

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



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CTSA UPDATE

Community Transport South Australia is refreshing the look of our fleet, with new branding currently being rolled out across our vehicles. As the update progresses, you'll start to notice the new design more frequently in the community. Before long, this friendly and recognisable look will be what greets you at your door when you book transport with us.

We would also like to inform passengers that BusBiz has introduced a fare adjustment for the Coorong Coaches medical bus service, effective 1 July 2026. The return fare from Tailem Bend to Adelaide is now \$36. This fare includes complimentary travel for a carer if a support person is required for your appointment. Please note that this service is cash-only, with payment made directly to the driver upon boarding.

This month, 32 of our volunteers successfully completed a Defensive Driver Course at The Bend Motorsport Park. Delivered over two days, the program combined hands-on training with opportunities for team connection. Funded by the Department of Human Services and delivered in partnership with the Rural City of Murray Bridge, the course has equipped our drivers with enhanced skills to safely manage emergency situations, strengthening the safety and quality of our service.

We are currently seeking volunteer drivers in the Tailem Bend area, as several of our valued volunteers have recently relocated and are now supporting CTSA in other regions.

Volunteering is a flexible way to give back to your community—whether you can spare a few hours or commit more regularly. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please contact Mel on 8572 3513 for more information about the accreditation process.

We also welcome volunteers interested in assisting with vehicle cleaning. Keeping our vehicles clean and well-presented is an important part of delivering a high-quality service. Volunteer hours can be recorded for Centrelink requirements, where applicable.

C4C UPDATE

Parent Child Mother Goose (PCMG) invites parents and carers to cuddle, communicate and connect with their child through songs, rhymes and stories. Through this fun and simple program children are provided the opportunity to develop their speech through singing and to enhance and encourage connection with their parent/caregiver in a relaxed environment. The program also provides a positive and fun space for families to connect with community.

Our PCMG sessions are held each week for 45 minutes, during the school terms. PCMG is currently being held at the following locations:

Tuesday – Mannum
Mannum Leisure Centre
Senior Citizen Room - 9:30am

Wednesday – Meningie
Meningie Kindergarten – 11am

Thursday – Tailem Bend
Tailem Bend Primary School
Community Library– 9:30am

27 YEARS

BRIAN LLOYD

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

What inspired you to become a volunteer driver?
I had family on the board of the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme, and they mentioned there was a shortage of drivers. At the time, I wasn't working and was looking for something meaningful to fill my time, and I've always enjoyed driving. Volunteering gave me the opportunity to give back to the community by helping people who needed assistance getting to appointments and who genuinely appreciated the support.

It was initially intended to be a temporary role until I found employment. However, even after returning to work, I have continued volunteering because I truly enjoy it. It's rewarding to see how much it means to people to be able to get to their appointments, do their shopping, and stay connected, and to witness the happiness and gratitude they show.

🎵 Favourite road trip song: "On the Road Again" – Canned Heat version

☕ Tea or coffee on the road: Both sound good, but mainly water

🗺️ Dream road trip destination: Great Ocean Road – drove it 10 years ago

🍪 Best snack for the road: Coonalpyn Bakery

❤️ What do you enjoy most about volunteering?
The driving and the company of clients—just knowing that they appreciate the volunteers. Also, the coordinators.

Celebrate Connection - upcoming Events

FREE EVENT

MOVE, PLAY, GROW

LITTLE LEAPERS

LITTLE LEAPERS – Sensory and Movement Program 19 July – 20 September 8.30am – 9.30am.

The Communities for Children team have collaborated with a local Early Childhood Teacher to deliver a FREE 10 week sensory and movement program for children 0-5years, to be held on Sunday mornings at Murray Bridge South Primary School gym.

This program has been kindly supported by the Variety Brats Bash.

Bookings are essential and will open on 15 June 2026 – Parent participation is required.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

<https://www.trybooking.com/DLVXR>

For Further Information Contact Tailem Bend Community Centre
P: 8572 3513 E: c4cadmin@tbcc.org.au

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Want to be a part
of something special?

