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# POLICE PLEASE



By Tara Nash

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Mount Compass family Evangeline McAllan with her children Colin, two years old, and Adeline, four years old, ready to sell their Christmas trees for the first time. Photo: Tara Nash



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Alexandrina Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to PS Oscar W volunteers Jason Loney (25 years, collected by George Kaiser on his behalf), Brian Bruni (15 years), Ian Sutton (10 years), Christine Brooks (20 years), and Simon Huntington (10 years) for their years of dedicated service.

## Alexandrina Council recognises its long-serving volunteers at an event

Alexandrina Council acknowledged the contribution of 186 volunteers at its recent Volunteer Recognition Event, including nine people who have clocked up 125 years of combined service for the community.

The event was held at Goolwa's Centenary Hall in November, where Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes and Acting Chief Executive Officer Alan Harvey welcomed the Friends of the PS Oscar W as special guests, celebrating the dedication of its volunteers.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Jason Loney for 25 years of service, Christine Brooks for 20 years, Judith Przibilla and Brian Bruni for 15 years each, and Simon Huntington and Ian Sutton for 10 years of service.

The PS Oscar W has been a cornerstone of riverboat tourism in Goolwa, operating alongside a portion of the historic Goolwa Wharf Shed under a Joint Venture Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with council since 2010.

In July, the Friends of the Oscar W transitioned from the MOU to a formal lease agreement.

The Friends are now responsible for daily operations, with volunteers continuing to play a vital role in preserving this iconic paddlesteamer.



Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes (right) presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Christine Brooks, who has been volunteering with the Friends of the Ps Oscar W for 20 years.

Certificates of Appreciation were also awarded to Margaret Gardner, Leonie Jackson and Andrea Crawford for 10 years of service.

"I would like to thank each of the 186 volunteers across our programs who continue to give so generously their time and their vast array of skills," Mayor Parkes said.

"Over the past 12 months, their collective contribution to the community has totalled 19,357 recorded hours.

"These efforts strengthen social cohesion, support vital programs, and enrich our community.

"Our communities and organisations rely heavily on the work of our volunteers in day-to-day operations, and we are incredibly thankful for their contribution."

Mayor Parkes also acknowledged the late Gerry 'Frodo' Krochmal for his significant contributions to the Alexandrina community.

Mr Krochmal began volunteering with Alexandrina Council in 1989, and was widely respected for his dedication, particularly with the Alexandrina Libraries and his leadership as the Presiding Member of the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee.

Council recently approved a recommendation from the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee to plant a coastal bearded heath near the bike track at the entrance to the Conservation Park, which will serve as a lasting memorial to his efforts to protect the local environment and support the community he cared for deeply.

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# Council puts Billabong Road footpath project on ice



By Giordina McKay

Predominant community opposition to a proposed footpath along a popular Goolwa road has prompted Alexandrina Council to put the project on ice.

Council had planned and budgeted for the 2024/25 financial year the design and construction of a footpath along Billabong Road, with the intent to connect Beach Road to Barrage Road, in conjunction with the scheduled kerbing and stormwater drainage project at the western end of the aforementioned road.

Pedestrians are currently required to walk along the road edge or within the road verge, which, with the anticipated increase in traffic problems over the next decade, could pose a risk to all users.

Council's preference was for the footpath to be constructed on the northern side of Billabong Road due to pedestrians being more likely to come from that side and the lack of impact it would have on stormwater mitigation.

The community was asked to share their thoughts on a proposed footpath earlier this year, with the majority of respondents voting in favour of a footpath on the northern side – the majority of which did not live on the affected road.

In contrast, two petitions were circulated to council – one requesting no action be taken to construct a footpath on Billabong Road and for adequate investigation and mitigation of stormwater drainage to be

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– David Close

carried out, and the other requesting that if a footpath is constructed, that it be on the southern side.

The first petition received 32 signatures while the latter received 29.

Both petitions were backed by a deputation from local resident and head petitioner David Close at last month's council meeting, prior to a decision being made.

In it, he drew concerns to the potential bias in the survey.

He also highlighted the issues with constructing a footpath on the northern side of the road.

“The long vistas and grassy landscape of the road verges and adjacent golf course give Billabong Road a unique natural ambience and charm,” Mr Close said.

“Particularly in holiday periods, large family groups – some with dogs – like to meander down the grassy verges – a better experience without a footpath.

“Should a footpath be proceeded with, we in this major section have a strong preference for the southern or golf course side.

“Vehicles would likely park on a northern footpath or drive over it.

“In terms of flying golf balls, the southern side is in fact the safe side.

“Should pedestrians or others be injured, the council might be considered to be at fault.”

Taking the survey results, petitions and deputation into consideration, councillors decided to only receive the report and not act on it.

“This idea's time has not come – maybe the initiative is not quite ready,” North Ward councillor, Sue Miller, said.

“It is very visually appealing how it is, and maybe the option is to do nothing.”

This was supported by West Ward councillor Bill Coomans.

“I think this is a lovely looking street as it is,” he said.

“It seems to me that those people who live on the north side take great care of their verges and they are to be commended for that – it's a very perfect drive around there and I acknowledge they don't want a footpath.

“They talk about it not being readily used, but that could well be because there is no footpath.

“I was looking at the responses... we didn't ask them the question ‘do you want a footpath at all?’, and I'm wondering whether a lot of people who said south were picking the best option but they didn't want a footpath at all.

“I don't think the footpath is necessary.”



City of Victor Harbor Mayor Moira Jenkins with Bianca Westphalen, Peter McSherry, Michael Westphalen, and City of Victor Harbor CEO Victoria MacKirdy at the networking event.

## Fleurieu's festive networking event

Santa and Mrs Claus made a grand arrival at a Christmas networking event at Langhorne Creek last week by flying down in a helicopter.

‘Celebrate the Fleurieu’ brought together industry professionals and people from the local region to Woodburn Homestead last week.

Attendees enjoyed an evening of discussion, celebration of the area, and heard from guest speaker Cindy Westphalen of Woodburn Homestead.



Regional Development Director Steve Shotton, Woodburn Homestead owner Cindy Westphalen and City of Victor Harbor CEO Victoria MacKirdy mingling with other industry professionals.



Mike and Bianca Westphalen, dressed as Mr and Mrs Claus, arriving at the event on South Coast Helicopters.

# Council holds off on GARP response

By Giordina McKay

Alexandrina Council will wait until it has finalised its South Coast Growth Strategy – a document highlighting where development is preferred, to what extent, and the necessary infrastructure – before providing its response to the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan.

The Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP) is a 30-year plan that identifies appropriate land for future housing, employment, commercial uses, and the necessary supporting infrastructure to meet this expected demand.

The State Planning Commission released the draft plan for public consultation over a six-week period in late September.

While council supported the plan's vision, it identified several concerns and discrepancies, particularly the report's findings and the associated infrastructure costs.

A letter from council was submitted unendorsed as requested by the commission, with an extension granted for a formal endorsed submission.

In the unendorsed form, council expressed its support for the plan's vision and commended

the breadth of valuable information, but believed the level of growth proposed for the Fleurieu is likely to undermine its rural character and incur significant costs to deliver the infrastructure required.

It sought clarity on the justification for the proposed additional employment lands and infrastructure that would be provided, and the rationale used to identify additional land at Goolwa North and how it is anticipated the development will support GARP's vision.

Council also requested additional inter-urban breaks between Port Elliot and Victor Harbor, and Middleton and Goolwa, and the portion of growth assigned to the Fleurieu, in particular Goolwa, be reconsidered along with the area of growth at Goolwa North.

However, councillors expressed concern during last month's meeting about the letter's content, particularly when it was voted earlier in the night to have a briefing session on the draft South Coast Growth Strategy before it is brought back to the chamber for endorsement in January.

This prompted council to withdraw the letter and appendix submitted in draft form without endorsement to the State Planning

Commission, and instead endorse and submit a revised one detailing the technical information contained in the draft letter, but remove any policy statements yet to be endorsed.

It was also moved to advise the Planning Minister that council will submit the endorsed South Coast Growth Strategy as its submission to the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan no later than January.

“We are taking our time to get South Coast Growth Strategy right on behalf of our communities – that is important and it has taken some time,” West Ward councillor, Lou Nicholson, said.

“But we do not want to miss an opportunity to have an input into the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan, which will have significant and long-term impacts on our communities.

“While we're waiting to get the South Coast Growth Strategy right, we don't want to miss a window to contribute at all.

“I think this does strike the balance – we're sending the technical information, particularly related to infrastructure, but we are waiting to digest the feedback from our communities, and the State Government knows we are working on the South Coast Growth Strategy.”

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During the last financial year, more than 2000 people applied to join SAPOL with 262 officers graduating and 239 separations.

According to Minister for Police Dan Cregan – who is also Member for Kavel which covers Mount Barker – less than one person on average attends the 14 stations after-hours for non-urgent administrative tasks each day.

"The decision made by SAPOL is about

getting more officers on the frontline and making our communities safer," Mr Cregan said.

"Officers will go from behind a counter during quiet periods to proactively out on patrol.

"Long-term averages over the past decade – adjusting for the COVID lows the former government continues to wrongly measure off – show a modest decrease in crime in Mount Barker, Nairne and Littlehampton despite significant population growth.

"The government is investing in our regions to equip officers with the resources they need, while significantly expanding recruitment efforts including experienced overseas officers now joining SAPOL's ranks."

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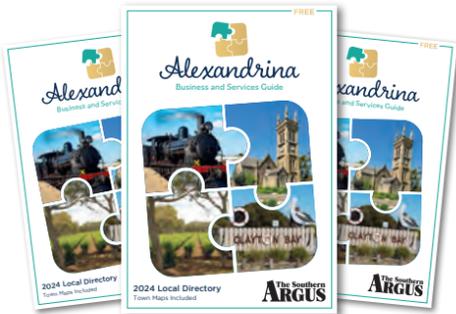
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# Residents' shock over missing detail on council rates notice

By Giorgina McKay

A Strathalbyn couple have expressed concern over the absence of the volume and folio on their council rates notice.

Volume and folios are unique identifiers used in the numbering system that identifies individual land titles relating to freehold land, Crown grants and Crown leases.

Roz and Alan Foster first noticed this was missing from their most recent Alexandrina Council rates notice.

After enquiring with council, the couple was allegedly told it had never been on the rates notice in the first place.

This was reiterated to *The Southern Argus* by Acting Chief Executive Officer Tash Hunt.

"Council redesigned the physical appearance of the rates notices in the 2022/23 financial year when we changed printers," she said.

"The notice, which has been in use for its third financial year, contains all information as required by legislation and was designed so the information was presented in a clean and easy to read format.

"The previous rates notice did not show the volume and folio.

"Council will continue to use the current design for its rates notice."

Mrs Foster emphasised the importance of having the volume and folio on the document.

"It's the only legal identification of your property," she said.

"They address your rates to your



A Strathalbyn couple are shocked by the absence of volume and folio on their rates notice.

address, but you may not even live there, where you're getting rated for.

"The address doesn't mean anything – that's just a postal address, that doesn't legally identify what your property is.

"What if this digital system goes down and you need your folio and volume numbers?"

Council said further identifying information is available to landowners on their own records.



Former Murray Bridge Mayor remembered

Former Murray Bridge Mayor Brenton Lewis is being remembered as a passionate and driven leader who worked tirelessly to transform the town. Photo: Tara Nash

Former Murray Bridge Mayor Brenton Lewis sadly died in late November after a battle with cancer.

The 77-year-old passed away on Tuesday, November 26, surrounded by his family, and is being remembered as an extremely energetic and enthusiastic person who was passionate about the community.

Mr Lewis spent eight years as Mayor of the Rural City of Murray Bridge until he stepped down in 2022 due to illness.

"During his eight years in office, he was a passionate and driven leader who worked tirelessly to transform Murray Bridge into a prouder, safer, and more progressive community," a council spokesperson said in a statement to *The Southern Argus*.

"His dedication to public service, combined with his genuine care for the people of the region, leaves a lasting legacy that will be remembered for years to come.

"Among his many accomplishments, Mr Lewis oversaw the redevelopment of key public spaces, advocated for local businesses and championed initiatives that celebrated Murray Bridge's diversity and inclusivity.

"He played a pivotal role in enhancing community safety and infrastructure and he was instrumental in initiating the success of the 'Make It Yours' campaign, which encouraged new residents to call Murray Bridge home."

Mr Lewis' commitment to the community extended to his active involvement in numerous organisations, including the Murray Bridge Racing Club and Rotary Club, where he was a Life Member and past President.

In recognition of his decades of service, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in June 2023, reflecting his dedication to improving the lives of those around him, and was awarded Murray Bridge Citizen of the Year in 2023.

Mr Lewis told *The Southern Argus* last year that he was spending more time with his family, knowing he wasn't "going to live forever".

"We all know that, but it's not something on your mind every day," he said.

"I was given time; a lot of people go to work and don't come home – they get no chance to say goodbye or fix things up."

The funeral was held at Murray Bridge Racing Club yesterday.

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## Stubble fire turns deadly at Belvidere

Three water bombers managed to save a fire from escalating further out of control at Belvidere last Thursday.

At about 10am on December 5, Country Fire Service crews from Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek, Milang and Woodchester were called to the intersection of Milang and Langhorne Creek Roads after the day's heat and winds quickly turned a stubble fire into a larger one.

With three drops from water bombers, multiple ground crews on scene and some local farm fighting units, the fire was quickly extinguished.

Approximately four hectares was burnt.



A stubble fire at Belvidere grew out of control last Thursday. INSET: One of the three air water bombers.

## House fire at Murray Bridge

A Murray Bridge home has sustained structural damage in the hundreds of thousands after a fire was accidentally started inside last Wednesday morning.

At about 7.30am on December 4, 13 firefighters from two Metropolitan Fire Service appliances, supported by one Country Fire Service appliance, were called to a structure fire on Burdekin Avenue, where they found the bedrooms fully engulfed, with flames issuing from the window, on arrival.

Firefighters in breathing apparatus, using high pressure lines, quickly gained entry to the property and extinguished the fire in approximately four minutes.

Fire cause investigators attended the scene and advised the cause was accidental from smoking products.

The estimated structural damage is approximately \$200,000.

## Big turn-out for brigade barbecue

Three firefighters were recognised for their five years of service, and another named the best for the year at Macclesfield Country Fire Service's annual family barbecue on Sunday.

It was day for the brigade to celebrate and reflect on the year that has been.

It was a great turn-out, with everyone enjoying exceptional food, weather, and company.

The brigade also conducted its yearly awards ceremony, officiated by First Lieutenant Steve Gardner.

Firefighter of the Year went to Clive Young, who was recognised for his unwavering dedication and commitment to the brigade, as well as his exceptional teamwork.

The other three firefighters awarded for five years of service were Nils Wiebford, Peter Nenke and Wayne Liebich.



An overload rental truck was stopped and defected by police on the freeway at Mount Barker on Saturday.

## Overloaded truck stopped on freeway

An overload rental truck was stopped and defected by police on the freeway at Mount Barker on Saturday.

At about 3pm, a Heavy Vehicle Enforcement Unit patrol spotted a rental truck travelling towards Adelaide on the South Eastern Freeway at Mount Barker.

An inspection of the truck revealed the truck's chassis had bent, allegedly due to extreme overloading, and no measures had been taken to sufficiently restrain the cargo consisting of building products.

Using portable equipment, police weighed the truck on site, which was allegedly more than 13.9 tonnes over its permissible gross vehicle mass.

The driver, a 35-year-old Gilles Plains man, was reported for severe risk breach over mass and severe risk breach of load restraint, while the passenger, a 30-year-old Gilles Plains man who was identified as the owner of the building products, was reported for chain of responsibility offences relating to causing and permitting the breaches.

The truck was defected due to damage caused to the brakes, suspension and chassis, and the driver issued a direction to not move it.

The rental truck was so badly damaged it could not safely be used on the roads and had to be towed away.

The men will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

## Cow hit by car at Paris Creek

By Giordina McKay

A cow had to be euthanised after being hit by a car at Paris Creek on Sunday.

At about 9.30pm, police were called to Paris Creek Road after a car hit a stray cow.

The driver, a 27-year-old Echunga woman, sustained minor injuries and was taken to hospital by ambulance for treatment.

Sadly, the cow needed to be put down.

The vehicle was also towed from the scene.



Crews battle the blaze. Photos: Giordina McKay

## Grass fire near Strathalbyn

A mower sparked a small grass fire near Strathalbyn on Tuesday.

At about 1pm, three Country Fire Service appliances from Strathalbyn and one from Macclesfield were called to Strathalbyn Road after a mower sparked a small grass fire on the side of the road.

Before crews arrived, fixed wing bombers made three drops to prevent the blaze from spreading, then firefighters went in to mop up the roadside and undertake 'blacking out'.

The Helitak chopper also dropped a load to assist in blacking out.



A helicopter drops water over the fire.

## Spike in caravan breakdowns prompts servicing reminder

Caravan owners are being reminded to have their home-on-wheels serviced ahead of the summer holiday period, with caravan-related call-outs at RAA jumping by almost one third last year.

RAA Road Service attended 31 per cent more caravan breakdowns in 2023 compared with the year prior, and these levels have continued so far in 2024.

It comes as RAA launches a new caravan servicing approved repairer category to encourage caravanners to have their home-on-wheels serviced to maintain roadworthiness and safety.

Common problems that can cut a holiday short include suspension faults and bearings failing – both issues that can be easily inspected during a caravan service at an RAA approved repairer.

RAA Manager of Approved Repairers and Future Technology Simon Halford said caravans should be serviced at least once per year or every 10,000 kilometres if they're doing long distances.

"Caravan servicing is akin to a health check, and can help proactively identify problems with your caravan," he said.

"In the past four years RAA has attended more than 1100 caravan breakdowns, and we've seen a real increase in the last two years in particular.

"Servicing checks on a wide variety of caravan aspects, from brakes and safety to general wear and tear, and can maintain both roadworthiness and safety.

"It's imperative to maintain regular checks to ensure your caravan is functioning correctly because minor problems can escalate into major issues.

"If you're planning a summer road trip with your caravan and haven't had it serviced for a while, we recommend booking it in to give you peace-of-mind that everything is working as it should be."

Roadmaster Caravans SA Director Clinton Habner said caravan servicing is vital because you're towing your home around the country.

"The biggest issue is if you have some sort of suspension break, and you're stuck in the middle of nowhere," he said.

"Suspensions and bearings can be easily inspected and checked, and they're the two biggest things we see go wrong in our shop."



**DAVID BASHAM MP**  
MEMBER FOR FINNISS

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"As we prepare for the holiday season I want to thank all constituents for their engagement to make Finnis a better place to live in. Wishing this community all the best for 2025."

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# Pleas for safe Summer driving

By Deirdre Graham and Giorgina McKay

Member for Finnis David Basham has added his voice to those pleading for people to be safe on the roads this Summer.

Mr Basham's call follows the SA road toll reaching 80 fatalities from 73 fatal crashes, and 753 serious injuries from 656 serious crashes so far this year as of December 1.

He has particular fears about the increasing traffic that is headed for Fleurieu roads come holiday time.

"It is a statistic that none of us want, and it is the responsibility of all of us to do what we can to protect everyone and drive sensibly on our roads," Mr Basham said.

"It is a privilege to be able to drive and not a right, and if someone makes a mistake or holds you up, the best thing you can do is accept you are going to be a minute or so later than what you wanted to.

"Getting angry or responding to those (drivers) puts everyone at risk, so I encourage people to keep calm and realise that being five minutes late is much better than never arriving."

A few safety tips from Mr Basham include allowing yourself more time to reach your destination, and looking out for wildlife, including kangaroos.

"If there are summer rains, there might be a green pick for the kangaroos on the side of the road, so they actually come and graze on the edge of the road because there is not much elsewhere," he said.

"So, the roads become a very dangerous place for wildlife because they choose that as their grazing point."

SAPOL recently erected new variable message sign trailer heading into Goolwa from Alexandrina Road, near the Secondary College, displaying warnings about the dangers and consequences of speeding and



Member for Finnis David Basham is adding his voice to pleas for people to be safe on roads this Summer. Photo: Deirdre Graham

driving distracted.

In the past 12 months from November 28, 2023, to November 27, 2024, 64 vehicle collisions, one serious injury crash and 12 minor injury crashes were recorded in the Goolwa, Goolwa Beach, Goolwa North, Goolwa South and Hindmarsh Island area.

Officer in Charge of the Hills Fleurieu Local Service Area Superintendent Joanne Howard said the sign is a reminder to the community about good safety habits.

