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# Citta-Chat

NEWSLETTER OF CITTASLOW GOOLWA INC.



Autumn 2026 edition

## WHAT A FABULOUS SUMMER SEASON AT THE WHARF...



Clockwise from top left: Local band 'Black Cat Bone'[Feb]; View from the bridge [Dec]; 'The Stormboys' on the deck [Jan]; Goolwa Big Band [Mar]

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(RECOMMENCES OCTOBER)

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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Iain Langusch*

After three months as President of Cittaslow, I am still finding my feet in a role that does not come naturally for me. I am extremely grateful to my Management Committee colleagues for their support and understanding. For those who don't know me, I am Queensland born, bred and educated, and moved to SA for a job as an instructor at the Outward Bound Sea School at Clayton. I spent my second night in SA in a tent in the Snake Pit (a Coorong hotspot). In those days, Outward Bound ran courses for several Adelaide schools including Pembroke School where I spent a 36-year career before retiring in 2015. Because of those happy days in Clayton, Goolwa seemed an ideal place to spend my retirement. Early on, I heard of Cittaslow and was impressed by their philosophies as they mirrored mine.

One of the things that impressed me was the huge amount of work done by volunteers, so I was keen to get involved wherever I could. I would now like to pay tribute to some of those wonderful volunteers.

If you haven't been to Cittaslow Corner lately, do yourself a favour. Di and Maggie have done

an outstanding job, completely revamping the place with lots of new locally produced goods and recruiting many new members and volunteers. There is always room for more volunteers as their plans get bigger and better! The Christmas market in the shopping centre last year was an outstanding success and an example of their vision to spread the Cittaslow message to support 'all things local'.

Another group of volunteers is those who set up and staff the Cittaslow stall at our Produce and Artisans Market. Peter, the volunteer Manager (aka resident lyricist!) has added a sense of fun to liven up his recruitment strategies, so if you'd like to contribute there is still scope for more members to join in.

The Kessel Road Community Garden volunteers are a small but dedicated and hard-working group who labour tirelessly to produce fresh vegetables for the Goolwa Children's Centre and more recently, the Goolwa Community Centre.

Volunteers are also vital to the running of our signature event 'At The Wharf', as well as the bars at gallery openings and one-off community events like the Daryl Braithwaite concert.

Personally, I would like to thank the many volunteers who have assisted in the extensive planting projects of natives that we have undertaken over the past decade. After two years of unprecedented low rainfall, this has even required manual watering, and I thank them all for their support.

To all our volunteers, thank you, we don't exist without you. Please enjoy the news in the pages that follow.

*Iain*

*Core Cittaslow activities*

# PROGRAM NEWS



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# CITTASLOW CORNER



## NEWS FROM THE CORNER

We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic band of volunteers staffing the Cittaslow Corner shop and helping out at the special events in recent months. Many of these attended the volunteers' meeting on February 11th, where there was a lot of discussion and good ideas were raised to improve the experience of visitors as well as spread awareness of Cittaslow within the wider community.

The major suggested change concerned the days and hours of opening. Commencing on 1st March 2026 the Corner will open from Wednesday to Sunday rather than the previous Thursday to Monday. It was agreed that this timing will line up with the cockle train arrivals on a Wednesday and the tour buses that go through Goolwa on the same day. The new schedule shows the new days plus also the new hours from 10am to 3pm (or 1pm in the off-peak season).

Meanwhile we continue to include new product lines, most of which are on consignment. A group of wood-turned products featured in our Corner have been well received. Sea & Zinc have joined us, and we have Coorong Candles back in stock. We are also in negotiation with a local potter... watch this space!

I am meeting with a producer of dog biscuits which he makes with the support of his NDIS staff. We are stocking Encounter Community Centre's children's craft bags and have welcomed Goolwa Community Centre on board with knitted and crochet Bunnies and a small selection of jumpers, both ready for Easter.

### TIMETABLE FOR 2026

October - April ( <i>'Peak' mode</i> : 7 months)	Wednesday to Sunday (5 days per week) 10am - 3pm	5 hours per day (2 shifts) 25 hours per week
May - July ( <i>'off peak'</i> approx 2.5 months)	Wednesday to Sunday (5 days per week) 10am - 1pm	3 hours per day (1 shift) 15 hours per week
July - August (commences 20th July 2026 coinciding with start of 3rd Term)	Friday - Sunday (3 days per week) 10am - 1pm	3 hours per day (1 shift) 9 hours per week
September off peak' 4 weeks	Wednesday - Sunday (5 days per week) 10am - 1pm	3 hours per day (1 shift) 15 hours per week
Public Holidays	To open on Mondays where possible	Shifts to line up with opening times as above



We are grateful that the Goolwa Visual Arts Group has filled the Corner with impressive Paintings these last 4 months. Our first artist was Jackie Pomery and recently we introduced Terissa Shepherd; she has had several sales already and we look forward to her filling the empty wall spaces soon.

