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TBCC ANNUAL AWARDS

Is there someone in the community who you think should be nominated for one of our Annual Awards? Nominations are now open and close on 30th April 2024. Nomination forms can be collected from reception.

Service Awards

Service Awards acknowledge five or more years of valued active service to the Tailem Bend Community Centre, by staff, tutors, and volunteers.

Life Membership Award

The Life Membership Award is the highest honour that the Tailem Bend Community Centre can bestow upon staff, tutors and/or volunteers. The award recognises those that have made an outstanding contribution to the high-quality service that enhances the reputation, existence, and continued effectiveness of the TBCC, for a period of ten or more years of active service. Nominations can be made by staff or financial members of the Tailem Bend Community Centre (including but not limited to tutors, volunteers, and Board Members). Only one award will be presented annually.

Honorary Membership Awards

Honorary Membership Awards are an acknowledgement by the TBCC for community members who have made an outstanding contribution to the positive well-being and enhancement of Tailem Bend and the surrounding community, over a period of ten years or more.

The recipient of Honorary Membership will receive oneyear free membership with the Tailem Bend Community Centre. Nominations can be made by any member of the public. Only one award will be presented annually.

All nominations will be received by the TBCC Board of Management and reviewed by the Public Officer to assess against the eligibility criteria. The recommendations of suitable nominees will be submitted to the Board of Management prior to the August Committee Meeting, for approval and acceptance.

Presentation of all awards will be made at the Annual General Meeting.

WELCOME KRYSTLE



We are very excited to welcome Krystle Heron to the TBCC team, in the role of Business Support Officer. Krystle has qualifications in Business, Human Resources and Real Estate. With extensive experience in high level administrative roles in both the private and public sectors and a passion for providing excellent customer service and building long-term relationships. Krystle is enthusiastic and committed to making a real difference to peoples lives within the community.

MMCPN UPDATE

Since the beginning of the new year, the MMCPN office has been buzzing with activity. With Coorong Coaches on hiatus during the Christmas break, demand for CPN cars soared to fulfill transportation needs. Our dedicated volunteer drivers demonstrated remarkable commitment during this period, greatly assisting our communities. Their impact on our office operations was immense, and we are profoundly thankful.

We want to inform everyone that the Coorong Coaches medical bus is now operational and available for bookings. It is crucial to utilise this service to ensure its continuity as a transportation option in Tailem Bend and nearby areas. The door-to-door service and compassionate approach of the drivers are highly appreciated by all service users. The medical bus is equipped with an electric lift, providing added convenience for passengers with mobility challenges during transportation.

The Coorong Coaches medical bus operates with appointment times, with drop-offs in Adelaide at 11am and pick-ups starting at 2pm. As the most cost-effective transportation mode for appointments in Adelaide, Murray Bridge and Mount Barker, we urge consumers to coordinate with their doctors and health services to align appointments with the Coorong Coaches schedule. Don't hesitate to give us a call at TBCC and we can discuss what options work best for your transport needs.

In other MMCPN updates, Tammy and I attended a driver presentation on February 20th in Karoonda to explore options for establishing CPN car services or accessing hospital cars for transportation in the township. With the absence of a local doctor at the hospital, residents now need to travel to Murray Bridge or Mannum for medical appointments. It's vital to establish transportation options for Karoonda residents in order to maintain access to essential services.

Tammy's presentation was well-received, with ten drivers expressing interest and undergoing the Volunteer Driver Accreditation Program. We are still actively seeking drivers in Murray Bridge, Lameroo, and Meningie to meet demand. If you know anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please encourage them to contact Mel at TBCC, and we can provide further details about the program.



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CEO UPDATE

Tailem Bend Community Centre Awarded \$100,000 Grant from Tailem Bend Advancement Group

The Tailem Bend Community Centre (TBCC) is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a generous grant of \$100,000 from the Tailem Bend Advancement Group. This substantial contribution will bolster TBCC's efforts to continue providing essential services and programs aimed at enhancing the lives of residents in the Murraylands region.

TBCC plays a crucial role in our community by offering a wide range of services, including transport assistance, support services, social support classes, access to Centrelink internet services, and community bus hire. These services are integral to fostering social interaction, offering lifelong learning opportunities, and addressing the transportation needs of our community.

The key objectives of TBCC revolve around assisting individuals at risk of social or financial disadvantage, reducing poverty and distress, combating social isolation, and promoting community development. Additionally, TBCC actively encourages volunteering, fosters community partnerships, and strives for operational excellence.

In addition to its ongoing efforts, TBCC is excited to announce an upcoming community enterprise project in the community. This initiative will create offices, a produce cafe, and a training facility, equipping them with essential skills and helping them remain active members of our community.

