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Join in the Muddy Hands Festival fun!

Magical upgrade at the Tea Tree Gully Library

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CITY OF TEA TREE GULLY
Naturally Better

Hello



Phillip Meadows and Linda Edwards with Mayor Marijka Ryan (centre) at Wynn Vale Community Garden.

Spring is shaping up to be a busy time, with some wonderful local opportunities to have some fun in the great outdoors.

Wynn Vale Community Garden celebrates its 30th birthday on 10 October with an open day from 9am to 2pm. Come along to enjoy this much-loved space, meet ABC *Gardening Australia*'s Sophie Thomson, share coffee and cake, and browse the plant and produce market stalls.

Families will love the Muddy Hands Festival at Golden Fields on 30 September, where kids can have a muddy good time with hands-on nature play. Muddy Hands sits alongside Re-Fest, Civic Park Carols and A Day in the Gully as Council-run and partnered events over spring and summer.

Council has also adopted its 2026–27 budget, with $47.5 million in capital works to improve roads, footpaths, parks, sporting facilities and stormwater. Thanks to everyone who had their say on this during the community consultation. We look forward to seeing these projects rolled out.

Marijka Ryan | Mayor

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Pop this mag in your yellow recycling bin when you've finished reading to give it a new life!

Cover image: Elianna and Harriet discover the joy of the mud kitchen at last year's Muddy Hands Festival. See page 10 to learn more about this year's event.

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SCAN FOR MAP

MOWING PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

Spring growth means grass is growing quickly across verges and median strips.

Council mowing crews are working hard to keep up, but with hundreds of kilometres to cover, it can take up to six weeks to do a full loop of the City – and that's not accounting for bad weather.

A big thank you to those who are able to mow or landscape their verges at home.

Council also cuts roadside verges at the end of spring to reduce fire risk and improve visibility for motorists.

You can track the mowing team's schedule via our interactive online map by scanning the QR code above.

Election delay

Local government elections have been postponed until April 2027.

This state government decision affects all councils across South Australia.

To check if you're enrolled to vote, visit **check.aec.gov.au**

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday:	6am–7.30pm
Saturday:	7am–6pm
Sunday:	9am–6pm

Make a splash at Waterworld!

*Get ready to dive back in when Waterworld reopens on 28 September.**

With three heated outdoor pools, fast waterslides and a splash pad, Waterworld is the perfect place to soak up the warmer weather.

You can make a day of it by buying food and drinks from the cafe, having a picnic on the lawns or using one of the free barbecues.

DIVE IN AND SAVE!

Planning to visit regularly? A solo or family membership offers discounted entry and exclusive member perks to help you make the most of the season.

Annual membership costs $220 for an individual or $440 for a family of four, with additional children costing $110 each.

WHAT'S ON AT WATERWORLD?

There's more to Waterworld than pools and slides, with activities and events running throughout the season, including:

- **Learn to Swim** classes for babies, children and adults
- **AquaFit** low-impact fitness sessions for all ages and abilities
- **Birthday parties** with hosted activities, water games and priority slide access. Book a party for October for just $200 (conditions apply)
- **Private functions** for exclusive after-hours events
- **Community events** including Dive-in Movies, Storytimes, Active Ageing activities and more!

For prices, bookings, memberships and the latest updates, scan the QR code to visit the Waterworld website.

LEARN MORE

Fun in the sun for Mason at Waterworld earlier this year.

*Subject to weather.

we ♥ to swim





Butterflies, books and new beginnings

The Tea Tree Gully Library children's area has transformed!

Council's original, bespoke design was inspired by the butterfly life cycle and brought to life by local business Creative Construction Solutions.

We ran workshops at Kildare College and Ridgehaven Primary School, gathering inspiration from students' concept art for the space. One idea that became a reality was the butterfly story chair, where children now gather for story time.

The book shepherds have also moved in. Illustrated by artist James Parker, they now watch over the children's collection.

Our launch event in July was enjoyed by the community, especially our younger library visitors, who all matched the theme and dressed in their butterfly-best!

Public Art Project Coordinator Carly Didcote said the refreshed area "sparks curiosity, inspiring wonder and a love for learning".