Advertising signage is always something we want to improve, however, occupying heritage premises and the restrictions on hanging signs on the outside of the building limit our options. One volunteer found an original 70-year-old child's pram that we will be filling with free books, then using it to display an 'open' sign. The books and jigsaw puzzles are very popular, and both encourage people to come into the Corner.

One of the great outcomes of all of these changes at the Corner is the positive feedback we have been getting, as well as new members joining Cittaslow Goolwa. Our aim is to increase the number of local people visiting our Corner during 2026.

Finally, we will be holding a small Easter Market on Saturday 4th April from 10am to 3pm at Cittaslow Corner. Some of the volunteers are meeting on the 10th March to decorate the shop for Easter and we are putting together gift bags to sell leading up to and including Easter weekend. Thank you to those who have already

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We are looking for members to contribute to the day by making their favourite Easter Treats.

So far, we have Easter Bunny Bread, Sourdough hot cross buns, parmesan biscuits, almond cookies and toffee almonds.

We would be very happy for people to contribute what they feel comfortable with.

You can drop off your delicacies either at Di Down's house leading up to Easter or from 9am Easter Saturday at the Cittaslow Corner. Please contact Di if you are interested.

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volunteered to help on Market Day. We will have our Rocky Road back from Sweet and Wicked and Le Petite Cookie Co will be selling their Easter Biscuits. Not forgetting our Lucky Dips for the children! Anita Robin and Martina Bucher are baking some Swiss Easter treats.

*Di Down & Maggie Carman,  
Coordinators*

PS. A big thank you to all members who have continued to bring along toiletry items for distribution to those in our community in need. These items are collected by our member, Jan Flintoff, who makes up hygiene packs for distribution by support groups in our community such as Whalers and Junction. Please give what you can to help Jan and other quiet volunteers like her continue to improve quality of life where it is most needed. [Ed.]



# A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

One of our curious volunteers, Tony Hargreaves, has unearthed this fascinating account of the start of Cittaslow Corner. He thought many of our members may not have been around 9 years ago when it was first opened, nor aware of its earlier lives, including being built to house the Port Elliot and Goolwa District Council Chamber. We include this excerpt from the Alexandrina Library History Room News of 2017 for interested members who may share in Tony's fascination with understanding our community's civic background.

## ALEXANDRINA LIBRARY SERVICES



# HISTORY ROOM



## NEWS

April 2017

by Dawn Juers

No 153

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017, residents celebrated the opening of the Goolwa Cittaslow building to be known as "Cittaslow Corner". Keith Parkes, Mayor of Alexandrina Council, opened the building.

The volunteers in the History Room of the Alexandrina Library, Goolwa, were asked to research the history of this quaint little building. It has been a lot of things but nobody cared enough to document its history. It was built in 1915 the time of World War 1, as the Port Elliot and Goolwa District Council Chamber.

Councillor Frank Tuckwell's uncle, Thomas Joy, put in a tender of £134.11.6 to build it, which included twelve shillings for a hat rack! Included in the payments were £8.10.0 to Thomas Godfrey for lime etc, plus £7.14.0 for stone. The full cost for the new Council building was £142.5.6, with the Council receiving a discount of £2.15.9, bringing the full payment to Thomas Joy of £139.9.9 to build the Council Chamber. It was about this time that there was a fire siren installed on the roof of Council Building. The little shed on the left side of the building has always been there and was used to house Council equipment. In those days it was picks, shovels etc. Larger equipment consisted of horse and cart which were housed elsewhere. The District Clerk of the Council at the time was Reg Bristow -Smith and Rosemary McEvoy, his assistant.

This photo was taken by an unknown photographer on 19 April 1936 and is the main street of Goolwa looking north. The small Council Building is on the right with Cutting Road in the foreground (right). Left of the picture is the Soldiers Memorial Gardens rotunda.



From the State Library Goolwa Collection <http://collections.slsa.sa.gov.au> It is believed that the building was occupied by Council until 1958 when it became too small for the growing community and the Institute Library could not afford to maintain their premises, so they agreed to do a swap. The Institute Library moved into the small building on the corner of Cadell and Goolwa Terrace with Dora Tuckwell, appointed Secretary.