To continue providing these valuable services and embark on new initiatives like the one mentioned above, we rely on the generous support of individuals and organisations. This significant donation will have a direct and lasting impact on the well-being of our community members.

TBCC extends its gratitude to the Tailem Bend Advancement Group for their generous support and looks forward to continuing our services in the Murraylands community.

For more information, visit https://www.tbcc.org.au/

We are delighted to announce that the Tailem Bend Community Centre also received a generous donation of \$10,000 from Tour de Cure, an organisation dedicated to curing cancer and changing lives. This significant contribution will be instrumental in supporting our Community Passenger Network, which provides essential transportation assistance to disadvantaged rural and remote community members, ensuring they can access vital medical and social appointments. We were honoured to attend the presentation in Meningie on Friday, March 22nd, and express our heartfelt gratitude to Tour de Cure for their support. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of those in need.



We call upon all community members to consider making tax-deductible donations to Tailem Bend Community Centre (TBCC) as a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. Your contribution, regardless of its size, will make a significant

difference in supporting our programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being of individuals and families in the Murraylands region. Every donation, big or small, helps us continue providing vital services, fostering community development, and creating positive impacts in the lives of those we serve. Join us in making a difference today.

CHSP UPDATE

BINGO

Ready to add some excitement to your Friday? Join us for an epic game of BINGO! Get your dabbers ready! Don't miss

Dates: 12 April | 17 May | 14 June

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Venue: TBCC - 141 Railway Terrace Tailem Bend

Admission: \$6.00 per book (10 games)

NEW SUPPORT SERVICES

CHSP have secured growth funding for new Domestic Services from January 2024 up until June 2025. Contact TBCC for more information on eligibility requirements.

GOLDEN OLDIES LUNCH

On 23 February we held our monthly Golden Oldies Lunch. The food was delicious and the turnout was just as incredible. 55 friendly and happy faces enjoying the food and atmosphere. From guest speakers to raffles and everything in between. Join us at our next lunch on 31 May 2024

Bookings are essential as our seats fill up fast. Cost - CHSP \$10.00 P/P | NON-CHSP \$15 P/P

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELVIS | Expression of Interest | April 2024 **TINA TURNER MUSICAL |** 8 May 2024 | CHSP \$145.00 NON CHSP \$160.00

CHICAGO THE MUSICAL | 14 Aug 2024 | CHSP \$140.00 NON CHSP \$150.00

Contact TBCC for more information and/or to secure your seat





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C4C UPDATE

The Communities for Children team welcome you to 2024! We are looking forward to seeing what this year will hold and sharing the new year with you all!

We have been busy planning for upcoming events for Term 1 including a Kindness workshop, a Harmony Day event and an Easter craft session! Further events will be planned for the April school holidays so keep your eye out on our Facebook page for details.

PCMG

Parent Child Mother Goose invites parents and carers to cuddle, communicate and connect with their child through Songs, Rhymes and Stories.

Our PCMG sessions are held each week during the school term, see below for days and times:

Monday - Murray Bridge Library - 10am

Tuesday - Mannum Leisure Centre (Senior citizen room) - 10am

Wednesday – Meningie Kindergarten – 11am **Thursday** – Tailem Bend Primary School – 9.30am

We have a Registered Midwife visiting each venue once a term. These visits allow parents/carers the opportunity to have a chat, ask questions and get up to date weights and measurements for their child/ren.

See the flyer on our Facebook Page or call our Communities for Children team for further details.

This term we have been lucky enough to participate in an intergenerational visit in each location. Intergenerational sessions promote social connection, emotional wellbeing and cognitive stimulation for all involved and is a lot of



COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN MURRAYLANDS FAMILY FRIENDLY BUSINESS AWARDS

are now open! If you know a business or organisation that is 'family friendly' please scan the QR code to nominate them to be recognised in the Communities for Children Murraylands Family Friendly Business Awards! You have until 31 March 2024 to nominate.

Full terms and conditions along with award categories and information can be found on our website www.tbcc.org.au



For Further details contact the Communities for Children Team at the Tailem Bend Community Centre 08 8572 3513 or email c4c@tbcc.org.au

The Family Friendly Business Awards are brought to you by the Communities for Children Team at Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc in conjunction with Communities for Children Murraylands Facilitating Partner ac.care and funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services.



TBCC MEMBERSHIPS

TBCC Membership is due by 30 June 2024. To have voting rights at the September 2024 Annual General Meeting, Membership is mandatory.
Cost: \$5.50 per annum.

Term 2 Timetable

Refer to the TBCC website and social media page for the latest Term 2 Timetable - https://www.tbcc.org.au/

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