

Community Newsletter

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mhraces@gmail.com



event details can be found via booking link



NOTICE

Yellow Lid Recycle Bin

Pickups

September Tuesday 13th

October Tuesday 11th

November Tuesday 8th



Items for Qtr. 4 Community Newsletter

November 2022—January 2022

The Community Newsletter is published for the Community. We endeavour to include as much relevant local information as possible.

Please submit contributions by the **15th Oct 2022**

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KAROONDA COMMUNITY

GYM



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We have completed a COVID safe plan and it will be available at the gym. It is crucial that the plan be adhered to and it will be monitored regularly.

Key points to remember are

- Maintain social distancing - 1.5m
- Stay home if you are at all sick or showing signs of illness
- No more than 15 people in the gym at a time.
- Take your own towel and it must be used on all equipment
- Wipe down equipment before and after use
- Sanitise hands regularly

Contacts: Mel Humphrys 0407 983 428

Jenny Hood 0403 300 403 rkjkhoo@gmail.com

FEES: \$200 Yearly Membership, (2 Months Discount) \$100 Yearly Membership under 16 Yrs

\$100 Six Monthly Membership, (1 Month Discount) \$50 Six Monthly Under 16 Yrs,
\$20 Monthly Membership, \$10 Month Under 16 Yrs \$5.00 Casual Use

Payment to be paid direct to bank (preferred) or in the locked box at the gym.

Justices of the Peace

Information sourced from
<http://jp.agd.sa.gov.au/JPPublicWeb/>

Numbers given are for use during
business hours

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Jodie Hawkes 08 8570 4208
David Herrmann 0427 704 261
Yvonne Smith 0407 608 238

Karoonda

Robin Burdett 0408 817 419
Richard Cheriton 08 8578 1090
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Yurgo WAB celebrates



Mr Leon Seidel, the grandson of Minnie Hopgood, the original founder of Yurgo WAB, is joined by Yurgo WAB secretary Beryl Clothier and his wife Lorraine.

Past and present members of the Yurgo WAB were joined by members from around the state to celebrate their 90th anniversary on the 21st of March.

Members from branches all over South Australia gathered at the Karoonda Institute to celebrate the occasion and enjoyed a lovely lunch, catered by Cathy's Café.

Pictured (below left) are attendees Sue Zacher, June Holland, Kath Wooldridge, Anne-Maree Zanker and Beth Hammond, and (below) a display of WAB memorabilia from throughout the years



90th birthday

Yurgo WAB is the second oldest continually running branch of Women in Agriculture and Business (formerly Women's Agriculture Bureau) and was established in 1917 by Mrs. Minnie Hopgood. WAB is a South Australian organisation and currently has 11 branches.

Current Yurgo secretary Beryl Clothier has been a member of Yurgo WAB for 50 years, and has served as secretary for 36 years. She has worked with 5 different presidents, including current president Johanna Siecker.

WAB members enjoy gatherings, outings, and learning new things, and Yurgo WAB is always welcoming new members!

Right- Eileen Stienert and Beryl Clohier cut the 90th birthday cake, with state president Narelle.



Lifetime membership awards were presented by WAB state president Narelle Brooksby, to two members of Yurgo WAB. Carlene Schulz received her award for 20 years, and current secretary Beryl Clothier for 50 years.



Kerbside Recycling Service

Private residences
Karoonda & Wynarka

upcoming collection dates

13 Sep 11 Oct 8 Nov

Yellow Lid Recycling

- ♦ Paper & cardboard (newspapers, magazines, junk mail, envelopes, egg cartons, flattened cardboard boxes)
- ♦ Cartons (juice & milk cartons—rinsed and flattened)
 - ♦ Glass bottles & Jars (rinsed)
- ♦ Aluminium & Steel (cans and lids) & empty aerosol cans
- ♦ All rigid plastic containers (plastic drink bottles, yoghurt containers, detergent bottles.) Remove all lids and place in rubbish bin.
- ♦ **NO PLASTIC BAGS, BUBBLE WRAP ETC.**
NO POLYSTYRENE

Visit the Zero waste SA Website for more information relating to recycling
www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au

Deposit of waste oil

Wheelie bins are **NOT** to be used for the disposal of oil and oil filters. Council has a waste oil collection facility at its depot, which is available to residents & businesses.

Please note that oil filters and oil drums etc **WILL NOT** be accepted for disposal these items remain the responsibility of the owner.