On February 28<sup>th</sup> 1985, the "Southern Argus" reported under the heading "Goolwa Institute Library" that the Annual General Meeting of the Institute library was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February and was not well attended. The Secretary reported that the committee had complained to the District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa for a number of years, on the inadequate space in the building, requesting larger premises or an extended building. The Library Committee had \$2,500 invested in term deposit to assist with any future building extensions.

**A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY  
- CONTINUED**



On May 9<sup>th</sup> 1986, during the South Australian Jubilee 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations the Library held an “Open Day” with authors Colin Thiele, John Tolley, Bill Reschke and Ron Baker, all of whom had written historic articles and made charts and maps of Goolwa and the River Murray. Many people crammed into the small building to speak with the authors.

The following year change of use must have been mooted, as Mr Walter Pretty wrote in December 1987 to the District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa suggesting *“that the future use of the old Corporation Office now the Institute Library, could be used for some special project such as Local Government history with other possibilities but not conflicting with Signal Point programmes.”*

In 1989 the building became the Goolwa Tourist Information Centre until they moved about 1995 to Signal Point, then to the old Post Office building on Cutting Road where they still have their office.

From c1998 to October 2006 South Coast Jewellers leased the building. It is not recorded who occupied the building in the following years, prior to the shop “Adrift” operating their popular business, selling their eclectic wares (c2015-16).



The building, now to be known as “Cittaslow Corner” will be ideal, with its prominence to the main street, Signal Point, RSL and South Coast Regional Art Centre.

Cittaslow Goolwa celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on 12<sup>th</sup> March this year. In 2007, they were the first outside of Europe to be accredited as part of the International Cittaslow (slow town) organisation.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Cittaslow International General Assembly will be held in Goolwa from the 9-12 May 2017. Mayors from over 200 Cittaslow towns in 30 nations have been invited to Goolwa. The Goolwa Cittaslow committee expect 100 to attend the presentations, tours and dinners that are being prepared to showcase our region.

This will be the first time the Assembly has been held in the southern hemisphere and only the second time outside Europe. WHAT AN HONOUR FOR GOOLWA. Congratulations to the Cittaslow Goolwa team.

The Alexandrina Library History Room would be extremely grateful if anyone could loan photographs and information re the history of the little building on Lot 1 Cadell Street, that is now to be known as ‘Cittaslow Corner’.

**Happy Researching**

**Genealogy help is available by appointment. Please phone the Library on 8555-7000.**

**Dr Peter Barclay may be available for appointment.**

**Volunteers are in the Goolwa Library History Room on Thursdays 10-5 to help with inquiries.**

**For comments, suggestions or to receive this newsletter – email [history.goolwa11@gmail.com](mailto:history.goolwa11@gmail.com)**

**Back copies of this newsletter can be sourced on our wiki <http://alexhistory.pbworks.com>**

# Cittaslow Community Garden



Our volunteers meet  
Tuesday mornings to  
grow fresh food and  
make new friends.



Come visit us to  
find out more. Green  
thumbs are welcome,  
but not necessary.

Tuesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Corner of Kessell and Skewes Roads, Goolwa



# COMMUNITY GARDEN

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*strengthening community  
connections...*

## *Notes from the Kessell Road Cittaslow Community Garden Volunteers...*

**O**ur Planting team has been very busy and subsequently Lisa has drawn up a comprehensive plan for our winter crops and has many seeds growing. As summer vegies finish, the Works department will be busy refurbishing beds with fresh compost and manure, ready for autumn planting.

The past month has been amazingly productive in the garden with much fresh produce taken to the Children's Centre and shared among us. We've been looking for another place with which to share our produce, so a few weeks ago Mike, Lisa and Neil spontaneously took some excess produce to the Goolwa Community Centre and invited Di Gordon to join us for morning tea the following week, meet the volunteers and see how the garden operates. She was delighted to be invited to participate in the wider community garden and receive produce beyond the individual 'private' bed they had leased. As Mike already had a connection with the Goolwa Community Centre, he will be the main contact between our garden and their centre as we work out the best way forward. Needless to say, their leased bed, which had been languishing empty, has now been pulled into the garden planting scheme.

Some of the things we look forward to at the Community Garden: Butternut pumpkins are almost ready to harvest! The first winter crops, peas and snow peas are already in the ground with more to come. Winter herbs like coriander and flowers like snapdragons will be getting in soon. Most of all, we are looking forward to a new garden space away from the transactional model that emphasizes isolated beds but rather one that reflects the true values of a community garden based on shared knowledge, friendship and food.

**THE COMMUNITY GARDEN ON  
KESSEL RD IS OPEN TO  
VISITORS TUESDAYS FROM  
9AM - 12PM**

Drop-in, enjoy a cuppa and a chat and have a look around the lovely gardens.

# NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

## NEW GARDEN PROJECT CHRYSTAL STREET GOOLWA



*Michael Keen*

As you may know, Cittaslow Goolwa has been granted a lease by the Department for Education over the vacant land that faces Chrystal St, behind the Goolwa Children's Centre, to establish a New Community Garden.

To manage the establishment of the new garden without overburdening the Cittaslow Management Committee, we will be establishing a steering group and two working groups.

The New Community Garden Project Steering Group will report to the Management Committee and oversee the overall project, engage and communicate with key stakeholders and receive input from the two working groups. As well as some members of the Management Committee, representatives of the Children's Centre, Goolwa Public School and Secondary College will be invited to be in this group.

The Core Garden Working Group will determine the details of the operational garden area. Such things as type and location of garden beds, composting facilities and other essential elements for a successful community garden. This will lead to defining the location of the

vermin proof fence that will be erected in the early stages of the project. In addition to other interested members, we hope that many of the volunteers and bed holders of the existing Kessell Street garden will be key members of this group.

The Community Infrastructure Working Group will help to determine which facilities should be included to make the overall site space as community oriented as possible. This may include spaces for community gatherings, art works and other facilities that will be outside the vermin proof fence. Interested Cittaslow members and Community representatives will be the key members of this group.

Meanwhile, we have also been working on how to fund this major venture...

Utilising the expertise of Cittaslow members we have put together enough information to enable us to apply for grants from the Fleurieu Community Bendigo Bank and through the Thriving Community Grants (TCG) program offered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (PIRSA). Recently we were notified that our application to the TCG program has been successful. This gives us a great financial starting point for the project. Once the Steering and Working groups have made some progress, we will draft a realistic budget for the overall project. Then a General Meeting of Cittaslow membership will be called in accordance with the Rules of Association, where the plans and draft budget will be presented and the Special Resolution put to the meeting to approve both.

This is an exciting initiative for Cittaslow Goolwa and the Goolwa Community in general. If you are interested in being actively involved, please contact Michael Keen, by email at [vp@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au](mailto:vp@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au).

# PRODUCE & ARTISANS MARKET

As you will all know, the Cittaslow Markets resumed at Jaralde Park in February 2026. And as many of you will be familiar with, volunteer Market Manager (and part-time lyricist) Peter Robin continues to go to exhaustive creative lengths to attract volunteers. While the set-up/pack-up team who establish the site marquees and tables relies on regulars Iain, Olaf, Steve, and Jim, staffing the Cittaslow stall draws on a rotating cast of old, and hopefully new, members.

For Peter's latest effort he advises you to pick up an air guitar (and it helps to hum 'Stairway to Heaven' as you read...)



*Peter Robin,  
Market Manager*

*"There's a place you need to be, where the fun is all free  
And they call it the Cittaslow Market  
When you get there, you'll eat, a delightful small treat  
With five bucks you can get what you came for  
Ooh, ooh, buy a croissant from the Cittaslow Market*

*There's Iain with his plants, and music to dance  
And Anna with her site that is teeming  
In a van on the side, there is food fully fried  
Santapalato arancini has you dreaming*

*Ooh, it makes me slobber  
Ooh, it really makes me slobber*

*There's no need for a vet, go to Oscar and Tess  
And your pets there will stop you from leaving  
While you think of next meal, there's plenty a deal  
From Garden Candy, Jelly and Fidock farm*

*Ooh, it makes me slobber  
Ooh really makes me slobber*

*After "More Than Just Nuts", you can get out your bucks  
For Art weld, Robbie's Jewellery and Mir Mar  
And for those with sweet taste, let it not go to waste  
You can find cocoa at 7 Flowers Alchemy  
Oh-oh-oh-oh-whoa*

*If there's a tussle in your head now, there's 7 Virgin Farm  
Or just an inkling for Wendy, ceramic queen  
Yes, there are two markets that you could go to, but in the  
long run  
We know Cittaslow's fun, it's the only one*

*And it makes me slobber  
Oh, whoa*

*Your thoughts are humming, whether I should go, but in  
case you don't know  
Peter Robin is calling you to join him  
Dear vollies, can you feel the thought grow, "Yes, I must go"  
Your help is needed it's not just a whim  
(air guitar solo time)*

*As I travel Port Elliot road  
To get bread, with car a full load  
I think of the market called Cittaslow  
And will my vollies even show?  
Will they stop me from growing old?  
And if you've listened very hard  
The decision will come to you at last  
It's all for one and one for all  
To be my rock and not my foil  
Please join me at the Cittasloooooow..... Market"*