"The sign is a proactive policing strategy to remind the community of good safety habits - e.g. always locking their cars - or to remind drivers about road safety, for example, when school returns," she said.

"With Summer now here and an anticipated increase in visitors to Goolwa and the Fleurieu Peninsula, police aim to remind motorists to focus on driving and not on their mobile phones, and to obey speed limits."

The sign has since moved to Mount Barker.



Member for Finnis David Basham, award recipients Ticcanum Jumpee and Julie Irwin and guest speaker Lainie Anderson at last year's breakfast. Photo: Tara Nash

## Seeking Fleurieu's outstanding women



By Deirdre Graham

Locals are encouraged to nominate the region's most outstanding women in time for next year's prestigious Fleurieu Women's Community Awards Breakfast.

The Fleurieu Women's Community awards recognise women who have or are making an outstanding contribution in the local community.

"The breakfast has been going for a number of years now and I very much encourage people to nominate the women of the community for the awards," Member for Finnis, David Basham, said.

"It is important that we recognise the efforts that women put into our

community, and we have had some great winners over the years.

"It would be lovely to see some other great women next year.

"It has been very well-attended over the years and has certainly grown into an event that everyone expects to be there."

About 20 to 30 nominations across all three categories - Young Women's, Community and Business - are typically received each year.

Mr Basham said the awards are a way to bridge the equality gap between men and women, but that he looked forward to the day when it wasn't necessary to highlight any single gender in awards.

Next year's breakfast will be held in March.

To nominate those for awards, contact Mr Basham's electoral office for a form.

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## Schools in Brief

### Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School

Eastern Fleurieu's year 9 global foodies class recently collaborated to plan, prepare, and share a vibrant global food banquet with staff and their peers from the year 9 global fashionistas class.

Students researched a cuisine of their choice, contributing to a diverse and cohesive menu that showcased flavours from around the world.

The event celebrated creativity, teamwork, and cultural exploration through food and hospitality.

### Goolwa Secondary College

Goolwa Secondary College recently closed the book on the annual 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge, marking the occasion with a fun pizza party for all participants.

The college thanked librarian Kathy, who kept everyone motivated with their reading, and ensures everyone has access to awesome books, including the crowd favourite – Manga novels.

### Tyndale Christian School

Tyndale Christian School's reception to year 5 classes are attending swimming lessons at Strathalbyn YMCA pool each day.

Students are developing water safety awareness and their swimming skills, as well as having fun.

### Meadows Primary School

Meadows Primary School year 6 students recently enjoyed an exciting day at Arbury Park, where they tackled a series of survival skill challenges.

Working in teams, they learned how to build shelters, start fires, and navigate the outdoors.

The excursion was not only about survival skills, but also about developing teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience.

It was a day full of learning, laughter, and great memories.

## Letters to the Editor

### Community appreciation

To the residents of Strathalbyn,  
On behalf of the Porsche Club of South Australia and the members I had the privilege of leading during the recent Adelaide Rally, I would like to thank the residents of Strathalbyn who gave us their town for the entire day on Sunday, November 10, 2024.

Your generosity in allowing us to have your town for the day, interrupt your Sunday routine, and turn your town into our private race track is and was truly appreciated.

We are truly blessed to live in South Australia, and the folk in Strathalbyn are example of what makes ours a great state.

Once again, to all those involved – the organisers, the officials, the spectators and you the locals – well done and thank you for being such a supportive part of making the Adelaide Rally the success it is.

We hope you let us enjoy and share your beautiful town of Strathalbyn next year.

**Vic Moore,**  
*PCSA Vice President,  
Motorsport Australia Representative,  
Historic Registrar*

### Backing Australian farmers and the future of agriculture

Aussie farmers and primary producers feed our nation and they fuel our economy.

They are world-leading innovators and adaptors who support local jobs, regional, rural and remote communities.

The National Farmers' Federation's vision is for the industry to exceed \$100 billion in farm-gate output by 2030.

To help power this productivity, our farmers need access to affordable, cutting-edge connectivity and ag-tech solutions.

This is what the Albanese Government's On Farm Connectivity Program (OFCP) is all about: backing Aussie farmers to invest in their future and the future of agriculture, while also supporting Australian businesses and suppliers of ag-tech.

The highly-popular program provides rebates of up to 50 per cent for eligible equipment – worth up to \$30,000 – to embrace smarter, better connected, and more sustainable farming practices.

The rebates can be used to extend data coverage, connection and reliability of machinery and sensor technology.

This is assisting farmers to optimise soil quality and nutrient levels, monitor livestock, automate tank systems, enhance on-farm safety and safeguard farming equipment, livestock and fuel supplies.

From Tasmania to the top end, Labor's program is also helping hundreds of farmers around the country with the cost of living.

Farmers like James Terry on Tasmania's north-west coast who has invested in sensor technology that enables precision irrigation for his broccoli cauliflowers, potatoes, peas and beans.

Technology James says is saving him 10 to 20 per cent in water efficiency, and would otherwise not have been implemented at this stage in his business.

And Northern Territory pastoralists Trudi Oxley and Paul Thomson who are integrating an automated, portable cattle weighing system on their property near Katherine.

The solution is providing real-time data on the condition of their cattle, which is saving significant time and money on helicopter musters.

The Albanese Government is listening to farmers just like James, Trudi and Paul, and we are delivering for them.

More than that, we designed this popular program on the back of advice from the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review that connectivity gaps were impacting the uptake of ag-tech.

It was advice delivered to the previous Coalition Government, but they did nothing to act on it.

Following the success of OFCP Round 1, we boosted round 2 funding to \$18 million and expanded eligibility criteria so more farmers could take part.

These enhancements were designed to address the unique needs of the agricultural community and make it easier for farmers to utilise this program.

Such was the demand for this successful program that within a week of round 2 applications opening, the total funding allocation was reached.

The Albanese Government has made more progress in expanding on-farm connectivity in two weeks than the Liberals and Nationals did in nine years.

Australia is a proud agriculture nation. The OFCP is ensuring our farmers and primary producers – many of whom are small businesses – can improve how they operate, meet growing demand, innovate and stay globally competitive.

The Albanese Labor Government will continue to deliver for our farmers and our regions.

**Federal Minister  
for Communications,  
Michelle Rowland**

### TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

**Congratulations to the organisers of the Great Duck Race. It was such a fantastic day. The weather was lovely, the town was thriving and like the President said last week, everyone was so clean. Well done! Cheryl, Strathalbyn**

## Our View

Thursday, December 12, 2024

### Milestone moments

Local businesses are the lifeblood of small communities, and are integral to keep them thriving and prosperous.

The Robin Hood Hotel – otherwise known as 'The Hood' – is celebrating 15 years of ownership in Strathalbyn this year, where it has earned a reputation for its high-quality restaurant meals at pub prices and being a live music venue for local performers.

John and Glenys Thomson, who previously ran a gift shop in Old Reynella, transformed the "blank canvas" into what it is today – a kitchen led by four qualified chefs, a front bar, and a back beer garden.

In a small town such as Strathalbyn, local venues like The Hood are essential to not only providing a "watering hole" for people to socialise and bond as a community, but to also keep the chain of commerce flowing.

With strong community-minded values, the independent hotel has sponsored many events and sporting clubs over the years, as well as hosted weddings, funerals and milestone birthdays, which they have found enables a circular economy.

One of their favourite community events – which they also sponsor – is Christmas Where the Angas Flows which just so happens to return to Strathalbyn tomorrow.

Along with other local businesses, they will join in on the festive fun by hosting a coinciding special event.

Regular live music on Friday nights or Sunday afternoons have also been a highlight The Hood.

Some of the regulars have been Jacob Arthur and Full Circle – the latter who will perform during the 15th birthday celebrations on December 21.

At a time where everyone – small businesses in particular – are struggling economically, it's important now more than ever to shop local.

So, next time you're thinking of stopping for a bite to eat, consider your local pub.

Not only the staff but the community will thank you for it.

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## The know in the FLEURIEU ...

### What are you looking forward to this Christmas?

**Bev Slack,  
Macclesfield**



"Being with the family. We've got 40 at our house for lunch. It's lovely."

**Stan Forket,  
Macclesfield**



"I like the celebration of the whole thing."

**Cathy Megson-McAllister,  
Macclesfield**



"Having my family and friends around me. I like the build up to Christmas – church and everything. I think it's wonderful."

**Chris Forket,  
Macclesfield**



"I like going down Lisa Court (at Macclesfield) to see all the beautiful lights."

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Built General Manager Henry Meaney, Health Minister Chris Picton, Member for Kavel and Emergency Services Minister Dan Cregan, and SA Premier Peter Malinauskas turning the sod on the new Mount Barker Hospital site last Wednesday. Photo: Giorgina McKay

## Construction under way on new Mt Barker Hospital



By Giorgina McKay

Construction on the new multi-million Mount Barker Hospital was launched last Wednesday with a sod turn, bringing the project – which will triple inpatient capacity for the growing Adelaide Hills community – one step closer to fruition.

Enabling works have started for the \$320.8 million project, including a range of temporary buildings, civil and services infrastructure provisions, and carpark alterations, which will be delivered by Built, which successfully provided the new emergency department onsite.

Once completed, the new facility – which is set to come online in 2027 – will triple current inpatient capacity at Mount Barker and District Soldier's Memorial Hospital from 34 to 102 beds, and provide specialist beds for maternity service, paediatric care, mental health care, palliative care and rehab that will be complemented with contemporary operating theatres, chemotherapy and renal dialysis services.

Part of the early works will allow a brand-new multi-deck car park to be built onsite from midway through 2025, bringing the site's total car parking capacity to 654 spaces – up from the current capacity of 431.

“What we've got to do as a government is make sure we're investing in all the infrastructure that's required to improve

people's standard of living, and of course, a hospital is essential to that endeavour,” SA Premier, Peter Malinauskas, said.

“The Mount Barker community has outgrown the Mount Barker Hospital, so as a government, we made clear that we were committed to not just marginally increasing the size of the Mount Barker Hospital, but actually tripling its size.

“We know we need more staff working in our hospital system, but we also need more beds for more patients, and increasing the capacity of the system has always been the core principal objective of our health policy.

“Three years to be able to get a hospital project of this size going from start to finish is a big, ambitious effort, but our partnership with Built on other projects we've seen in South Australia have been really productive and high quality.”

The increased capacity and capability of the new hospital will support the needs of the region's growing population, and reduce the need for Hills and Mount Barker residents to travel to the city, helping ease demand at major metropolitan hospitals.

“We said we'd be a government that plans and thinks for the long-term and this is an excellent example of that,” Health Minister, Chris Picton, said.

“In Mount Barker, we've had population growing and growing, but we haven't had the health infrastructure to catch up with it.

“We have a hospital of about 30,000 ED presentations a year, but only has 34 back-of-house beds, and when you take out maternity

and surgery, that's about 20 beds for the running of this hospital, so that's why we need to build a new Mount Barker hospital to meet the population here now but also into the future as its growing.

“This is not only better for patients and their families, it will also benefit the health system by reducing the need for Hills residents to travel to the city, helping ease demand at our metro hospitals.”

This is just one of the reasons why Member for Kavel and Emergency Services Minister Dan Cregan advocated for the new hospital, along with a new ambulance station, for the town.

The turning of the sod was a “very important” day for him and the community.

“The growing Hills community needs a new hospital, and it's fantastic to see construction getting under way on this important project,” he said.

“This is a hospital that serves the entire Hills region and as the Minister has made plain, there was a moment prior to the last election where we had a single ambulance in Mount Barker since 1992 and a hospital with 33 beds, but we were on of the most rapidly growing communities in our state.

“For me as local member that situation was entirely intolerable, (and) I wasn't prepared to stand for it and nor was my community.

“I will continue to be a strong advocate for improved healthcare and facilities for my community, and I am pleased the government is delivering.”

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 1999

A public rally on the Goolwa Wharf made two motions concerning retaining the present ferry operators and keeping the ferry. About 150 Hindmarsh Island and Goolwa residents attended the meeting supporting the seven ferrymen who will be out of a job when the new contractor takes over. A motion condemning the laying off of the men immediately prior to Xmas was made and for the ferry to be retained as a tourist attraction and as an emergency crossing when the safety of the proposed bridge was brought into question on days of high wind.

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Presentation awards were held for the Mt. Compass Area School. The Natalie Cooper Award was presented by Julie Bagnell to Kylie Hunt, Julie also presenting the Zonta Award to Erin Mahony, Bill Jeram presented his award to Josh Vick, the National Dairies Award was presented by Glenda Connor to Jessica Rosie, the year 12 School-Based Academic Achievement Awards went to Rachel Lines and Kylie Hunt.

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 1974

At the Goolwa Primary School Mr. Don Ward who has been headmaster for two years leaves for a city appointment next year. Mr. Bill Cox has been appointed to Goolwa, while Mrs Josie Arney the much-loved infant teacher resigns from the staff at the end of the term. At the end of the week at the Strathalbyn Primary School Mrs. Heinrich will be retiring from teaching having been a devoted member of the staff. Also Mrs Dunn has been granted a Study Leave Scholarship to continue her studies at Murray Park College of Advanced Education and Miss Brooks is to be married during the holidays.

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After a concert was given by the Langhorne Creek Primary school children certificate were presented by Mr. I. Cleggett to Carol Bell, Tony Belmonte, Kerry and Mark Chandler, Glen Cleggett, Craig Dodd, Daniela and Luigi Freschi, Rodney Joppich, Tony Keough, Steven and Robert Potts, Tom Verco and Kany Hender.

### 100 YEARS AGO

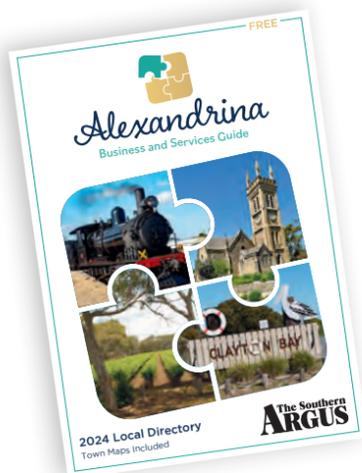
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 1924

At St. Andrew's Hall on Friday night last, about 100 parents and friends of the Strathalbyn Scout Troop assembled to witness the investiture of members of the troop with their badges, and the installation of 11 lads who took the Scout oath. Mr. Dignance, who came from the city to assist in the formation of the troop 12 months ago, was there as the official representative of the Chief Scout, Sir Tom Bridges and the Chief Commissioner Capt. S. White handed over to Scout Master M. C. Wilson his warrant of office and congratulated him on the success of the troop in its first year.

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At the election for councillor for East Ward of Strathalbyn, conducted by the returning officer Mr. W. F. Adams, Saturday last, only 51 voters attended the poll, 31 giving their support to Mr. C. L. A. Wyatt who was elected to Mr. J. J. Westlake 20.



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Lillian Truyens from Strathalbyn is turning 11 on December 19.



Maggie Lyon from Strathalbyn is turning 10 tomorrow



Henry Lyon from Strathalbyn is turning 10 tomorrow



Zara Smith from Strathalbyn is turning 7 on December 24.

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## Entertainment

### Swamp



### Pic Puzzle



### Sudoku

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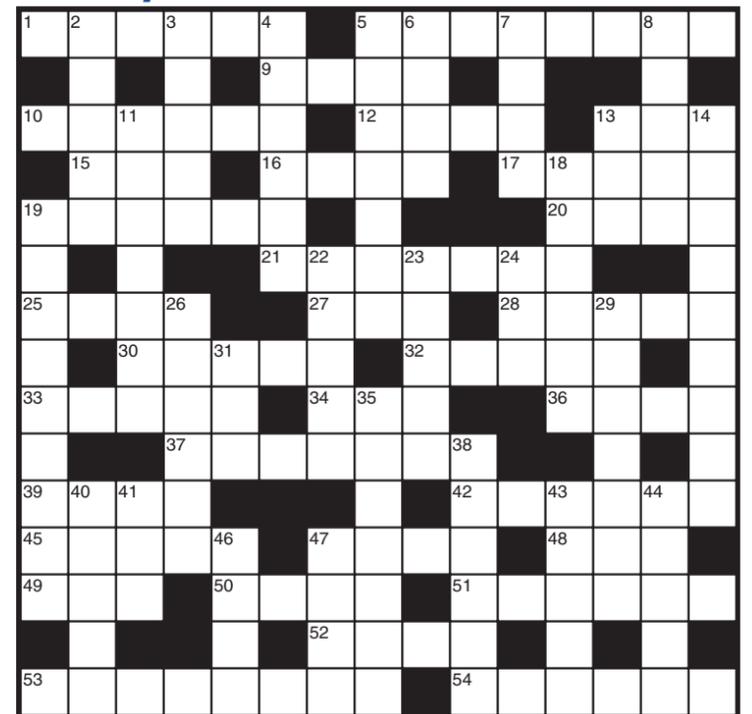
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### Weekly Crossword



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Alexandrina Council's Assets Team members James Horwood, Mark Tate and Shaun Smith with the winning trophy at the 2024 IPWEA SA Excellence Awards. INSET: Sarah Longden and Kylie Weymouth with the Strategic Planning Project Commendation.

## Alexandrina Council wins big at separate awards nights

Alexandrina Council has won multiple awards in recent weeks along with commendations for its works in the community.

Council won the Excellence in Project Innovation Award for the Clayton Bay Smart Street Lighting Project at the 2024 IPWEA SA Excellence Awards and, in a separate LGA awards ceremony, was part of a multi-council collaboration to collect an Excellence in Public Health Award for a project involving the management of onsite wastewater systems.

This was followed by two wins at the recent Planning Institute of Australia's (PIA) 2024 State Awards for Planning Excellence.

Council Town Planner Michael Jaensch was named SA Young Planner of the Year and Alexandrina collected the Stakeholder Engagement Award for the Community Coastal Flood Emergency Plan for the Goolwa and Mundoo Channel Communities Project.

Council also received a Commendation for Climate Change and Resilience for the Community Coastal Flood Emergency Plan for the Goolwa and Mundoo Channel

Communities Project, and a Commendation for Strategic Planning Project for the Heritage Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2030.

Alexandrina Council Acting Chief Executive Officer Tash Hunt said the awards and commendations were worthy recognition of the challenging work of council's planning and environment teams.

"Our planning and environment teams work incredibly hard to achieve the best outcomes for our community, making sure the development of our built environment aligns with our strategic vision," she said.

"To have one member named SA Young Planner of the Year is a great honour for us as a council, and a fitting recognition of the hard work and passion Michael has for his work as a Town Planner.

"Protecting our environment and our unique history is a priority for council, so it is significant that our efforts to empower the community living near the Goolwa and Mundoo Channels to be climate-resilient and our efforts to be the first regional council to develop a Heritage Strategy and Action Plan have been recognised."

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9.00am Salem HC

### Church of Christ

December 15  
10.30am Family Christmas Service  
6.00pm Carols Service

December 22  
10.30am Christmas Service  
Christmas Day  
9.00am

### Restoration Church

December 22

10am Children's Programme  
6 Parker Ave Strathalbyn

Christmas Day

9.30am at Teen Challenge Chapel,  
32 Dunreath Road, Strathalbyn

### Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Christmas Eve

8.00pm Strathalbyn

### Uniting Church St Andrews Strathalbyn

Christmas Day

9.15am

### Compassion Vineyard Church Strathalbyn

December 22

3.00pm

### Uniting Church Langhorne Creek

December 15

9.30am Christmas Service

### Anglican

December 22

7.00pm Strathalbyn Carol Service

Christmas Eve

7.00pm St Georges, Meadows  
7.30pm St Mary's, Milang

Christmas Day

9.00am Strathalbyn



May joy be your gift at Christmas  
and may faith, hope and love  
be your treasures in the New Year

# Faces & Places

*Melissa, Sebastian and Lynette Foreman having a duckin good time at the Duck Race on December 1. Photo: Rowan Sims*



*Marie and Ian Snook travelled to Handpicked Festival from Adelaide on November 9. Photo: Tara Nash*

*Sandra Annear and Wendy Murray of Lions Goolwa helping to man the skin cancer screening last month. Photos: Mark Andrews*



*Sheridan Wallace and Valerie Thacker at last month's Vignerons Day. Photos: Rowan Sims*



*Lana Casey and Dee Kartinyeri with their 'spoils' from last month's clothes swap. Photos: Giorgina McKay*



*Kiana Maloney and McKenzie Hocking sharing a drink at Vignerons Day on November 24.*



*Madison Reckwell and Immy Walker browsing through the clothes racks at last month's Sustainability Day.*



*Rebecca and Mahayla Rose soaking in the sun at last month's races.*



*Barry Rasmus and Lynda McCarten of Middleton waiting their turn for last month's Lions skin cancer screening at Goolwa.*

**Venom: The Last Dance**

**RATING**



Tom Hardy could make just about any movie look good by starring in it, but not even he could save the dumpster fire that is *Venom: The Last Dance*.

