

# Milang and District Community Association Inc

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## ANNUAL REPORT

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## MILANG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC COMMITTEE

The AGM in August 2018 saw the election of a new Committee

President	Katherine Stanley-Murray
Vice-President	Peter MacGregor
Secretary	Barbara MacGregor
Treasurer	Julie–Anne Kerrison

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## President's Report—Katherine Stanley-Murray

Sincere thanks are extended to past President Mike Linscott for his dedicated service to the community over many years along with best wishes for his future in retirement. Thanks also to all other previous MADCA members for their support to the Association and the community.

Several events of note took place during the year.

### **Launch of the AHISS\* Sculpture at Milang**

The Launch, conducted by His Excellency Hieu Van Le, the Governor of SA and Mrs Le, took place on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 followed by an informal morning tea. The sculpture was made possible by the extraordinary fundraising efforts of the Milang Sculpture Group (MSG) comprising Katherine Stanley-Murray, Barb MacGregor, Judy Whalley, Suzy Rex, Susan Bagley, Chris Bagley, Stuart Jones and Mike Linscott.

Alexandrina Council contributed \$10,000 but the remaining \$26,000 was raised by a very supportive community – a truly remarkable feat!

### **Milang Foreshore Habitat Restoration Project**

The completed project was opened officially on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 in very cold, wet and windy conditions. With financial contributions from DEWNR (Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources), and Alexandrina Council, the Snipe Sanctuary is now accessible to most to enjoy. John Bradford's sculpture – 'Ponde's Tear' – is also installed (at the Pobbybonk Point end) adding interest to the walking trail.

### **Milang Butter Factory Restoration Project**

This on-going project was successful in gaining a \$150,000 grant through the Fund My Neighbourhood grant funds. A great addition to project.



Michael Farrier, Elected Member Angus Bremer, Alexandrina Council; Keith Parkes, Mayor Alexandrina Council; Karyn Bradford, Project Officer, Milang and District Community Assn, Inc (MADCA); Katherine Stanley-Murray, President MADCA; Fiona Pitcairn, CEO, MADCA.

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\*AHISS—Adelaide Hills International Sculpture Symposium



## **Milang Pump House**

After many years as the SA Water Pump House, this building was decommissioned and it and the immediate surrounds given under Care and Control to Alexandrina Council, who in turn have leased it to MADCA. It is expected to open as centre for water based activities.

## **Milang News**

After many years as Editor/Majordomo of this publication, Rev Alex Stone advised that he was stepping down at the end of June, 2018. A new editorial team comprising Jude Aquilina, John Whyte and Richard Prusa is ready to take on the job. A vote of thanks is extended to Alex for his dedicated service.

During the year the Board accepted the resignations of J Kerrison (Treasurer), K Whittam and E Bell. In addition, the sudden death of past member Bob Schembri was noted – Vale Bob. New members who stepped up were Don McInnes, Bryce Clark and John Whyte (Treasurer).

My sincere thanks to the Board for the work and support during the year. Special thanks to Secretary Barb MacGregor and CEO Fiona Pitcairn. Also my thanks to all the staff and dedicated volunteers who have put in many hours for the benefit of their community. Without this support Milang would be a poorer place!

2018/19 promises to be a busy and innovative time for all, with new community programs coming on-stream at the MOSHCC, the Pump House becoming an active area, the continuing restoration work at the Butter Factory and (hopefully) the activation of the Milang Foreshore Master Plan.

MADCA also acknowledges the successful and interesting activities undertaken by other community groups, such as:

Milang Railway Museum

Milang Historical Society

Milang Vintage Machinery Club (Power Rally)

Milang Community Garden

Milang Environment Centre including the Nursery

Milang Red Cross

The various sporting clubs and other activity groups.



Katherine Stanley-Murray

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## Treasurer's Report—John Whyte

Whilst only appointed in June, I have acquainted myself with the activities of MADCA and familiarised myself with the financial situation of the association.

In the year 2018, the profit and loss statement showed a loss of \$83,073. Included in this figure is depreciation of \$58,728 which is a figure used to reduce tax liability, which as MADCA is a not-for-profit organisation, reduces the loss back to \$24,346.

MADCA introduced Lakes Home Care a business that provides home care assistance to those older people who wish to remain independent in their own home and is funded by the Federal Government. Lakes Home Care is an authorised home care service provider managing staff and contractors to carry out duties for the clients. The organisation receives case management and other related fees for administering the service.

