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Newsletter:

The next *Lochiel Living Newsletter* will be in early October 2026.
Please send your items and stories to lpasecretary@hotmail.com by 26th September for inclusion in the next issue.
This edition of *Lochiel Living* newsletter has been distributed via emails to all financial members with registered email addresses. Members without email access have receive a printed copy via their letter box.

Bank of ideas:

On 18 June, members of the Lochiel community gathered at the Lochiel Community Centre to brainstorm ideas and identify possibilities for our future. The session was facilitated by Peter Kenyon, Director, Bank of I.D.E.A.S. and funded through a grant from the State Department of Human Services.
We thank all who helped with this project. with the results being available shortly.

www.lochielsa.com

Our new website, www.lochielsa.com.au, is now up and running and opens our Lochiel to the world. Read about our past, present and future with the ability to leave comments and donations. Have a look. Your feedback is appreciated.

CFS AGM:

The Lochiel CFS AGM for 2026 took place on Wednesday, July 8th, at the Lochiel Community Centre. The meeting began with a warm welcome and a turnout of 13 members, exceeding expectations. It included an acknowledgment of apologies and a review of the previous minutes, detailing various incidents and operations from the past year. There was a suggestion for future training improvements with the SA ambulance service and possibly working with army reserves; highlighting the importance of enhancing operational capabilities.
No elections were held this year, and all positions from the previous year remain unchanged. Updates included plans for distributing service medals to members who have significantly contributed.

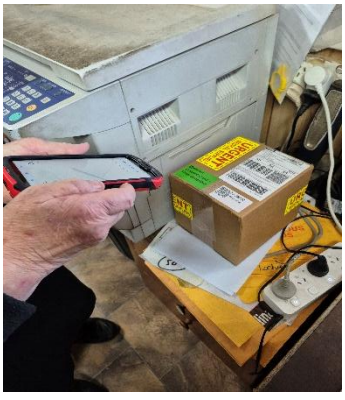
Discussion on members completing their first aid certificates to be able to support ambulance and other emergency services at incidents was discussed and agreed by all members that this is a positive move for Lochiel CFS members.

A dinner on September 25th for members and their partners has been confirmed. Nick will send out messages to members with an RSVP date of September 10th.

Additionally, a memorial for former Captain Pete Farrell was proposed, with plans for a plaque to be presented in his honour, possibly at the CFS dinner. The overall sentiment of the meeting was positive, with the CFS in a good position moving forward, emphasizing ongoing engagement with the community and volunteers.

Parcels Go Hi-Tech:

Simmonds Garage, Lochiel's Community Postal Agency, has gone hi-tech for parcel delivery to our residents. All parcels are now scanned on arrival at Lochiel and a reminder automatically sent by Australia Post to the recipient's phone.



The new system saves Shirley a lot of work in writing up the many parcel details in the delivery book and our need to sign as received.
This applies to Australia Post parcels only.

Tree Planting:

On 23rd July the Wakefield Regional Council and Horizon School, Balaklava, joined to plant native trees in the area adjacent to the Lochiel Cemetery.



Well done to both groups.

Services Australia:

On 2nd September an Australian Government mobile service centre will be in Snowtown from 9.30am to 4.00pm opposite the Memorial Hall. Visit the mobile service centre to find out more about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, people with disabilities, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

AGM:

The Lochiel Progress Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25th September, 7pm at the Lochiel Community Centre. Hear about our past twelve months achievements, elect your new representatives and help plan our future.
Full details will be sent out in early September.

Highway 1:


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Not even school bus drivers told of works

South Australian crawl on single-lane highway

Holly Cowan, of Lochiel, and Robyn Hayes, of Nantawarra, check roadworks at Beaufort. Picture: Emma Brasier

An article appeared on page 20 of the 26th July edition of the Sunday Mail mentioning the problems of motorists and truckies on Highway 1 between Pt. Wakefield and Lochiel.
An interesting read.

Sports:

Lochiel Tennis Club.

Registrations are now open for the 2026/27 summer tennis season. We are welcoming new junior and senior players for the upcoming season which begins in term 4.
whether your child is in kindy, reception or through to year 12, we'd love to see them on court. No experience is necessary – players of all ages and abilities are encouraged to give tennis a go in a fun, supportive environment.
To help new families get started, we're hoping to run professional coaching sessions at Lochiel during the school holidays, providing the perfect come-and-try opportunity for anyone who has been thinking about joining. It's a great way to meet other families, learn about the basics and see what our Club is about.
Our juniors compete in the Northern Yorke Peninsula Junior Tennis Assn, while our senior team's welcome adult players of all skill levels who are looking to enjoy competitive and social tennis.

For more information or to register your interest, contact – Peter Nicholls on 0488 571 318.

Lochiel Darts Club.

Played on Monday nights on a home & away basis with our mid-north communities. Our Lakers team are doing well, and the new Saltiest team are improving their skills and now winning a few legs. The darts season finishes in early October. Great social nights out. New season starts in March 27.

Rainfall. measured at South Hummocks Road.

June 94.2mm
July 42.0mm
YTD **327.1mm**
(2024 – 212.8mm, 2025 – 260.1mm)

For Sale.

Well made plough disc fire pit on legs. Contact Gary Merritt on 0434 271 272 for details.



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