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CEO UPDATE

Unleash Your Creativity: Share Your Class Ideas with TBCC!

Tailem Bend Community Centre is your community hub for learning, creativity, and connection, and we are always looking for ways to grow and improve our offerings. That's why we want to hear from YOU!

Do you have an idea for a new class or workshop that you'd love to see in our lineup? Whether it's a hobby, a skill, or a passion you'd like to explore, your suggestions could be the next big hit at TBCC. From arts and crafts to fitness, cooking, technology, or something entirely unique—there's no limit to the possibilities.

We're also on the lookout for talented and enthusiastic tutors who are passionate about sharing their knowledge and skills with the community. If you have expertise in a specific area and enjoy teaching, we'd love to hear from you!

At TBCC, we strive to offer activities that engage, inspire, and connect people of all ages and backgrounds. Your input can help us create a program that truly reflects the diverse interests and needs of our community.

How to Share Your Ideas or Express Interest in Tutoring:

Call us at 08 8572 3513
Email us at info@tbcc.org.au
Drop by the Centre at 141 Railway Terrace for a chat

Let's work together to make TBCC a place where everyone can learn, grow, and thrive. We can't wait to hear your ideas and welcome new tutors to our vibrant team!

Get involved today and help shape the future of TBCC!

MMCPN Under-65 Funding Tender

The Department of Human Services (DHS), under-65 funding tender, rebranded as Community Transport SA (CTSA), opened in October 2024 and closed in January 2025. Successful supplier(s) will be notified in April 2025, with new CTSA agreements commencing on 1 September 2025. This timeline ensures a smooth transition period for uninterrupted service delivery.

TBCC Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network (MMCPN) has tendered for CTSA funding. If successful, this will significantly expand TBCC's service footprint, enabling us to continue to deliver integrated transport services across both under-65 and over-65 age groups offering a seamless and efficient experience for all consumers. TBCC strongly advocates for a unified approach, as it ensures service viability and minimizes confusion for consumers. The MMCPN over 65 years transport is funded by the Department of Health and Aged Care (DOHAC) through the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP).

In the event the CTSA tender is unsuccessful, TBCC will continue to provide transport services for over-65 consumers under the current federal contract until it concludes in June 2027, with a possibility of renewed funding. Regardless of the outcome, TBCC remains committed to advocating for and delivering a best-practice transport model that prioritises the needs of the community.

Australian Service Excellence Accreditation (ASES)

Standards Assurance assessors will be visiting the TBCC Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 March 2025, for our 3-year Australian Service Excellence Accreditation (ASES) review. TBCC is proud to have achieved ASES Certificate Level in 2012 and upgraded to Award Level in 2022, placing us among just six providers nationwide to reach this prestigious level of excellence. This review highlights our ongoing commitment to best practice service, ensuring we continue to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Station Master's House

One of the treasures of our community is the historic Station Master's House, a landmark that encapsulates Tailem Bend's rich heritage. Its story begins with the opening of the Intercolonial Railway on 1 May 1886, connecting Adelaide to the Victorian border and sparking the birth of Tailem Bend. Over the years, this vital junction shaped our township's rail and agricultural legacy.

Constructed in 1916 by Mr. William Dick under the architectural guidance of Mr. Alfred Bonython, the Station Master's House stands as a testament to dedication and resilience, exemplified by Stationmaster Mr. Ambrose Sieben. Today, it continues to highlight our railway heritage and the enduring spirit of our community.

On Friday, 31 January 2025, TBCC proudly celebrated the opening of a sustainability garden to promote food security at the Station Master's House, officiated by the Hon. Minister for Human Services and Aged Care, Nat Cook. A centrepiece of the event was the unveiling of an extraordinary art installation—an animated talking tree named Pinar (pronounced Peanar), which means "Tree" in Ngarrindjeri. Pinar shares captivating stories, wisdom, and insights about our community and the stunning Murray River, Lakes, and Coorong region. With regularly updated recordings, Pinar promises to encourage repeat visits and greater community engagement with the garden and the centre.