In the third instalment of the Marvel series, Eddie Brock and his symbiote companion Venom must make a devastating decision while being pursued by both a mysterious military man and alien monster from the antihero's home world.

The film has the characteristics of its two predecessors – explosions, fighting, Tom Hardy somehow looking dashing even though his choice of clothing is completely questionable, and the usual quips from Venom – but what this one lacks is meaning behind its production.

While the other two have a worthy plot, this film feels like it was made just to be made.

This only seemed to be solidified by just how tired Tom Hardy looked playing his own character.

If you're a Marvel fan, you'll probably enjoy the expansion of the universe in this film, but if you're like me and just enjoy some good-fashioned humour and Tom Hardy's face, then you can probably give this one a miss.



*Venom: The Last Dance* will be enjoyable to those who are fans of the Marvel cinematic universe, but for the rest of the audience, it will be one you can miss in theatres.



Royal Flying Doctor Service Volunteer Fundraising Specialist Lindy Allchurch with the Fleurieu Support Group President Duncan Norris whose group raised \$40,000 over the past 12 months.

**Donation made to RFDS**

Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Fleurieu Support Group donated \$40,000 to the organisation, which was an accumulation of a year's worth of fundraising.

This brings the local group's fundraising total to \$112,500 over the last three years.

The group also received paintings by Indigenous artists, including Kristen Besant who is a long-serving health professional for the RFDS.

The piece was given back to the RFDS SA/NT to be hung to honour her work.

Every year, the non-for-profit RFDS assists more than 56,000 patients in South Australia and the Northern Territory, which is one person every 10 minutes.

The local fundraising group had a busy year with fundraising events across the Fleurieu, and President Duncan Norris reflected on their "great team".

He thanked members for their dedication and support, grateful that volunteers are always willing to assist with a shared commitment to fundraising.



**Bottle regatta 'pops' off at Milang**

Eastern Fleurieu students competing in the annual Milk Bottle Regatta at Milang.

Eastern Fleurieu's Milang campus hosted its annual Milk Bottle Regatta on the shores of Lake Alexandrina last Thursday.

Students from Eastern Fleurieu's Ashbourne, Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek and Milang campuses in addition to Callington Primary School all participated in the event which tests their creative and

critical thinking skills.

This year the criteria was altered to make the event more sustainable, with all materials needing to be reusable or recyclable.

Students had to think differently about their boat building and the results were amazing.

After the races, students enjoyed a swim in the lake for some reprieve from the heat.

**RAA grant delivered to local groups**

Fourteen regional community organisations, including those in the Hills Fleurieu, have received funding for vital safety projects thanks to an RAA Regional Safety Grant.

More than \$78,000 has been committed to groups based in regional South Australia to progress initiatives.

This year's recipients include the Great Southern Swimming Club for CPR and emergency life support training, and the Macclesfield RSL Sub-Branch for upgraded security lighting.

"We're thrilled to announce our 2024 Regional Safety Grant recipients, which will help to create safer communities in country South Australia," RAA Insurance Chief Executive, Tara Page, said.

"We had some outstanding applications encompassing areas such as road safety, water safety, first-aid, education and security, and each recipient is very deserving of their grant."



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Please note, the final edition of *The Southern Argus* for the year will be published next Thursday.

Our first edition for the New Year will be published on January 9, 2025.

The office will be closed from Wednesday, December 18 and re-open on Friday, January 3, 2025.

We would like to wish our readers, clients and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



## Robin Hood says 'cheers' to 15 years of ownership



Three generations of family, Hendrix Paech, Glenys, Ruby and John Thomson, are celebrating 15 years of ownership of The Hood.  
Photo: Tara Nash

Congratulations to all of our friends at the Robin Hood Hotel on reaching the incredible milestone of 15 years in business. Thank you for your dedication to the community, ongoing support and positive impact.



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By Tara Nash

The Thomson family will soon be clinking their glasses to celebrate 15 years of ownership of The Robin Hood Hotel Strathalbyn.

Over the past 15 years, the High Street hotel – known as 'The Hood' – has earned a great reputation as a live music venue with restaurant quality meals.

John and Glenys Thomson previously owned and operated another business before venturing to Strathalbyn for a sea change, and after studying to be a qualified chef, Glenys put her trade to good use.

They have owned and operated the venue as a family with their kids and grandkids, growing and expanding as a family here.

Back then in 2009, the then-closed restaurant offered a "blank canvas" for Glenys to use her creativity and passion to create a

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# ROBIN HOOD HOTEL *Celebrating 15 Years!*

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The Hood has a great atmosphere.



The Thomson family: Ruby, John, Glenys and Ned celebrating Christmas at The Hood in 2010/11.



space that shares memories, atmosphere and the love of a great meal.

Now with a kitchen led by qualified chefs, delicious meals are made with largely local produce.

Open seven days a week, The Hood has an a-la-carte menu that offers a wide range of options, from much-loved pub staples, specials boards and dishes that change seasonally.

"We will always have our Hood favourites on the menu year-round, you'll see a roast, steak, schnitzel, and fish and chips, and then you'll see our specials board offering some more exotic options – there's something for everyone," Ruby said.

"Good food has always been our main focus – that's where our passion for hospitality originally landed and has grown from there."

The historic watering hole has been a meeting place for locals since 1855, opened by J E Short, meaning it will also remarkably be 170 years old next year.

The yard at the rear of the hotel hosted the first Strathalbyn Show – presented by Strathalbyn Agricultural Society – on

March 5, 1856.

In 1882, the hotel was altered to include Auction Rooms for pioneering Strathalbyn farmer John Cheriton.

Whilst maintaining the historic charm and character of the pub, the Thomsons have renovated the space over the years to create an inviting, cosy and memorable experience for guests, including the freshly paved Beer Garden out the back which has housed many fun nights of live music, events and a couple of weddings.

The hotel is famous for one of its most memorable events of the calendar, the Beers, Bikes & BBQs day, where motorcyclists from all over meet for live music, a beer, snag and a chat to raise money for our local Legacy Australia charity.

"Bike Day has always been an awesome day and that brings people from far and wide together for a great cause," Ruby said.

Regular live music on a Friday night or Sunday afternoon are a great highlight at The Hood, hosting an array of local artists such as Jacob Arthur, E'Nuf Said, Ronash and Full Circle, the latter who will perform

during the 15th birthday celebrations on December 21st from 7pm, decked out in the Denim & Diamonds theme.

"Live music is a huge passion of ours, something we love to share that with the community – creating a space for artists to play," Ruby said.

"People to come and let their hair down, and it just brings such a fantastic atmosphere to the hotel."

With strong community-minded values, the independent hotel has sponsored many events and sporting clubs over the years, as well as hosting weddings, funerals and milestone birthdays.

They find supporting local enables a circular economy, as community members and clubs reciprocate.

One of their favourite community events – which they also sponsor and participate in – is Christmas Where the Angas Flows which is excitingly returning to Strathalbyn tomorrow, December 13.

Coinciding with the event, The Hood will celebrate with live music, fun for the kids with temporary tattoos, chalk drawing, glitter stations, and, of course, local wine, cold beer and great food.

Reflecting on the 15 years, Ruby thanked "Team Hood".

"They all know who they are, they have been there for the ups, the downs, through COVID and back out the other side," she said.

"Some even head off to adventure and come back to lend a helping hand."

With a team of around 25 team members – ranging from juniors to seniors, The Hood has continued "great support" from its staff throughout the years.

"However, 'Team Hood' is not just our staff

– it expands to a much wider community and we love them all dearly for their support, great memories, laughs and fun times for the past 15 years – here's to the next 15"

"There's always someone to talk to and always a story to tell in this pub – if these walls could talk... my word, there would be some memories and laughs to share."

The people and the atmosphere are what drives the family's love for the work.

"We have a combined passion for what we do daily – we love it," Ruby said.

"Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life- or something along those lines, we definitely work hard but we make it fun."

"Above all, thank you Strathalbyn for the continued support, see you on the 21st to help us raise a drink and celebrate 15 years of 'Team Hood'"

The Hood is located at 18 High Street.



Good food has been a strong focus at The Hood.

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## The property that truly has it all

**Address:** 620E Springs Road, Mount Barker  
**Price Guide:** \$1,220,000 - \$1,310,000  
**Agent:** Ray White Strathalbyn  
 Phone 0487 823 645  
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**Contact:** Joshua Bagley 0487 823 645

4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 4 carports, 8.1Ha

Ray White Strathalbyn proudly presents a four bedroom, one bathroom 1978 built home situated on an impressive 8.097 hectare parcel of picturesque land. Welcome to "Rural Living" just on the outskirts of Mount Barker. Discover the perfect blend of comfort and practicality with this exceptional property, designed to impress inside and out. Featuring four generously sized bedrooms. The Master bedroom is a standout, offering

breathtaking views of rolling hills-your private haven to unwind. Bedrooms two and four are equally spacious, each boasting built-in robes for secure and organised storage, while bedroom three comes complete with a walk-in robe, adding a touch of sophistication. The open-plan living area is a masterpiece of design, with the lounge perfectly positioned to enjoy uninterrupted hill views. A slow-combustion heater creates a warm, inviting ambiance during winter, making it the ultimate family gathering spot. Overlooking this space is a well-appointed kitchen, featuring abundant storage, high-quality stainless-steel appliances, and a generous breakfast bench-ideal for morning meals or baking adventures with the little ones. Step outside, and the property continues to impress. The shaded pool area promises endless summer fun, making it the go-to spot for entertaining or keeping the children happily splashing away.

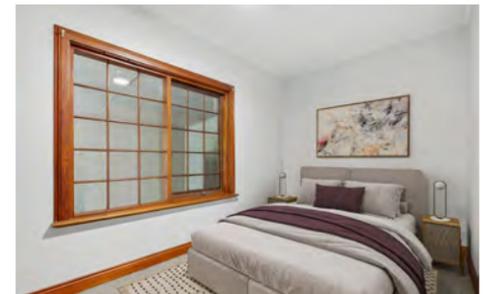
For horse lovers, this property truly shines. With a spacious arena and expansive paddocks, your equine companions will have room to thrive. A 6.09 x 9.08m open barn ensures your feed stays dry and protected, no matter the weather. Practicality meets versatility with ample shedding for storing equipment, tools, or creating a workshop tailored to your needs. Whether you're tending to livestock, embracing hobbies, or simply taking in the stunning surroundings, this property offers something special for everyone.

- Internal features:**
- 1978-built
  - Four spacious bedrooms
  - Bedroom three with walk-in robe
  - Bedroom two and four with built-in robe
  - Open plan living
  - Stainless steel appliances
  - Dishwasher
  - Ducted airconditioning
  - Slow combustion heater

- External features:**
- 8.097 hectares | 20 acres
  - Salt water swimming pool
  - Horse arena
  - 6.09 x 9.08 open barn
  - 4.72 x 3.81m cage storage shed
  - 6.35 x 12.05m shed
  - 4.64 x 9m carport
  - Ample rain water tanks

- Nearby features include:**
- Three-minute drive to Zoomies Dog Park
  - Eight-minute drive to local child care centres
  - Eight-minute drive to Drakes Ashton Hills Shopping Centre
  - Eleven-minute drive to Mount Barker Waldorf School

Close and convenient to all amenities, this property exemplifies ease of living in the Hills. Mount Barker is only a short 25-minute drive to the city of Adelaide. This home is a must to inspect!



## Charming Chapman

**Address:** 1/1 Chapman Crescent, Mount Barker  
**Price:** Best offers by December 11  
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3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 carports, 259m2

Ray White Strathalbyn is delighted to present this three bedroom, one bathroom home situated on a 259sqm allotment. Whether you're searching for your first

home, expanding your investment portfolio, or seeking to downsize, this hidden gem offers the perfect opportunity. Best of all, it's just a short stroll from the vibrant town centre! Step inside to discover an inviting open-plan living area. The lounge boasts picturesque views of the established front yard, complemented by an abundance of natural light that fills the space. Adjacent is a beautifully renovated kitchen, featuring ample cupboard storage for all your culinary essentials and a modern design that's sure to impress. Off the lounge, you'll find a private study - an ideal retreat for remote work, creative pursuits, or staying organised with paperwork.

This home includes two generously sized bedrooms, each equipped with built-in wardrobes for convenient storage and ceiling fans to keep you cool during those warm summer nights. Outside, you'll be greeted by a low-maintenance courtyard designed to simplify your lifestyle. It's the perfect canvas to create your own oasis - whether you envision planting your favourite native flora, cultivating fresh salad greens, or enjoying an effortless garden space.

- Internal features include:**
- 1985-built
  - 2 spacious bedrooms
  - Study
  - 2 living

- Recently painted
  - New flooring
  - Airconditioning
- External features include:**
- 259sqm allotment
  - Garage
  - Carport
  - Low maintenance gardens
  - Fully fenced yard

- Nearby features:**
- One-minute walk to Closest Bus Stop
  - Two-minutes drive to Mount Barker Central Shopping Centre
  - Two-minute drive to Local Supermarket
  - Three-minute drive to Kieth Smithson Park



## Five acres of freedom

**Address:** 164 Martin Road,  
Murray Bridge

**Price Guide:** \$975,000 - \$1,070,000

**Agent:** Ray White Strathalbyn  
Phone 0487 823 645  
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**Contact:** Joshua Bagley 0487 823 645

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Ray White Strathalbyn proudly presents a 2004 built, double dwelling home, situated on a spacious 4.95 acres of land.

Discover the allure of semi-rural living in this unique property, featuring two dwellings nestled on nearly five acres of expansive land.

Enjoy a retreat to nature with all the convenience of being minutes from town amenities—an idyllic blend of peace and proximity.

Step inside the main residence to find a spacious, open-plan living area where functionality meets luxury.

The kitchen, designed for culinary enthusiasts, boasts recent updates including ample cabinetry, a generous breakfast bar—perfect for family baking sessions—and stainless steel appliances, complete with a well-appointed dishwasher and a roomy walk-in pantry.

This kitchen is more than a workspace; it's a culinary centerpiece.

The home offers five bedrooms, with the master suite creating a serene retreat for parents.

Enjoy a luxurious walk-in wardrobe and a private ensuite that has been meticulously designed with comfort and style in mind. The additional four bedrooms are equally spacious.

Bedroom three enjoys its own walk-in wardrobe, while the remaining three bedrooms feature built-in wardrobes, ensuring a space for everyone's belongings.

For added versatility, a second living area provides a perfect space for children to play and entertain friends, while parents can enjoy the peace and comfort of the main lounge.

Equipped for year-round comfort, the home features three split-system air conditioners and strategically placed ceiling fans to keep cool during summer.

A slow-combustion heater at the home's heart ensures cozy warmth through the winter months.

The adjacent studio is a self-contained haven, offering a large bedroom, private ensuite, open-plan living area, and a kitchen complete with a walk-in pantry.

This space presents endless possibilities—a teenage retreat, a guest suite, or even an Airbnb rental.

Imagine stepping outside to your very own five acres of open land, where possibilities stretch as far as you can dream.

Whether you're envisioning a playground for the family's horses to roam freely, a dirt

bike track that will be the envy of every school friend, or simply a peaceful retreat away from the hustle and bustle of city life, this property has it all.

Here, you can indulge in the space and privacy that only rural living can provide, with no nearby neighbours or busy roads to disturb your tranquility.

Outdoors, there's ample carport storage for the family caravan, boat, or trailer, plus a generously sized shed perfect for the handyman in the family—whether it's for crafting, storing, or tinkering on weekend projects.

This space also offers plenty of room for your favourite recreational gear.

To make life even more sustainable, the property includes a 1.5kW solar power system to help minimise energy costs, as well as large water tanks to keep water bills to a minimum.

Embrace the opportunity to create a lifestyle that's both self-sufficient and effortlessly enjoyable!

Internal features include:

- 2004-Built
- Five spacious bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Master and bedroom three with walk-in robes
- Built in robes
- Two living
- Modern kitchen
- Spacious walk-in pantry
- Airconditioning

- Slow combustion heater

External features include:

- 4.95 acres
- 11.5 x 3.05 balcony
- 9.20 x 6.3m shed
- 9.20 x 4 carport
- 9.20 x 3m carport
- Ample rain water tanks

Studio Features:

- Spacious master bedroom
- Ensuite
- Spacious kitchen
- Stainless steel appliances
- Walk-in pantry
- Slow combustion heater
- Airconditioning
- Rainwater tanks
- 5.9 x 5 carport

Nearby features Include:

- Five-minute drive to Local Schools
- Six-minute drive to Local Shopping
- Seven-minute drive to the Nearest boat ramp
- Eight-minute drive to the Golf course

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# The Southern ARGUS Sport

## Roeger makes appearance at Little Athletics Hero Day



### By Giorgina McKay

Local Paralympian Michael Roeger made the trip down to Strathalbyn for the Little Athletics Club's Raine & Horne Strathalbyn/Rural SA Hero and Sponsors Day last Wednesday.

Held at the Strathalbyn Oval for a change instead of Eastern Fleurieu, the heat failed to dampen the kids' enthusiasm.

Full Story on page 28

Langhorne Creek Paralympian Michael Roeger with some of his youngest fans Atticus Scattini and Bowie Saunders. Photo: Giorgina McKay

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# Argus Bowls

## Langhorne Creek Bowls

### No joy this week for Hawks

Two losses were accrued for the Hawks this week, but there was plenty of joy for Tim and Tammy Footner.

Young Riley was very anxious to arrive into this world, and Tim was literally left holding the baby when Tammy unexpectedly gave birth in their lounge room!

Riley and Mum spent a few days in Flinders Hospital and are doing well.

We believe Tim is still recovering from the shock of it all – congratulations to the happy family!

On Saturday, both our divisions were playing at Langhorne Creek, and they were hoping the home ground advantage would get them over the line, but that failed to happen.

Division 2 had a battle all day with Goolwa Black, who eventually got a one-shot win.

On adjoining rinks, the Division 4s

were hosting McLaren Vale Gold.

Once again, Darryl Frost and his players were having a great game, finishing well up, but not enough to cover the other two rinks.

It was a six-shot loss for the twos.

As both divisions will be at home again this Saturday, we will be having our Christmas break-up after bowls, with a Christmas style meal and some fellowship as well.

Thursday's game was cancelled due to a very hot day, however, the Night Owls were all out enjoying the mild evening, helped by a meal of chicken schnitties and a few cooling beverages.

Super cook Elroy Westley will be in charge of cooking this Thursday's meals, so we're looking forward to seeing what he can do!

## Milang Bowls

### Christmas celebrations at Milang

The ladies were so relieved when Thursday's pennants were cancelled due to the extreme heat rule.

Some still ventured to the club to prepare the clubroom for Friday evening's Christmas tea.

We also had the help of two men who hung the decorations, which were very tastefully done.

Thankfully, Friday was much cooler for the cooks who roasted turkey rolls and veggies in the afternoon.

About 80 meals were served by a production line and delivered to the tables quickly by others.

Dessert of plum pudding with custard/cream was also delicious.

Between the courses the raffles were drawn, with the prizes mostly Christmas themed, plus the usual vouchers.

The room was filled with friendly chatter and lots of fun.

Thanks to all who helped in any way beforehand and on the night.

Then on Saturday we had to concentrate on bowling again.

Div. 3 were at Pt. Elliot and scored a draw overall.

Lee's rink of the week was 26-7, Glen's team 16-19 and Kevin's 14-30, gaining eight points to be in fifth position, with equal points with fourth position at the end of the first round.

Next Saturday they go to Goolwa to play the Black team.

Div. 5 went to Myponga in less-than-favourable conditions, with a wet, bumpy surface on the carpet.

Heather's team had a narrow chance of winning, but the opposing skipper spoiled that, seeing 22-23 Myponga's way.

Kym's rink clawed their way back after the break, but ended with 20-26.

Peter's rink also struggled, finishing 11-30.

Milang are now in third position at the end of the first round.

Next Saturday they go to Aldinga Bay.

Both divisions are doing quite well so far this season, so need to consolidate each team to enable more consistency in the second half to keep final's chances in sight.

## Bowls



Peter Cosgrave.



Adam Chamberlain.



Neville Donhardy.



Wayne Strempe.

Photos: Rowan Sims

# Argus Bowls

## Bowls



Justin Cleggett.



Jan Southby.



Eugene Barno.



Darrell Long.