"Interactive elements invite children and their families to engage, explore and connect, helping to create lasting memories that we hope will be treasured for years to come."

Other exciting features include projection art installations by Polymorphic Art and Design, Libraries SA First Nations artwork by Gabriel Stengle, an interchangeable diorama window and wooden story trees – one of which is home to a friendly caterpillar, Larry from the Library!

Kids can also find non-fiction books easier with our new genre labelling system, featuring simple themes like 'Hobbies', 'All About Me' and 'Science'.

Community Hub Lead Belinda Halling said, "We're excited to welcome families into our vibrant children's space."

"With fantastic new books, curated Top Picks for kids, playful book shepherd characters to discover and new library merchandise, there's something for every young reader to enjoy.

"Bring the kids and experience the magic for yourselves!"

Above: Akea and his daughter inspect the diorama window. Opposite, top right: Part of the upgraded children's area. Opposite, bottom right: Library staff, project team members and their families celebrate the upgrade.



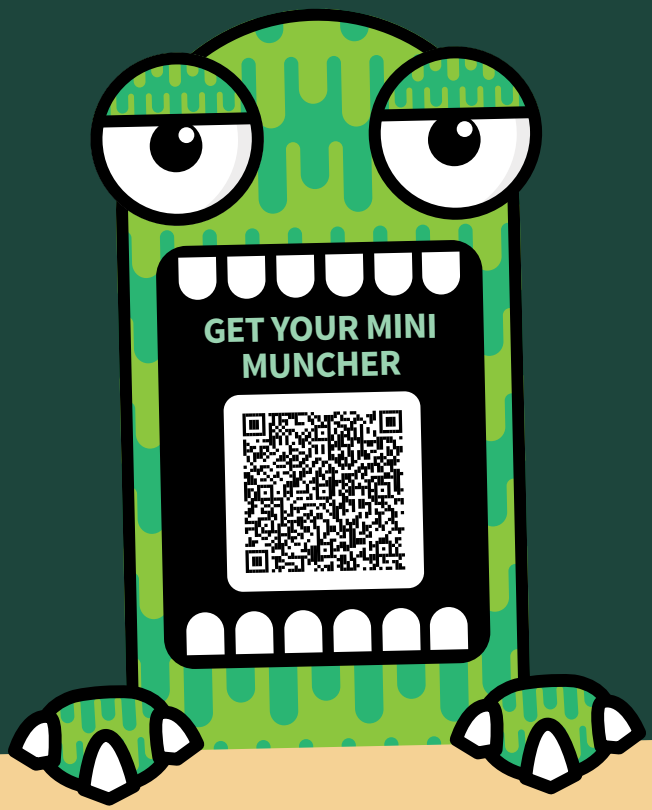


Available at the library

- Books, eBooks, audio books and more to borrow
- Computers, printing and Wi-Fi
- Technology training
- Local and family history
- English as a second language tutoring
- Seed library
- Home Library Service
- Events and activities

LEARN MORE

The great green bin challenge



Hi, I'm Tasty – your friendly food-loving waste monster.

We've got a MONSTER problem.

Every week, tonnes of food scraps go to waste in red-lid landfill bins across our City.

But there's a simple solution. Feed your food scraps to your green-lid food and organics bin! That way, your food is turned into compost to help make gardens grow.

Whatever you do... please don't feed them to your red-lid landfill bin. Blech!



Lettuce all learn

Did you know that when you put a lettuce in the green bin (compost), it takes just weeks to break down? But if you put it in the red bin (landfill), it takes about 25 years. So, please stick to putting your food waste in the green bin!



City of Tea Tree Gully's report card*

Subject	Score	Tasty's comments
Garden waste	**A+**	Top job! Nearly all garden waste is going into the green bin. Love your work CTTG residents.
Food scraps	**C**	Uh-oh! Just 7% of food scraps are making it into the green bin. Let's work together to improve this score.
Compostable bags	**B+**	Well done. 88% are ending up in the green bin. Keep up the good work!

Report summary: You're an A+ student when it comes to garden waste, but food scraps need more attention. Feed your food scraps to the green-lid food and organics bin so we can make wonderful compost!