Lakes Home Care has carried some set up cost and initial training cost while establishing the business. We are now forecasting this will show increasing profit from September onward.

I believe the annual loss is acceptable with regard to the cost of development of Lakes Home Care. The Balance sheet shows increased assets from 2016 to 2018 of \$135,853 - an increase of 42%. The Auditor's Risk Assessment indicates that MADCA has capacity to pay creditors as they fall due with a surplus liquidity of \$58,426.

I have examined some of our high expense items such as phone and insurance and we will be reviewing these to see if they can be reduced.

I hereby endorse the Auditor's Report to be a true and accurate statement.



John Whyte

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## Secretary's Report—Barbara MacGregor

As Secretary of the Association my formal report is one of high praise and regard to the Community Association members, the CEO Fiona Pitcairn, staff members and volunteers in our wonderful small country town. Each of these people work tirelessly behind the scenes for many volunteer hours to bring the community together thus enabling the many service directions and social activities for all participants and more.

Milang Matters (my monthly report) is taken from the Association Meeting and Minutes after each meeting and printed in the Milang Community News. This is to keep residents and members in touch with what is being discussed at the monthly meetings and the outcomes thereof.

Therefore, I personally don't want to use this platform to reiterate the year's comings and goings when this will also be tabled tonight by the President and CEO reports.

I look forward to seeing what the next year brings.



Barbara MacGregor

## CEO's Report—Fiona Pitcairn

This past year has been a whirlwind of successes and I am very proud to be a part of a progressive and respected community association. Lakes Home Care has grown significantly in response to community demand to provide a continuation of home care services. With this growth we have new staff and I am very pleased how the team have formed cohesively and now work at a high-level striving towards service excellence.

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), which is the most significant grant income for the organisation, has had confirmation of new funds for two years, until 2020. This is a high demand program and currently has no capacity to support new clients.

Growing Life Connections (GLC) has had its funding renewed for three years, allowing the program to continue up until 2021. This is a significant area of support for many people living in social isolation facing life's challenges.

Adult Community Education (ACE) funding has been renewed for Non-Accredited training and this is guaranteed for one year and will be reviewed for all ACE providers before the 2018/2019 financial year. This has presented us with opportunities to review how we conduct our business and support each other work towards positive outcomes for new collaborations.

Creche has changed to Child Care and will continue to provide well-deserved respite for parents, and the opportunity for those who expect to re-enter the work-force to engage in further study.

The Butter Factory has been very popular, and with the injection of much needed funds, is working toward undertaking Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the development recommendations. This will begin as soon as we have development approval from the council.

Volunteering remains popular and there are always new faces being welcomed into our community centre and integrated into the association. Many new volunteers comment on how friendly and welcoming we are as a community centre.

I would like to thank the hardworking staff and volunteers who have made this year one to celebrate. The MADCA Committee have been a rock-solid and hardworking team and I am grateful to have their support and encouragement.



Fiona Pitcairn

## Milang Institute—John Toshach

This year the Milang Institute has been well booked by the Community.

- The Main Hall was used for 18 functions, in addition to Anzac Day and Remembrance Day
- The Railway Museum held a major two day exhibition
- Milang school had their "Amateur Hour"
- Fibre Art Group held a craft display
- Memorial Services were held to farewell community members
- monthly Butter Factory Markets have seen a surge in attendance and have been a successful fundraiser for the Butter Factory Steering Committee.
- The Supper Room has been used by

Community Centre Groups during the year—on average six times per week. Local groups like The Milang Agricultural Bureau and the The Southern Fleurieu Film Festival Society have been regular attendees.

- The Southern Veterans Cycling Group was very impressed with the facilities for their cycle race in May.
- Alexandrina Council used the hall for their micro-chipping day.

Improvements include a new dishwasher, replacement of the lace curtains by Rose Evans and re-oiling of the hall floorboards. Alexandrina Council cleaned the pavers at the entrances to the Institute and the kitchen garden looks wonderful and fresh. The piano sounds great after a tuning despite being over 120 years old. This will need replacing in future years.

## MOSHCC and Emergency Relief—Stuart Jones

The Milang Old School House Community Centre provides myriad services and activities to the community. Some of these include:

- Volunteer transport service
- Photocopying/printing
- Computer/internet access
- Child Care
- Friday Feast
- Emergency Relief
- Information and referral
- Adult learning programs and group activities
- Community Garden
- Youth programs

Our volunteers and staff work tirelessly to support the programs delivered by MOSHCC and I would like to thank all of them for their hard work and effort put into our services, programs and projects. It really does make a difference when someone comes in for the first time, to see the organisation working well as a cohesive and holistic Community Centre.

