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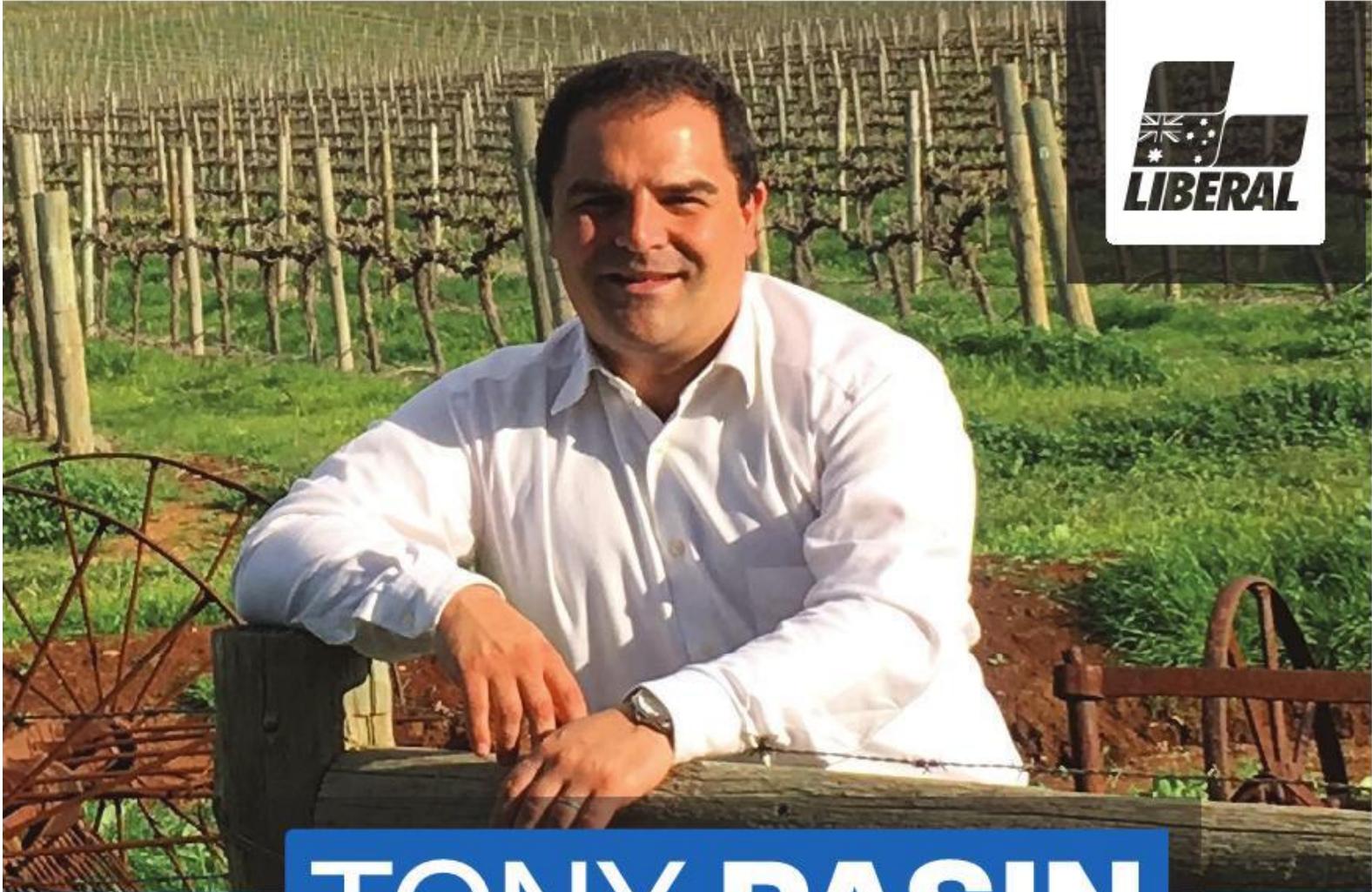


The Williamstown Anzac Ceremony .

Trevor Jessop.

Steve Wilson with dad, Arnold Wilson, Deb Wilson, Daniel and Nicole.





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ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2023

The Williamstown ANZAC Day Dawn Service for 2023 was held on the day in near perfect conditions. Fantastic support from the people of Williamstown and other local communities was very pleasing for the organizers with estimations of 1,000 people attending.