**Please phone: 08 8578 1004
to make an appointment to deliver
waste oil**

Lions Club of Karoonda & Districts

Current officers:

President :-

Johanna Siecker 0408 661 854

jsiecker@bigpond.com

Secretary:-

Jillian Downs 0438 114 111

Treasurer:-

John Pfeiffer 0429 572 229

Correspondence can be directed in electronic format to President Johanna or the Club email address: karoondalions@yahoo.com.au

Craft days

held at the Karoonda Institute
1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30am
Bring your own lunch & craft.
Tea/coffee & biscuits provided.



All welcome.
Contact Johanna
0408661854

**KAROONDA
COMMUNITY
MARKETS**

SAVE THE DATE

5th November 8.30am to 1.00pm

REGISTER INTEREST FOR SITE JANINE DUTSCHKE
PH: 0407781263

PROUDLY ORGANISED BY MALLEE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



Karoonda School Community Library

www.onecard.network/karoonda



It's YOUR library and it's FREE!!

Phone: 8578 1120

Email: karoonda.library@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/karoondasccl

NOTE: School holiday opening times are posted on our Facebook page

Library Opening Times

Monday 8:30am – 5pm

Tuesday 8:30am – 3:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am – 5pm

Thursday 8:30am – 3:30pm

Friday 8:30am – 5pm

Closed 1:10pm – 1:40pm for staff lunch

Click & Collect is available for any customers who do not wish to enter the library. Just call or email us to let us know which items you would like or place a hold via the website or app.

Items can be returned or collected from the red boxes at the rear of the library.

Home Delivery is always available for vulnerable or aged community members who are unable to visit the library – please contact us if you require this service.



Have you tried our FREE Digital Resources?

Visit www.onecard.network/karoonda and have **FREE** online access to:



eBooks, Audiobooks, eMagazines with **Libby** and **Borrow box**

Training videos with **LinkedIn Learning**

Search your family history with **Ancestry** (free at the Library)



Karoonda Library 'being digital' Program

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about our digital world? Do you have a smartphone but need help with using it? Do you want to communicate with family further away? Do you want to learn about using social media?

The Karoonda Library offers support for individuals or small groups as part of the state-wide **'being digital'** program. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the library.

To find out more and to access resources on topics such as *Connecting to the Internet, Social Media, and Online Shopping and Safety*, go to <http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au/beingdigital>

Visit and like our Karoonda Library Facebook page to find regular updates and links to 'being digital' information.

Storytime at the Library

Families with children aged 0 to school age are welcome to attend **Storytime** every second Wednesday of the school term (even weeks) from **10am** (following Playgroup) to experience stories, songs and activities.

NOTE: We will be holding Little Bang Discovery Club sessions on the following dates - July 27, Aug 3, 10, 17 - and there will be no Storytime on those days. The next Storytime will be on Wednesday August 31st.



Please come in and see us If you would like to join the library or need any information.

Sue Muster (Library Manager)

Karen Norman (CLA)

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MAIN STREET RESURFACING

Main Street traffic through Karoonda was reduced to one lane while resurfacing work was undertaken in May. Residents needed to find creative ways around the roadworks, which stretched the entire length of Karoonda for a couple of days, but we're left with a smooth new main street. Some repairs to the surface were also made in mid July.



New arrivals to the Tourist Park

Following the inclusion of an eco cabin at the Karoonda Tourist Park, two additional larger cabins have also been added, tucked away amongst the tree line, as well as a new camp kitchen and fire pit.

As well as the outdoor fire pit, the camp kitchen features several hot plates, a refrigerator and sink, and several indoor seating areas, which have built-in wireless phone chargers.



Head to the next page for photos of the Come and See day of the camp kitchen



Sun rises on new kitchen

A chilly but clear morning greeted visitors to the sneak peek of the new camp kitchen at Karoonda Tourist Park. The fire pit was blazing to bring some warmth, and hot drinks were available to accompany a BBQ breakfast hosted by the District Council of Karoonda East Murray.



Heather Ford and Dean Behnke, pictured above, enjoy a coffee and a chat on the chilly morning, while the operator of the portable BBQ supplied visitors to the event with fresh egg and bacon sandwiches, as pictured left.



Also in attendance were Adam and Jennie from 5MU live breakfast radio show, broadcasting from the new camp kitchen.

The radio hosts interviewed several member of the local community live on the radio, including mayor Caroline Philips, and co-owner of Cathies Café, Keith Woods, pictured left, who shared information about some of the many local projects he is involved with



Polly tell us!

Report a sighting using these steps:

- ① Use the **QR code provided** to navigate to the **Polly Tell Us portal** on the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) BioCollect website.
- ② Go to the **RESOURCES** tab to find the 'Polly Tell Us quick guide for use'.
- ③ Go to the **SURVEYS** tab to **add a new sighting**.