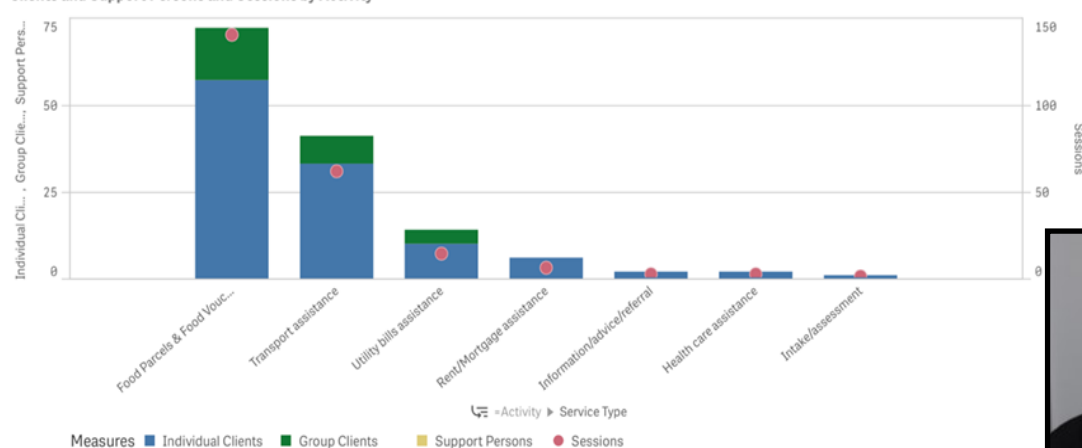
The volunteers at the Community Garden continue to produce quality locally-grown vegetables. Renovation of the 40 plus garden beds has begun after an audit was completed earlier this year. Four of the larger beds have been rebuilt and the work will continue until all nominated beds have been fixed. The large pine tree near the entrance to the garden on Rivers Street has recently been removed allowing more light to shine on the nearby fruit trees. The volunteers continue to enjoy the social gardening with the addition of a monthly barbecue.

Sometimes we meet people for the first time, at a particularly low point in their life, where they may be struggling financially and are referred to the Centre for assistance. And, once we have assisted in some way with their immediate need, it is fantastic to be able to refer them through to relevant programs we offer through MADCA such as the Community Care team, or Growing Life Connections for more targeted support when required.

Emergency Relief (ER) can assist people in financial stress in the form of food parcels, fuel, emergency accommodation, utility bills and rent/mortgage assistance. The ER program at MOSHCC is funded by the Federal Department of Social Services. The funding provides emergency financial relief for local people in the postcode regions of 5255 and 5256.

A big thanks to Bob who helps stock our ER Pantry, with the support of the local community, through monthly food drives at Strathalbyn Woolworths. Food is the biggest need for most people, and we are able to help in a much more practical way thanks to Bob and the work of other volunteers keeping our pantry organized. Our year has been quite busy with 95 clients and 226 instances of Emergency Relief during the year. The graphs below show the spread across the year, and the types of assistance provided.

Clients and Support Persons and Sessions by Activity



Stuart Jones



## Volunteering Coordinator—Bernie Schneck

### Volunteer Upskilling Funding

#### Ngarrindjeri Raukkan Tour

Staff and volunteer participated in the Ngarrindjeri Shared History (Cultural Competence) Program. This initiative was well received by everyone and was undertaken over two separate days with about 18 people per bus going. Some of the interesting activities included:

- Shared history discussion and tour of Raukkan by Clyde Rigney Snr
- Values and cultural framework from a Ngarrindjeri perspective by Clyde Rigney Snr and Clyde Rigney Jnr
- Chronology of Australia's history, legislation, policies and practices and the impacts, such as the Stolen Generation, establishment of Aboriginal missions and reserves, White Australia Policy and more recently Reconciliation, Constitutional Recognition and Treaty, on Ngarrindjeri and other First Nation groups across Australia, as it was settled, presented by Clyde Rigney Jnr and Derek Walker
- Delicious catered lunch with native foods from Little Local Co. caterers, Amy and Neil Chinsami

#### Social Enterprise and Micro Business Development

Shared knowledge and experience about social enterprise companies all over the world helps us to explain and understand social enterprise. Most interesting was the field trip to the Natural Resource Centre in Mount Pleasant where we met Faye McGoldrick the centre coordinator. Faye spent about an hour with us explaining where they started from, how important seed funding is to get off the ground and for shops to cross-promote one another. Social enterprise should be encouraging opportunities to draw a larger variety of people to the area, which in turn will bring more exposure and money to become self-supported.