Photos: Rowan Sims

## Gala Day at Langhorne Creek

The Christmas Gala Day was scheduled for Monday, December 9, and everyone hoped for the weather God to be kind and give a good day for bowling – it was perfect!

The green was full of very colourfully dressed Christmas characters all joining in with the Christmas spirit.

Competition was fierce, not only on the green, but also in the Christmas fashion stakes.

Choosing a winner for the best dressed team was very difficult, but 'The Lost Elves' from Tailem Bend eventually claimed that prize.

A special award was made to the decorated Christmas tree, who travelled all the way from West Lakes.

The eventual winners of the

real competition were a team from Mount Barker.

After a ditch-to-ditch roll-up, players settled down to play 15 ends before going in to enjoy a Christmas lunch of ham, turkey and salads, followed by homemade Christmas pudding with custard and ice cream, all washed down with some lovely wine provided by Bremerton Winery who sponsored the day.

Another 12 ends were played after lunch, and players then finished the day off with a light afternoon snack, and the presentation of winning teams and drawing of the raffle.

A very successful day, ending with some very tired Langhorne Creek bowling members who all worked hard to make the day such a good event.



Winners of day from Mt Barker: Ann Gregory, Janet Jaensch, Joy Cresp, and Carmen Mena.



Best dressed Christmas team from Tailem Bend: Pauline Merritt, Carolyn Wilson, Josie Ross, and Kylie Slattery.

# Argus Tennis

## John Wesley Tennis Club



Steve Blewett.



Kym Diepgrond.



Kym Diepgrond.



Mike Shute.



Cherry Robinson.

## Onkaparinga Tennis Association Round 6

### Seniors

Bye - Langhorne Creek

Strathalbyn v Macclesfield

4 - 8.

R1: 1. K. WILHELM, 2. a. ness 9; 2. L. Tregaskis, 4. M. Tregaskis 7. R2: 3. L. Johnson, 4. J. ROHLOFF 2; 3. A. Shepherd, S. Baraglia (R) 9. R3: 5. J. Wilhelm, S. Stone (R) 2; 5. J. Oster-Ives, K. Baraglia (R) 9. R4: 1. K. WILHELM 6; 2. L. Tregaskis 4. R5: 2. a. ness 6; 4. M. Tregaskis 4. R6: 4. J. ROHLOFF 0; 3. A. Shepherd 6. R7: Unspecified player 1; S. Baraglia (R) 6. R8: J. Ireland (F) 2; 5. J. Oster-Ives 6. R9: S. Stone (R) 0; 7. M. Ives 6. R10: 1. K. WILHELM, 4. J. ROHLOFF 0; 2. L. Tregaskis, S. Baraglia (R) 6. R11: 2. a. ness, 5. J. Wilhelm 6; 4. M. Tregaskis, 5. J. Oster-Ives 2. R12:

3. L. Johnson, Unspecified player 2; 3. A. Shepherd, K. Baraglia (R) 6.

Woodchester v Kangarilla

9 - 3.

R1: 2. A. MacAllan, 4. L. Harvey 4; 1. A. Bright, 2. P. Garwood 9. R2: B. Munzberg (R), 6. p. grant 9; 3. T. White, 4. D. Eickhoff 8. R3: 7. N. Fitton, 8. T. Barnes 9; 7. Q. Thorpe, 6. C. Thorpe 2. R4: 2. A. MacAllan 0; 1. A. Bright 6. R5: 4. L. Harvey 1; 3. T. White 6. R6: B. Munzberg (R) 6; 2. P. Garwood 4. R7: 6. p. grant 6; 4. D. Eickhoff 3. R8: 7. N. Fitton 7; 5. M. Scott 5. R9: 8. T. Barnes 6; 7. Q. Thorpe 0. R10: 2. A. MacAllan, 6. p. grant 6; 2. P. Garwood, 5. M. Scott 2. R11: 4. L. Harvey, 7. N. Fitton 6; 3. T. White, 6. C. Thorpe 3. R12: B. Munzberg (R); 8. T. Barnes 6; 4. D. Eickhoff, 7. Q. Thorpe 0.

## Great Southern Tennis Association - Round 10

### Victor topple Inman and Elliot's first

Victor Harbor breathed new interest in Division 1 Great Southern tennis, by beating the previously undefeated ladder leaders, Inman Valley, by four rubbers to two.

The win was a great team effort with the Millard sisters winning everything, including Danika's great singles tiebreak win over Bree Leibhardt, and Tyla reversing her previous result in her singles against Margie Dyer.

Jeremy Bell played outstanding in his singles, and while Jack Prosser went down narrowly to Paul Martin, he and Bell managed to push Martin and Dave Giltinan to three sets.

It's been sometime since Victor have defeated Inman in a Division 1 match, with their previous win coming in the preliminary final of the 2020/21 season, with Tyla Millard being the only member from that team that played last Saturday.

Could it be "Grand final, here we come" for Victor this season too?

Port Elliot finally notched their first win of the season, narrowly defeating Myponga-Sellicks by one set after both teams finished with three rubbers each.

Port Elliot were missing several regulars, but got the job done, winning both doubles through Stuart Thompson and Leigh Pope, and Zara Bowles and Kat Witcombe, with Witcombe backing up to win her singles.

For Myponga-Sellicks, Courtney Gum, Jack Pacitti and Jason Heinze all won their singles, but it wasn't enough, and it will be a rued missed opportunity for the visitors while Port Elliot's missing regulars maybe jokingly asked, "What's difficult about the Division 1 caper this season!"

Round 10 was the last round before the Christmas New Year break and one could argue that the timing of the break is not great for team momentum for different reasons.

Inman Valley have the bye this Saturday so they'll have to wait to mid-January to rectify their form.

Port Elliot and Victor Harbor, after their great wins will want to keep the momentum going this week however they play each other, thus one team's winning run will cease.

Victor is hosting and must be sky high after last week's result, but can they refocus for Port Elliot?

They've strung two consecutive wins interspersed by the heat out and washouts, but now they know their best is the best going around.

Port Elliot will be an unknown, assuming their regulars are returning

they'll know they can knock Victor off.

Despite Victor's win last time they met, many sets were decided by tiebreaks or a single break of serve so Port Elliot will know they're a chance.

The key matchup will be the top women's single show down between the young dynamos Danika Millard and Zara Bowles and for any tennis buffs, a trip to the Victor courts is highly recommended to watch these two go head-to-head.

They're both stacking impressive singles wins, and have split their past two encounters with Millard winning most recently, 9-7.

It will be a tough game, but Victor should see off the challenge and head into Christmas full of cheer and confidence.

Myponga-Sellicks host Back Valley in a big game for both teams.

Sitting fourth and third on the ladder, very little separates them, but the stats show Back Valley are being far more competitive.

Back Valley's Keni Lewis-Baida made his return last Saturday, playing in Division 2 so he maybe a welcomed addition to bolster their men's line up and a possible triple threat alongside Matt Crittenden and Craig Littlely.

The single between top men Jack Pacitti and Crittenden will be highlight with Pacitti keen to tackle Crittenden on his own home courts, a place Crittenden's yet to visit.

Back Valley women will be quite comfortable in the conditions and while Myponga-Sellicks did win in their last outing, Back Valley were decimated with absentees, but come this Saturday it will be Back Valley who will get the much-needed win.

Around the divisions, Division 2 Myponga-Sellicks Green suffered their first loss of the season losing to the Mount Compass Emu Wrens allowing Inman Valley to return to the top of the ladder while Back Valley had their first win, defeating Mount Compass Maroon.

A Doubles Back Valley defeated Port Elliot by one game for their first win over Elliot this season, while bottom-placed Victor pushed top placed Inman to lose only on games in a topsy turvy encounter.

B Doubles results were in unison with the two Port Elliot teams and Back Valley all having four rubbers to two wins over their opposition, leaving three teams placed from second to fourth on the ladder all with four wins and three losses in a very tight race for finals.

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## Hills Softball Association

### Under 14s Mixed

Hahndorf draw Pirates (14)

**BEST: Tom Johns and Cooper Crawford (Hahndorf), and Lindsay Butler and Courtney Goodman (Pirates)**

A fun game between the two sides, playing short with eight players each and lots of fill ins from U12s, including a first time game by Austin Jones from Hahndorf.

Good batting and fielding came from both sides, including Tom Johns' in-the-park home run, and a follow-up three-base hit to score four of the team's 14 runs.

Lindsay Butler from the Pirates also sent a long bomb hit out to left field, but was tagged out at home after a fantastic chase by Hahndorf's Kayla Martin to get the relay throw to Tom Johns, who then fired it to Will Faber-Paul for the put-out tag right before home plate.

Safe outfield hits were also secured by Hahndorf's Cooper Crawford and Pirates' Courtney Goodman and Elliott Lawson.

Both teams scored the maximum 7 runs in their two batting digs.

Hahndorf just missed out on securing the win, getting two outs in each of the innings, but were unable to secure the final out.

A good game between these teams for the penultimate round before the Christmas break.

### Under 16 Mixed

Mount Barker Redsox (9) def Echunga Pirates (2)

**BEST: Luca Bholanath and Sam Hancock (Mount Barker Redsox), and Henry Sexton and Lawson Elliott (Echunga Pirates)**

The Echunga/Pirates faced Mount Barker Redsox in the first game of their double-header.

Echunga/Pirates were held scoreless in the first innings, with the first three batters retired.

Sam Hancock pitching for Redsox had a great start with two K2s and a play to first, with Lawson Elliott putting the ball into play.

Redsox added 2 runs in the first innings.

Sam Hancock scored on a hit by Zara Peterson, who then scored on a hit by Nathan Golder.

Charlie Askew pitching for Echunga/Pirates did well, making two outs at first and a K2.

The second innings saw Hancock show his experience against the young batters, pitching three straight K2s.

Redsox's batters came out firing, with safe hits to Hancock, Peterson, Bianca Lemmo and Luca Bholanath, bringing in the maximum 7 runs.

A pitching change for Redsox saw Sienna Golder enter the game.

Lindsay Butler had a nice hit to right field, but was left stranded on base, with Golder pitching three K2s.

Echunga/Pirates also made a pitching change, with Henry Sexton coming in, quickly retiring the first three batters with K2s.

Echunga/Pirates scored 2 runs, with Henry Sexton and Charlie Askew both crossing the plate.

Neither team scored in the fourth innings, with both sides being retired in three batters.

Redsox secured the win 9-2 in a game that highlighted the pitching calibre in the U16s.

Hancock and Sexton had five K2s, and Golder had seven.

### A Grade Women

Strathalbyn (11) def Hahndorf (2)

**BEST: Kim Cutting and Tess Norris (Strathalbyn), and Breanna Luxon and Zoe Marrison (Hahndorf)**

Hahndorf batted first and gained a couple of walks, but the only safe hit to Mia Oats-Willis wasn't enough to bring them home, with a great pick off at third by catcher Kim Cutting to Peyton Daniels, and two K2s to pitcher Tess Norris.

Strath started with a safe hit to Cutting and also some walks, which brought home 3 runs.

Hahndorf picked off the lead runner, and made an infield fly and an out at third.

Strath were able to hold Hahndorf scoreless again in the second, even with Tilly Lovelock picking a walk, with an out at first and another two K2s.

Strath's second innings was also scoreless, with shortstop Breanna Luxon involved in all outs for three up, three down.

Hahndorf got two runners home after a walk and a couple of errors in the field, but Strath worked hard to shut them down, with another K2, an out at first by shortstop Georgia Tomkinson, and a pick off of the lead runner at third.

Strath gained a couple of walks, and a hit to the outfield by Buttsy Milne brought a runner home.

But that hit was caught and the runner picked off for a double play, with the final out another K2 for the game.

Strath had a small lead to protect and they did, with new pitcher Daniels working well with Cutting for two K2s, and Milne finishing the innings playing her own base for three up, three down, holding Hahndorf scoreless again.

The fourth innings for Strath was a good

one, with safe hits to Kathy Pash and Milne, a two-baser to Norris, and a home run to Cutting.

Combined with some walks and great baserunning, they finished the game by bringing home 7 runs.

Redsox (14) def Pirates (3)

**BEST: Steph Hull and Saskia Charters-Harris (Redsox), and Jarrah Taylor and Tammy Mason (Pirates)**

Redsox displayed a dominant performance in their match-up against the Pirates, securing a commanding 14-3 victory.

From the very beginning, Redsox set the tone, scoring 5 runs in the first inning.

Their aggressive approach and efficient batting line-up proved too much for the Pirates to handle throughout the game.

Saskia Charter-Harris led the charge for the Redsox, demonstrating precision and consistency at the plate, and in the second innings, scoring a home run.

Catalina Sterian and Lauren Christensen also contributed significantly, showcasing their ability to capitalise on errors and drive runners home.

The team's communication and cohesion on the field were evident, particularly in their ability to turn key plays and prevent the Pirates from building momentum.

The Pirates, despite the lopsided scoreline, fought valiantly.

Danielle Hupfield and Tammy Mason managed to get on base and generate some offence, with Jarrah Taylor adding crucial plays to keep their team competitive.

However, Redsox's defence, led by stand-out efforts from their shortstop Steph Hull, stifled any extended rallies by the Pirates.

Claire Mohan-Ram to catcher McDonald worked extremely hard and were well-supported by their team.

The second inning saw another offensive explosion from the Redsox, with another 5 runs added to their tally.

Their patience at the plate, highlighted by the hit outs landing in the gaps, kept Pirates' pitcher Tracy Roberts under pressure.

In contrast, the Pirates struggled to convert opportunities into runs, managing only sporadic scoring throughout the game.

By the fourth inning, the Redsox sealed their dominance with a combination of timely hitting and disciplined baserunning by Sienna Golder and Suvali Sharma, stretching their lead to 14-3.

Pirates continued to battle, but they could not overcome Redsox's relentless offensive pressure.

### B Grade Women

Redsox (6) def Pirates (2)

**BEST: Talia Moyle and Sienna Golder (Redsox), and Wendy Pope and Alison Lomman (Pirates)**

Redsox secured a commanding 6-2 victory over the Pirates in a closely contested softball match.

The game, marked by strong defensive plays and timely hitting, saw Redsox capitalise on their scoring opportunities, while the Pirates struggled to convert theirs.

Redsox came out strong, but Pirates' shortstop Jodie Karayiannis and third-baser Margie Camell displayed clean fielding and made easy work to get the outs, setting the tone for the game.

Kerri Hardy and Sienna Gelder were instrumental at the top of the line-up, consistently getting on base and advancing runners.

Talia Moyle added to the offensive pressure with key hits and smart baserunning.

Sandra Lions also showcased patience at the plate, drawing crucial walks to keep Redsox's rallies alive.

Defensively, Redsox displayed excellent fielding.

Kylie Gray at third base turned multiple ground-outs and flyballs to stifle the Pirates' offence.

Talia Moyle and Sandra Lions provided stability in the infield, making key plays to prevent potential scoring opportunities.

The Pirates, despite the loss, had stand-out performances from Wendy Pope and Alison Lomman, who each reached base and contributed to the team's 2 runs.

However, the Pirates struggled to maintain momentum, leaving runners stranded in critical situations.

Their defensive efforts, while solid, couldn't suppress Redsox's relentless batting line-up.

The game's highlight came in the fourth inning when Redsox extended their lead with 2 additional runs, thanks to a clutch hit by Tayla Hardy.

The Pirates attempted a late-game comeback, scoring in the sixth inning, but it was too little, too late.

Hahndorf (13) def Pirates (4)

**BEST: Jess Pilkington and Karlyn McLeod (Hahndorf), and Kirsten Hailstone and Danielle Vucic (Pirates)**

In a game with lots of twists and turns, the final score wasn't an indication of how close

the game was between these two evenly matched teams from Hahndorf.

Teams were level 1-1 at the end of the first.

Black edged ahead 4-1 at the end of two before White levelled at the start of the third innings.

Black then put on 9 to pull ahead.

Batters from both sides sent the ball to all corners of the diamond in an attempt to get runners on base and move them around to score.

Batting highlights included a two-base hit from Kirsten Hailstone to left field who was then scored by another left field bomb from Danielle Vucic for Hahndorf White.

Hahndorf Black saw multiple players sending the ball deep into the outfield, including a three-base hit by Jess Pilkington which also scored 2 runs in the final innings, a two-base hit for Hayley Brown and two singles for Karlyn McLeod, as well as safe hits to Jemma Langford and Celeste Paul.

Fielders also had lots of action, including two catches for Jess Pilkington, and one each to Hayley Brown from Hahndorf Black and White's Nancy Johns.

A good game between these teams for the penultimate round before the Christmas break.

### C Grade Women

Redsox (12) def Hahndorf (6)

**BEST: M Rusden and M Bottruff (Redsox), and K Lawson and R Crawford (Hahndorf)**

Redsox batted first in their C Grade game against Hahndorf, with Suvali Sharma getting on base with a two-bag hit to left field.

Elsie Blofwitch was busy at third base for Hahndorf, making all three outs.

Redsox scored 3 runs before the third out.

Hahndorf managed to score 1 run before their three outs, with catches made by sisters Alexis and Sienna Golder.

Redsox put on a further 4 runs, with Mandy Bottruff and Tayla Hardy being a couple of the runners crossing home.

Both Rachel Crawford and Kerry Lawson took catches for Hahndorf.

Hahndorf then had a few batters get on base with walks, scoring 3 runs, with Yve Cole one of their run scorers.

Redsox got another 5 runs on the board with great base stealing by Amelia Rusden, and hits to Molly Rusden and Glenis Sward.

Hahndorf's first two batters managed to cross the plate before Redsox's pitcher Tayla Hardy and catcher Sharma got a K2.

Following straight after was a flyball catch by Glenys Megson at centre field off a great hit by Lawson, then the throw went to M Rusden at first to get the final out.

Redsox came into bat again, with another 6 runs scored, but time ran out before Hahndorf could bat, so the runs didn't count.

Macclesfield draw Pirates (5)

**BEST: Beth Lions and Chloe Watkins (Macclesfield), and Brenae Wieringa and Sue Stewart (Pirates)**

Determined to put an end to their losing streak, Maccy were hitting from the first pitch.

Beth Lions led the charge with a long drive to right field to be brought in by another huge triple to Chloe Watkins.

Anna Gotch followed suit, but was caught in centre field in spectacular style by Ali Lomman, leading to double play to out Watkins as well.

Bases were loading up and Tracey Wallace lasered a ball past the pitcher, but was caught by the great reflexes of Steph Zuzolo at shortstop.

Maccy kept the Pirates scoreless in their first offensive innings.

Clean plays by Watkins to Wallace got the first out, and a huge hit by Brenae Wieringa was caught by Amarlee Nash in centre field to finish them off.

Maccy took off in the third, putting on 4 runs.

Clean hitting by Karlyn McLeod and Tania Nethercote kept the runners moving, but a strike-out by Klenke ended their innings.

The Pirates answered back, putting on 4 of their own to even the score with excellent hitting from Beattie and Sue Stewart.

With the clock running down and scores tied, the Maccy top order made 2 quick runs – a monster home run by Lions and a triple to Watkins brought in by McLeod.

But the resilient Pirates held on, giving up only one out, leaving the scores tied up at a 5-all draw.

Echunga (9) def Strathalbyn (7)

**BEST NOT PROVIDED**

Strathalbyn batted first, and both Elise Duffield and Monica Spriggs were walked to first base.

Echunga Demons' pitcher Ella Playford found her rhythm and retired Rakel Nuholm with a K2.

Batter Rebecca Sims replied with a three-base hit to left field, scoring both Duffield and Spriggs.

The Panthers loaded the bases but were unable to score further, with Sims put out at home plate and Playford pitching her

second K2 for side away.

Echunga Demons' batters Chris Wawryk, Ella Playford and Indy Sinnott moved around the diamond for 3 runs.

Hayley Brown was awarded first base off of four balls, and her confident base stealing on pass balls got the fourth run for the Demons.

The Panthers made a pitching change, with Jodie Huwai replacing Sims.

Huwai claimed a K2, and tight fielding retired the next two batter-runners to end the innings.

The Panthers loaded up the bases in their second dig, but Demons' infield kept their nerve and forced two lead runners out at home plate.

Duffield and Spriggs again batted strongly for the Panthers, and both scored thanks to a hard hit by Sims to centre field.

Panthers again loaded the bases and scored their third run of the dig when a walk scored Rakel Nuholm.

The two other runners were left stranded when the batter-runner was thrown out at first for side away.

The Demons found confidence in the batters' box, with Mandy Melville, Sandy Pedergrana, Wawryk, and E Playford all scoring runs from hits to the outfield.

A solid hit by Demons' new recruit Eliescia Deveney loaded the bases for the Demons.