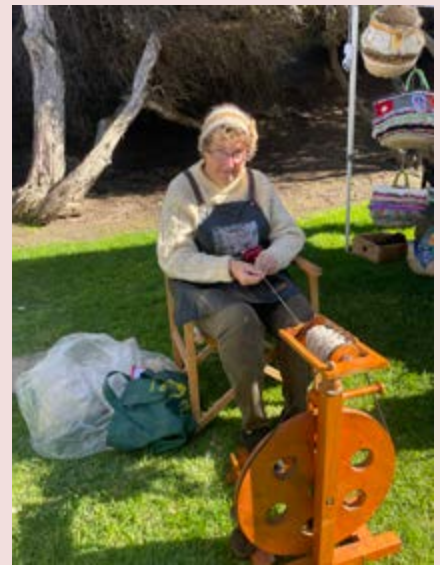
SO! PLEASE PUT YOUR HAT IN THE RING FOR A TIME SLOT:

- » 7.45 – 10.00AM MEET AT CITTASLOW CORNER TO STOCK UP, SET UP STALL AND SELL
- » 10 – 12PM SALES
- » 12 – 1.00PM SALES AND PACK UP.

If you can help, there are 2 dates to choose from in April – Sunday 12th and 26th.  
Just email Peter: [market@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au](mailto:market@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au)



## AROUND THE MARKET



Clockwise from top left: Jill Brackley - Studio Goolwa, Jess - Fidock Farm, Judy - Alpaca Designs, Iain, Pete & Margaret at the Cittaslow stall, Gary - Garden Candy, Anna - Anna's Homestyle Baking



# INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- » **FOOD & WINE GROUP**
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# FOOD & WINE

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## FOOD & WINE INTEREST GROUP

By general agreement, the monthly gatherings of members interested in all things 'food and wine' typically take a break over the busy Xmas season.

Aside from individual members' commitments, this allows time to plan the annual Cittaslow Xmas Party. In 2025 it was held on Thursday 4th December in Olaf and Julie's home on Hindmarsh Island. More than 80 members attended, excelling themselves with the delicious array of starters, mains, salads and dessert dishes they brought to share. It is always a delight to spend time in this lovely spacious garden setting and on this occasion, we were entertained by the tuneful South Coast Chamber Orchestra featuring family members of some of our well-known Cittaslow volunteers.

Members were also busy revitalising the Cittaslow float for the Goolwa Pageant – a welcome return after being cancelled last year due to an untimely heatwave. Members of all ages joined in with the parade and the weather was perfect.

The monthly gatherings resumed in February 2026 with 41 members attending and the food theme of 'Summer Love' inspiring a variety of dishes that we all love to eat in Summer, including 'sate chicken and peanut curry', 'Lebanese zucchini Fattoush salad', 'Mango ice-cream and passionfruit sorbet', and the all-time favourite 'Pavlova'! For those who were unable to attend, these examples should excite your taste buds ready for next time!

Most of you will know that each month a different member conducts the blind wine guessing game and another the food quiz. Anita's contribution to the quiz was probably the most unusual one to date, involving the tasting of seven milk-based products and identifying them correctly (eg yoghurt, mascarpone, sour cream and quark).

After a quiet period for our 'How To' program, members came up with a list of possible themes to explore in the coming months. Some ideas included visits to a local 'small farming' butcher; detailed tour of the RAW store in Victor Harbor; visit to 'Feather and Peck' pasture raised eggs and regenerative farming at Ashley Park Pastoral in Sellicks Hill.

Similarly, after a hiatus, the social program of seasonal lunches or dinners will resume following the successful 'brunch by the lake at the Keens' residence' and 'lunch at Lake Breeze Winery'. Social organiser, Terri Gibson, is working on options for consideration by the group.

The monthly gatherings are held at the Goolwa Aquatic Club premises on Barrage Road, starting at 5.30pm on the last Mondays from February to November, inclusive. All members are most welcome to come along, bring a plate to share and your own drinks and glasses, and join in these informative and enjoyable gatherings. If you are a new member, it is a great way to meet others and hear about Cittaslow activities. To make sure you receive the reminders, please contact Michael Keen ([vp@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au](mailto:vp@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au)) or Terri Gibson ([secretary@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au](mailto:secretary@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au))

*Christine Putland*



Volunteers Christine and Peter serving at the bar

## AT THE WHARF

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### SEASON 2026

*A great season...*

*What a team!*

The last two At the Wharf events of 2025, bringing together local bands, local wines and local food vendors for the whole community to enjoy, were a mixed bag, as always because of variable weather.

The weather gods were clearly not on our side for the November event featuring a perennial favourite, 'Slipway'. With the assistance of Roger Stainer (our resident weather diviner) we made the difficult decision to cancel – which turned out to be the right call, with heavy rain from 2pm to 7 pm as predicted.