### Other training sessions and social gatherings over the year have included:

**Mongolian barbecue** informal get-together to connect and to say thank you for all the volunteers' participation, continued support and dedication to our centre and the Milang community. The feedback was warm, friendly and an evening and meal enjoyed by all.

**Customer Service made Simple** was aimed at all frontline volunteers to improve and upskill their confidence and professional skillset. All volunteers were invited to join with the training delivered by Volunteering SA&NT who shared information regarding the importance of professional customer service.

### Managing Professional Boundaries as a Volunteer

**Melbourne Cup Day at MOSHCC**—Colourful fascinators and sweeps winners were the star flashes of this entertaining annual event

**Christmas Party** for volunteers and Community Care clients

**Social Get-together** – an opportunity to socialise and get to know each other a little bit better

**National Volunteer Week 2018** – Free Movie at Wallis Cinema in Mount Barker; Appreciation Lunch at Milang Institute Hall and a Volunteer Thank You event 2018 at the Adelaide Festival Theatre were some of many events available to the MDCA volunteers to enjoy in thanks for their labor for the community.

### Regular Volunteer Meetings

- **Transport drivers' quarterly meeting**, which included auto bar training, code of conduct discussions and Work Health and Safety after hours key safety drop off procedure. We had SAPOL deliver a morning of Road Safety talks.
- **Reception monthly meetings**
- **Community Garden monthly meetings**



Bernie Schneck

## Growing Life Connections Coordinator—Colleen White

Growing Life Connections (GLC), is a Social Inclusion program that runs from the Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC). The program commenced in 2014 and aims to assist people to feel safe in their community, have a sense of belonging and purpose and increase their social and emotional wellbeing. GLC is a collaborative project that enables services to work with community groups and individuals to develop and offer diverse support to the wider community of Strathalbyn and districts.

The Partner Group of (GLC) consists of seven various groups in our region, they include:

- Milang and District Community Association Inc.
- Strath Neighbourhood Centre Inc.
- Strathalbyn & Communities Suicide Prevention Network
- Country Life Compassion
- Strathalbyn Interchurch Council
- Langhorne Creek Historical School Inc.
- Community Living Australia (CLA) - Formally CLASS

GLC is funded through the Department of Human Resources (DHR) (previously known as the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion - DCSI).

Our GLC partners are strong and very connected at present. We have shared resources and often contact each other to benefit our clients, offering numerous services and support. Our partnership group meets bi-monthly and communicates regularly. Representation from Alexandrina Council is present to assist and inform us on regional trends that the council is aware of.

### Support Groups

GLC groups have continued to grow both numerically and emotionally.

#### Connecting the Dots

Connecting the Dots now has fifteen members, predominately male and the growth in this group has been significant. The members regularly get together at other times apart from Wednesday afternoon and assist each other. This is evidence of a healthy connected group and new members have arrived because they have been invited by an existing member.

#### Milang Mermaids

Milang Mermaids has established a trust within the group where all members offer support for each other beyond our regular meetings. Outings over the past year include a visit to a recycling centre; a gallery and then lunch by the river – socially connected and emotional support for all participants.

### New Connections and Collaborations

- **Relationships Australia** for counselling and support for clients struggling with Gambling addiction. This is currently being offered in Strathalbyn.
- **Relationships Australia, Lutheran and Uniting Communities** to provide Financial Counselling and have extended assistance to us meeting clients in Strathalbyn. We have found this is essential when working with people who receive Centrelink payments, as the cost of living over the past year concerning utilities, petrol food and rent continue to rise.

## Continued Programs

Anti Poverty Week in collaboration with Alexandrina Council — 32 bins were placed in the community and the food we received was sufficient to fill four pantries for our partner groups. The food is then supplied to participants when required which in turn strengthens relationship and trust within our region. This venture has proved to bring interest to GLC and I have been invited to speak at several community clubs and groups.

### Christmas Hampers

GLC joined with the Interchurch Council and other groups to pack and sort out almost 190 Christmas Hampers – 42 of which came back to Milang where community members came in to pick them up. This always amazes me at how streamlined the day is and how much work so many offer, so Christmas can be celebrated by all.

### Emergency Relief Food Drive

Food Drive still continues monthly and is supported by GLC volunteers and Woolworths Strathalbyn.