Once again local Celebrant Robyn Dennard officiated for the Ceremony with her usual aplomb, delivering the Service perfectly and supported by Simon Taylor and Russell Johnstone running the sound equipment with Sing Australia contributing. City of Adelaide Airforce Squadron provided the Catafalque Party.

Wreaths were laid at the Memorial by 101-year-old WW2 veteran Arnold Wilson and other local Service veterans, currently serving military personnel, local Councillors and a representative of our local Member of Parliament, juniors from the local footy club, St Jakobi and Williamstown schools as well as members of the general public wishing to show their respect for those who fell. Wreath layers were ably assisted where required by the Barossa Scout Group who again were very well represented.

A traditional Breakfast prepared by the Southern Barossa Mens Shed was served at the RSL Hall by the Williamstown Action Group. Well done and thank you all for your efforts. A special thank you to the Williamstown Hotel for contributing a donating of food towards supplies for the breakfast and Craig McDonald (the Piper) for his stirring prelude to the Dawn Service.

It is important to recognize that the Service would not have happened without the support of all these community groups, well done!

The organizers would like to thank all those who attended the Dawn Service, your continued support makes it all worthwhile, thank you, for without your assistance there would have been no Service. We look forward to seeing you all again at next year's Dawn Service!

Trevor Jessop

As part of a Community Response - Many Thanks to Trevor Jessop himself for his great input into this yearly community event! Thanks Trevor!

Open Day at the Williamstown History Room 28th May 11am – 2pm

May is History Month and to celebrate our past the Williamstown and District Historical Society will be having an open day **on Sunday 28th May 11am – 2pm.**

Location is our freshly painted **History Room**, in the Soldier's Memorial Hall.

On display will be Photos, Land Titles, Cemetery Records and General Memorabilia. We will also have our photo slide shows with a new release featuring the Timber Industry.

For the digitally minded there will be computer access to most of our collections, for the not so digitally minded there will be plenty of hard copy eg. folders and albums and the recently discovered and very old ledger books from Collins Store (next to the Post Office).

Have a peek and see what your ancestors were buying at the local shop.

So please come, we'll be here and we would love to show you around our collections.

Williamstown Garden Club

Williamstown Garden Club Closes its doors after over 27 years

Due a lack of volunteers and a slow decline in membership the Garden Club has decided to close.

This decision was taken at the AGM in February 2023 and all formal processes are now complete with the balance of funds being donated to the CFS.

The final meetings speaker was John Kassebaum from the Williamstown History Society who described the historical walk around the town and provided a snapshot of the numerous records and photographs that have been gathered.

This is a good opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for its dedication and efforts during a difficult period.

To all the members thanks for the memories of the great times we had over the journey. On a more positive note, the club put its support behind a community Garden for the town, this looks to be progressing thanks to support from both St Peters and Uniting Churches. We wish this venture well.

The New Look at The Gravel Yard

Elegant, Friendly and Sunshiny! This describes in simple terms the new premises of Paula O'Driscoll's 'The Gravel Yard'. Have you been down to The Old Sawmill Complex on Mount Crawford Road for a look yet? You still have a treat in store then if you haven't! The custom-made store is spacious, beautifully decorated and filled with wonderful clothing, charming Change Rooms, gifts of many types and a side alcove devoted to their 'Tubbies' products. When asked if she had anything to add to the collection of photos, I was gathering Paula's beaming face really made words

unnecessary and all I could squeeze out of her was that she was "Very Happy!" L.L.

Happy 90th Birthday Sheila Gordon.

A long time resident and volunteer over the course of her life and previous swimming instructor who lives with her daughter Kate and David Gordon has now reached the glorious age of 90.

We wish you a very Happy Birthday Sheila from all of us in the Community.



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Photos of the Williamstown Action Volunteers serving the Anzac breakfast of Egg and bacon rolls, orange juice and tea/ coffee.

Piper, Craig McDonald, playing at the Anzac Day Ceremony.

Ellamore Flowers outstanding window display at the Melbourne and International Flower Show.



Rumour has it....a number of sources have reported that a Supermarket will be coming to Williamstown, although no official announcement to date.

If the actions of the Community Steering Committee and all the hours of work and sweat and tears account for anything, it is that we generated enough interest to show the feasibility, interest and possibility of a Supermarket in Williamstown and that must be seen as a positive and may have had some doing in a commercial buyer being found to take it on.