You can also provide sightings through the **BioCollect app**.
Download and search for the Polly Tell Us project.



Thank you!

This project is supported by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the landscape levies.

*More info on
our website*

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sightings

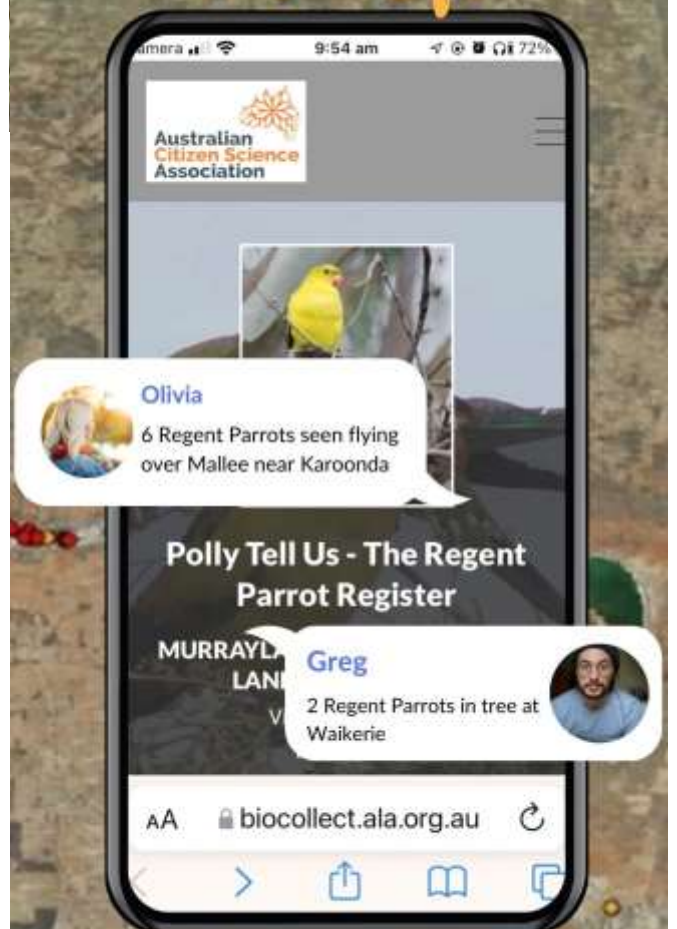


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We're excited to announce a new depot to receive your wool will open at Karoonda in August 2022.

Angela Hofmeyer, our Wool Representative supporting growers in and around the Karoonda area, will be located at the store each Wednesday from 10am to 3pm.



You can find us at the corner of West Tce and Peake Street for all your wool marketing needs - cash for wool is still available, or talk to us about traditional sale options.



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Sun 28 Aug	10.00 am Lay Reading
Sun 4 Sep	10.00 am Lay Reading (Kids 4 Christ @ 10.30 am)
Sun 11 Sept	11.00 am Holy Communion
Sun 18 Sep	10.00 am Lay Reading
Sun 25 Sep	9.00 am Holy Communion (Kids 4 Christ @ 10.00 am)
Sun 2 Oct	5.00 pm Holy Communion
Sun 9 Oct	10.00 am Lay Reading
Sun 16 Oct	9.00 am Holy Communion (Kids 4 Christ @ 10.00 am)
Sun 23 Oct	10.00 am Lay Reading
Sun 30 Oct	10.00 am Lay Reading

Do you have a
photo, event or story
you would like to share?
Please feel free to send
them to Rebekah at
reporter@malleebusiness.org.au

0419792226

She is also happy to come
and cover your local event!

Having a significant
birthday? Let us know!



FRIENDLY REMINDER

With the current Covid situation ramping up in SA, we would like to give everyone a friendly reminder to check-in, sanitise, socially distance and to wear a mask at all times whilst in the shop.

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Soil testing provides a farm management tool with a potential benefit to the farmer of increased yields, reduced operating costs and superior environmental risk management. Additional benefits include; improved crop maturity and quality, higher tolerance to disease and pest damage, and increased growth.

To talk about getting your soil tested, call Stephen Byrne on: (08) 8576 3132 today!

Karoonda Branch: (08) 8578 1097

Lameroo Branch: (08) 8576 3132

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27a Railway Tce., Karoonda

Look out for reg flags

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for your morning toast?



How about some tasty dried
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Do you need a gift for a special
Some-one?



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eggs for breakfast?