*Based on a 2026 audit of residential bins in the City of Tea Tree Gully.



Reserve in bloom

Be sure to visit Kingfisher Reserve this spring to enjoy it in its prime.

After the winter rain, the landscape's muted browns transform to vibrant greens. From October, you're also likely to see plenty of native wildflowers in bloom.

Biodiversity Officer Sabine Koolen said the reserve features more than 50 different plant species, boosting the ecological health of the Dry Creek corridor.

"The wildflowers bloom and provide nectar and pollen for butterflies and insects, and they provide food for birds and other wildlife," Ms Koolen said.

"It's a cycle, it doesn't stop with one species. They all rely on each other to exist.

"Importantly, supporting this biodiversity creates a healthier planet for us all."

Visit Kingfisher Reserve for a picnic, a leisurely stroll, or for a ride along the cycling paths. You might even get the perfect 'golden hour' photo if you time your outing just right!

Kingfisher Reserve
Golden Grove Road, Modbury Heights

If it's feathered don't feed it

Learn more at:

cttg.sa.gov.au/wildbirds



Lily Larocca and Christine Goss love being involved in the Scrappy Doll sewing group.

Get scrappy

Our Scrappy Doll sewing group at Holden Hill Community Centre creates dolls out of repurposed fabric and materials. Each doll is packaged with a birth certificate and donated to local charities supporting families at risk.

Our community centres offer a huge range of activities. Best of all, you'll meet like-minded people to enjoy your sessions with. Get ready to find your community.

FIND MORE ACTIVITIES



Take your business to the next level

Residents and business owners in our City can access up to three free hours every year with a business advisor.

Scan the QR code to book in with our Small Business Advisory Service.

LEARN MORE



Allison having fun at a local playground.

Slide towards new playgrounds

Kids will be able to climb, explore and play the day away at four brand-new local playgrounds by early 2027.

Whinnen Reserve (St Agnes), Coulls Reserve (Highbury), Elysium Reserve (Golden Grove) and Pinewood Reserve (Golden Grove) are all on the list for exciting new playground equipment replacements.

The playgrounds were designed with the community, for the community, thanks to those who had their say during community engagement for each playground.

There will also be plenty of places to watch the action, with new picnic settings, plus additional seating and park benches at each reserve.

Palomino Reserve has also recently been upgraded with new shade sails, irrigation and fresh turf to make it an even cooler place to visit.

And there's more to come, with Elliston (Highbury) and Maxlay (Modbury Heights) Reserves also set to receive new playgrounds as part of plans to transform these undeveloped reserves into destination playspaces.

FIND A PLAYGROUND NEAR YOU

MUDDY FUN AHEAD



DIG INTO THE DETAILS

Make magical, muddy memories at the Muddy Hands Festival school holiday event.

Kids will have the chance to wallow in mud pits, create seed bombs, play in mud kitchens and build cubbies.

Geocaching, nature masks and crowns and Aboriginal message stones are also on offer.

Washing stations will be available to help clean up afterwards. Families are also encouraged to bring a change of clothes. A sensory tent will provide a quieter space for children who need it.

Food trucks will be onsite, or you can bring your own picnic lunch.

The event is run by the City of Tea Tree Gully in partnership with Nature Play SA, with the support of gold sponsor Good Shepherd Lutheran School Para Vista and silver sponsor Nido Early School.

- Wednesday 30 September, 10am–3pm
- Golden Fields Reserve
- Free entry



The In-Between

Discover how young artists interpret the idea of *The In-Between* through a striking collection of 2D and 3D artworks.

Created by students, the exhibition explores the spaces between cultures, generations and identities.

Schools involved are Golden Grove and Modbury High Schools, Pinnacle and Gleeson Colleges and The Heights School.

18 September to 24 October
Open Wednesday to Saturday, noon to 5pm

Gallery 1855
2 Haines Road, Tea Tree Gully



Visitors explore last year's annual high school art exhibition at Gallery 1855.

MORE INFO



Tina Turner Tribute

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon celebrating the one and only Tina Turner.