Lets hope we can further shop locally soon!



Williamstown Community meeting

Tuesday May 16th 2023 at the school hall.

7pm Agenda will include The Southern Barossa Co-op and the Supermarket Future projects for the town Community aspects of Progress. Looking forward to seeing you there



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Ellamore Flowers recent trip to the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.

Towards the end of March I undertook a huge challenge to take part in a 'window display' competition in Melbourne.

I had logged onto the MIFGS website with the view to purchasing tickets to go and visit as I'd never been and had heard it was a 'must see' event.

Whilst perusing the website I came across the Window Display competition which was open to Florists, Flower Growers and people associated within the industries.

So I sent in an application not thinking anything would come of it and two days later I had an email confirming the Ellamore Flowers had been accepted to take part.

The theme to be interpreted was "A Moment In Time" so I choose "Woodstock Music Festival 1969". Due to logistics with Fresh Flower material I elected to use all dried and preserved flowers and foliage. My car was packed to the rafters and off I set to Melbourne.

I stayed with Charmaine Geisler (from Bulb And Bean) and Charmaine helped me set up my display on the Sunday and by Tuesday afternoon my display was ready for the Judges!

Admittedly I was initially disappointed that I didn't place, however, taking part in such a prestigious event was a huge achievement and learning curve. I made several new acquaintances within the world of Floristry and came away with sense of pride and satisfaction. I pushed myself well out side of my comfort zone and managed to negotiate the Melbourne traffic!

In conclusion, whatever your passion is give yourself a go and push outside that comfort zone every now and then, you never know where it may take you.

Home now and getting ready for a busy Mother's Day. Call into my Floristry Studio to say hello and have a look at what your local florist can offer.

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Williamstown Playgroup

Williamstown Community, we have a new playgroup in town run by 3 local mums in conjunction with Williamstown Primary School. Term 1 was a huge success with children and parents alike enjoying a fun and safe space to gather in the morning.

We hold sessions every Wednesday during the school term at the Williamstown Primary School. Each week we focus on having activities for the kids in a relaxed environment. Parents and caregivers can sit back, watch the children play and enjoy a chat and coffee. We do crafts, messy play and special holiday activities. With much more fun planned for next term including the library outreach program visiting us for three sessions to read books and sing songs with the children.

We have been so blessed with all the wonderful donations from our community! A special thank you to local business Plum Pride Plumbing & Gas for their generous donation to our little group.

Come along and try playgroup Wednesday 9am - 10.30am. Williamstown Primary School Room 15. Fee \$5 once off enrolment, \$2 per session attended. Or check out our Facebook page, Williamstown Playgroup, for further information.

Chelsea, Amy and Rebecca



The Eagle's Nest.

A Newsletter of the Lyndoch Bowling Club

MAY 2023 NEW MEMBERS NEEDED!

Bowls is a great game that can be played by people of all ages, genders and abilities. The Lyndoch Bowling Club will make you welcome and can provide equipment and training to allow you to have fun at whatever level you would like to participate at.

If you don't want to play, Friday Social Night is on every Friday during the year from 5:00pm (practice from 3:30pm). Everyone is welcome to come to the club for a drink, snack and a chat. Social Membership is available and new members (playing & non-playing) will always be welcomed.

Calendar:

- ✓ **Fridays weekly** – Social Night – Bar Opens 5:00pm
- ✓ **Sunday 7 May 2023 – AGM** – 12:30pm for 1:00pm - New members welcome

Sponsors:

The Lyndoch & District Bowling Club would like more sponsors (big thank you to those businesses currently sponsoring us) to stay viable and is interested to hear from any businesses (or individuals) that would like to sponsor our important social community club.

Programme and Results:

For anyone interested in where the club is playing or the results of a game you can head to our face book page: <https://www.facebook.com/LyndochEagles>

Congratulations to Harry Sykes for winning the Association Singles. Harry will now play in the regional finals in Broken Hill – Good Luck!

Lyndoch Bowling Club Hire:

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The Southern Barossa Mens 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 for 'a cuppa' and socialise with others in a non-pressured setting.

The Mens 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 Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9am-1pm. at the rear of Wirraminna Little Shop of Treasures on Queen Street, Williamstown.

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



Pete's elaborate bird box, almost finished.