### **New Business:**

- Sourcing of affordable rental properties including applying for housing bonds and establishing positive connections with local real estate agents.
- GLC is working with a number of other services within our region - Junction Australia (Housing and Domestic Violence); St Vinnies and (ADRA) Adventist Development and Relief Agency (financial, clothes, bedding and furniture); AC Care (financial advice and bedding); Department of Education SA (Family Counselling / Emergency Relief); Fleurieu Families; Milang Men's Shed; Hills Positive Ageing Project; Southern Fleurieu Housing Round Table; Uniting Communities; Goolwa Community Centre; Unity Housing and Mt Barker Mental Health Clinic.
- We partnered with the Milang Caravan Park and the Strathalbyn and Communities Suicide Prevention Network to support a documentary being produced focusing on resilience in rural towns after services have left. Milang was represented in the documentary and the organisation was pleased to host the launch of the documentary in April at the Milang Institute where 120 people attended. With the support of the local CFS supplying and cooking the dinner, this proved to be a significant fundraising opportunity for GLC and similar fundraisers will be considered in the future.
- Me Cooking For You is a successful grant for an eight week cooking course. This group will be held in Strathalbyn which will supply the request from DHR to focus more on Strathalbyn. The grant will provide us with a new fridge and a car fridge/ freezer. The course will teach participants basic cooking plus supply cooked meals for freezers within the GLC group. This is demand driven due to the previous popularity of a course run last year. GLC has recently lost our Liaison Officer; Katie Whittam is no longer working for GLC. She is missed by all, especially in the groups. I would like to thank her for her loyalty to GLC and all the extra hours of support she freely gave. I look forward to introducing the new Liaison Officer Gordy Rollins from August, 2018.



Volunteer Bob at Woolworths Strathalbyn



Colleen White



Katie Whittam



Gordy Rollins

It has been a long, and at times, difficult year but also very rewarding when I reflect on the people I have connected with and who are at present in process of living life to the fullest.

**Shoreline Community Vision statement:** To ensure long-term sustainable growth of the Shoreline Community business by producing a strong competitive and attractive product and service to customers and to provide employment opportunities for the local community.

The 2017-2018 financial year has again seen many changes for Shoreline Community Team most notably the completion of the planting works for DEWNR and funding that came with these large revegetation projects. While the Shoreline team has reduced in numbers we remain optimistic and responsive to new opportunities developing in our community.



### **Diversification**

In response to limited future funding expectations Shoreline has investigated several business opportunities to attract new business. Some of these are listed below:

#### Community Care Contracting

Shoreline have provided horticultural services which have included (depending on individual funding) establishing and improving home vegetable gardens, garden maintenance, mulching and fruit tree pruning. We have enjoyed the opportunity to support members of our community wishing to remain in their own homes.

#### Private Shoreline Services

We have also provided a number of private services for clients. Works undertaken include vegetable garden design and maintenance, irrigation design and installation, lawn mowing, landscaping, pruning and rubbish removal.

#### Nursery Management and Plant Propagation

Shoreline Community Nursery continues to be well supported by a dedicated team of enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers. See growing stats to the right.

#### Retail Nursery Course

A successful tender allowed for three staff and six local community members to participate in a seven week Retail Nursery Course achieving a Certificate of Attendance. New skills and knowledge were shared with all and great connections made among the participants

10,500 plants for Goolwa  
Wellington Land Action Plan  
(GWLAP)

530 plants for Tolderol

490 plants for Milang Common

970 plans for Pobbybonk /  
Milang Foreshore

900 plants for Mt Barker region





## Bushfood Course

I was asked to lead a bushfood course entitled Get Native 2, as a follow on to a previous successful bush food course led by Deb Melville in 2017. I am skilled as a bush food grower and have a passion for cooking and eating it and was delighted to share my enthusiasm for native foods and our local environment.

This eight week course was funded through the SA Government Work Ready Initiative and provided eight students opportunities to develop skills including bushfood identification; seed collection; and propagation techniques. We also enjoyed cooking and eating a variety of meals including Goolwa pipis with macadamia and warrigal pesto, chicken with creamy muntrie sauce, warrigal greens and feta filo triangles, muntrie muffins and pork medallions with muntrie veloute. I also shared some personal favourite harvesting coastal areas for muntrie and warrigal greens.

As a group we were invited to tour Camp Coorong. Aunty Ellen took the group on a tour where we were given the opportunity to taste and experience the Coorong's bush foods. We are very grateful to her for the time she took to share her knowledge of the Ngarrindjeri culture with us.

