

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023



MERRY CHRISTMAS



TBCC CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

TBCC will be closed from Friday 15th December and will be reopening on Monday 15th January 2024.

TBCC MINI BUS CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

The TBCC Mini bus will not be available for bookings from Friday 22nd December 2023, through to Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

MMCPN MEDICAL BUS CLOSURE DATES

The Medical Bus will conclude its services for 2023 on Friday 15th December 2023 and will recommence on Monday 15th January 2024. Please note that the Community Passenger Network will remain in operation during this period, pending driver and car availability.

FINALIST FOR THE RYDE INTERNATIONAL CONNECTING COMMUNITIES AWARD

We were thrilled to be named finalists for the Ryde International Connecting Communities Award, part of the South Australian Community Achievement Awards. These prestigious awards recognise and celebrate the valuable contributions of individuals, communities, and businesses across South Australia.

Ryde, a company dedicated to storytelling and capturing memorable moments, began in the heart of the Riverland, South Australia, driven by a strong passion. Starting as a small backyard endeavor, Ryde has grown into a global company with a mission to inspire others with the belief that growing up does not have to entail growing old, and they are perpetually committed to inspiring others with this shared conviction.. "Ryde is my way of making sense of the world." Nathan Woodrow, Founder and CEO - Ryde International.

We deeply appreciate the alignment of Ryde's philosophies with ours and the honor of being named finalists. Our dedicated team's hard work and commitment propel us forward every day, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the South Australian Community Achievement Awards for their support. Congratulations to the category winner, Kangaroo Island/Victor Harbor Dolphin Watch – what a wonderful evening it was!



COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The Tailem Bend Community Centre Calendar for 2024 is now ready. If you would like a copy, they are available at the front reception, available from our website, <https://www.tbcc.org.au/whats-on/tbcccalendar/> or give us a call and we can send you a copy.

OUR GOLDIES LUNCHEONS FOR 2024

23rd February 2024
22nd March 2024

Join us for a social lunch and a chat, 12 noon to 1.30 pm for a two-course meal.

\$10.00 for CHSP consumers | Non-CHSP \$15.00.

A bus trip to attend Goldies is also available for those who live in Tailem Bend. The cost is a gold coin donation.

Booking is essential, please call 8572 3513 or email chsp@tbcc.org.au

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024

Denise is in full swing organising bus trips and social outings for 2024. If you wish to attend any of the following please register your interest by calling 8572 3513.

Miss Saigon

Wednesday 24th January, 1 pm Matinee Show.

Elvis A Musical Revolution

Coming April 2024

Tina The Tina Turner Musical

Wednesday 8th May 2024, 1 pm Matinee Show

Social Surprise Bus

Sshhh.. it's a surprise! Previous Social Surprise trips have been to; Mannum Handorf, Virginia Nursery, Gawler, Strathalbyn, Marion, Goolwa, Oakbank, Loxton and Port Elliot... Where to next?

Cost: CHSP \$10 | Non CHSP \$20

Due to high demand, we are expanding our trips to now include Meningie and Murray Bridge as additional starting locations. Check out the trips below;

8th February 2024 | Tailem Bend

15th February 2024 | Meningie

4th March 2024 | Tailem Bend

14th March 2024 | Murray Bridge

MURRAY BRIDGE POOL AND SHOPPING BUS

Travelling Wednesdays. Two options for our passengers: either the Murray Bridge Heated pool or Murray Bridge Marketplace, but not both. The bus will drop off at the pool and then go on to the Marketplace.

Cost: \$5 per person

7th February 2024

14th February 2024

21st February 2024

28th February 2024

6th March 2024

13th March 2024

20th March 2024

27th March 2024

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

If you have ideas that you would like to become classes, projects, or activities, or if you are interested in learning new skills, please reach out, and let's explore the possibilities. You can contact Lauren on 08 8572 3513 or via email cssp@tbcc.org.au

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MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY PASSENGER NETWORK

The MMCPN office and its volunteer drivers have been exceptionally busy as the year-end rush approaches. The demand for transportation in the Coorong, Southern Mallee and Karoonda East Murray regions has been consistently high, and our dedicated drivers have once again risen to the occasion whenever the need arises. It is worth noting that many of our drivers received Certificates of Appreciation this year in recognition of their outstanding service.

Among these exceptional volunteers, one driver who deserves special mention resides in Lameroo and has been volunteering as a driver for our CPN cars for a remarkable 15 years. Richard Pearce embarked on his volunteer driving journey in 2008 with the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme, and his unwavering dedication has continued through the transition of the scheme to the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network, which took effect on January 1st, 2019, and his volunteering efforts continue to shine brightly to this day.



In addition to Richard's extraordinary 15-years of dedication, we want to acknowledge and honor several other outstanding volunteer drivers who received badges in recognition of their valuable service for 1 year. These dedicated individuals have contributed their time and efforts supporting our organisation, making our transportation services a success. These exceptional drivers include John.A., Ed, Sharon, Trevor, Chris, John.P., Peter, Mick, Sam, Mim and Mark. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of them for their commitment and contribution. Their combined efforts, along with those not specifically mentioned here but actively involved in driving and supporting the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network, have played a pivotal role in ensuring the operation of our services. Your unwavering support is truly appreciated, and it is thanks to your dedication that we can continue to provide vital transportation assistance to these communities. Our drivers as a collective, have travelled a total distance of 94,986 kms this year so far, an amazing effort.

As the demand for transportation services continues to grow in the Karoonda and Murray Bridge regions, we want to emphasise our need for additional volunteer drivers in these areas. If you are aware of anyone interested in joining our organisation and becoming a volunteer driver, kindly refer them to Mel at the Tailm Bend Community Centre or have them reach out via phone on 8572 3513. Your assistance in spreading the word would be greatly appreciated.

From the Volunteer Drivers and myself, we wish you a lovely Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!



COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Our Communities for Children team has been as busy as bees! During the October school holidays, we teamed up with Nature Play SA to provide three amazing sessions of Nature Play Mini Festivals. These sessions saw families engage in various outdoor activities, including cubby building, mask making, and clay creations. Our C4C team also delivered three sessions of nature-inspired creativity events. Families were thrilled to create fabric prints with flowers, nature wands, and clay ornaments.



Our team has been planning some amazing Christmas events coming up in December, including a Christmas tree decoration session, a family Christmas party, and Christmas crafts fun!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the upcoming events during the January school holidays!



Bookings Essential
Scan the QR Code



or follow this link
<https://www.trybooking.com/CNIPF>

During our Parent Child Mother Goose sessions, we celebrated World Nursery Rhyme Week, which emphasized the importance of early language and literacy development while having fun learning new rhymes and songs. We are excited to continue our intergenerational sessions with visits to Aminya and Jallarah later this term.

We wish all our Families and the wider Community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Stay safe and have fun over the holiday period!



FAREWELL KATRINA



We are saddened to announce that Katrina will be leaving our C4C team. Katrina joined the TBCC C4C team on 20 June 2022 and has been a vital part of the team for the past 17 months.

We are incredibly thankful for her hard work and dedication, especially when she stepped in to help onboard Zoey earlier this year, after Gayle's departure. Katrina wanted to pass on that she loved meeting you all and feels lucky to have spent time with you and your children, she wishes you all happiness and best wishes and looks forward to seeing you all sometime in the future.

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