Performed by the Love Soul Deep nine-piece band, this high-energy show will capture Tina's strength and spirit.

Enjoy the hits you know and love in this spectacular show.

Thursday 8 October, 1.30pm

Golden Grove Arts Centre

$23 per person

BOOK HERE



Local venues for hire

Discover local venues for hire with SpacetoCo. Whether it's for a one-off event or a regular booking, find community spaces for celebrations, workshops, fitness classes, and so much more.

LEARN MORE

What's on in our City

Growing for GOLD

Growing for Gold helps kids try new sports – and helps parents by making them free.

In the term three school holidays, children aged 3–16 years can discover different sports and clubs through the program, to see which they like best before signing up.

It's a chance to build skills, keep fit and make new friends along the way. And there's benefits to joining clubs once the program ends.

LEARN MORE

Recognising local heroes

Know a person or group making a difference in our community?

Please nominate them for an Australia Day Award.

Nominations are open from 7 September to 31 October 2026.

NOMINATE

REGULAR EVENTS & PROGRAMS

MODFIT

A modified low-to-medium intensity exercise program for over 50s. BYO gym towel and mat. No bookings required.

- Session times and days vary
- Turramurra Recreation Centre and Golden Grove Recreation Centre
- $10 per session or buy a 5 visit or 10 visit pass (prices vary).
- Call 8397 7429 for details

SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis for all ages and skill levels. Loan bats available.

- Tuesdays, 1–3pm
- DS Goodes Pavilion, Tilley Recreation Park
- Call 0427 715 644 for more details

LADIES DAYTIME BASKETBALL AND LADIES DAYTIME NETBALL

Contact us if you'd like to join a current team. Free creche for children aged 5 and under.

- Basketball: Wednesdays, 9.30–11am
  Netball: Thursdays, 9.30–11am
- Turramurra Recreation Centre
- One-off $15 player registration; $10 game fee per player
- Call 8397 7433 for details



STRENGTH FOR LIFE 50+

A program for those over 50 years who want to get fit.

- Sessions daily, times vary
- Turramurra Recreation Centre and Golden Grove Recreation Centre
- $50 assessment fee, multi-pass prices vary

TEA TREE GULLY SENIOR CITIZENS

Enjoy exercise classes, carpet bowls, dancing and snooker. All welcome.

- Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
- 14 Leslie Crescent, Tea Tree Gully
- Call 0409 676 980 for more details



MUMS AND BUBS YOGA – TERM 4

Combine yoga and playgroup to build strength and connection. Suited for parents of children up to 12 months.

- Wednesdays, 10.30–11.30am (21 October to 9 December)
- Surrey Downs Community Centre
- $60 for 8-week course

HAYLEY'S ART CLUB

Join Hayley, author and illustrator in this relaxed art space for young people. Follow guided activities or bring your own art projects to work on. For ages 12 to young adults.

- Every 1st and 3rd Friday during school term, 3.30–5pm
- Surrey Downs Community Centre
- Free

TAI CHI IN THE PARK

Discover Tai Chi and the health benefits of exercising the body and mind. Great for beginners and those with some Tai Chi experience.

- Term 4 Mondays, 7.30–8.30am
- Surrey Downs Community Centre
- $54 for nine-week program
- Bookings via Eventbrite

LEGEND
Council events
Non-council events

ST AGNES FITNESS CLUB
Get fit, make friends and have fun! Our member-run club offers cardio, stretch and strength exercises.

- Monday and Thursdays 8.30am, 9.20am and 10.10am
- Tea Tree Gully Institute Hall
- $70 per term
- Call 0439 900 590 for more details



TOTS IN TUTUS
Your child can learn rhythm and movement using games and music. Ages 2.5–5 years.

- Term 4 Mondays, 1–1.45pm
- Surrey Downs Community Centre
- $30 for 8-week program

MEND-A-GNOME
Learn simple repair techniques to give gnomes a new lease on life.

- Last Wednesday of the month, 10.30am–12.30pm
- Harpers Field Community Hub
- $10

FRIDAY COFFEE AND CHAT
Start the weekend early catching up with old and new friends. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate provided.

