition of four new board members. Introducing Our New Board Members:

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Hello Willy Wagtail readers!

I'd like to begin by thanking Debbie and Lyn for entrusting me to edit & design this year's Willy Wagtail newsletter. The experience in creating and meeting long-time patrons of the newsletter has been invaluable.

I have decided to alter the Willy Wagtail to its earlier format as I believe it reflects and maintains the heritage of Williamstown.

With that being said, I would greatly appreciate feedback from our viewers. Suggestions, comments, complaints, or praise is not only welcome but encouraged. As readers of this newsletter, your feedback is important to me and will be taken into consideration for future newsletters.

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- **600:** The Black Plague swept through Europe, and Pope Gregory the Great declared that the proper response to someone sneezing should be, "God Bless You".
- **1587:** Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded for treason at Forheringhay Castle.
- **1975:** Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of a major political party.
- **1990:** Nelson Mandela was released from Victor Verster prison after 27 years.
- **2004:** Mark Zuckerberg created the social media platform Facebook.

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