Lead runner Sinnott scored the Demons' fifth run when a fielder's choice went to third base for the forced out.

The Panthers closed the innings with consecutive outs at first base.

The Panthers' tenacity at bat got them loaded bases for the fourth time, but the first out came off an infield fly.

The lead runner on third was the second out on the forced play at home plate, but Sims' consistent hard hitting for the Panthers scored two runners.

A hard hit to left field looked like the Panthers might score, but accurate relay throwing by Deveney to Sinnott and Sinnott to catcher Molly Playford got the tag out at home for the third out.

Time and game was called, with the final score at 9-7 to the Demons.

### Div 1 Men

Redsox (14) def Hahndorf (3)

**BEST: H May and C Bottruff (Redsox), and D Waters and A King (Hahndorf)**

Hahndorf were the first team to bat, with A King up to the plate, showing some big swings early, but a miss hit by May on the stripe saw him quickly put out at first.

Galgey faced the exact same fate, with May again fielding his own ball.

Philp was the first Maggie to get a safe hit through second, and Hopton's safe hit to right field gave the Magpies runners on second and third.

Philp took advantage of a pass ball and scored the first run of the game.

Waters found first base through a dropped third strike, and Lewis was the third out with another 1-3.

Redsox's first turn at bat started off with Williams and Moyle both taking walks, then a triple to centre field saw 2 runs cross the plate.

Wilson was the first out, being short of first, and a double to Karayiannis saw the third run come in.

Peterson also took a walk before Bottruff destroyed a ball over centre field for a stand-up triple.

Wierenga's sack fly brought Bottruff home, and the inning ended with Hancock being put out at first.

Chasing 5 runs, Hahndorf needed to make good with the bats.

Ransen-Booth started his team off in the right direction with a hard single to centre field, but May put a stop to the hits, striking out the next three batters.

Redsox added another 3 runs to their tally in the second, with hits going to Moyle, Wilson, Karayiannis and Peterson.

The Magpies made good use of their opportunities in the third, with Galgey hitting a triple to leadoff and Philp just beating the throw to first.

Philp took second on a one-three split, and Hopton came good with a powerful hit to left field, bringing in his two runners.

May polished off the next two batters.

No runs were scored for either team at their next turn at bat until the bottom of the fourth when Redsox opened up their lead to 11.

Power and timing were the Redsox's secret ingredients, with the Magpies outfield doing a lot of running.

Safe hits went to Williams, Karayiannis, Bottruff and Wierenga.

The mercy rule came into play at the end of the fourth, with Mount Barker Redsox being victors.

Final scores were Redsox 14, Hahndorf 3.

Pirates (8) def Macclesfield (7)

**BEST: Graham Klenke and Andy Haren (Pirates), and Lachie Abbott and Jackson Jones (Macclesfield)**

Brett Atkinson started the match in fine style for the Pirates on the pitcher's plate, but he wasn't supported by his field early, as Macclesfield was able to put 2 runs on

the board in the first.

The Pirates responded with 4 runs of their own, mainly thanks to safe hits to Graham Klenke and Andy Haren, as well as walks to the in-form Mitchell Butler and Cooper Goodman.

Atkinson continued his good form in the top of the second, and despite a safe hit to Macclesfield's Lachie Abbott, they were unable to put a score on the board.

Pirates were able to consolidate their advantage in the bottom of the second with a run when M Butler and Klenke got safe hits back-to-back, and C Goodman and Ben White drew walks.

Atkinson again shut down the Macclesfield hitters in the top of the third, but Macclesfield's starter Kaleb Zakelj returned the favour in the bottom of the inning.

Macclesfield broke the game open in the top of the fourth inning with 5 runs after Aaron Pearce and Jackson Jones got safe hits, and Pirates again produced subpar defensive efforts.

Pirates failed to respond in the bottom of the fourth, so Klenke was brought on to the stripe to try and clean up the mess in the fifth inning.

It had the desired effect, with no runs being scored, despite a safe hit to Macclesfield's Abbott.

It was do or die for Pirates in the bottom of the fifth, down 5-7, and they were able to come through, mainly thanks to a two-base hit to the irrepressible Jo Harvey, who had only just entered the fray from the bench.

It scored 2 runs after Andy Haren and Jake Pendleton had got on through safe hits, and when White had another excellent turn at bat to score Harvey, the game was the Pirates in a hard-fought 8 runs to 7 victory.

### Div 2 Men

Pirates (12) def Echunga Blue (6)

**BEST: Domonic Sexton and Kingsley Elliott (Pirates), and Ben Marsh and Patrick Butler (Echunga Blue)**

The Pirates started with Domonic Sexton pitching to Kingsley Elliott, getting the first two outs with some great pitching.

Patrick Butler got himself on base with a walk, then up came Ben Marsh, who, after some friendly banter from the Pirates bench, hit a bomb over centre field for a home run, scoring 2 runs.

Henry Sexton took a catch at shortstop for the final out of the innings.

Kingsley started the good run for the Pirates with a huge solo home run past centre field, which got the Pirates up and about.

A clever bunt by Henry got himself safe at first.

Some good batting and some wild throws saw the Pirates score 3 more runs before Echunga could finish the innings.

The second innings was dominated by the pitches and fielders, with no runs scored by both sides.

The first out of the third innings was a great flick throw by Greg Bell after going to ground, fielding the ball at second.

Greg also got the second out after everyone else lost a fly ball in the sun.

Domonic got the strike-out to finish the innings, only letting 1 run through.

Pirates had another great batting innings, scoring 5 runs, with the old wily Pirates showing they still know how to play the game.

Nico finished it off with another home run – the fourth of the year so far.

With the pressure on, Echunga, going into the fourth innings, managed to score 3 runs.

Wayne Eades made a good throw from third to first to get the second out.

Patrick Butler had a good hit to centre field, then was unlucky after some Pirate errors got him all the way round and pushed to get home before he was tagged out just in time.

The Pirates' lower order continued to bat well and scored 3 more runs to claim victory.

This was a good, fun game played the way softball should be played – smiles and a bit of friendly banter.

Echunga Red (14) def Redsox (11)

**BEST: R Brown and C Rule (Echunga Red), and J Crane and S Hancock (Redsox)**

Echunga Red secured an impressive 14-11 victory over Mount Barker Redsox in a high-energy softball clash.

The game featured stand-out performances from both teams, with Echunga delivering three sensational home runs courtesy of J Baker, C Rule, and R Brown – the latter making an impact in his debut season.

Pitcher C Richardson was instrumental in keeping Redsox at bay, with consistent precision on the mound.

For the Redsox, J Crane was a stand-out, showcasing exceptional batting skills that kept his team in contention throughout the match.

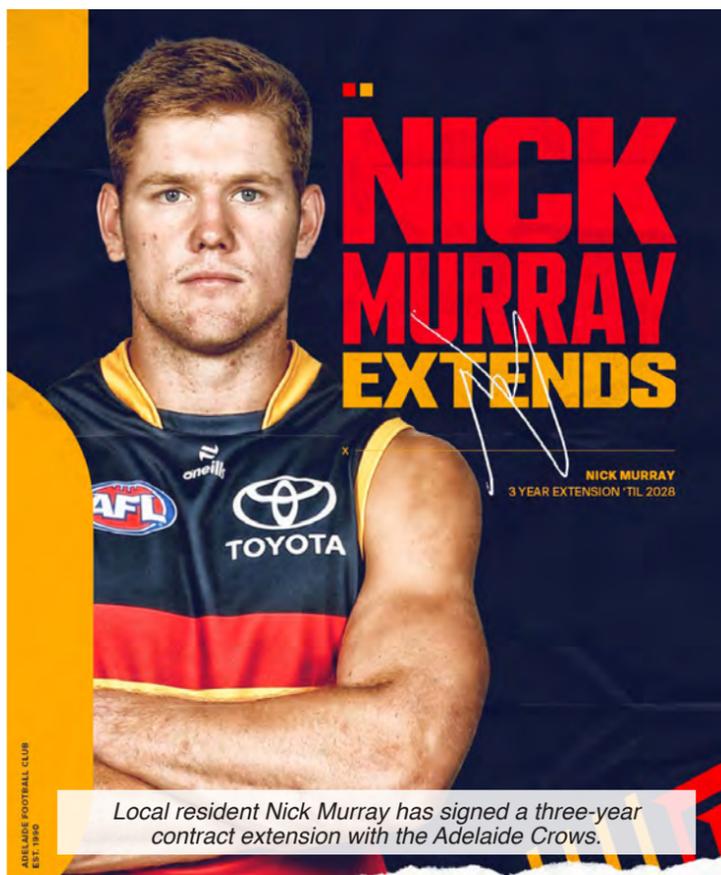
Despite their efforts, Redsox couldn't overcome the Reds' relentless offence.

# Argus Softball

## Softball



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## Murray extends Crows contract

Local resident Nick Murray has signed a three-year contract extension with the Adelaide Football Club, seeing him remain at the club until the end of 2028.

Recruited as a pre-season supplemental selection straight from the farm in NSW in January 2021, Murray made his AFL debut in Round 2 that season and has made steady progress ever since.

By 2023, the 195-centimetre key defender had cemented his spot in Adelaide's backline and was enjoying a breakout season when he ruptured his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in round 19 against Melbourne.

After a successful rehabilitation, he returned to the field at AFL level in round 15 this year.

The 23-year-old has played 55 games over the past four seasons.

Crows GM List Management and Strategy Justin Reid said Murray was a "very popular" teammate, and an example of hard work and commitment paying off.

"Nick's competitiveness stood

out from day one, but over the past four seasons, his physical preparation, skill level and understanding of the game has gone to a new level," he said.

"He showed great resilience in dealing with a serious knee injury just as his career was really taking off, and his professional approach to his rehab is why he was able to get back to playing some great footy at the back end of this season.

"At only 23 we know there is a lot more to come, so we are excited to have him recommit to the club to 2028."

Murray said he never hesitated in signing when presented with the opportunity to extend his contract.

"I'm extremely grateful for the club giving me a chance in 2021, and now it's time to try to repay that show of faith in me," he said.

"I love the group that we have.

"I feel a big part of it, and I'm excited by the journey we are on.

"(I'm) so rapt to be sticking around for the next four years."



South Australia's qualifying races for the National Pony Racing Series was recently held at Murray Bridge.

## Pony series held in Murray Bridge

South Australia's qualifying races for the National Pony Racing Series was held at Murray Bridge on December 8.

Rider Stacey Edwards and her pony Napoleon are well on the way to defending their national title in series two of the Pony Racing Series, after winning the small pony category on the weekend.

Edwards finished ahead of Tahnee Dodgson riding Rosie from the Naracoorte Hunt Pony Club, and Harry Downer on his pony Charlie from the Onkaparinga Pony Club who crossed the line in third.

In the large pony category, Maddison Wissel from the Kadina Pony and Equestrian Club and her pony Jasper won ahead of Ellie Digney from the Onkaparinga Pony Club aboard Phoenix.

Bella Harrington and Matilda from the Strathalbyn Pony Club finished third.

An award was also presented for best presented pony in each category.

Macy Watson and Penny from the Mountain Pony Club won the small category.

Alix Haverland and Denny from Globe Derby Pony Club were best presented in the large category.

Racing SA's Industry Development and Training Officer Clare Lindop said once again it's been a worthwhile exercise to engage with Thoroughbred Industry Careers and Pony Club Australia.

"(It) helps to engage all the young riders and equestrian families who now know that there's a career path for them to follow their passion for horses into the thoroughbred racing industry," Lindop said.

"A lot of these families actually take our retired racehorses off the track as well.

"It was so lovely to see the kids enjoy showing off their ponies and having fun taking part and there were some really great horsemanship skills on show as well."

The top two place-getters in each category qualify for the National finals at the Gold Coast Turf Club in June with qualifying races taking place around the country.

Preparation for South Australia's qualifying races took place in November at Oakbank Racing Club and the nearby Pony Club, and Onkaparinga Pony Club President Kirsty Scarborough found it great to watch the progress of the riders.

"I think the main thing about it has

been the education side of it, so our members have really learned about a whole different aspect of horse riding and horse care that they probably weren't aware of beforehand," Scarborough said.

"I think the other thing they've picked up is a lot about horse welfare and horse care.

"In particular, the recovery aspect and the kids now know how to take their horse's temperature and they know how to check them to see if they're dehydrated, so they've learned a lot more than just the riding aspect and what a jockey does.

"I've got a few kids who would like to be behind the microphone in broadcasting and they've tried to show me how fast they can speak and call out their pony's name, so they've learned about other aspects of the industry right through to caring for your horse after racing."

All riders wore black armbands at Murray Bridge as a mark of respect for Les Limpus – a stalwart of the equestrian community – who recently passed away at age 78 from illness.

Limpus made an enormous contribution to Pony Club and was passionate about developing young riders.

### Strathalbyn Cricket Club - Stable Snippets

A very quiet weekend on the cricket front, with only minimal games played due to the Adelaide Test match.

Unfortunately, we also lost one of the few scheduled matches, with the U14 game abandoned due to the freak storm that passed through in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Thinking the rain had passed, the pitch was left uncovered, which meant no play was possible on the turf, however, a T20 was played at EFS for a bit of fun.

Normal transmission resumes this weekend, although in a slight change, the B Grade fixture against Mt Barker will now be played on Sunday at the main oval.

The club will also be participating in this week's Christmas Where the

Angas Flows Pageant for the first time in many years, so keep an eye out for the enthusiastic young Fillies and Stallions.

#### U16

The young Stallions secured their third win of the season last Saturday morning after successfully defending the 8/221 that they posted on day one.

An easy win looked on the cards early when Echunga/Macclesfield slumped to 7/42, however, some lower order resistance followed, with the next wicket not falling until 112 was on the board.

The final two wickets were also hard-fought, with the hosts eventually dismissed for 160 in the 37th over.

Greaves secured three wickets,

while Owen-Randall, Wiese, and Ballantyne each picked up two scalps.

Strath 8/221 def Echunga/Wistow 160 (B Greaves 3/23, L Ballantyne 2/14, B Owen-Randall 2/15, M Wiese 2/17).

#### U14

Abandoned.

#### U12

The U12 fixture was brought forward to last Friday night to avoid a clash with the Christmas Pageant/Party this Friday.

No scores were available at the time of submission, but the lads will now enjoy a break before the season resumes in term one.

## Magpies lock in coaches for season 2025

The Magpies have locked in their Reserves and Senior Colt coaches for next season.

Despite an "extremely tough year" which was out of his control, Josh Koop will retain his position as Goolwa/Port Elliot Football Club's Reserves Coach.

He had a team with solid numbers, camaraderie and fight, and the club hopes the structure and recruiting will allow Koop to have some stability and put a

stamp on his side.

Meanwhile, the Senior Colts coaches will be Simon Harrison and Gavin Wilson.

With plenty of talent staying down, combined with some very handy juniors, this grade looks like they are in for a great year.

Harrison and Wilson have years of footy experience both as players, coaches and committee members, and were the Junior Colts' coaches last year.

## Roeger makes appearance at Hero Day

By Giorgina McKay

Local Paralympian Michael Roeger made the trip down to Strathalbyn for the Little Athletics Club's Raine & Horne Strathalbyn/Rural SA Hero and Sponsors Day last Wednesday.

Held at the Strathalbyn Oval for a change instead of Eastern Fleurieu, the heat failed to dampen the kids' enthusiasm.

The fun-filled evening kicked off with the usual activities, followed by an all-ages whole club relay and a club sponsors handicap, which was won by Matt Tonkin.

Everyone then enjoyed a barbecue, courtesy of Maidments Meat Service and cooked by volunteers before Roeger opened the floor for question-and-answer time.

The next hero day is on December 18 featuring Olympian Jessica Stenson.



Roeger warms up with the kids.



Michael Roeger helps with the 100-metre sprints.



Roeger runs alongside one of the faster participants.

## Wilmot selected for leadership college

By Giorgina McKay

One of Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club's top members is one of just 24 in Australia and one of only two in South Australia to be selected to participate in a prestigious leadership college this Summer.

The National Leadership College is an annual program taking place in Sydney from January 26 to February 1 that is dedicated to cultivating leadership skills and fostering the development of young leaders within the Surf Life Saving movement.

The week-long intensive program provides an opportunity for members to enhance their leadership skills to contribute to the overall success of Surf Life Saving, and is a chance for them to make connections with like-minded individuals from across the country.

Goolwa Club Captain Cassandra Wilmot is one of the individuals who

was chosen to participate in the leadership program.

She applied to get further experience in leadership within life saving.

"The college is highly regarded among the life saving community, and provides some great resources and skills to be able to advance leadership within the broad organisation that life saving is," Wilmot said.

"So, it would be an awesome opportunity to further the skills I'm already doing as Club Captain – which is a leadership role – and be able to get some experience in how to best serve my community and club."

The program includes keynote speakers, elective sessions, activities, and challenges relating to key leadership themes.

Wilmot looked forward to the guest speakers and seminars, and the opportunity to network and speak to others leaders within the life saving community.

"South Australia is quite small, so to be able to expand and understand what other people are doing in other states, and get fresh ideas and new ways we can implement and best serve the needs for everyone, I'm super excited about," she said.

"As well as the interpersonal skills you pick up at these events, and how to reflect on what I'm currently doing and look at how I can do that better moving forward."

Wilmot hoped to bring some key lessons and skills from her time in the program back to the Goolwa club.

She was particularly interested in getting opinions from other people to help broaden who she is as a leader and meet the needs of "a very diverse community".

"I think Goolwa being a small and new life saving club, any ways we can constantly build on our skill set to best serve everyone and how we can continue to stay relevant... is the



Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club Captain Cassandra Wilmot is one of just 24 in Australia and one of only two in South Australia to be selected to participate in the National Leadership College. Photo: West 21 Photography

best thing," she said.

"If I can change the way I do one thing that suits one member of our club, then that benefits one person and that is worth the effort of going to

"I'm super excited for the opportunity to be able to be selected for such a prestigious leadership college, and I look forward to learning lots and bringing it back to my club."

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# Season continues for Goolwa Rowing Club

Over the past few months, Goolwa Rowing Club members have continued with club rowing on the Lower Murray.

Weekend rowing continues to be enjoyed by many, with up to 23 rowers attending on a Saturday or Sunday when the weather is suitable.

Racing rowers have competed in Rowing SA regattas at Murray Bridge, West Lakes and Renmark.

Three 'come 'n' try' rowers have recently enjoyed being on the water, where they have begun to learn more about the great sport of rowing.

Peter Field, Simon Thornton, Cam Wilson, Simon Burr, Gavin Hewitt, Brian Lynch, Hazel Kotro, Stef Wilden, Diana Tebneff, Jacki Woodhead and Kate Tebneff have represented the club in regattas during November and December.

They have experienced extremely challenging weather conditions during their races, with strong winds often causing the cancellation of several events.

A highlight of the Murray Bridge Regatta was the '3 Mile Race', which saw 18 crews compete in the event.

The eight rowers have one oar each and the boat is steered by a coxswain.

Simon Thornton, Cam Wilson and Simon Burr combined with rowers from Riverside Rowing Club to experience the thrill of the event.

Kate Tebneff and Victoria Seidel from Murray Bridge Rowing Club finished in first place in the Open Womens double scull event, which is held over a distance of 2km.

The Third Grade and Novice State Championships were held on

November 16 at West Lakes.

Members formed a range of crews and competed in single, double and quadruple sculls, along with the sweep rowing events of a pair and a four, where many second, third and fourth placings were achieved.

In the regatta held at West Lakes on November 30, the club entered three mixed double scull crews.

The three Goolwa crews competed against one another among a full field of crews in the last race of the day, making an exciting finish to the day for the club.

On November 9, 14 club members assisted with the running of Rowing SA's 'Round the Island' time trial event and the Junior Regatta.

The volunteers completed a range of duties, including safety boat driving, recording and time-keeping.

Hazel Kotro and Kate Tebneff travelled to Melbourne to compete in the 'Head of the Yarra' – an 8km time trial event held on Saturday, November 23.

The start point for the Head of the Yarra rowing race is the Henley Judges Box in the city centre and the finish is at Bridge Road in Hawthorn.

Kate and Hazel were supported by fellow club members Dave and Heather England, and Fiona Haselgrove.

The weather on the day was extremely hot.

Kate and Hazel were fortunate enough to start their row earlier in the morning and completed the course safely.

Due to the extreme heat, several crews who commenced later in the morning were unable to complete



Club rowing in October.

the race as planned.

Simon Burr and Kate Tebneff travelled to Renmark to compete in the Riverland Regatta and Second Grade State Championships on December 7 and 8.

It was a busy regatta for the pair, with Kate and Simon competing in six and seven events respectively.