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Twentieth Anniversary of the Licensees of the Williamstown Post Office

Pam and Greg Pain have been the Licensees of the Williamstown Licensed Post Office (LPO) for a very productive 20 years this May. Many of us remember John Grovermann's time as Postmaster and some of the longer-term residents of the town will remember his predecessor, his mother, the incredible Laurence Grovermann, now 104, when she was the Postmistress. Time moves on and when John sold the building and, in effect the Post Office in 2003, Greg and Pam became an integral part of the fabric of our town.

Back in 1988 a young Pam and Greg met at a Disco in Tarlee. In 1992 they were married in Owen and moved to Gawler West where Pam worked in the Newsagents in the Coles complex near the Train Station and Greg, a Diesel Mechanic by trade, was employed by Metropolitan Machinery, agents for John Deere. When Greg's parents started having difficulties managing their hotel at Warooka on Yorke Peninsula, Pam and Greg sold their home in Gawler and went to help them. Despite the help Greg's parents decided to leave the hotel life behind them and our young couple bought the hotel from them. While they were living in Warooka their three children were born at Yorketown.

After 10 years of running the Warooka Hotel Pam and Greg sold the business and decided to travel around Australia. During the 6 months of waiting for their van to be built they moved in with Greg's parents, who were now living in Cockatoo Valley. Once they were on the road they travelled around Australia for 18 months with their three children at the time, Sarah 6 years old, Laura 4 years and Amanda 2 years. The children were 'home-schooled' but later on, all three attended the Williamstown Primary School. The girls also worked at our local Bakery over the years, on weekends and during the school holidays, and played Netball for our Barossa Bulldogs Netball Club, during which time a supportive Pam was the Netball Club's Secretary and then President for a number of years. Nowadays, the girls all live nearby.

While on their travels Pam and Greg were always on the lookout for a new business to buy. In Kununurra they met John Grovermann's sister, Elizabeth, who mentioned that John was looking to sell the Post Office in Williamstown quite soon. So, with a 10 Year Plan in place (in their heads!) they arrived in Williamstown and Williamstown exerted its usual stealthy, artful charm and twenty years later they have no plans to go anywhere else!!

Within 5 years the Post Office was becoming too much for just Pam and Greg to manage so more staff were employed. Currently, the staff consists of Sally, who is full-time and the Acting Manager when Pam and Greg are absent. Annette, who works 3 days a week, Danni who works for 2 days and then pops up for the rest of the week in her own business just down the road, 'Blitz'! Dayna, who comes in to help with the sorting 1 day/week. To help Greg with the mail runs there are Paul and Pat(rick)! Who knew Williamstown had its own "Postman Pat"?? With the advent of their first Grandchild, Pam has at least 2 days off each week to help with caring for Harvey, and, having seen Greg in action also, I'd say Harvey has it made!!

As times change so do needs and as the town has grown so has the need for more postal boxes. In the first year of occupancy 100 new post office boxes needed to go in and every five years since then another 100 have been added. In 2005 a section of the George Street verandah was walled in and new boxes were placed at one end of this wall. This process was repeated in 2010. The George Street wall is now full of postal boxes. The original 600 boxes, in situ when Pam and Greg arrived, have been increased to over 1300 and some of the older ones have been replaced.

One of the early changes to the Post Office occurred when the chemist next door closed down and the shop space was repurposed with half going into the hairdressers and half into the Post Office where a much-needed, larger customer waiting area was needed and where new products including stationery items, gifts, cards and wrapping papers as well as postal packaging options, could all be displayed. In 2018 an extension was added, and, you guessed it, more postal boxes appeared on its outer wall! However, the room was added for more storage space as parcel post has increased dramatically.

So, what does work in the Post Office entail? From our side of the counter all appears calm. There is that wonderful small town feeling of being 'known', having time for a friendly chat and a bit of good-natured banter and laughter! Yet, behind the scenes, life is much more hectic with staff frantically tackling a myriad of tasks including purchasing a variety of wonderful items to keep the gift shelves stocked. Pam also spends at least a day a week doing the book-keeping. Greg is on the road 5 mornings a week to pick up the mail at 8am

Twentieth Anniversary of the Licensees of the Williamstown Post Office

(cont) at Lyndoch for Cockatoo Valley and Williamstown, continuing on after delivery to the post offices, to Mount Crawford and Pewsey Vale for his Roadside Deliveries (RSD). Greg also spends a great deal of time maintaining the old building and restoring the living areas to their former glory.