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Scott Eichler - Livestock Manager	0408 869 394
Trevor Smith - District Wool Manager	0457 772 614

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Angus Brissenden - Agronomist	0499 303 412
Ken Walker - Farm Supplies Sales/Deliveries	08 8531 9210

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John Robinson - Real Estate Sales Consultant	0409 609 457

Rural Bank

Nick Brook - Agribusiness Relationship Manager	0428 848 610
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KAROONDA OP SHOP

The Karoonda Op Shop supplies affordable clothing and other goods to benefit a wide range of community members. The volunteer organising committee enjoy contributing to worthy local causes with profits from sales being donated to organisations and charities in the region.

All visitors to the Op Shop are asked to please observe the following upon entry:

- Max 6 people in the shop at anytime
 - Sanitise your hands on arrival
 - Sign the visitors book
- Observe social distancing at all times

Open Fridays **9:30am - 4:00pm**



KAROONDA HOTEL

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Operating Hours:

Sundays:

Once Monthly

(see calendar for dates)

12 pm - 4 pm

Wednesdays:

Every Wednesday

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Closed Public Holidays

Closed on Total Fire Ban days

Waste Depot Fees 2022 - 23

Car/ Utility/ Station Wagon - Sorted	\$25.00	Truck (up to 7 tonnes) - Sorted	\$200.00
Car/ Utility/ Station Wagon - Unsorted	\$55.00	Truck (up to 7 tonnes) - Unsorted	\$350.00
6 X 4 Trailer - Sorted (water level)	\$25.00	Truck (7 - 14 tonnes) - Sorted	\$400.00
6 X 4 Trailer - Sorted (above water level)	\$50.00	Truck (7 - 14 tonnes) - Unsorted	\$500.00
6 X 4 Trailer - Unsorted (water level)	\$55.00	Mattresses/Lounges (per item)	\$30.00
6 X 4 Trailer - Unsorted (above water level)	\$110.00	Car Bodies	\$30.00
Tandem Trailer - Sorted (water level)	\$35.00	Recycling	FREE
Tandem Trailer - Sorted (above water level)	\$70.00	Green Waste	FREE
Tandem Trailer - unsorted (water level)	\$65.00	Scrap Metal	FREE
Tandem Trailer - unsorted (above water level)	\$130.00	E-Waste	FREE

Any queries may be directed to the Manager Assets
Infrastructure & Regulatory Services during office
hours on 08 8578 1004



2022 RECYCLING & WASTE CALENDAR



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- GENERAL WASTE WEEKLY COLLECTION DAY & WASTE DEPOT WEEKDAY OPEN
- RECYCLED WASTE IS COLLECTED ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.
- WASTE DEPOT SUNDAY OPEN (ONCE MONTHLY ONLY)

Please place your mobile bins on the kerbside by 6:00am or the night prior to your bin collection day. Please ensure your recyclables are clean and free from contaminants such as plastic bags, general rubbish, etc.

General household and recycled waste collections over Christmas and New Year will take place as per schedule.

Karoonda Waste Depot is open:

Every Wednesday afternoon as normal 2:30pm-4:30pm

Sunday once a month (AS MARKED IN BLUE) 12:00pm-4:00pm

* Waste depot is closed on total fire ban days

TAILEM BEND PHARMACY ~ KAROONDA DEPOT

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Karoonda Golf Club

KR Wilson Drive, Karoonda



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MEMBERSHIPS:



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WOMEN/CHILDREN - \$55



SOCIAL - \$25

CONTACT US FOR DETAILS/DATES

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changing—

contact the club for further information

For more information, or if you want to get involved contact:

Lucas Neumann, President

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REFLECTIONS ON THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORY AND HISTORICAL ARTEFACTS IN THE KAROONDA AREA

Reading in the Karoonda and District Historical Society minutes (which are included in the Council meeting agendas on the website) that they are considering how to celebrate their 40th anniversary led me to reflect on what was being done about the preservation of history before and after the April 1, 1982, meeting at which the Historical Society was formed.

The story starts in 1977. I had already written a centenary history of Curramulka (on Yorke Peninsula) and was then researching for a centenary history of four Hundreds in the District Council of Snowtown. I had become very strongly aware how much I was using word-of-mouth information gained by interviewing older residents and ex-residents, information not previously documented in any permanent form. By centenary time, the historian is dependent for detail about the pioneering days on what elderly people remembered of what their grandparents had told them decades ago.

