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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We conducted our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 1st September, during which we officially introduced and appointed the Board of Management for the 2026/2027 term, thanked retiring BOM members: Tim Overett, Trevor Coombe, Jeanette Gower and Trudy Stanley and recognised TBCC Volunteers for their Years of Service.

CHSP UPDATE

Keeping Our Community Connected: Volunteer Drivers Needed

We are pleased to share that Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) funding has been extended until June 2029, providing greater certainty for older Australians and the essential services that help them remain independent, connected and active in their communities.

Goldies Christmas Lunch (Bookings Essential)
Friday, 4 December 2026, 12pm - 2pm
CHSP: $25 - Non CHSP $30
Wellington Hotel

Social Surprise Trips for the remainder of 2026 (Bookings Essential)

Tailem Bend
Thurs 22 October
Thurs 26 November

Murray Bridge
Thurs 12th November

Meningie
Thurs 15 October
Thurs 19 November

2027 monthly minibus trips – new concepts and ideas, watch out for the 2027 calendar.

Day trips to Monarto Zoo, sweet treats day, historical building day, garden days, op shop days, lunch at the beach & much more.

CTSA UPDATE

Our community transport fleet is looking brighter than ever, with new signage now installed on most of our vehicles. The fresh branding makes our vehicles easier to recognise and proudly showcases the Tailem Bend Community Centre's role in delivering community transport services across our funded regions.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Oz Signs for their excellent work on the new vehicle signage. Their support has helped create a professional, consistent and highly visible fleet that reflects the vital role community transport plays in keeping people connected to essential services and their communities.

We are also pleased to report that our volunteer program is continuing to grow across both the Limestone Coast and Riverland regions. Volunteers are the backbone of this service, and their generosity, dedication and commitment help ensure transport support remains available to those who need it most.

As the service expands, vehicles will be based in towns where data identifies the greatest level of need. This targeted approach will help ensure resources are positioned where they can make the biggest difference, supporting community members to access medical appointments, essential services and other important commitments.

Looking ahead to the Christmas and New Year period, the Coorong Coaches Medical Bus is expected to pause services from Monday, 21 December 2026, with services resuming on Monday, 4 January 2027. This temporary interruption will cover the holiday period and is expected to last approximately two weeks.

During this time, our community transport vehicles will continue operating where possible, subject to volunteer availability over the holiday period. We encourage anyone who may require transport assistance during this time to plan ahead. Further information will be shared as soon as its confirmed.

🌱 Help Keep the Grow Free Cart Going 🚗💚

Our Grow Free Cart relies on the generosity of our community and our amazing volunteers, who collect donated food using their own vehicles. 🙌
💰 Donations help cover fuel costs and keep the cart stocked for everyone. Without enough support, we may have to reduce or cancel collection runs. 😔
🌟 Every donation, big or small, helps keep this valuable community service running.
Thank you for helping us keep the Grow Free Cart growing and giving! 💚🌱

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C4C UPDATE

CELEBRATE CONNECTION UPCOMING EVENTS

School Holiday Fun and Festive Events Ahead!

Our October School Holiday Activities, including our Old Tailem Town Adventure and Dairy Experience, have now sold out. Thank you to everyone who registered. We're looking forward to two fantastic days of fun, learning and adventure! There is still plenty to look forward to over the coming months.

The TBCC team will also once again be joining the festive spirit at the Murray Bridge, Meningie, Mannum and Tailem Bend Christmas Pageants. If you see us along the route, be sure to give us a wave and say hello!

We look forward to connecting with children, young people and families across our communities over the summer holidays.

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💛 Did You Know?

Did you know that TBCC delivers evidence-based emotional wellbeing programs for children, young people and families across our region?

These workshops are designed to help children build confidence, resilience, emotional regulation skills and positive coping strategies, while providing parents and carers with practical tools to support their child's social and emotional development. Delivered in a supportive and engaging environment, our programs are based on proven approaches that help children understand their feelings, strengthen relationships and navigate life's challenges.

Whether your child is learning to manage big emotions, build friendships or develop confidence, our workshops provide valuable skills that can last a lifetime.

Want to know more? Contact the TBCC team to learn about upcoming programs and how your family can get involved.

Our Trained Facilitators

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TBCC Office Closure

TBCC will be closed from Friday 18th December 2026. Reopening Monday 11th January 2027.

Staff and limited services will be available during this time.

If you require urgent or essential assistance or have a transport inquiry please ring the doorbell or phone 8572 3513.

Classes, workshops, activities, and events will commence on Monday 1st February 2027.

Christmas Eve Day Thursday 24th December 2026	Closed
Christmas Day Friday 25th December 2026	Closed
Boxing Day Monday 28 December 2026	Closed
New Year's Eve Day Thursday 31st December 2026	Closed
New Year's Day Friday 1st January 2027	Closed

Community Transport South Australia (CTSA)

Please note that the Community Transport South Australia will remain in operation during this period, pending driver and car availability.

Phone 8572 3513 and follow the prompts

Coorong Coaches Medical Bus

The Medical Bus will conclude its services for 2026, on Friday 18th December, and will recommence on Monday 4th January 2027.

Merry Christmas

The Shawshank Redemption

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL 2027

Payment required with booking

The Shawshank Redemption is a powerful stage production based on Stephen King's celebrated novella. It tells of an unforgettable friendship and the resilience of the human spirit.

Andy Dufresne is wrongly convicted of the brutal murders of his wife and her lover. He forms an unlikely friendship with fellow inmate Red, discovering hope in the darkest of places.

B Reserve seating + Bus

CHSP $165.00 non CHSP $185.00

Direct payment details BSB-105 060 ACC-248 239 340

Bus departs TBCC 9.30am

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Community Neighborhood Development (CND) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS)

SHAZ & TREV

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The friendly faces helping keep our community moving!

This month, we're shining the spotlight on Trev and Shaz, two of our much-loved volunteer drivers who bring warmth, care and plenty of fun to our community transport service. They help people get where they need to go safely, always with a friendly chat along the way.

They are also the wonderful duo behind our shopping bus and social surprise bus, creating outings that are practical, social and enjoyable. Their kindness, humour and dedication make every trip a positive experience, and we're grateful for the difference they make in our community.

How long have you been volunteering?

4½ years.

What inspired you to become volunteer drivers?

Our mum loved TBCC and the services it provides, so volunteering is our way of giving something back in her honour.

Quick Fire Round

🎵 Favourite road trip song: We enjoy all genres of music.

☕ Tea or coffee on the road: Shaz - Tea | Trev - Coffee

🛣️ Dream road trip destination: Western Australia

🥪 Best snack for the road: Lollies

💖 What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

Knowing our clients enjoy the bus trips and the places we take them. Thank you, Trev and Shaz, for the time, care and kindness you bring to our community. Volunteers like you help keep our community connected and moving.