## Department of Education and Children's Services Grant

Shoreline has been contracted by MOSHCC to undertake the design, and groundworks. These works complement many works already undertaken by Shoreline including a greening vertical wall garden on the Eastern stone wall of MOSHCC; planting out and irrigation of the MOSHCC front entrance area and the planting out and screening of the back entrance to the centre. Read more about this diversification opportunity with the Creche Report on page 16.

## Local Collaborations

An ongoing challenge for the nursery is water collection and management of this valuable resource. Earlier in the year it was identified by the team that the cost of purchasing water was becoming prohibitive and new ideas around water efficiencies were needed. A new pump was purchased and installed by the Shoreline team to direct water from the Milang Environmental Centre (MEC) collection tanks and we are very grateful for this community collaboration. Team members have ensured regular weekend maintenance visits to provide responsive irrigation use due to fluctuating rain and winds.

... Goolwa pipis with  
Macadamia and Warrigal  
Pesto

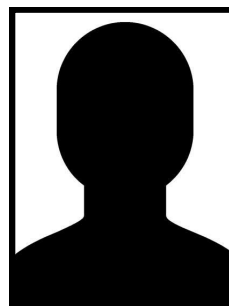
... Pork Medallions with  
Muntrie Veloute ...



Tony George



Wendy Conaghty



Jill Dennis  
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Harvesting bush food



## Community Care Coordinator—Kelly Grupen

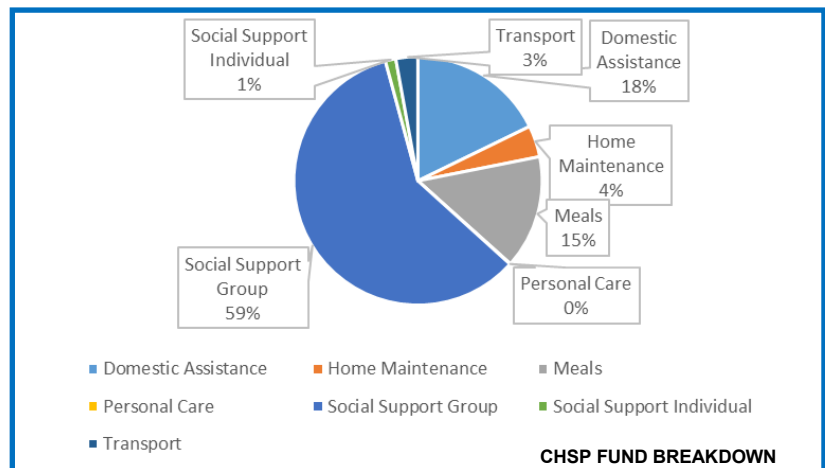
Another extremely busy year for Community Care with many changes. The past 12 months has seen the entire Community Care Team evolve. Fiona Pitcairn became CEO four days per week from January, 2018. This meant my role changed to Community Care Manager from January. Our team also expanded to include two Administration Officers and a part time CHSP Coordinator allowing the office to open five days per week.

Since launching Lakes Home Care in April, 2017 we now have 16 Home Care Package clients on levels 1 to 3. This has required significant commitment from all members of the community care team. We have all continued to strive towards providing a high quality service to all our clients who are in many cases quite isolated and do not have the options available to them that would be available in the metropolitan area.

We will continue to benchmark against other rural providers to find ways to improve our services and the unique challenges we are sometimes presented with.



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Client Advisory Group meetings have continued to be well attended and the community consulted about what information they would like delivered at these meetings. CHSP bus outings (WOW and Community Cruiser) continue twice per month and remain extremely popular with clients.

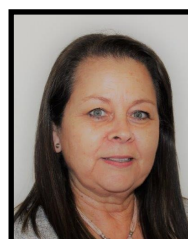
May saw the retirement of our hard-working Social Support Officer Marie-Claire who will be greatly missed. Tammy Arjona has accepted the permanent role of the newly named Activities Officer and is passionate about continuing

existing programs and outings in consultation with clients.

The past 12 months have also seen the Community Care team assist numerous community members navigate the My Aged Care referral system. Dozens of new referrals have been made and the team will continue to provide this service, supporting our community in navigating the My Aged Care system. In May the federal government announced that 14,000 new home care packages will be released over the next three years Australia wide. With current waiting list between 6-12 months this is unlikely to make a significant impact on current waiting times. Community Care will continue to support all our clients in the best way possible and are always available to help answer queries.