Some parts of South Australia – like the Murray Mallee – were not opened up for grain-growing until after 1900 (a whole generation after Curramulka and Snowtown, which had both been settled in the 1870s). If these areas could start interviewing their elderly residents now – instead of waiting until they wanted a centenary book – they could capture so much more detail of the early days before it was taken to the grave.

In May 1977 I wrote letters to District Clerks in the Mallee region. The letters pointed out that *much valuable information has not been written down in any form and is lost with the death of pioneer citizens* and concluded by asking whether any history books had already been published or whether any research was under way and, if not, urging that interviewing be done as soon as practicable.

As a result of this I was invited to address the District Council of Karoonda at its meeting on February 12, 1979 (one of the last meetings prior to amalgamation with East Murray). At one of its first meetings the newly-amalgamated Council decided to produce a book covering the history of both former Council areas. Cr. McKenzie Wall, a farmer at Marama, was appointed convenor. I addressed a public meeting at Karoonda on June 22, 1979, at which a committee, to be chaired by Cr. Wall, was elected. Under my guidance, members of this committee and other interested people began gathering information – interviewing elderly residents, reading records of local organisations, etc. Several former residents living in Adelaide read and noted 1910-1925 era newspapers in the State Library.

By September 1981 I had been with my then-employer long enough to qualify for long-service-leave, opening the opportunity for travel to England and Europe. I flew out of Adelaide on February 25, 1982, and returned on May 23rd.

Some weeks later I visited Karoonda and discovered that during my absence the Karoonda and District Historical Society had been formed.

I was not previously aware that Don Anderson, a retired farmer from Kulkawurra, was as concerned about the loss of historical artefacts as I was about the loss of historical information. **Don Anderson's vision was an outdoor museum** where tractors, farming plant, tools, etc., and buildings from pioneering days could be preserved. This was also the era the Railways were closing many of the smaller sidings, opening the possibility of obtaining platforms and sheds and even rolling stock for a museum.

Don Anderson took his vision to the local Lions Club, of which he was a member. The Club supported the idea and organised the public meeting on April 1, 1982, at which the Historical Society was formed.

For the next few years, the two historical groups worked in parallel but separately (although some people were involved in both). The Historical Society developed Pioneer Park and I began more intensive research and began writing the first drafts of what became *Karoonda East Murray: A History to 1986*. The committee elected in 1979 became less and less a “committee” and more a support group for me, organising visits to various parts of the district and arranging guides/contacts, etc. There were less and less meetings as such, and minutes were no longer kept. When Cr. Wall sold his farm and left the district in 1980 Bob Barr became chairman.

Karoonda East Murray: A History to 1986 was launched on September 21, 1986, the same day as Pioneer Park was formally opened. The 1979 committee, by then known as the History Gathering Group, disbanded, its task completed. The Historical Society continued, and Pioneer Park continues to evolve.

Alan Jones,

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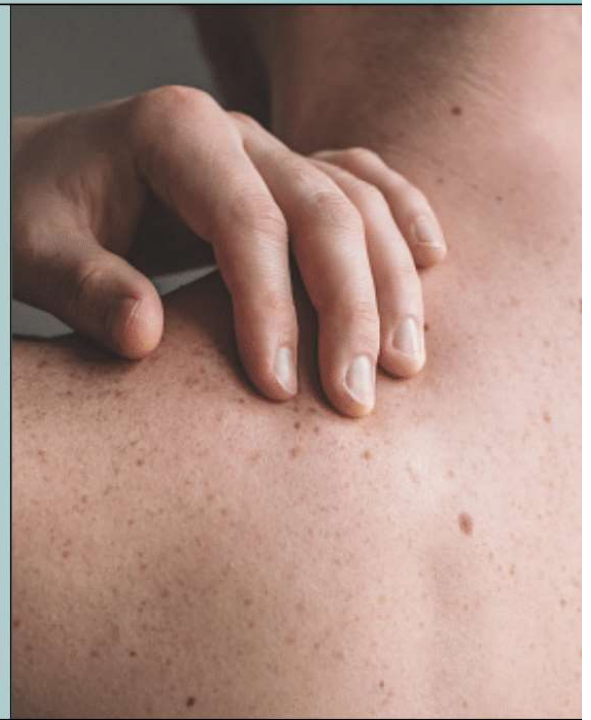
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Vale KJ



The laser cut screen has been installed on the wall of the toilet at the park. This was a council initiative and we are pleased to have the mural enhance the appearance of the park. The SALA event was held at the park recently.

There is still much work to be done at the park and we are very much in need of more volunteers. The next working bee will be held on 28th August from around 9am and we welcome anyone who can give a few hours of their time. A BBQ lunch is provided to volunteers.



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