Fortunately, on the 28th December we had great weather and consequently a sizeable and enthusiastic crowd. Hundreds arrived to take part in the festive mood, including lots of visitors to the area. Juke Box Revival played, with a visiting Saxophonist as a bonus, and it was pleasing to see many folk dancing on the lawn. Santopalato and Atomic food vans cooked up a storm as usual, supplemented by our renowned Paella cooked and served by Olaf, Steve and Tony.

This was followed by a huge event on Sunday 25th January, on the long weekend for Australia Day. The Stormboys played to a very enthusiastic dance crowd, patrons were fed by Paulies Pizza and the regular Paella crew. The Cittaslow bar was stocked and restocked with 3 grades of

beer and local wines including new varieties. The inclusion of Sparkling Shiraz Piccolo from Bleasdale quickly became a new favourite.

Once again on 27th February there was uncertainty about the weather forecast, however the decision to proceed was rewarded as the weather was warm early, cooling off later with light winds. The modest crowd enjoyed the blues music from Black Cat Bone, with food stalls Atomic and Paella.

The last event of the season was held on Sunday 8th March, 5-8pm. The weather was mild initially although later the wind picked up and the evening became quite cool. The 28-piece Goolwa Band filled the entire decking and delivered a very polished performance including by the two vocalists. Atomic and Cittaslow Paella were predominantly sold-out and the bar did a brisk trade.

Thank you again to all of the At The Wharf volunteers who set up, pack up, cook and serve the food, cool and deliver the drinks, manage cash and eftpos, and generally ensure the event happens. What a team!

*Lauri O'Brien*



## ATW SEASON 2026

TOP l-r: ATW Coordinator Lauri with volunteers Debbie and Chris, Stormboys kicking up a storm  
 MIDDLE: View from the bridge  
 LEFT: Paulies Pizzas  
 RIGHT: March event with The Goolwa Band



# CATERING FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

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From time-to-time Cittaslow volunteers are asked to help cater for events organised by other groups and organisations. Recently we have participated in two such events run by the Goolwa Community Association.

The first of these was 'Riding out the Bloom' featuring Darryl Braithwaite in concert on Saturday 17th January at the Goolwa Oval. Our volunteers served both Paella and a bar selling local wines. After a somewhat rocky start for the organisers, the event turned out to be a huge success for all concerned. The weather was perfect and the crowds began pouring in from 4pm. Although a much larger undertaking than Cittaslow volunteers usually cater for, the two large pans of Paella sold out very quickly and the bar staff were extremely busy, with their wines in high demand. Thankfully the Paella volunteers jumped across and assisted at the bar, serving and restocking as required. It was a very successful event although long and tiring for some.

On Saturday 7th March Cittaslow volunteers were once again called on to provide a bar selling local wine and beer as part of the Murray Sunset Culinary and Movie night event run by the Goolwa Community Association. This occasion, held between 4-8pm at Jaralde Park, catered for predominantly young families. Unfortunately, no sooner had they started to arrive, than the wind picked up and the Movie had to be cancelled for safety reasons. Notwithstanding the unpredictable Goolwa weather, Cittaslow is happy to support other groups who work to provide such opportunities for the community to gather in this way.

*Christine Putland*  
*on behalf of the Catering team*





## XMAS PAGEANT 2025



# BAR SERVICE AT GALLERY OPENINGS

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*“Providing a bar service at such events offers a chance for Cittaslow volunteers to show support for artists and arts facilities in the community.”*

Cittaslow’s partnership with Alexandrina Council in providing a bar service at Council’s gallery openings has become somewhat of an institution, with five openings to report on.

As forecast in the Spring newsletter, we provided a bar on the 7th December at Signal Point for the launch of “The Seashore of Endless Words” opened by member and Councillor Margaret Gardner, a joint exhibition of works by Peter McLachlan and Marek Herbit. Their contrasting styles made for an immersive and colourful exhibition.

More recently we provided a bar at the SCRAC on Saturday 17th January for the opening of the “Earth+Works” exhibition, featuring three local artists, Linda Forrester, John Roy and Collen McLeod, with works across large earthenware pots, exquisite jewellery and landscapes. A lovely exhibition with the opening well attended. This was then immediately followed by Cittaslow’s involvement at the Daryl Braitwaite Concert where Cittaslow ran a bar and cooked a Paella, more of that elsewhere in the newsletter, but quite a day for all involved.