They represented Goolwa Rowing Club in Masters single scull events, and combined forces to compete in the Masters Mixed double scull.

They rowed in composite crews with rowers from both Murray Bridge and Riverside Rowing Club for the remainder of their races.

Outstanding rowing from the duo earned them second and third placings in 12 of their events.

Club stalwart and long-time member Frank Skuce celebrated his 97th birthday at a club morning tea in October.

Frank has had a long and distinguished involvement with rowing, which continues to this day. All members wished him well for the year ahead.

The next event on the club calendar is the club's Picnic Regatta with Short Course Octo Racing on January 4.

The regatta involves sculling

crews racing over a distance of 500m.

The event was held for the first time in January this year and organisers believe the event will grow in popularity in 2025.

After the regatta is complete, participants have the opportunity to enjoy brunch together.

Goolwa Rowing Club offers 'come 'n' try' sessions for adults aged 18 and over.

For further information please email Libby on ([captain@goolwarowingclub.com.au](mailto:captain@goolwarowingclub.com.au)).



Round the Island volunteers (back) Dave England, Tim Dutton, Simon Burr, Brian Lynch, Libby Thornton, Simon Thornton, Gavin Hewitt, Diana Tebneff, Cam Wilson, (front) Suzy Klepper, Issy Harry, Sherrill Wright, Kathryn Presser and Bryan Francis.

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## Southern Fleurieu represents at SAPSASA

By Jerry Blair

### GIRLS STATE AFL CARNIVAL

Late last term we had our Southern Fleurieu Girls AFL Carnival at Encounter Bay, and this was also part of the selection for our district team.

We had a great turn-out, with eight of our schools competing.

It was great to have Kangaroo Island girls involved again.

Investigator College came out on top in Division 1, and Myponga won Division 2.

With country and city zones back together, our Southern Fleurieu team was placed in Division 1 State Carnival after having won the State Country Carnival for the past two years.

The girls were very competitive in every game, and they worked very hard defensively keeping the teams they played down to some of their lowest scores for the week.

But, unfortunately, we couldn't score enough goals ourselves.

They remained positive and on the last day of playing their best football, came away with a well-deserved win against Southern Yorke Peninsula.

### BOYS STATE CRICKET CARNIVAL

From November 4-6, our Southern Fleurieu district team played in Division 4 in the State Cricket Final.

In our 20-over pool games, we had a good win in our first game, although, lost to the eventual winners North-East.

The next day we had an exciting second-to-last ball win against our neighbouring zone Onkaparinga South.

Unfortunately, our afternoon game was washed, which meant we came second in our pool.

This saw us play the second team in the other pool for third place in a 36-over game.

We batted first and put up a competitive score.

The game went down to the wire with Salisbury East passing our score with only one wicket left.

Over the carnival, we bowled and fielded well to restrict teams to gettable scores, but we didn't have enough batsman firing in the same game.

Sam was our top scorer for the carnival with an average of 21.

Max was our leading wicket taker, while Koa was our most economical bowler with under two runs per over.

Hamish also did an excellent job behind the stumps.

The boys were exceptional representatives

for Southern Fleurieu.

Their schools, cricket clubs and parents should be proud of their positive attitude and cricket they displayed.

### SOUTHERN FLEURIEU SUPER 8 T20 BLAST CARNIVAL

Our last Southern Fleurieu SAPSASA Carnival was held on Monday, November 18, at Port Elliot Oval in pleasant conditions for cricket.

We had five schools participating, with 20 teams in the three competitions.

More than 160 students enjoyed a fun day of modified cricket, with many for the first time.

A huge thank you goes to SACA for their support organising and running the day.

Winners on the day were Eastern Fleurieu 1 (Boys), Investigator College (Girls), and Myponga 2 (Mixed).

### STATE TENNIS CARNIVAL

Our group of 14 awesome Southern Fleurieu Tennis players headed to the Seaclyff Tennis Club from November 20-22 to compete in the Division 4 State Tennis Carnival.

The Seaclyff facility was excellent, but they played in hot conditions every day.

They got off to a great start, winning their first three match ups against Riverland and Onkaparinga North and South.

They then came up against two very strong teams, Lower Eyre Peninsula and the undefeated North – East, and battled hard in the very hot conditions, but come up short.

This saw them come a creditable third, just outside the medals.

It was very pleasing to hear the parents and coaches from other teams, frequently praising our players for their positive attitude and sportsmanship.

A big thanks to our coach Kym and parents for their dedicated support during the carnival.

### 2025 SAPSASA SCHOOL SPORT STATE REPRESENTATIVES

A huge congratulation goes to our three Southern Fleurieu state representatives this year.

Isabelle Day (Port Elliot: Swimming), Rocco Kenyon (Eastern Fleurieu: Cross Country) and Jaxon Mickelthwaite (Victor Harbor: Athletics, Shot Put).

A big shout out goes to all of the school staff, the parents and, of course, the students who contributed to ensure another successful year of school sport in our zone.

We look forward to doing it all again next year.



Boys State Carnival Cricket Team.



Girls T20 Blast Winners: Investigator.



Mixed T20 Blast Winners Myponga.



Boys T20 Blast Winners: Eastern Fleurieu.

## SAPSASA



Southern Fleurieu Tennis Team.



S.F. Tennis Tournament Winners: Ella, Bella and Mackenzie.



Tennis team chilling during a break.



S.F. Tennis Tournament Winners Ollie, Tate and Lenny.

## Strathalbyn Ladies Golf

# Great turnaround for Jenny Drury

On Wednesday, December 4, 14 ladies played a Stableford round in the Summer Cup that will be held over December and January.

Jenny Drury decided that last week's game was enough, and showed herself and others just how well she could play golf, finishing with 42 points.

Not to be outdone, Mandi Vardon finished on the same score of 42 as the runner-up for the day.

Mel Johnson was not far behind on 40, with Maureen Need having a great game, finishing on 39 points.

Jo Cullen scored 33, Charmaine Aplin and Tonya Merritt 31 each, Cara Eastwood and Bernadine Gatehouse 30 each, Pauline Walkom 29 and Kerrie Edwards 28.

They were followed by Ann Semple on 25, and Carol Pelle and

Penny Geue who both finished with 24 points.

Nearest the pin winner on the 17th hole, with her second shot, was Jenny.

Gobblers (chip ins) were scored by Mandi on the second, with Jo C and Maureen both on the 10th hole.

The course was in fantastic condition, and was nice and green after the much-needed rain.

It was nice to see Bernadine back from Queensland for a short holiday and playing steady golf.

Pauline was unlucky with putting, as she skimmed the edge of the cup on five holes.

An echidna had dug some massive holes near the ladies' ninth tee block, where there were hardly any kangaroos, but plenty of corellas having found their way back to the dam on the golf course.



Winner Jenny Drury with runner-up Mandi Vardon.

## Strathalbyn Golf

# Kirk Richardson wins the day

By Perry Jones

It was the second round of the Summer Cup last Saturday.

A Grade player Kirk Richardson not only had the best score off the stick, but also had the best nett score to beat a couple of early trend-setters and, in doing so, won the day.

Kirk finished with a nett 67 with 76 off the stick to beat early starters B Grade player Cooper Barker, who had 85 off the stick for a nett 69, and C Grade player Peter Drury, who had 93 off the stick for a nett 69 as well.

Kirk had the pleasure of the company of Sean Naylon, Brenton Welk and Alan Haberfield to see his effort, which could have been even better, as, from the 12th tee, saw his ball finish on the far edge of the 18th fairway.

Two shots later, he was in the trees on the right of the green.

The fourth shot from Kirk was well-played, getting through the trees and onto the green, but had to settle for a bogey six on the hole.

On the 13th, Kirk found his tee shot going over the drain into the trees on the right, but then produced a great shot to land on the green and a chance for a birdie.

However, he had to settle for a par four, and he was in contention for another birdie on the 14th, but missed a short putt.

On the 12th, Brenton Welk finished with 89 off the stick for a nett 73.

He was not that impressed that his third shot had rolled through the boundary fence netting on his way to six and, on the 14th, his tee shot rolled over the drain in front of the tee block to the big tree on the left, causing him to have six on the par four.

He was then complaining about the din the cockies were making as he teed off on the 15th, falling short of the par three green on his way to four for the hole.

Meanwhile, Kirk and Sean both landed on the green and had three, and Haberfield claimed nearest the pin with his tee shot, still having a lengthy putt which he sank for a birdie two.

Alan also had had a long putt on the 12th to at least get a first putt in for the day, as he saved par on that hole.

But he couldn't repeat the dose on the 13th when, on the green in two, had three putts for a bogey.

On the 14th, after a long tee shot, Alan had to hit out of the rough on the right, which he did well to be just off

the green.

But his next shot went wide of the hole, and his putt for par didn't drop in to get a bogey five.

Alan still finished with 83 off the stick for nett 72 to pick up his first prize in A Grade since joining that rank a short time ago.

Sean Naylon had a bit of bad luck on the par five 12th when his second shot was just off to the right of the green, but his eagle tapped down the hill, pulled up short of the hole, and then missed a simple putt for birdie.

On the 13th, Sean, with another of his noted big drives off the tee, went too far left to cross over the 14th fairway, and finished up the side of the dam wall.

The next shot hit a tree in trying to get the ball onto the green on his way to six, and on the next hole, Sean's tee shot found the trees on the left before producing a long shot that crossed the fairway past the blue mental health tree and into the trees behind the green before getting a bogey five.

On the 16th, Sean looked to be in a bit of trouble after his tee shot was up on the corner but under a tree on the left of the fairway.

Luckily, Sean found his ball was in a rabbit scratching hole and was able to have a drop.

His next hit just got over the dam and up the fairway a bit by hitting the logs on the edge of the dam, while Kirk, with his second shot, did his best to try and hit his ball out of bounds.

Welky with his fourth shot was also lucky to just get over the dam.

From here, Sean easily made the green and knocked off Gary Beasley for the nearest third prize for the hole, but he couldn't make it a birdie, going on to have 81 off the stick for a nett 76.

Mark Condon showed consistency with front and back nines of 42 off the stick to finish with a nett 71, having just three shots on the sixth, eighth, 10th and 18th holes.

Partner David Wright struggled on the front nine, with 50 off the stick, when his tee shot on the sixth hit the flowering shrubs in front of the tee block for the ball to not even make the creek on his way to eight for the hole, playing better on the back nine with 43 off the stick for a nett 75.

While Brenton Roberts finished third in A Grade with a nett 72, he had the chance to go better when, on the second, he saw his drive finish only 70 metres from the green.

He then had five more shots to get

the ball in the hole.

John Owen, who was in danger of not collecting the winner's prize on Wednesday, got 112 off the stick for a nett 83.

Michael Beasley's start to the day was ordinary, with trees getting in his way on the first to have an eight before he improved his game.

But he was disappointed that at least four putts pulled up about an inch from the hole.

Partner Paul Coombe also started with an eight on the first hole, but he was happy to pick up a birdie on the par five third before, with a lot of bad shots, had a 10 on the dam hole.

Another member of this group Terry Merritt found his tee shot on the 15th not even making the creek, and had to settle for seven on the par three.

Last week's winner Ben Clark was going well until he got to the gobbler bush on the 16th, then went for a dip in the dam to have an eight.

On the next par three hole he had five shots, finishing with 88 off the stick for a nett 73.

David Pryor, back after a spell from golf, found he still had a phobia about the big tree on the corner of the dam, again hitting it to go into the water.

But despite having the worst off the stick at 121 for a nett 81, he didn't come last, with that honour going to the very low handicapper Craig Nelson with a nett 91 after 95 off the stick.

It was good to see Damon Mayes back out for a full round after his recent operation, with 95 off the stick for a nett 78, and Erik Heyns was back after being in South Africa for a few months, having 93 off the stick for a nett 75.

Derek Keane had one of his unusual bad days with the golf clubs – perhaps due to having new irons – while his adjusted woods caused him grief.

Problems also extended to his putting when, on the second, his ball slipped out of the cup for a bogey.

His putting problems continued on the fifth when he struggled to reach the green after he was aiming for a birdie.

But he was out of luck early when his tee shot saw the screeching flock of cockies fly out of the tree he hit, then missing a foot, putt to finish with eight for the hole.

Derek just missed sinking a long putt on the sixth to dip out on a par, and then on the par three eighth, was brought undone with a short chip shot that needed to reach the green but only went half the distance for a five.

This was the same for another

member of the group, Kingsley Handke, whose par putt from off the green ran over the hole and then made it a double bogey.

On the ninth, Derek found his tee shot on the 12th fairway to then hit a tree.

He luckily got back to the correct fairway before getting his third shot on and then sinking a nice putt for his first of the day.

It was still a battle for Derek on the back nine, particularly on the 16th, getting on in four, but then having four putts for another eight.

Derek was thinking of retiring before he got his century, but he did pick up his second par for the day on the last, having 97 off the stick for a nett 87.

Des Kelly had his problems on the day, with 95 off the stick for a nett 79, having trouble on the fifth tee again in going left to finish in the drain and, despite a big third hit, had six on the par four hole.

Des then hit the trees on the left just over the creek with his tee shot on the six to finish with four on the par three.

Afterwards, partner Red Sorrell, with a straight hit, went right into the dam on the seventh, with Des lucky to just get his ball to the other side of the dam to finish with seven for the hole – one better than Red.

Congratulations must be given to Kim Wittwer last Sunday for organising a fundraising effort for the Cancer Council on the course, with the assistance of a few members.

It was an Australia-wide event called The Longest Day of Golf, and with a 5.30am start and 72 holes of golf to be played, saw more than \$11,000 raised.

### Results Stroke

#### Saturday, December 7, 2024:

B.Clark 40, G.Beasley 39, A.Muller, B.Roberts, A.Love 37, D.Holt, D.Wright, J.Beney 36, A.Furniss, Don Bell, P.Perrin, C.Nelson, K.Wittwer, G.Hall 35, M.Morros, M.Condon, H.Kelly, K.Lester, K.Nelson, D.Keane 34, G.Robson, Dave Bell, M.Beasley, I.Furniss, S.Avramidis, S.Hozier, T.Merritt 33, A.Sorrell, J.Owen, M.Clarke, K.Shepley 32, B.McLeod, P.Coombe, W.Miels 31, R.Pitt 30, B.Nelson, J.Roberts, P.Drury 29, M.Semple 27, D.Kelly 26, A.Smith 25, B.Simpson 24, A.Anderson 23.

NTP 6th C.Nelson, 17th B.Roberts. Longest drive (0-18) 12th B.Clark, (19+) 3rd K.Wittwer.

Best front nine G.Beasley.



## The Weak No Trump



By John Elliott

Dealer East	Nil Vul.
♠ 6	
♥ 10 5 3 2	
♦ K 8 4	
♣ K Q 9 8 3	
♠ Q J 10 7 3 2	♠ 9 5 4
♥ K Q 7	♥ A 8
♦ Q J 9	♦ 7 6 5 3 2
♣ J	♣ A 4 2
	♠ A K 8
	♥ J 9 6 4
	♦ A 10
	♣ 10 7 6 5
<b>BIDDING:</b>	<b>N E S W</b>
	P 1NT 2S
	X P 3H
	ALLPASS

### BIDDING ANALYSIS

South 1NT : Weak 1NT, 12 HC  
West : 2S : 12 HCP, 6-card suit  
North Double : Negative X, 4 of other  
South 3H : I also have 4 Hearts

My partner and I play Precision Bridge, a system that requires all hands of 16 or more HCP to be opened 1C (Artificial bid), so that means we have to play a Weak 1NT, 11–15 HCP plus the usual restrictions on opening 1NT, no singletons or voids, only re-bid if forced etc. We also use Negative Doubles, which came into use in the bidding on this hand.

1NT was announced as 11-15 HCP, and West had a good opportunity to enter the auction, especially knowing the 1NT was weak, and West could see 12 HCP in her own hand, so a bid of 2S was both opportune and logical. With 8 HCP, North has only one chance to say something, and this is where the Negative Double was useful, as it conveyed the message of "I have 4 of the other Major" without raising the level of bidding, at the same time saying "I have a Spade shortage".

East was happy to pass, 2S Doubled looked like a good contract. But South now had an escape from a dodgy 1NT by calling 3 Hearts, confident of a 4-4 fit. As it turned out, her Jack was the best Heart we had. Undeterred, she followed our usual policy that the absence of top Honours was NO EXCUSE for not drawing trumps.

West led ♣J, telling East it was a singleton (Bid one suit, lead a different one), taken by East with the Ace and a low Club returned for a ruff. Unfortunately for West, it also shortened their trump holding. West was now in the unenviable position of not having a decent exit card, so led a Spade, taken by South with the Ace. On the first lead of trumps, the ♥Q appeared, and on the second, the ♥Ace and ♥King dropped, leaving declarer with two trumps in each hand, and no difficulty in making 10 tricks and a score of 170.

For all our trouble, the equal-top N/S score went to two tables where 4S (W) went down by 2 tricks Vulnerable for a score of 200 to N/S, and we ended up with a middle result. Bit if we didn't do what we did, I wouldn't have a story, would I? If they were Not Vul, we would have had top score, but that's the way the cookie crumbles! The points made in this story are still valid. We still like the Weak No Trump and Negative Doubles.

### McLaren Vale Golf Club

#### Saturday, December 7, 2024 Mens Stroke Monthly Medal Final competition results

Stableford Field size, 34; Members, 33; Visitors, 1; GA, Blue, Men (Par 66).

#### Mens A Grade

Winner: Lance Kotz 68, 77;  
Runner-up: Dwayne Godfrey 68, 80;  
3rd Place: William Rosser 70, 86; 4th Place: Wade Goldsmith 72, 86.

#### Mens B Grade

Winner: Michael Inkster 63, 83;

Runner-up: Trevor Jones 64, 81; 3rd Place: Ben Adams 67, 85; 4th Place: Anthony Critchley 67, 89.

#### Mens C Grade

Winner: Rodney Rowe 66, 93;  
Runner-up: Andrew Lewis 68, 93;  
3rd Place: John Burger 70, 93; 4th Place: Simon Dillon 72, 97.

#### Mens Overall

Player of the Day: Michael Inkster 63, 83, 30.00.

#### Nearest the Pin

Men's C Grade 3rd/12th Barry Richardson; Men's 6th/15th Andrew Jarvis; Men's 8th/17th Andrew Lewis; Mens 9th/18th Lance Kotz.