Some things haven't changed! Our 'Williamstown Post and Telegraph Office' remains a busy hub within the town where friends still gather on the corner and pass the time of day and a bit of gossip starts its inevitable, confusing journey along the air waves! Thanks for helping keep that friendly, community spirit alive in our Post Office, Pam and Greg.

Happy Twentieth Anniversary and Good Luck for the next Twenty Years!

L.L.



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Barossa Vintage Festival—Williamstown Float

An idea arose at one of our community meetings that Williamstown should be represented at the Barossa Valley Vintage Festival this year. It was quite late in the preparation time. Quite sadly, but gladly, Matt Hale advised us that he was unable to take part with the registering from Barossa Kayak Hire and Outdoors so this spot was available.

Action started and help was requested from many business and local people. Beautifully, the O' Driscoll family with Barossa Landscapes, the Gravel Yard and Barossa Earthworx came on board with vehicles, ideas and help.

Barossa Outdoors with kayaks, mountain bike etc. The Williamstown Action Group (WAG) members worked hard to get the final design and getting it ready to go.

Forestry SA came on board and provided not only Pine trees but Forest Ranger Luke Hein to walk alongside. Truly authentic. Another Williamstown resident Chad Rachwal, also helped us out with some excellent photos and printing.

John's print centre printed the magic Warren photo and other boards. The Southern Barossa Mens Shed participated with help, a bench and a saw to cut the pine log while the vehicle was going along.

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Our next Coffee and Chat will be at the Barossa Chateau 35 Hermann Thumm Drive , on Thursday 11th May at 10,30am.. We have had an excellent response..

The cost is \$12.50 per person which includes two scones with jam and cream and tea and coffee .

If anyone else would like to join us please phone Judy on 0413606565 no later than Friday 5th May so that I can confirm with the Chateau. Pay on the day!! It is a lovely visit and they have a lovely shop to browse through.

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Domestic - Commercial - Industrial

- **LED lighting**
- **Fault finding and Repairs**
- **New Installations**
- **First Fix / Second Fix**
- **Renovations / Rewiring**
- **Switchboard Upgrades**
- **Air-conditioning**

0412 303 676

vandselectrical@outlook.com

Local Native Plant Sale

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th
June 10am - 2pm

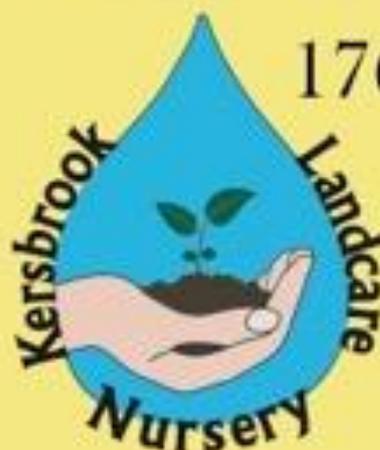
Standard tubestock plants \$2.50

260+ local native species

Hakeas - Food for
Yellow-tailed Black
Cockatoos

Hakea carinata

Hakea rostrata



176 South Para Road, Williamstown

More info and species list @

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Williamstown Amateur Players Inc.

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 20th MAY 2023

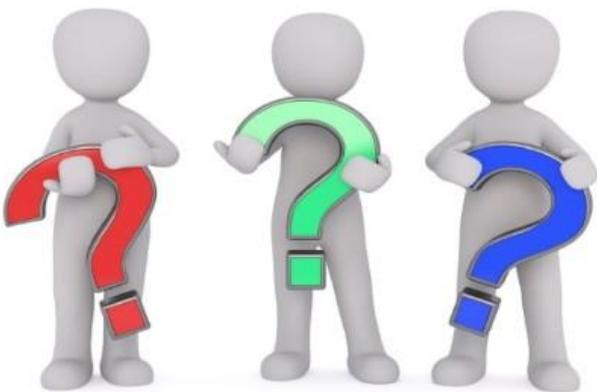
Williamstown Memorial Hall
22 Queen St, Williamstown



Doors open 7pm for a 7:30pm Start
Maximum 8 per table
Tickets \$15 per person
("Square" payment available)

Ring or text 0422 353 898 to book your table.

**BYO basket supper, drinks &
plenty of small change for
RAFFLE,
IN-BETWEEN GAMES,
AUCTIONS,
PRIZES
& MORE!!**



Come and join in the Fun!!

Proudly supporting the local community & charities