Since taking ownership on 31 October 2024, TBCC has envisioned transforming the Station Master's House into a dynamic hub of community engagement and economic growth. Plans include a social enterprise retail space and training facility. This multifaceted destination will serve as a unique attraction for locals and visitors alike, fostering connection, creativity, and opportunity. Importantly, TBCC will retain its current building, expanding its footprint to accommodate growing needs and ensure the community continues to be well-supported.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to the local tradespeople who have generously contributed their time, skills, and expertise to achieve Stage One improvements. Their invaluable support has brought this vision closer to reality. Looking ahead, further development will rely on securing additional grant funding, and we are committed to pursuing every opportunity to make this dream a reality.

Generously designed plans by Michael Holliday are available for viewing at TBCC. We warmly welcome your feedback and suggestions at info@tbcc.org.au

Join us in shaping the future of this iconic space and experiencing the magic of Pinar!









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C4C UPDATE

The Communities for Children team welcomes you to 2025! We look forward to seeing what this year will hold and sharing the new year with you all!

We have been busy planning for upcoming events for Term 1 including the Easter craft session in April, and Mother's Day Craft on 9th May. Further events will be planned for the April school holidays so keep your eye out on our Facebook page for details.

PCMG

Parent Child Mother Goose invites parents and carers to cuddle, communicate and connect with their child through Songs, Rhymes, and Stories.

Our PCMG sessions are held each week during the school term, see below for days and times:

Tuesday – Mannum Library – 9.30am **Wednesday** – Meningie Kindergarten – 11am **Thursday** – Tailem Bend Primary School – 9.30am

We have a Registered Midwife visiting each venue once a term. These visits allow parents/carers the opportunity to have a chat, ask questions and get up to date weights and measurements for their child/ren.

See the flyer on our Facebook Page or call our Communities for Children team for further details.

This term we have been lucky enough to participate in an intergenerational visit in each location. Intergenerational sessions promote social connection, emotional well-being and cognitive stimulation for all involved and are a lot of fun and full of heart-warming moments!

MMCPN UPDATE

We need YOUR help to keep making a difference in our community!

By offering your time and skills, you play a crucial role in ensuring that essential services, deliveries, and events run smoothly for those who rely on our support. Whether it is helping people get to important appointments, or simply spreading some kindness on the road, your efforts matter more than you know.

We understand that volunteering your time can be a big commitment, but rest assured, every drive and every hour you contribute is a vital part of a larger mission to help those in need. As a volunteer driver, you'll experience the satisfaction of knowing that you're directly improving the lives of individuals who depend on your assistance.

If you're ready to help, we invite you to join us!

Together, we can continue to make a positive impact.

Contact Mel on 8572 3513 and become a part of this incredible community effort!

Thank you for considering giving back and driving with purpose!

CND / BSO UPDATE

Paint and Sip Workshop

The Paint and Sip evening was a joyful night had by all. Thank you to everyone involved in the event for making it such a great success. Keep your eyes out for the next one.



Don't miss out on the upcoming training / events at the centre:



First Aid Training / CPR Training / First Aid in Education Care Setting

- Wednesday 12th February 2025
- o Thursday 24th April 2025

Bookings can be made through:

MediTactix 1300 156 645 or operations@meditacix.com.au

Fire Training

Friday 14th March 2025
 See flyer below

If you are part of a sporting or service club, these courses are a fantastic opportunity to ensure your club is meeting insurance and safety obligations by having trained first aiders.



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CHSP UPDATE

UPCOMING MUSICALS / EVENTS

SISTER ACT THE MUSICAL

Based on the film, Sister Act is set to light up our theatres and lift our spirits with its irresistible energy and joy, that only this iconic story can! Starring Casey Donovan, Genevieve Lemon and Rhonda Burchmore.