On the following day, 18th January, we provided a bar at Signal Point for the opening of “Weaving Through Time” a fabulous travelling exhibition

from the Jam Factory featuring the work of Auntie Ellen Trevorrow and her dedication to culture, community and contemporary Ngarrindjeri weaving. A must-see exhibition, but whilst closed now, it will return to the Murray Bridge Art Gallery 29th May-1st Aug 2027 after touring the eastern states.

Once again looking through the rear-view mirror, we provided a bar for the opening of the exhibition ‘Sculpting Stories and Myth’, addressed by Bridget Alfred, SALA CEO on 7th March. On display until 19th April at SCRAC, this exhibition of paper mache sculptures was inspired by Gond tribal lore and Indian mythology. The Gond, an indigenous tribe of India have long painted the walls of their huts depicting myths and stories, and visitors can expect the walls of the gallery to also be decorated in a similar fashion. The Artist is Sandhya Mulchandani.

Looking ahead, “The Unifying Thread” is to be opened (with bar) by best-selling author Darryl Fraser on 15th March and will be on display at Signal Point until May 3rd. It features four local and very popular artists depicting flora, fauna and landscape of our region: David Hamilton with intricate copper sculptures, Brenda Holden with hyper realistic paintings of birds, and Carol Coventry and Paul Whitehead with photographs, pastels and other media. It promises to be a very attractive exhibition and our bar volunteers for that occasion will enjoy the experience.

Our participation will always depend on a growing number of members who hold the required RSA (Responsible Serving of Alcohol) certificate and who are prepared to donate a few hours of valuable weekend time. We also acknowledge in this newsletter, Chris, our Treasurer who arranges cash floats and banking, Terri, our Secretary, who secures the liquor licences and Steve for setting up and stocking the bar.

*Tony Hargreaves*



Cittaslow provided a bar for the opening of this stunning exhibition of woven items 'Aunty Ellen Trevorrow: Weaving through time'



# ENVIRONMENT

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*Iain Langusch*

We have just experienced an unprecedentedly dry two years that has had a disastrous effect on all our native plantings. Normally, we plant in Autumn when the soil moisture has been increased with the arrival of our traditional rainy season. Unfortunately, the past two Winters have failed to deliver the normal rainfall followed by two extremely dry and hot Summers. I am grateful to the volunteers who have helped by manually watering the sites, but unfortunately it has not been sufficient to maintain all our plantings and there have been significant losses. I fear

that these weather patterns may become the norm as a result of Climate Change. Our major planting site in Birchall Rd Reserve where we have planted around 300 plants has seen about a 15% loss. The Council has agreed to instal a tap at the site that will make future manual watering much easier. Luckily, we have around 4000 seedlings in our nursery, so we will be able to replace the losses.

I have always been curious whether there was native fish in the wetland in Birchall Rd. I engaged Nature Glenelg Trust (an NGO) to conduct a survey. We installed 5 tunnel nets that were left overnight. Unfortunately, the only fish caught were the feral Carp and Redfin. We did also catch yabbies, a turtle and numerous shrimps.

As mentioned, we have a nursery full, with around 4000 seedlings that I would love to find homes for, so I am offering 15 free plants to Cittaslow members. Contact Iain on 0448334978 if you would like to take up the offer. We have also donated 350 plants for bushfire victims.



# EDUCATION

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Iain Langusch, true to his outdoor education background, continues to work as a volunteer with school students in the Investigator Outdoor Education program as well as at the Goolwa Primary School. Each year Cittaslow sponsors the Science and Environment Award given to one of the graduating students from Goolwa Primary School. In 2025 the recipient was Rubi Stewart who is pictured here receiving the award with and her teacher Julie Gilbert and Iain.



# MEMBER PROFILE

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**T**here are so many volunteers working hard in the background, fulfilling the many varied roles needed for Cittaslow to function. This month we feature members Vicki Knight and Lynn Maxwell...

**I**n this issue, Christine introduces the two members who make up the Membership Team: Lynn Maxwell and Vicki Knight. As well as being a part of other Cittaslow activities, these dedicated volunteers work quietly in the background, signing up new members and managing the data base via the 'Infoodle' program, together with the Treasurer, Chris Geisler, who manages the financial aspects.

So, if you haven't met them in person yet, here they are!!

Firstly Lynn, who has been living in the area for 20 years, 10 of these in Goolwa itself. She and her husband were attracted by being near the ocean and the natural environment, with its cooler weather and away from 'the bustle of Adelaide'. Moving to Goolwa in 2016, she felt a 'buzz about Goolwa becoming the first Cittaslow outside of Europe to host the International Assembly in 2017'. She loved the ideals of Cittaslow and so joined in:

'Cittaslow's values, particularly the focus on sustainability, preserving local culture, and fostering a slower, more meaningful way of life,

resonate with me. Goolwa is a special place, and I believe these principles maintain its relevance while enhancing the quality of life for residents.'