### Alexandrina Contract Bridge Club

Ranking December 4:

Pos	Pair	Players	Score	%
<b>North-South</b>				
1	2	Myriam Keoghan / Pat Elliott	143.00	56.75%
2	4	Sandra Baker / Colin Elix	139.00	55.16%
3	6	Beryl Williams / Linda Scholz	132.00	52.38%
4	5	Craig Mader / Sue Caddy	127.00	50.40%
5	8	Denise Muhlan / Leonie Vale	125.00	49.60%
6	3	Graham Phillips / Bruce Pascoe	118.00	46.83%
7	7	Rhonda Perriam / Peter Mitchell	113.00	44.84%
8	1	Glenys Chapman / Norman Bullen	111.00	44.05%

#### East-West

1	1	Mike Robertson / Malcolm Twartz	173.00	60.07%
2	5	Beryl Liebelt / Val Hay	167.00	57.99%
3	2	Stephen Bell / Yvonne Bell	148.00	51.39%
4	7	Rita Oudendijk / Mary Todd	140.00	48.61%
5	3	Valmai Phillips / Mary Rowley	135.00	46.88%
6	8	Gillian Johnson / Brian Johnson	131.00	45.49%
7	6	Raelene Lines / Graeme Crase	114.00	39.58%

# Television Guide

	ABC	ABC ENTERTAINS	SEVEN	NINE	TEN	SBS
THURSDAY DECEMBER 12	6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News 10:00 Australian Story 10:30 Back Roads (PG) 11:00 Antiques Roadshow 12:00 ABC News 1:00 Grand Designs Australia (PG) 1:55 Anh's Brush With Fame (M) 2:30 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 3:30 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:15 Grand Designs - The Streets (PG) 5:00 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 6:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 7.30 (PG) 8:00 Grand Designs Australia (PG) 9:00 Fake Or Fortune? 10:00 Long Lost Family (PG) 10:45 ABC Late News 11:00 The Business 11:20 Grand Designs - The Streets (PG) 12:05 Killing Eve (MA15+) 12:50 Long Lost Family (PG) 1:35 rage (MA15+)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 Car S.O.S (PG) 11:45 Not Going Out (PG) 12:15 My Family (PG) 12:45 Adam Hills: The Last Leg (M) 1:25 MythBusters (PG) 2:15 ER (PG) 3:00 Doctor Who (PG) 3:45 Speechless (PG) 4:05 Would I Lie To You At Christmas (PG) 4:35 MythBusters (PG) 5:25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:15 Car S.O.S (PG) 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 9:00 Question Everything 9:30 Gruen (M s) 10:10 ER (PG) 10:55 Not Going Out (PG) 11:25 Speechless (PG) 11:45 rage (PG) 12:50 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) 11:30 Seven Morning News 12:00 Movie: "Candy Coated Christmas" (PG) (21) Stars: Molly McCook 1:45 Motorbike Cops (PG) 2:15 Catch Phrase (PG) 3:00 The Chase 4:00 Seven News At 4 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 The Seven: 7News Year In Review 7:30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (PG) 8:30 Movie: "In The Line Of Fire" (M) (93) Stars: Clint Eastwood 11:10 Pam & Tommy: I Love You, Tommy (MA15+) 12:10 Criminal Confessions: Killer Friends (MA15+) 1:10 Travel Oz: Year Of The Dragon (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE News Morning 12:00 Movie: "The Heiress Of Christmas" (PG) (23) Stars: Katerina Maria 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE News Afternoon 5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Great Getaways (PG) 8:30 Emergency (M) 9:30 A+E After Dark (M) 10:30 Captivated (M) 11:25 Resident Alien: I Believe In Aliens (M v) 12:15 Tipping Point (PG) 1:05 Cross Court 1:30 Home Shopping 3:00 Swimming: World Aquatics Championships: Day 3 *Live* From Budapest	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 7:30 Farm To Fork 8:00 Neighbours (PG) 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) 10:30 Shark Tank (PG) 11:40 Entertainment Tonight 12:00 Farm To Fork 12:30 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Lingo (PG) 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon 4:00 Neighbours (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 Top Gear Australia: Gig Economy (PG) 8:50 Movie: "The Italian Job" (M) (v) (03) Stars: Mark Wahlberg 11:05 10's Late News 11:30 The Project (PG) 12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG)	5:00 Worldwatch 9:20 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG) 10:20 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:10 Bridges That Built London (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:05 Such Was Life (PG) 2:15 Lost For Words (PG) 3:15 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:25 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:55 Australian Fashion - Past, Present, Future (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo (PG) 8:30 Gods Of Tennis (M) (v) 9:30 Steeltown Murders (M) (v) 10:40 SBS World News Late 11:10 DNA: Hepatitis (MA15+) (In Danish/ English/ Romanian) 12:05 Blackout - Tomorrow Is Too Late (M) (v) (In German) 1:00 The Night Logan Wake Up (MA15+)
FRIDAY DECEMBER 13	6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News 10:00 Back Roads 10:30 I Was Actually There (PG) 11:00 Royal Carols - Together At Christmas 2022 12:00 ABC News 1:00 Shetland (M) (v) 2:00 Maggie Beer's Big Mission 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 3:25 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:15 Grand Designs - The Streets (PG) 5:00 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 6:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 Gardening Australia 8:30 Shetland (M) 9:30 Question Everything 10:05 Hard Quiz (PG) 10:35 The Cleaner (M) (v) 11:35 ABC Late News 11:50 QI (M) (s) 12:20 The Kingdom: The World's Most Powerful Prince - Kingdom Come (M) 1:20 rage New Music (MA15+) 5:00 rage (MA15+)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:10 Car S.O.S (PG) 11:55 Not Going Out (PG) 12:25 My Family (PG) 12:55 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 1:25 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 2:10 ER (PG) 2:55 Doctor Who (PG) 3:40 Speechless (PG) 4:05 Teenage Boss Next Level (PG) 4:30 MythBusters (PG) 5:25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:10 Car S.O.S (PG) 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Movie: "Prisoners" (MA15+) (13) Stars: Hugh Jackman 11:00 ER (PG) 11:45 rage (PG) 12:45 Not Going Out (PG) 1:15 Speechless (PG)	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) 11:30 Seven Morning News 12:00 Movie: "Last Train To Christmas" (PG) (22) Stars: Michael Sheen 2:15 Catch Phrase (PG) 3:00 The Chase 4:00 Seven News At 4 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer 8:30 Movie: "West Side Story" (PG) (21) Stars: Ansel Elgort 11:35 OzHarvest Unite To Feed Australia (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Million Dollar Minute 5:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE News Morning 12:00 Movie: "A Christmas Break" (PG) (20) Stars: Cindy Sampson 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE News Afternoon 5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Find My Beach House Australia: Dromana, Victoria/ Mount Martha, Victoria 8:30 Movie: "Bad Moms 2" (M) (d) (17) Stars: Mila Kunis 10:30 Movie: "Fighting With My Family" (M) (v) (19) Stars: Dwayne Johnson 12:30 Tipping Point (PG) 1:30 Home Shopping 3:00 Swimming: World Aquatics Championships: Day 4 *Live* From Budapest	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 7:30 Farm To Fork 8:00 The Yes Experiment 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) 10:30 Top Gear Australia (PG) 11:50 Entertainment Tonight 12:00 Farm To Fork 12:30 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Lingo (PG) 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon 4:00 Family Feud (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 Movie: "Daddy's Home" (PG) (15) Stars: Will Ferrell 9:30 Matlock (PG) 10:30 10's Late News 10:55 The Project (PG) 12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) 1:00 Home Shopping	5:00 Worldwatch 9:20 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG) 10:20 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:10 Bridges That Built London (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Such Was Life (PG) 2:10 Lost For Words (PG) 3:10 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:15 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:45 Australian Fashion - Past, Present, Future (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Every Family Has A Secret (PG) 8:35 Sammy By Sammy - My Tale Of The 60s 9:35 Kennedy: The Brink Of War (October 1962 - June 1963) (PG) 10:25 SBS World News Late 10:55 Elvira (MA15+) (In Danish) 12:35 The Wall - The Orchard (M) (s) (In French Canadian)
SATURDAY DECEMBER 14	6:00 rage (PG) 7:00 Weekend Breakfast 9:00 rage (PG) 10:30 rage Guest Programmer (PG) 12:00 ABC News 12:30 All Creatures Great And Small (PG) 1:15 Douglas Is Cancelled (M) 1:55 Question Everything 2:25 Spicks And Specks (PG) 3:15 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery (PG) 3:45 Solar System With Brian Cox 4:40 Headliners 5:35 Landline 6:00 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 6:30 Muster Dogs - Where Are They Now? 7:00 ABC News 7:30 All Creatures Great And Small (PG) 8:20 Vera (M) (v) 9:50 Douglas Is Cancelled (M) 10:30 Shetland (M) 11:30 rage Guest Programmer (MA15+) 5:00 rage (MA15+)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 Car S.O.S (PG) 11:45 Not Going Out (PG) 12:15 Movie: "The Sisterhood Of The Travelling Pants 2" (PG) (08) Stars: America Ferrera 2:10 ER (PG) 2:55 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 3:40 Speechless (PG) 4:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:30 MythBusters (PG) 5:25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:10 Car S.O.S (PG) 7:00 Spicks And Specks (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:00 QI (PG) 8:30 Live At The Apollo (M) 10:00 The IT Crowd (PG) 11:15 ER (PG) 12:00 rage (PG) 1:00 Not Going Out (PG) 1:30 Speechless (PG) 1:50 Would I Lie To You? (PG)	6:00 NBC Today 7:00 Weekend Sunrise 10:00 Cricket: Pre-Game *Live* 10:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 1 *Live* From The Gabba 12:50 Cricket: The Lunch Break 1:30 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 1 *Live* From The Gabba 3:30 Cricket: Tea Break 3:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 1 *Live* From The Gabba 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Movie: "Sing 2" (PG) (21) Stars: Matthew McConaughey 9:20 NSW Schools Spectacular 2024 (PG) 11:50 The Force - Behind The Line (PG) 12:20 Taken: Password (M) (v) 1:20 Travel Oz (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 It's Academic 5:00 My Greek Odyssey (PG)	6:30 A Current Affair (PG) 7:00 Weekend Today 10:00 Today Extra Summer 12:00 Surfing Australia TV 12:30 Drive Safe 1:00 Our State On A Plate (PG) 1:30 My Way (PG) 2:00 Great Getaways (PG) 3:00 Eatwell Christmas With Emma Dean 4:00 The Garden Gurus 4:30 HelloWorld 5:00 NINE News First At Five 5:30 Country House Hunters Australia: Creswick 6:00 NINE News Saturday 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Movie: "Elf" (G) (03) Stars: Will Ferrell 9:30 Movie: "Candy Cane Lane" (PG) (23) Stars: Eddie Murphy 11:50 Movie: "Blue Canaries" (MA15+) (23) Stars: Tahlee Fereday 1:50 My Way 2:00 Religious Programs 2:30 Home Shopping 3:00 Swimming: World Aquatics Championships: Day 5 *Live*	8:00 I Fish 8:30 Intrepid Adventures 9:00 My Market Kitchen 9:30 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 The Weekly Kick-Off 10:30 Shark Tank (PG) 11:40 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 12:00 Christmas With The Australian Women's Weekly (PG) 1:00 Silvia's Italian Masterclass 1:30 The Yes Experiment 2:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures 3:00 Expedition Kimberley 3:30 My Market Kitchen 4:00 All 4 Adventure 5:00 10 News First 6:30 Bondi Rescue (PG) 7:00 Movie: "The Lion King" (G) (94) Stars: Rowan Atkinson 9:30 The Dog House Australia (PG) 10:30 Ambulance Australia (PG) 11:40 Shark Tank (PG) 12:50 Ambulance UK (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 5:00 Religious Programs	5:00 Worldwatch 9:05 The Eco Show (PG) 10:05 Love Your Garden (PG) 11:00 Along Ireland's Shores (PG) 11:30 Worldwatch 12:30 Surfing: Shaw And Partners Iron Series: Round 1: Day 1 12:00 Christmas With The Australian Women's Weekly (PG) 1:00 Silvia's Italian Masterclass 1:30 The Yes Experiment 2:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures 3:00 Expedition Kimberley 3:30 My Market Kitchen 4:00 All 4 Adventure 5:00 10 News First 6:30 Bondi Rescue (PG) 7:00 Movie: "The Lion King" (G) (94) Stars: Rowan Atkinson 9:30 The Dog House Australia (PG) 10:30 Ambulance Australia (PG) 11:40 Shark Tank (PG) 12:50 Ambulance UK (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 5:00 Religious Programs
SUNDAY DECEMBER 15	6:00 rage (PG) 7:00 Weekend Breakfast 9:00 Pilgrimage (PG) 10:00 Secret Science (PG) 10:30 The World This Week 11:00 Compass (PG) 11:30 Songs Of Prayer 12:00 ABC News 12:30 Nigella's Christmas Bites 1:20 Gardening Australia 2:35 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen 3:10 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:00 Fake Or Fortune? 5:00 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 Grand Designs Australia (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 Muster Dogs - Where Are They Now? 8:00 Douglas Is Cancelled (M) 8:45 Love Me (MA15+) 9:30 Spicks And Specks (PG) 11:05 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 11:35 You Can't Ask That (M) 12:40 New Leash On Life 1:10 rage (MA15+) 3:05 Australia Remastered 4:00 Gardening Australia 5:00 Pilgrimage (PG)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:10 Car S.O.S (PG) 11:55 Movie: "Wrath Of The Titans" (M) (v) (12) Stars: Sam Worthington 1:30 ER (PG) 2:20 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 3:00 Not Going Out (PG) 3:40 Speechless (PG) 4:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:30 MythBusters (PG) 5:25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:10 Car S.O.S (PG) 7:00 Spicks And Specks (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:00 QI (PG) 8:30 Lucy Worsley Investigates (PG) 9:30 Headliners (PG) 10:25 ER (PG) 11:10 Not Going Out (PG) 11:40 Speechless (PG) 12:05 rage (PG) 1:05 Would I Lie To You? (PG)	6:00 NBC Today 7:00 Weekend Sunrise 10:00 Cricket: Pre-Game *Live* 10:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 2 *Live* From The Gabba 12:50 Cricket: The Lunch Break 1:30 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 2 *Live* From The Gabba 3:30 Cricket: Tea Break 3:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 2 *Live* From The Gabba 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: BBL: Perth v Melbourne Stars *Live* From Optus Stadium 10:00 Cricket: Post-Game *Live* 10:30 7News Spotlight: Prince George 11:30 The Force - Behind The Line (PG) 12:00 Patrick Melrose - Mother's Milk (MA15+) 1:15 Travel Oz: Pitch Black (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 3:30 Million Dollar Minute 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Hello SA (PG) 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) 7:00 Weekend Today 10:00 Cross Court 10:30 Fishing Australia 11:00 Maritime Masters - Expedition Antarctica (PG) 12:00 Drive TV 12:30 The Pet Rescuers (PG) 1:00 Movie: "Merry & Bright" (PG) (19) Stars: Jodie Sweetin 3:00 Endangered - Expedition Kimberley 4:00 Let's Eat With George 4:30 HelloWorld 5:00 NINE News First At Five 5:30 Hello SA (PG) 6:00 NINE News Sunday 7:00 2024 The Year That Was 8:00 John Farnham - Celebrating 60 Years (M) 9:50 The Bee Gees - How Can You Mend A Broken Heart (M) 12:00 Maritime Masters - Expedition Antarctica (PG) 1:00 HelloWorld 1:30 Home Shopping	8:00 Healthy Homes 8:30 Food Trail - South Africa 9:00 My Market Kitchen 9:30 Luca's Key Ingredient 10:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 11:00 Buy To Build 11:30 Planet Shapers 12:00 Pooches At Play 12:30 Cook With Luke 1:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 1:30 Good Chef Bad Chef 2:00 NBL: Round 12: S.E. Melbourne Phoenix v Melbourne United *Live* From John Cain Arena 4:00 Farm To Fork 4:30 Luxury Escapes 5:00 10 News First 6:00 The Sunday Project (PG) 7:00 Harry And Meghan - The Rise And Fall (Part 2) (PG) 8:30 The Graham Norton Show (M) 9:40 FBI: Monumental (M) 10:40 FBI: International (M) (v) 11:30 The Sunday Project (PG) 12:30 Home Shopping 4:30 CBS Mornings	5:00 Worldwatch 9:00 Motorsport: Speedweek 10:00 Football: FIFA World Cup Classic Matches: Italy v France (2006) 12:00 Worldwatch 12:30 Surfing: Shaw And Partners Iron Series: Round 1: Day 2 *Live* 2:30 Worldwatch 2:55 Ascot Kayaking (PG) 3:00 Figure Skating: ISU Highlights 5:30 Weeks Of War (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 After The Sky Fell On Lockerbie (PG) 9:20 Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends: Wales (PG) 10:15 Curse Of The Ancients: Pagans (PG) 11:10 The Forest Maker (PG) 12:45 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys: Railways, Law And Order (PG) 1:45 Employable Me (USA) (M) (v) 2:35 Make Me A Dealer (PG) 3:25 Heritage Rescue 4:15 Bamay
MONDAY DECEMBER 16	6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News 10:00 Muster Dogs - Where Are They Now? 11:00 Antiques Roadshow 12:00 ABC News 1:00 Vera (M) (v) 2:30 Back Roads (PG) 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 3:25 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:15 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 5:05 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 6:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 7.30 8:00 Australian Story 8:30 The Forest (PG) 9:35 The Rise And Fall Of Boris Johnson (PG) 10:25 A Life In Ten Pictures (PG) 12:10 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 12:55 Long Lost Family (PG) 1:45 rage (MA15+) 3:30 Lily's Life Hacks 4:30 Gardening Australia 5:30 7.30	6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 Car S.O.S (PG) 11:45 Not Going Out (PG) 12:15 My Family (PG) 12:40 The IT Crowd (PG) 1:30 Live At The Apollo (M) 2:15 ER (PG) 3:00 Doctor Who (PG) 3:45 Speechless (PG) 4:05 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:35 MythBusters (PG) 5:25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:15 Car S.O.S (PG) 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 9:15 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (M) (s) 9:35 MythBusters (PG) 10:30 ER (PG) 11:10 Not Going Out (PG) 11:45 rage (PG) 12:45 Speechless (PG) 1:05 Would I Lie To You? (PG)	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) 10:00 Cricket: Pre-Game *Live* 10:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 3 *Live* From The Gabba 12:50 Cricket: The Lunch Break 1:30 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 3 *Live* From The Gabba 3:30 Cricket: Tea Break 3:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 3 *Live* From The Gabba 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: BBL: Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Renegades *Live* From The SCG 10:00 Cricket: Post-Game *Live* 10:30 Murder In A Small Town: A Touch Of Panic (M) (v) 11:30 Armed And Dangerous: Breakouts (M) 12:50 Satisfaction: Through Release (MA15+) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE News Morning 12:00 Movie: "Christmas In The Highlands" (PG) (19) Stars: Dan Jeannotte 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE News Afternoon 5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 RBT: Passed In Not Passed Out/ Bad Boss (PG) 8:30 Australian Crime Stories - The Investigators: Undercover (M) (v) 9:40 A Killer Makes A Call: Dixon (MA15+) 10:50 Chicago Med: Spin A Yarn, Get Stuck In Your Own String (MA15+) 11:40 First On Scene (M) 12:05 Tipping Point (PG) 1:00 Drive TV 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 7:30 Farm To Fork 8:00 Neighbours (PG) 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) 10:30 Harry And Meghan - The Rise And Fall (Part 2) (PG) 12:00 Farm To Fork 12:30 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Lingo (PG) 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon 4:00 Neighbours (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 Wheel Of Fortune Australia (PG) 8:30 Matlock (PG) 9:30 Five Bedrooms (M) 10:30 10's Late News 10:55 The Project (PG) 12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) 1:00 Home Shopping	5:00 Worldwatch 9:10 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG) 10:10 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:00 Earth's Sacred Wonders (PG) 12:05 Worldwatch 2:00 Tradfest - The Fingal Sessions 2:30 Plat Du Tour (PG) 2:40 Guillaume's French Atlantic (PG) 3:05 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:35 Australian Fashion Past, Present, Future (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 Costco At Christmas 8:30 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (M) (s) 9:25 Never Mind The Buzzcocks (M) (n,s) 10:05 The Truth About Anxiety - Celia Pacquola (M) 11:15 SBS World News Late 11:45 Dead Mountain - The Dyatlov Pass Incident (MA15+)
TUESDAY DECEMBER 17	6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News 10:00 Teenage Boss Next Level (PG) 10:30 Secret Science (PG) 11:00 Antiques Roadshow 12:00 ABC News 1:00 Headliners (PG) 2:05 Anh's Brush With Fame (M) 2:30 Back Roads 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 3:30 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:15 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 5:05 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 6:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 7.30 (PG) 8:00 Headliners 8:50 Solar System With Brian Cox (M) 9:50 Believing In Australia (PG) 10:45 Joanna Lumley And The Human Swan (M) 11:35 Ithaka - A Fight To Free Julian Assange (M) (v) 12:35 Keep On Dancing (PG) 1:35 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 Car S.O.S (PG) 11:45 Not Going Out (PG) 12:15 My Family (PG) 12:45 Absolutely Fabulous 1:15 ER (PG) 2:00 Lucy Worsley Investigates (PG) 3:00 Doctor Who (PG) 3:45 Speechless (PG) 4:05 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:35 MythBusters (PG) 5:25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:15 Car S.O.S (PG) 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Adam Hills: The Last Leg (M) 9:10 Upstart Crow (PG) 9:55 ER (PG) 10:40 Not Going Out (PG) 11:10 Speechless (PG) 11:30 rage (PG) 12:40 Would I Lie To You? (PG)	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) 10:00 Cricket: Pre-Game *Live* 10:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 4 *Live* From The Gabba 12:50 Cricket: The Lunch Break 1:30 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 4 *Live* From The Gabba 3:30 Cricket: Tea Break 3:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 4 *Live* From The Gabba 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: BBL: Sydney Thunder v Adelaide *Live* From Manuka Oval 10:00 Cricket: Post-Game *Live* 10:30 Motorway Patrol (PG) 11:00 Highway Cops (PG) 11:30 Ambulance - Code Red (M) 12:30 Satisfaction: Through Risk (MA15+) 1:30 Travel Oz: Riverina (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE News Morning 12:00 Movie: "The Nine Kittens Of Christmas" (G) (21) Stars: Brandon Routh 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE News Afternoon 5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 The Hundred With Andy Lee: Christmas (PG) 8:30 The Grand Tour: Happy Finnish Christmas (M) 9:50 Resto My Ride Australia: Grandma's Resto (PG) 10:50 Transplant: Who Is Mags? (MA15+) 11:40 Prison (M) 12:30 Tipping Point (PG) 1:30 Home Shopping 2:30 Our State On A Plate 3:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 7:30 Farm To Fork 8:00 Neighbours (PG) 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune Australia (PG) 11:30 Entertainment Tonight 12:00 Farm To Fork 12:30 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Lingo (PG) 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon 4:00 Neighbours (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Reality (PG) 8:30 Just For Laughs Montreal (M) (s) 9:30 The Graham Norton Show (M) 10:30 10's Late News 10:55 The Project (PG)	5:00 Worldwatch 9:10 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG) 10:00 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 10:50 Earth's Sacred Wonders (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Tradfest - The Fingal Sessions 2:30 Plat Du Tour (PG) 2:40 Guillaume's French Atlantic (PG) 3:10 The Weekly Football Wrap 3:10 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:40 The Supervet (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 Britain's Scenic Railways At Christmas (PG) 8:30 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) 9:35 London Zoo At Christmas (PG) 10:30 SBS World News Late 11:00 Babylon Berlin (MA15+) (In German) 12:55 Safe Home (M) (v) (In English/ Cantonese)
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18	6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News 10:00 Nigella's Christmas Bites 11:00 Antiques Roadshow 12:00 ABC News At Noon 1:00 The Forest (PG) 2:00 Simply Nigella 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 3:25 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:15 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 5:00 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 6:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 7.30 (PG) 8:00 Hard Quiz (PG) 8:30 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering 2024 9:30 The Cleaner (M) 10:35 Adam Hills: The Last Leg (M) 11:15 Summer Love (PG) 12:20 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 1:10 Long Lost Family (PG) 1:55 rage (MA15+) 3:30 Monsters Or Medicine? (PG) 4:30 Gardening Australia 5:30 7.30	6:00 Children's Programs 11:05 Car S.O.S (PG) 11:55 Not Going Out (PG) 12:25 My Family (PG) 12:55 Death In Paradise (M) (v) 1:55 ER (PG) 2:40 Doctor Who (PG) 3:40 Speechless (PG) 4:05 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:35 MythBusters (PG) 5:25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:15 Car S.O.S (PG) 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Death In Paradise (M) (v) 9:30 Aftertaste (M) (s) 10:00 ER (PG) 10:45 Not Going Out (PG) 11:15 Speechless (PG) 11:40 rage (PG) 12:45 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 1:35 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 2:05 Movie: "Prisoners" (MA15+) (13) Stars: Hugh Jackman	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) 10:00 Cricket: Pre-Game *Live* 10:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 5 *Live* From The Gabba 12:50 Cricket: The Lunch Break 1:30 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 5 *Live* From The Gabba 3:30 Cricket: Tea Break 3:50 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 3: Day 5 *Live* From The Gabba 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: BBL: Melbourne Stars v Brisbane *Live* From The MCG 10:00 Cricket: Post-Game *Live* 10:30 Beat The Chasers UK 11:30 Unbelievable Moments Caught On Camera (PG) 12:30 Stan Lee's Lucky Man: The Point Of No Return (MA15+) 1:30 Travel Oz (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE News Morning 12:00 Movie: "Destination Christmas" (AKA 'Single And Ready To Jingle') (PG) (22) Stars: Natasha Wilson 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE News Afternoon 5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Taronga - Who's Who In The Zoo: Chimp Challenge (PG) 8:30 Budget Battlers: The Unforgiving Cyclone: Cairns (PG) 9:30 Space Invaders: Jo & Eifrem (PG) 10:30 Millionaire Holiday Home Swap (PG) 11:30 The Equalizer: Aftermath (MA15+) 12:20 Tipping Point (PG) 1:20 Talking Honey (PG) 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 7:30 Farm To Fork 8:00 Neighbours (PG) 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) 10:30 Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Reality (PG) 11:30 Entertainment Tonight 12:00 Farm To Fork 12:30 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Lingo (PG) 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon 4:00 Neighbours (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 Jamie Oliver: Christmas 8:30 NCIS: Hardboiled (M) 9:30 NCIS: Origins: Vivo O Muerto (M) (v) 10:30 10's Late News 10:55 The Project (PG) 12:00 The Late Show (PG)	5:00 Worldwatch 9:05 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG) 10:05 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 10:55 Earth's Sacred Wonders (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Tradfest - The Fingal Sessions 2:30 Language Of Light 3:00 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:10 Guillaume's French Atlantic (PG) 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 4:10 The Supervet (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Wham! - Last Christmas Unwrapped: 40th Anniversary Special (PG) 9:30 The Night Manager (PG) (In English/ French) 10:35 SBS World News Late 11:05 Maxima (M) (s) (In English/ Dutch/ Spanish) 12:00 Pagan Peak (M) (n,v) (In German)