- Every first Friday, 10am–1pm
- Harpers Field Community Hub
- Free, no booking required

SEPTEMBER

WORLDLY CAFE: ITALY
Immerse yourself in an evening of Italian culture.

- Thursday 24 September, 6–8pm
- Harpers Field Community Hub
- Free
- Bookings: cttg.sa.gov.au/harpers

NATURE COLLAGE FOR AGES 7–15
Create art using dried flowers and mixed media. All materials supplied. Bookings essential.

- Wednesday 30 September, 10–11am
- Tea Tree Gully Library
- Free

OCTOBER

NATURE PLAY FESTIVAL
School holiday program for children 1–10 years. Bring the kids along for mud and sand play, woodwork for little hands, rock painting, cone owl making and plenty more outdoor activities. A barbecue lunch is included in the ticket.

- Thursday 8 October, 11am–1pm
- Bentley Reserve, Holden Hill
- Family ticket $6; Family Daycare $10

TEA TREE GULLY SPRING GIFT COMMUNITY MARKET
Featuring more than 70 stalls filled with locally made arts and handcrafted wares.

- Saturday 10 October, 10am–2pm
- Golden Grove Recreation Centre
- Free

OCTOBER (CONTINUED)

SPRING IN THE GARDEN
Plants and food for sale, stalls and entertainment, plus a nature-play area. Explore the pavilions to learn about local agricultural history.

- Sunday 18 October, 11am–4pm
- Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum
- Adults $6; concession $5; free for children 14 and under
- Call 0431 080 062 for more details

NOVEMBER

GREG HARTS LEGENDS SHOW
Join Greg Hart as he pays tribute to some of the iconic artists that have inspired him, including music from Billy Joel, Elton John and Roy Orbison.

- Thursday 12 November, 1.30pm
- Golden Grove Arts Centre
- $23 per person

PEN AND WASH WATERCOLOUR COURSE
Join Adelaide Hills artist Anne Griffiths to learn this beautiful painting technique – a fusion of inked lines and watercolour washes.

- Thursday 19 November, 26 November & 3 December, 1–3pm
- Holden Hill Community Centre
- $35 covers all sessions

WORLDLY CAFE: UNITED KINGDOM
Explore the culture and traditions of the United Kingdom.

- Friday 20 November, 6–9pm
- Harpers Field Community Hub
- Free
- Bookings: cttg.sa.gov.au/harpers

Re-Fest is back!

Saturday 7 November
10am–3pm
Tea Tree Gully Library

Expect a Re-Fest that's bigger and better than ever, with guest speakers, live demonstrations, interactive workshops and plenty of stalls exploring ways to be eco-friendly.






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BALMORAL WARD

Thank you to everyone who shared their views throughout the 2026–27 Annual Business Plan and Budget consultation process. After carefully considering residents' feedback, the current and long-term financial outlook, and the impact on households, we both voted against the proposed 2026–27 rate increase.

Budget decisions are among the most significant responsibilities of elected members, and we respect that councillors may reach different conclusions after weighing the available information. Our view was that a lower rate increase should have been pursued, particularly in light of the ongoing cost-of-living pressures facing many households.

The budget was ultimately adopted by Council following the Mayor's casting vote. In the interests of transparency, we believe it is important that residents know how their elected representatives voted on decisions that directly affect them.

We remain committed to carefully scrutinising future budgets, promoting value for money, supporting responsible financial management, and ensuring Council continues to deliver essential services while investing in our community's future.

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DRUMMINOR WARD

There is plenty happening across the City. The newly refurbished children's area of Tea Tree Gully Library is delighting families with a butterfly-inspired theme and interactive spaces that encourage children to learn and explore. The library has also introduced a chat seat to help reduce social isolation by providing a welcoming place for conversations.

Local tennis players are benefiting from upgraded facilities at Modbury Tennis Club, including the resurfacing of four courts. The club is one of the largest tennis clubs in Adelaide's north-east.

Council staged a Doing it Tough expo in early August to help residents pay bills, get free food and find support. Congratulations to all involved.

We would also like to acknowledge former Council volunteer Graham Fussen for his dedicated service to our community.