Join the Taillem Bend Community Centre (TBCC) Board of Management

Make a meaningful difference. Share your skills.
Help shape stronger, more connected communities.

About TBCC



TBCC is a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organisation delivering a wide range of services that support individuals, families and communities across the Riverland, Murray Mallee and Limestone Coast (RMC).



Our Vision is to be a self sustaining enterprise that supports the drivers needs of the communities we serve.

Our Values



Respect, Integrity, Inclusion, Collaboration, Accountability. Creating connection, belonging, and stronger communities through meaningful social change.

Board Expectations



As a Board member, you will be expected to;

- Attend and actively participate in Board meetings
- Read Board documents and contribute to informed decisions
- Act ethically, with honesty and in the best interest of TBCC and the communities we serve
- Maintain confidentiality
- Support TBCC's vision, values and strategic direction



Board meetings are generally held at 5:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month and may be conducted face-to-face, virtually, or in a hybrid format. Additional meetings may be scheduled as required.

Induction and Support

Should you be successfully voted onto the board, a comprehensive Board induction pack will be provided along with relevant governance, compliance and organisational training to support you in your role and ensure you feel informed and confident.

The Role of the Board



The Board of Management provides governance, strategic direction, and oversight to ensure TBCC remains sustainable, compliant, community-focused, and aligned with its vision and values.

Board members work collaboratively to:

- Support the long-term direction and sustainability of TBCC
- Ensure good governance, accountability, and compliance
- Oversee financial management and risk management
- Contribute to strategic planning and decision-making
- Support the CEO and monitor organisational performance
- Advocate for positive community outcomes

Who we are looking for



We welcome people with a wide range of skills and life experiences who care about their community and want to share their time, knowledge and ideas.

Experience in areas like governance, finance, business, health, education, transport, marketing, legal, HR, risk or community development is valued but not required.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Beetlejuice Bus Trip

Wednesday, 21 October 2026

Bus departs: 9.30am from 141 Railway Terrace, Taillem Bend or 9.45am Swanport Hotel Carpark.

CHSP: \$150 | Non-CHSP: \$165

Payment due by: Friday, 18 September 2026



Wood Burning Classes

Beginners Welcome
Equipment Supplied

Wood Burning is the art or technique of decorating wood, with burn marks, creating designs through the controlled application of a heated, pen-like tool

Thursdays, 10am-12pm

CHSP: \$2.50 | Non-CHSP: \$5.00



WALKING SOCCER

Mondays, 10am-11am

Night Visions Illuminate-Bus Trip

Bus departs: 3.45pm from 141 Railway Terrace, Taillem Bend

CHSP: \$50 | Non-CHSP: \$60

Payment due by: Friday, 19 June 2026

'Feedback & Complaints

Information about how to lodge feedback & complaints was shared:

Concerned about our services or would like to make a complaint please call the centre on 08 8572 3513 or email ceo@tbcc.org.au

Alternatively please call My Aged Care on **1800 200 422** or if you need help contact older Person Advocacy Network (OPAN) on **1800 700 600**

Want to know more?

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www.tbcc.org.au/

CHSP UPDATE

'Lets talk about Aged Care

On Tuesday, 12 May 2026 the Community Centre was full of lively conversation as more than 50 people attended a recent workshop hosted by Natasha and Cynthia from the Department of Health, Ageing and Disability.

The session provided clear, practical guidance on using My Aged Care, MyGov and the Find a Provider tool, Cyber Security, helping attendees feel more confident accessing services.

Guest speakers from Care Finder MB, ARAS, Carers SA and Murray Mallee Aged Care (MMAC) shared valuable information and support options, while the open Q&A gave participants the chance to ask questions and connect.

The event wrapped up with a relaxed cuppa, leaving attendees feeling informed, supported and better connected to local services.