Lynn recognised that organisations like Cittaslow rely on the 'dedication of volunteers to help bring these values to life and make a real impact'. This is why she volunteered, to 'contribute in a way that benefits both the community and the environment'.

She had used databases in her working life, which she says helps in her membership role, but believes that with the support of other volunteers and the clear, detailed procedures, 'it is a role virtually anyone who has used a computer could take on and enjoy'.

Lynn sees her volunteering as a chance to 'connect with passionate, like-minded people who share a commitment to making our community a better place. This sense of connection and collaboration has been really fulfilling'.

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Vicki and her partner Toivo have been living fulltime in Goolwa South for about 3.5 years after downsizing from Glenelg. They had a very small holiday house which they lived in initially to determine whether they wanted to relocate here permanently.

'We fell in love with the quiet little village feel but also with a lot of community-based activities happening. So, we demolished the little holiday house and built our retirement home and are very content with where we have landed'.

'We heard about Cittaslow through an old acquaintance of Toivo's (Linda Kald) who we ran into at an At The Wharf event. We looked into it more via the Cittaslow corner, loved the concept and the groups available were appealing so we

# VICKI & LYNN

*Membership Team*

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joined immediately’.

Soon after joining, Cittaslow was calling for a person to join the membership team because the previous person working alongside Lynn had moved interstate. She thought:

‘Well ... I am retired now, I have time, Admin was my working background (which included a bit of experience in data bases) and [it would be] a good way to be involved with a community and organization that we have very quickly become

quite attached to’.

Vicki reflects:

‘Volunteering in Cittaslow has been very rewarding and a way I can give back to an admirable organization with wonderful principles and people. I am appreciative of the time and guidance other members have given me’.

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## **SOUTH COAST JAZZ FESTIVAL 2026**

### **Bulletin No. 1**

Happy New Year and best wishes to all with whom we are in contact. While there are several matters still to be determined, our good news is that the Festival will happen again in Goolwa, in 2026 albeit on a different weekend. The 'heavy traffic' of the entertainment industry in October has determined that we come forward a month.

So, diaries open please, the **South Coast Jazz Festival Inc. for 2026** will occur on the

**Weekend of Friday September 18 to Sunday September 20.**

The **Venues – Centenary Hall, Anglican Church Hall, RSL and Old Courthouse** will be the same save for a modification at the Courthouse. We will be using the Quadrangle (enter from the southern side) protected by marquees which will fit snugly in that space. We will investigate whether some internal heating (music aside!) should be provided. This year we will be able to use the RSL on Friday evening as well as the rest of the weekend. On the other hand, Centenary Hall will only be available from Saturday morning and the rest of the weekend.

In addition to the above, the **Gospel Service** will be held, as usual, at the **Uniting Church** at **9.30 on the Sunday morning** and the **Farewell dinner** at the **Goolwa Hotel** with a couple of bands playing. There will be opportunity to book for **Jazz on the Cockle Train** (from Goolwa to Victor Harbor return) and more information about that will be available in the next Bulletin.

### **Registration/Admission prices**

You can register online via Try Booking, in person at the Old Courthouse (southern entrance, Friday afternoon), at the Southern Jazz Club for non-computer users, or anytime from Saturday morning at Centenary Hall. **Date of commencement to be advised in the next Bulletin in April.**

The committee has decided to keep the same fees as last year and we remind you of those.

**SEE OVER >>**

## JAZZ FESTIVAL CONT .

- Whole weekend – Early Bird \$85 till July 31<sup>st</sup> then \$95.
- Saturday day pass - \$60 (from 11am till 10 pm)
- Sunday day pass - \$40 (from 11am till 6 pm)
- Single session - \$10
- Friday night or Saturday night passes - \$20 (from 6 pm till 10 pm)
- Farewell Dinner \$10 (booking fee only)
- Cockle Train price to be announced in next Bulletin

Day/night passes are obtainable at the reception desk.

The **Official Opening** will take place in the Rotunda next to the Corio Hotel at 10:00 am on Saturday. An accommodation list is attached to this Bulletin.

Also attached is a list of accommodation should you wish to check it out.

Our committee was very pleased with the outcome of Festival 2025. The music was of a high standard and the financial returns, all of which eventually go to the musicians, held up very well. There was an increase in patronage from the local people and businesses. As ever we are grateful to our major sponsors – Alexandrina Council, Southern Jazz Club, and the Bendigo Bank. All told we are getting even greater recognition than in the past.

**We look forward to even higher support in 2026.**

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**March 2026**

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