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New Venture for The Swan Group

A fresh chapter for a local favourite. The Swan Group takes the reins at Tailem Bend Bakery, carrying on over a century of community tradition and quality baking. — *continue on page 2.*



Crushing it across the region

September has been a big month for Swan Earthmovers, with major projects underway and tonnes of material moved. — *continue on page 6.*



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CRAIG, KERRY, COURTNEY, LUKE AND CHARLI

SWAN GROUP NEW VENTURE: WELCOME THE TAILEM BEND BAKERY

On 15th September, The Swan Group proudly became the new owners of the Tailem Bend Bakery, a local icon that has been at the heart of the community for over 100 years. This is a big moment for us, and we want to take a moment to thank everyone who has been part of the bakery's journey.

For the past 11 and a half years, Paige, Jake, Deb, and Malcolm carried forward the bakery's tradition with passion, hard work, and heart. We know we've got massive shoes to fill, and we honour not only the Gower and Coombe crew but also every owner and baker who came before them, each leaving their mark on this beloved local business.

But rest assured, it's still the same talented bakers in the kitchen creating all your favourites fresh each day.

Some faces may have changed, but the tradition, care, and quality behind every loaf, pie, and pastry remain exactly the same.

The first weeks have been a whirlwind, full of early mornings, bustling bakehouse activity, and a warm welcome from the community. Craig hit the road on day one with wholesale deliveries, while Courtney ensured all wholesale orders were packed and ready to go. The very first coffees were poured on the new machine, marking the start of another exciting era for the team.

We are so grateful for the support and kind words from our customers and community.

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BIRTHDAY DONUTS



CHARLI'S FIRST SHIFT



CRAIG DAY 1 DELIVERIES



FIRST COFFEE



COURTNEY - OPERATIONS MANAGER



FIRST WEEK IN THE BAKERY

Amidst this busy start, we are thrilled to share another exciting development: Adam Coombe has stepped into the role of Head Baker.

Baking runs in Adam's blood, and having spent many years working in the bakehouse, he knows the ins and outs of every process and has a deep understanding of the craft.

In what has been a very busy first few weeks, he has already shown the leadership, skill, and dedication needed to guide the bakehouse.

Even with new responsibilities, Adam found time to create a special donut for one of the Swan Group birthdays, a small taste of the creativity and passion he brings to his role.

We are so excited for what the future holds and are grateful to everyone who has welcomed us into the community.

The Tailem Bend Bakery has a long and proud history, and with the same talented bakers, a passionate team, and a commitment to quality, we are ready to write the next chapter together.

Here's to a bright future, delicious treats, and another hundred years of baking excellence in the heart of Tailem Bend.



ADAM COOMBE - HEAD BAKER



BEN BORCHARDT

WELCOME TO THE TEAM: BEN

In August, Swan Heavy Mechanical (SHM) welcomed a new apprentice to the team. Ben Borchardt joins us as a third-year heavy diesel apprentice, bringing with him a wealth of hands-on experience from working on cars and gardening equipment.

Currently, Ben's favourite job is servicing the trucks, where he gets to put his skills to work every day.

What he enjoys most about working with the team is the banter between the boys, which makes every day in the workshop enjoyable.

Outside of work, Ben is passionate about motorbikes and camping, always ready for an adventure when he's not in the workshop.

We're excited to have Ben on board and look forward to seeing him grow and develop his skills at SHM.

Contact SHM to book in your repairs



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DEPOT STOCKPILES FOR SALT CREEK PARKING BAY

SWAN EARTHMOWERS PROJECT UPDATES

It's been a busy month for the Swan Earthmovers crew, with major projects underway across the region. From local council jobs to on farm improvements, the team has been putting in the hard yards to deliver quality results.

SALT CREEK PARKING BAY

Firstly, the crew have been busy crushing product at Chapmans and then delivering it for use in the Salt Creek Parking Bay project.

A combination of Tight Bay Fill and PM20 used to complete the job. The project has required careful planning and coordination of crushing and carting.

Work is progressing well, and the parking bay is starting to take shape, a lasting improvement that will benefit the community for years to come.

COORONG COUNCIL: LOVEDAY BAY

Graham and Justin have kicked off the season with a solid crushing job for the Coorong Council, producing 40mm product at Loveday Bay, Narrung.

It's been a great way to get the machines moving and the crew back into full swing for the busy months ahead.

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CRUSHING AT SWAN AGRI

SWAN EARTHMOVERS PROJECT UPDATES

SWAN AGRI: FEED PAD CRUSHING

Swan Earthmovers have also been busy completing an on-site crushing job for Swan Agri Business.

Using the PC450 and jaw crusher, Graham and Justin produced quality rubble to form a new feed pad.

This project is a great example of how the team can support large-scale agricultural developments with efficient and reliable crushing services.



TRACK WORK FINISHED PRODUCT

TRACK WORK

Another project this month saw the team working with Peter Bond to build tracks and a turnaround area.

The crew delivered 40mm rubble to site, with Kelly operating the loader, grader, and vibrating roller, while Jack R managed the rubble deliveries. The result is a smooth, durable track and turnaround space built to last.

Across every project, the team has shown dedication, skill, and teamwork, delivering great results.



TRACK WORK FINISHED PRODUCT

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

This month, The Swan Group has been full of smiles, cake, and a little extra cheer as we celebrated some very special birthdays!

Happy birthday to Michael, Scott, Luke, and Brad, you make our workplaces brighter every day.

Luke's birthday was unforgettable, coinciding with the bakery settlement, a double dose of celebration!

And Brad hit a huge milestone, turning the big 4-0, celebrating in true bakery style with a giant donut crafted by our Head Baker, Adam Coombe.

It's moments like these that remind us to pause, share a laugh, and celebrate the people who make The Swan Group more than just a workplace.

Here's to another year of success, laughter, and plenty more cake for our September stars!



MICHAEL GREENWOOD



SCOTT JONES



LUKE MEDLOW



BRAD JEFFERY



COORONG CATS A GRADE

PREMIERSHIPS IN THE COORONG

September was a huge month for local sport, with netball and football Grand Finals lighting up the Coorong.

The Swan Group is a proud sponsor of both the Tailem Bend Football Club and the Coorong Cats Netball and Football Club, and it's always special to see our community, and even some of our own team members, out there giving their all on and off the field.

There was plenty to celebrate this year, with the Coorong Cats A Grade football side claiming back-to-back premierships, and the Tailem Bend Football Club Under 18s also securing back-to-back flags.

Both sides showed determination and grit, and it was a joy to watch them finish their seasons on such a high.

Not every result went our way, but there was no shortage of pride. The Coorong Cats Under 13 footballers fought their way into the grand final, falling just short of the win.

A special mention to two of our junior Swan Group Members, Doug Greenwood and Archer Cunneen, who both played their hearts out in this game.

Meanwhile, the Coorong Cats Sub Juniors 1 netball girls brought home a flag of their own, showing that the next generation of players is already making their mark. A big congratulations to Imogen Hurle and her teammates on such an impressive win.

From the sidelines to the celebrations, The Swan Group is proud to support our local clubs and can't wait to see what next season brings.

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