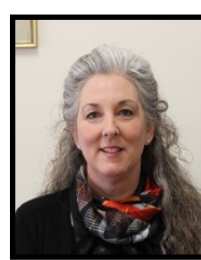
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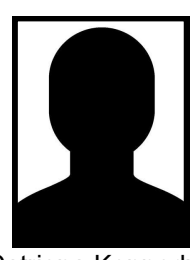
Marie-Claire Levi



Sonya Eldridge



Tammy Arjona



Catriona Kennedy  
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## Adult Community Education—ACE—Coordinator Stuart Jones

Funding from the South Australian Department of Industry & Skills.

Non-accredited training \$25,000

Accredited Training \$50,000

Enrolments: 150

ACE program funding provides a range of learning opportunities for community members to increase skills, participation and pathways, in a friendly and non-threatening environment.

The program is based on the Foundation Skills training package, assisting learners with Language Literacy and Numeracy as required, overlaid with the vocational training provided at a local level.

Our topics across the year have included:

- Introduction to Hospitality
- Introduction to Bushfoods
- Introduction to MS Office
- Poetry
- Recycle Garden Art
- Social Media
- iPad Training
- Fibre Art
- Basic Computing & One-to-one Support

ACE, and particularly the non-accredited, is often the first introduction for people to the Community Centre, it is an important step in gaining confidence, and new skills, updating knowledge and even beginning to share their with others.

I would like to thank our tutors, trainers, groups leaders and everyone involved in learning activities at the Community Centre. Some may not be specifically ACE funded, but because we work holistically and in an integrated way, it's not always obvious, although the paperwork gives it away sometimes!

Special thanks to Marie-Claire Levi who recently finished her time with us at MOSHCC. Her energy, her skills and knowledge of Adult Learning and her ability to engage people of all ages will be missed.



Stuart Jones



Marie-Claire Levi

### Comments from participants:

*"[I now have] an appreciation of cultural heritage, and plant species"*

*"[I've] learned about indigenous history of the area, (and its) natural beauty."*

*"I plan to share my knowledge with others now."*

*"I liked the networking between the participants and will try to keep in contact with some of them."*

*"Clear instruction with enough time for practice in class and question time. Learning from other's experiences and ideas and tutor's expertise in IT; at times going beyond the set tasks."*

*"I was happy with the content and the length of the course which gave me ample time to consolidate the new skills and prepare me for the new lessons."*

## Creche Coordinator—Stuart Jones

Funding from the Australian Government  
Department of Education & Training.

Children aged 6 months – starting school. Up to  
10 children per session

\$80,082.87

13 Children enrolled

Staff: Rosemary Evans, Brittany Jackson

Our crèche service is currently available two mornings a week between 9:30 and 12:30 and supports parents who are studying, looking for work, volunteering, or are in need of respite. Children are cared for by two qualified staff at all times and engage in activities and experiences to gain confidence, empathy and respect including respect for the environment, wellbeing, communication and learning skills.

This year our crèche team has been continuing the journey towards the new childcare funding arrangements starting 2 July, 2018.

With the crèche moving into the mainstream childcare system there are a few big changes. Brochures are available at MOSHCC that describe this in more detail.

Being such a small service with only up to 10 children, the viability of the creche would be in question without grant funding, and we would have to charge quite high fees just to cover our staff costs. We were successful in our grant application and have secured funding for the next five years. With the grant we can charge a much lower fee, in our case we are looking at \$6 for a session for our first year.



MOSHCC and Shoreline collaboration developing  
Creche Space at the back of MOSHCC

There are more government systems to navigate, but the training provided over the last few years, along with one of my role changes to Education Coordinator, means that I can focus on supporting Rosemary and Brittany with administration, enrolments, claims, etc. Transition and Governance funding made up part of our total grant for this year, and we were able to start the process of purchasing the software and hardware needed to work electronically with our enrolments and attendance.

As a Community Centre, it is one of the joys of our existence that we support the youngest members of our community and their families. To see them grow up, make friends, and transition to school is an amazing process, and each child does it with their own flair. Their energy and excitement within the centre make it all worthwhile.

I am really pleased to continue working with Rosemary and Brittany this year and thank them, from a management, and from a parent's point of view, for their tireless work.

Also many thanks to Tony, Wendy and Cameron for their ongoing work on creating a new play space for the children alongside the ACE Space. This was possible due to the repairs and maintenance funding received as part of our grant funding.