In July, Cr Drozdoff attended the Redwood Park Neighbourhood Watch meeting, where she shared Council news and discussed local community safety with volunteers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

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HILLCOTT WARD

The $1.8 million Maxlay Reserve Stage 1 and 2 upgrades are starting. Maxlay Road repairs are rescheduled after upgrades have finished.

Palomino Reserve shade sails and extension of existing irrigation system are now complete.

Upgrades to Elysium Reserve and Pinewood Reserve playgrounds and irrigation have commenced, with completion expected by end of year.

The Milne Road (Modbury Heights) traffic study is complete and is currently being analysed for ways of reducing congestion and enhancing safety.

Surrey Farm Road upgrade near Pedare Christian College and widening Wynn Vale Drive near Kings Baptist Grammar School are complete. School traffic management is important; we urge drivers to take care for the safety of everyone.

Join us on 10 October for the annual Wynn Vale Community Garden Open Day! Enjoy the day with a selection of plants, jams, cakes and scones on sale, plus great raffle prizes. This year is their 30th anniversary. Come along and meet special guest Sophie Thomson from *Gardening Australia*.

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PEDARE WARD

After rescheduling a couple of times, we were pleased to hold our much-anticipated Pedare Ward Neighbourhood Chat on Saturday 13 June at Golden Fields. Again the weather was not kind to us. Rain bucketed down overnight and in the early hours that morning.

John Adams, President of SADNA at Atlantis Drive, Golden Grove, stepped in with an invitation to share his undercover facilities at the club and our TTG Men's Shed volunteers pulled their trailer in and cooked hot bacon and egg rolls for all who braved the elements.

Council staff quickly set up information booths with brochures, programs and initiatives on offer. Elected Members heard some valuable feedback from our residents. We thank everyone for making the morning possible.

The start of winter provided much-needed rainfall with local reservoirs being replenished. Unfortunately, strong wind gusts and local flooding kept Council staff and the State Emergency Service busy with calls. Thank you to everyone concerned for keeping our community safe.

WARD SUBURBS

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STEVENTON WARD

As the weather fines up, don't forget Enviro Care events are available to residents to drop off excess green waste. We advocated to increase the number of Enviro Care Sundays and it's great to see this popular service going strong.

Development of the new dog park at Tilley Recreation Park is progressing. A key piece of feedback through consultation was to include grass and this has been included in the design. We look forward to seeing lots of paws in the park!

Following through on our commitment to the community, made as part of the recent baseball club upgrades, works are underway to improve community access at Illyarrie Reserve, Surrey Downs, including new walking paths and a multi-purpose court.

Thanks to those who attended the recent Steventon Ward chat at Gallery 1855. We will have more street corner meetings in the coming months, but as always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to raise anything.

WARD SUBURBS

Surrey Downs, Fairview Park, Banksia Park, Tea Tree Gully, Vista, Yatala Vale, Houghton, Upper Hermitage, Gould Creek, Golden Grove (part)



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Position Vacant
See cttg.sa.gov.au/emnews
for more details

WATER GULLY WARD

It's all systems go for the Elliston Reserve project which starts shortly. This will address the inequalities of open space between the north and south of the city. The plans include a tree house inspired playspace, a skate plaza and snake run, BMX tracks and jumps, a 3-on-3 basketball and netball court and more. A lot of positive feedback was received through the extensive community consultation.

Hope Valley Bowling Club is receiving $100,000 from Council towards a new verandah, and the federal government has funded $300k towards the club's bathrooms. Coulls Reserve will receive a playground upgrade in early 2027.

Design work has commenced on proposed upgrades to the Turramurra Recreation Centre, including a refresh of the facade, entry and foyer, new internal cladding in the sports courts, and accessibility improvements. External funding is being sought for the building upgrades and a potential community hub extension.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

WARD SUBURBS

Hope Valley (part), Dernancourt, Highbury, Paracombe (part)



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

3 NOVEMBER 2026
NOON – 4.30PM

$79 per person
$75 per person for groups of 8+

Two-course meal + a drink on arrival.
Enjoy a stylish lunch with the races
on the big screen and prizes.

Live music and after party
with All About Her!

THE TEA TREE

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