



**FREE TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS & VOLUNTEER MANAGERS**

**Skills for Boards & Committees**  
Wednesday May 28  
6-9pm at Barossa Council

**Introduction to Risk Management**  
Thursday May 29  
9.30am-12.30pm  
Kapunda Council

**Finding New Volunteers**  
Tuesday June 3  
9.30am-12.30pm  
Kapunda Council

**Registration:**  
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# READY TO RIDE

The community can celebrate the opening of the multi-million dollar Jack Bobridge Track at 'Barossa by Bike', a series of themed events on the weekend of May 24-25.

Sample the best of the Barossa's food, wine and cycling trails with a range of mostly free and family-friendly events including live entertainment, art exhibitions, produce and artisan markets and a group ride on the new

27km track.

Details of individual events are listed in full at [www.Barossa.com](http://www.Barossa.com)

The weekend of festivities coincides with Velo-City, the world's premier cycle planning conference being held in Adelaide from May 27-30 ([www.velo-city2014](http://www.velo-city2014)).

*Photo of the Jack Bobridge Track by Gerri Nelligan, Wordsync*



## Community input will help protect Barossa

Council is seeking to involve members of the community in a Reference Group to assist its development of new planning policy.

The work of the Reference Group will support the implementation of Council's Strategic Directions Report. It will consider issues related to future land use in rural areas and how to best recognise, protect and enhance the special character and heritage of the Barossa.

Representatives of the community and of stakeholder groups are encouraged to apply if they have an interest in planning policy and can contribute advice and ideas in the

following areas:

- Recognising, protecting and enhancing the character and heritage of the Barossa
- Primary production, value-adding and associated activities

Interested people can contact Council by email [barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au](mailto:barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au) and nominations close 5pm on May 9, 2014.

Please visit Council's website [www.barossa.sa.gov.au](http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au) for more information, selection criteria and further details on the role of the Reference Group.

## Out & About



Esta Halsey-Dunn from Light Pass Primary School and Shiana Semmler from St Jakobi Lutheran School prepare for a blindfolded sensory walk at Barossa Bushgardens as part of a Youth Environmental Leaders workshop.

## It's Storytime



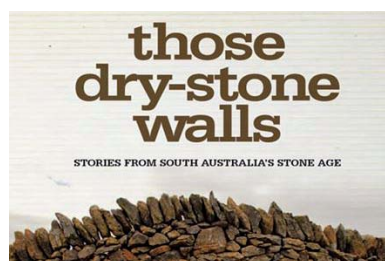
Barossa Council Public Library presents 'Dads Read', a series of events throughout the year to promote the value of dads reading to their kids.

"Reading for just 10 minutes a day makes a difference in developing a child's reading and learning for life," says Liz Beales, Co-ordinator Branch Services at the Library.

The Saturday morning events with Elizabeth continue on May 10 at 10.30am at Nuriootpa Library, with coming events scheduled for June 14 and 28 at Lyndoch. Activities include stories, craft and fun.

Pick up a Dads Read brochure at your local branch library or visit Council's website [www.barossa.sa.gov.au](http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au) for events throughout the year.

## Drystone walls



Discover the stories behind South Australia's stone walls at the next Meet the Author event with Bruce Munday.

Some of the state's stone structures have stood for 150 years, never touched by mortar. 'Those dry-stone walls' provides a fascinating visual and written history of these historic walls, many of which are found in the Barossa area.

According to the foreward, the book is not only a poem to the beauty and craft of stone walls, but will persuade many readers to become interested in this important part of South Australian heritage.

Bruce is a popular local writer and will appear at Nuriootpa Library on Tuesday, May 27 at 11am.

## Rex record



Visitation at the Rex hit an all-time record in March, with 20,089 people attending the centre.

It's the first time attendances have surged beyond the 20,000 mark, and the figure does not include spectators.

The Centre is now in the third year of full operation and Council is again recognising the contribution of ratepayers who have helped fund the Rex through the separate Aquatic and Fitness Centre rate as part of their annual rates payment.

From this week ratepayers will receive a discount card in the post which provides a 10 per cent discount on any once-off service (conditions apply). The card is transferable and can be handed on to family and friends who are not Barossa residents.



Creative costumes were in abundance at the Friends of Barossa Library Storybook Picnic which attracted 350 people.



Upper Torrens Land Management Project Manager Gerry Butler (centre) at the LGMA Awards with Barossa Mayor Brian Hurn (left) and Adelaide Hills Mayor Bill Spragg.