Contact TBCC on 8572 3513 to book your seat. Limited seats available.





BEAUTY AND THE BEAST MUSICAL

We proudly invite you to 'Be Our Guest' at Disney's brand-new production of Beauty and the Beast the Musical!

This enchanting and timeless tale has been brought to life in a reimagined production boasting all the spectacle and grandeur audiences know and love.

Members of the original creative team have reunited on this breathtaking musical featuring all of the spellbinding songs of Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice including Belle, Gaston, Human Again and Be Our Guest. Beauty and the Beast is a muchloved classic that will fill the hearts of a new generation.

Contact TBCC on 8572 3513 to book your seat.

HYDRO POOL & SHOPPING BUS

Every Wednesday the TBCC mini-bus travels from Tailem Bend to Murray Bridge to take consumers to either the Hydro Pool or Marketplace. This is a door to door service, and can assist with

Bookings are essential. Contact TBCC to secure your seat. Times: Departs Tailem Bend at 8am and arrives back by 11am

Cost: \$5.00

SOCIAL SURPRISE BUS TRIPS

Each month our amazing volunteers take the TBCC minibus out to explore new places. The "surprise" is.... the destination is unknown by the attendees.

If you want to get in on the action, departures are from Tailem Bend, Meningie, and Murray Bridge. Check our Facebook page or call the centre for departure dates and bookings.

Cost - CHSP \$10.00 | Non CHSP \$20.00 Bookings are essential. Contact TBCC to secure your seat.

GOLDIES LUNCH

Join us at our next Goldies Lunch on Friday 28 February. Bookings are essential as our seats fill up fast.

Cost - CHSP \$10.00 P/P | NON-CHSP \$15 P/P





Classes are open to all ages. Bookings are required for all classes through TBCC on 8572 3513 unless state

Monday

SCRAPBOOKING / CARD MAKING | 10AM - 2PM Make your Memories into Art.
CHSP \$1.10 | Non CHSP \$2.20

Booking is required | Venue: TBCC Art and Lifestyle shed

Tuesday

WOODTURNING | Socially organised – not every week. Join this group to create and work on your own project CHSP \$1.10 | Non CHSP \$2.20 Booking is required | Venue: TBCC Art and Lifestyle shed LINE DANCING | 10AM - 11.30AM Beginner to Advance skills welcome CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00 a is required | Venue: Toilem Bend T

PILATES WITH URSULA | 5.30PM - 6.20PM

Wednesday

SEWING CLASS | 9AM - 12NOON Work on individual sewing project CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00 ting is required | Venue: TBCC Function

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CHSP \$1.10 1 row.

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MURRAY BRIDGE POOL & SHOPPING BUS

Applications for Tailem Bend passengers: either the MB

strong but not both. The bus with

COLOURFUL CREATIONS | IPM - 3PM |
Join this group to discover the benefits of colourinpointing & creating, Relax and improve your focus and CFP \$1.10 | Non CHSP \$2.20 |
Booking is required | Venue: TBCC Meeting Room

Thursday

PILATES WITH URSULA | 5:30PM - 6:20PM CHSP \$5.50 | Non CHSP \$11.00 Booking is required | Venue: TBCC Function Room

Friday

STRENGTH FOR LIFE | 10AM - 10:45AM Come along to TBCC for Strength for Life with Amanda \$10.00 per class Booking is required directly through Amanda –0414 770 970 Venue: TBCC Function Room

BINGO | 10AM - 12.30PM Friday Fu 14 February, 14 March, 11 April \$6.00 per book (10 games) | Venue: TBCC Meeting Room

C4C

PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE SESSIONS

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY Meningie Kindergarten | 11AM - 11:45AM
THURSDAY



Monday — Friday 9am — 4:30pm 141 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend SA 5260

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates on new events and classes or pop into the center for a 2025 calendar.