Stuart Jones



Rosemary Evans



Brittany Jackson



## Butter Factory—Chair, Steering Committee—Mike Linscott

The progress of the Butter Factory Development has come a long way in the last 12 months. This time last year we had not started on the Development Plan and were in the early stages of an application for development approval for submission to the Alexandrina Council and the State Heritage authority.

It became clear that we would need an experienced heritage architect and after calling for applications for the position, the committee appointed Swanbury Penglase as the architects and Andrew Klenke from that company became our architect and adviser. Andrew soon launched into the job and drew up detailed plans for the works to be done. This work was incorporated into a Development Application to the Alexandrina Council.

It was exciting to see this progress but we all knew that it would be a long road before we got the final approval to begin the work that is needed so that we can start to use the building.

Details and drawings of the Development plan have been circulated and have received very positive comments.

Swanbury Penglase has spoken to representatives from the State Heritage Authority and they have commented that they do not see any major problems with the plan.

In the meantime, we have received communications from the Council regarding car parking and the number of car parks required. At this stage we are still waiting to get that final approval so that we can begin the real work on the restoration.

While all this was going on the committee concentrated on fundraising. In the early stages this focussed on garage sales held in the Butter

Factory. These were successful, however they required lots of work. They did give us an opportunity to clear a lot of the items that had been left on site and I must thank Alice Both for her hard work organising and managing these events.

The committee decided that regular markets would be easier to organise and set up. As we could not use the Butter Factory itself for the market it was decided to use the Milang Institute. Again, thanks to the expertise of a dedicated team of volunteers the markets have proved to be a huge success and are held on the second Saturday of every month. They are very popular both with stall holders and members of the public and are profitable. The markets are also provoking interest from members of the public in the Butter Factory project.

The future means more work especially when we get the development approval from the Council and then the real work can begin. At that stage we will need all the help that we can get and will be calling for volunteers to take part in the restoration.

We have been fortunate in receiving funding by the Council and a \$150,000 funding through the Government 'Fund my Neighbourhood' Grant scheme. This will enable us to engage a Project Manager and purchase some of the materials we require.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who have put real time and effort into this project. Many say that it is ambitious and yes, it is. But it is worth doing and is very achievable and there is no doubt that we are well on the way to making it successful.

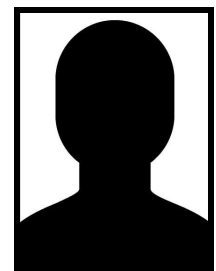


Mike Linscott

## Meals on Wheels—Anne-Maree Lowe

The Milang and District Community Association (MADCA) has for many years supported the Meals on Wheels program for both local and regional clients requiring assistance with meals. In early June, 2018 long time Meals on Wheels Coordinator Pamela Francis stepped aside, passing the reigns over to Anne-Maree Low. The 30<sup>th</sup> June, saw the withdrawal of Community Living Australia Strathalbyn branch (due to funding) as our primary meal delivery service to clients so the wonderful volunteers working at the Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC) have come onboard and formed the Volunteer

Meals Delivery Team working in conjunction with the very popular MOSHCC Friday Feast program, delivering meals to our clients. Many of the volunteers are seasoned Meals on Wheels volunteers, committed and dedicated to the care of our Meals on Wheels clients and also generous of their time and knowledge in support of new team members. The Milang Meals on Wheels Team looks forward to the continued provision of this valuable service to clients living in their own homes in this beautiful region of South Australia.



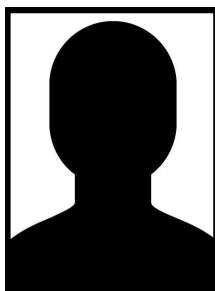
Anne-Maree Lowe  
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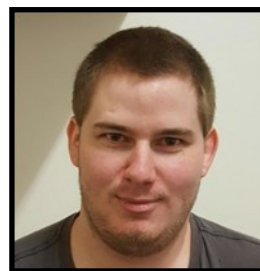
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## THANKS

We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people on whose land we meet and we pay our respects to the Elders past and present.

**The Milang and District Community Association Inc. is only here today thanks to the skills, talents, and generous financial support of our volunteers, our corporate partners, community groups and clubs, local councils and government.**

It is an honour to work together with you all to strengthen individuals, our communities and our environment.

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Butter Factory Market  
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Shoreline Community staff Wendy Conaghty, Volunteer David and Tony George with the final plantings at The Common. Contracted work for Goolwa to Wellington Landcare Action Plan (GWLAP)