Classifications: (G) General, (PG) Parental Guidance, (M) Mature Audiences, (MA15+) Mature Audience Over 15 Years  
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# Weather

## FORECAST

### Warnings

See [www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings](http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings)

### Mount Barker:

Sunny. Light winds SW 15 to 20 km/h early afternoon then S evening.

Friday. Cloud clearing.

### Strathalbyn:

Sunny.

Friday. Partly cloudy.

### Murray Bridge:

Sunny.

### Mount Lofty Ranges District:

Sunny. Light winds W to SW 15 to 25 km/h in the middle of the day then S to SW late afternoon.

### Murraylands District:

Sunny. Light winds SW 15 to 25 km/h morning.

### Upper South East District:

Partly cloudy. Light winds SW 15 to 25 km/h morning then light late evening.

### Mid North District:

Sunny. Light winds SW 15 to 25 km/h in the middle of the day then S evening.

### South Australia:

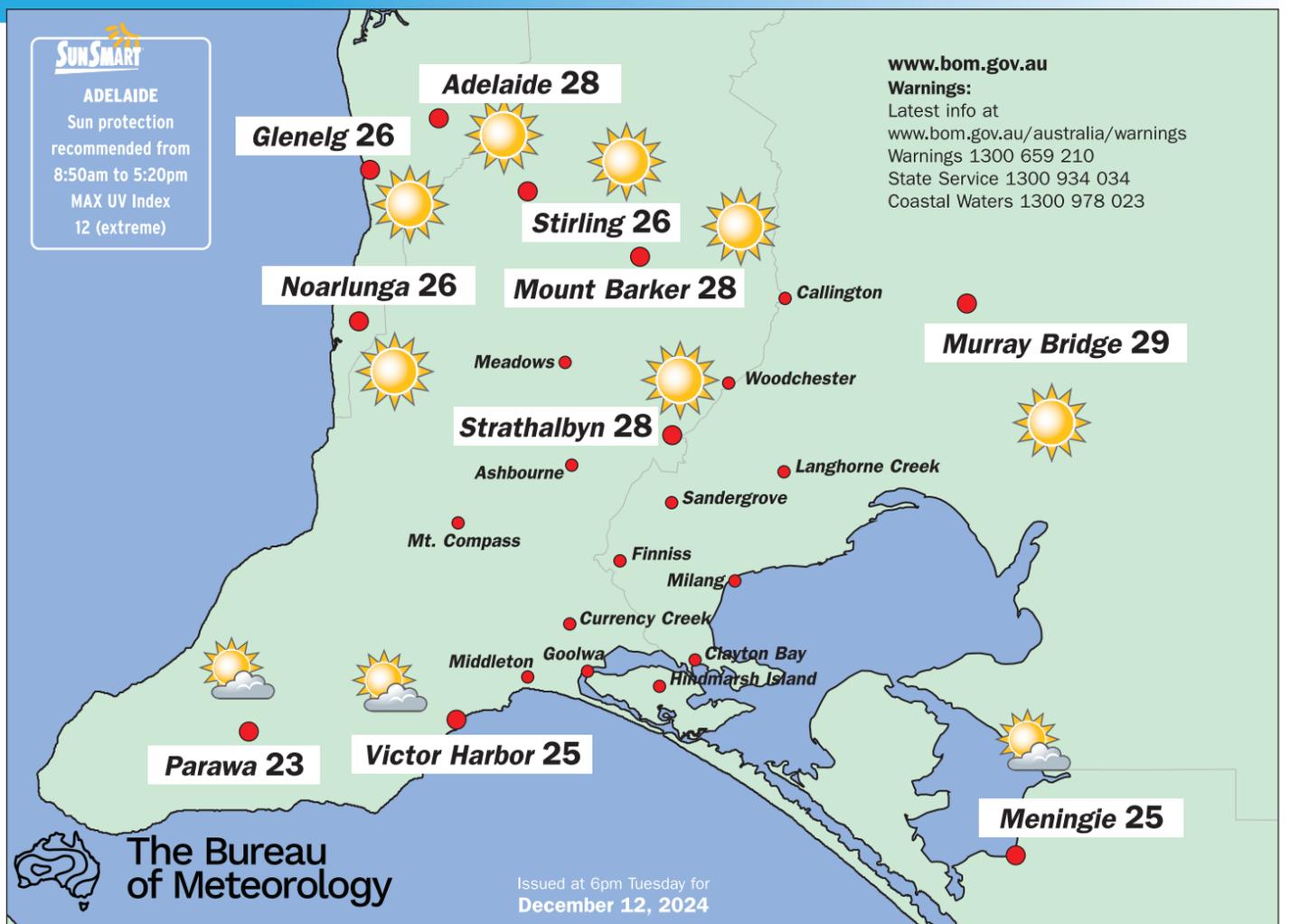
Dry apart from isolated light showers about the Lower South East district and remaining southern coasts. Maximum temperatures mostly near average, rising to above average in the north and west. SW to SE winds. Fresh afternoon sea breezes near the coast.

Friday. Dry apart from isolated light showers about the Lower South East district and remaining southern coasts contracting to the Lower South East coast and clearing in the day. Maximum temperatures mostly near average for southern agricultural areas, grading to above average in the north and west. SW to SE winds. Fresh afternoon coastal sea breezes.



### ADELAIDE

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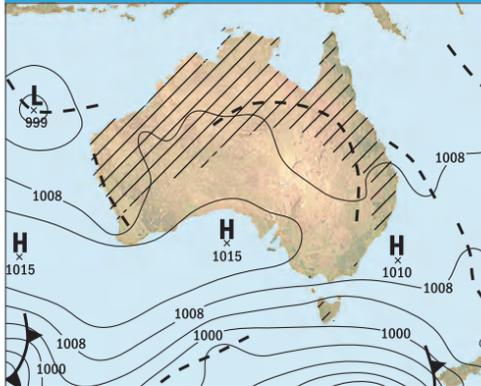


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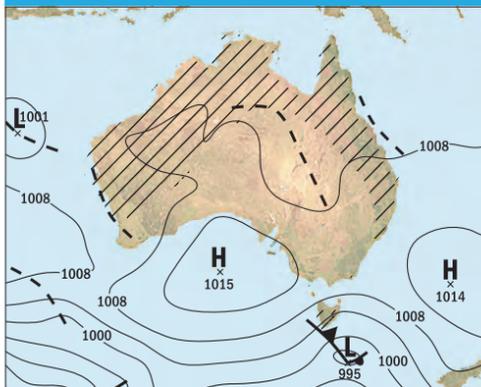
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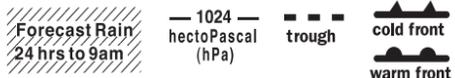
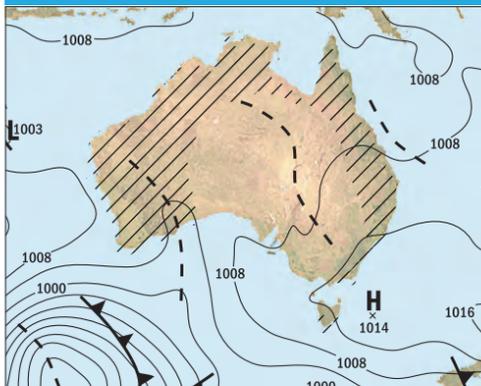
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### FRIDAY 10AM



### SATURDAY 10AM



### RECENT RAINFALL

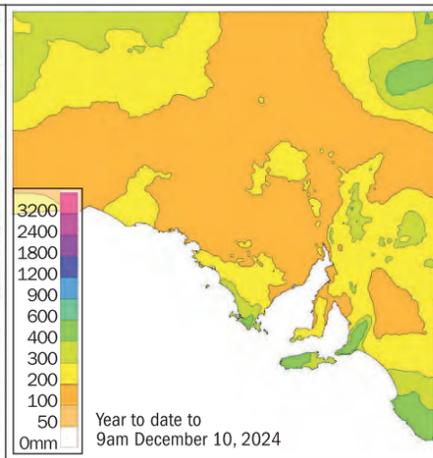
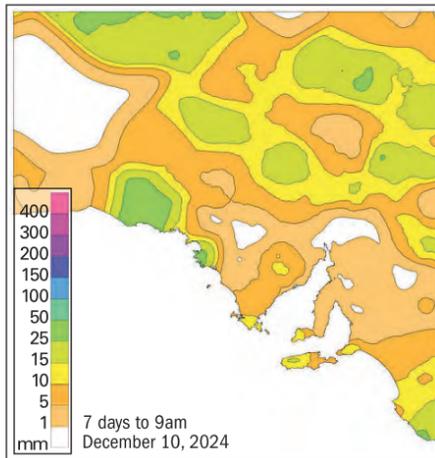
Rain (mm)	Daily	Week	MTD	YTD
Lenswood	0	3	21.0	618.2
Meningie	0/12	7.2	206.1	
Milang	8	11.8	292.8	
Millbrook Resv	0	6	14.2	487.6
Monarto	6/8	9.8	240.8	
Mt Barker	0	2	25.2	475.2
Mt Lofty	0	5	28.4	726.6
Murray Bridge	0	4	5.0	172.9
Nairne				
Noarlunga	0	5	11.2	322.2
Nuriootpa	0	2	2.0	301.8
Palmer	5	4.8	224.8	
Parawa	0	9	9.2	420.4
Parawa West	0	9	9.2	420.4
Parndana			0.2	417.6
Peake				
Roseworthy	0.2	0.8	3.4	192.8
Strathalbyn	0	7	11.6	286.0
Tailem Bend	6	8.0	206.8	
Tintinara		3.0	213.0	
Uraidla	4	26.2	723.2	
Victor Harbor	0	11	15.2	397.4
Williamstown	4	6.3	442.3	
Willunga	8	13.2	430.8	
Woodhouse	0	5	23.4	720.6
Yankalilla	12	15.8	344.2	

### SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonsset
<b>Thursday</b>	5:55am	8:23pm	5:02pm	3:02am
<b>Friday</b>	5:56am	8:24pm	6:17pm	3:37am
<b>Saturday</b>	5:56am	8:25pm	7:32pm	4:18am
<b>Sunday</b>	5:56am	8:25pm	8:42pm	5:08am
<b>Monday</b>	5:57am	8:26pm	9:43pm	6:07am
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:57am	8:27pm	10:34pm	7:12am
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:57am	8:27pm	11:16pm	8:20am

TIDES					
<b>Outer Harbor</b>					
<b>Thursday:</b>					
2:53am	2.0m	10:05am	0.7m		
4:12pm	1.6m	9:17pm	1.0m		
<b>Friday:</b>					
3:45am	2.3m	10:55am	0.5m		
5:07pm	1.6m	10:00pm	1.0m		
<b>Saturday:</b>					
4:25am	2.4m	11:35am	0.3m		
5:44pm	1.6m	10:31pm	1.0m		
<b>Sunday:</b>					
4:58am	2.6m	12:09pm	0.3m		
6:09pm	1.6m	10:57pm	0.9m		
<b>Monday:</b>					
5:28am	2.6m	12:38pm	0.3m		
6:27pm	1.6m	11:22pm	0.8m		
<b>Victor Harbor</b>					
<b>Thursday:</b>					
7:47am	0.6m	10:02am	0.6m		
2:14pm	0.5m	11:56pm	1.1m		
<b>Friday:</b>					
8:38am	0.5m	11:09am	0.5m		
3:05pm	0.4m				
<b>Saturday:</b>					
12:34am	1.2m	9:24am	0.4m		
12:00pm	0.5m	3:54pm	0.3m		
<b>Sunday:</b>					
1:14am	1.3m	4:40pm	0.2m		
<b>Monday:</b>					
1:54am	1.4m	10:50am	0.4m		
1:21pm	0.5m	5:24pm	0.2m		



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# Christmas Greetings



The chefs have been busy in the kitchen.

## Mount Barker's full day of festive fun

By Tara Nash

Crowds lined Mount Barker's streets on Saturday morning for the town's 42nd annual Christmas pageant.

The event had 86 eye-catching floats and performers and entertainers with painted faces and costumes who paraded through local streets.

"We're happy with the way everything went – it was great weather," committee Vice-President, Phil Barnett, said.

"The kids were having a great time."

The event takes an estimated 2000 volunteered hours to come together by 16 committee members and about 12 extra helpers on the day.

The town had a jam-packed day of festive fun, meeting again at the showgrounds in the evening for a night of carols which finished with fireworks display.



Peyton Partridge, Indie Lee and Shyla McAtee from Mount Barker preparing ahead of the pageant on Saturday. Photos: Rowan Sims

## Happy Holidays from Mayo MP

When you are young, Christmas is about what's under the tree.

As you get older, I find Christmas becomes about who is around the tree.

As we take this welcome opportunity for a break, it is important to remember to take extra care on our roads during this busy festive period.

Wishing you and your family, and those that you love a very special Christmas together, and a happy and prosperous new year.

Member for Mayo,  
Rebekha Sharkie



Pauline Turner and Gayle Allwood from Strathalbyn decking the halls.



Everyone rushes to see the big man in red.

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# Jingling around the region

Santa Claus is excited to join the Christmas Where the Angas Flows pageant tomorrow evening. Photo: Rowan Sims

By Tara Nash

Santa Claus will excitingly squeeze in a quick visit to Strathalbyn tomorrow, December 13, during one of his busiest times of year for the Christmas Where the Angas Flows pageant.

The man in red will get the royal treatment, being chauffeured in a carriage pulled by two Clydesdale horses.

He has a connection to horses, as his Murray Bridge friend Roger Scott has been in the SA Working Draught Horse Association for 30 years and has a connection to Carriage of Occasion owners.

Santa has already visited many local towns including Murray Bridge, Mount Barker and Langhorne Creek, and revealed something sweet to *The Southern Argus* – he has a soft spot for country people.

After freezing through the cold weather at the North Pole – which is currently shivering through around -10C – Santa gets a shock at the hot summers of Australia and stresses the importance of sun safety.

“Be sun safe – this is a hot time of year, I don’t want kids getting sunburnt,” he said.

“In Australia, it’s something that we do need to be aware of.”

His message to local children is to “obviously be good”, especially to their parents, and he would love some milk, biscuits “and maybe an odd whiskey” to replenish during his trip around the world on Christmas Eve.

“The reindeer will also never say no to carrots,” he said.

“They’ll eat carrots until the reindeer poo is orange.”

Thousands of people are expected to get a glimpse of Santa during the pageant as they pour into Strathalbyn streets tomorrow.

# Mayor’s message

Merry Christmas to you all.

On behalf of council, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a happy and safe holiday period.

It has been wonderful to see the Christmas spirit alive and well in our community, with the Christmas pageant returning to Goolwa, leading into the Christmas Concert, and carol events in Mount Compass and Port Elliot.

In Strathalbyn, Christmas Where the Angas Flows is a worthy recipient of council’s 2024 Community Event of the Year Award for Strathalbyn and Surrounds, as announced in our Australia Day Awards in January.

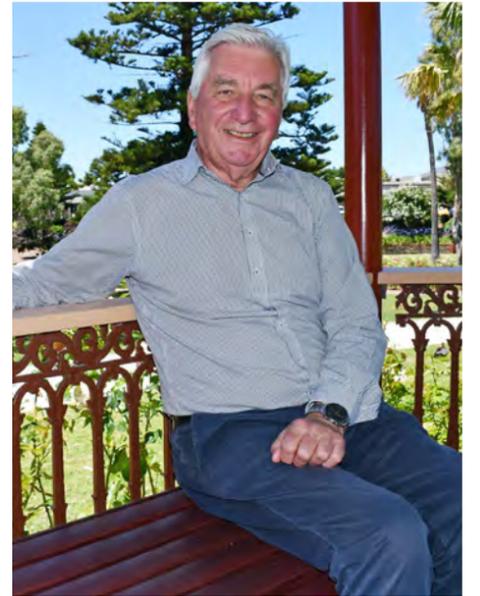
These events only come to life thanks to hundreds of hours of volunteer time, so thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Council realises that these community gatherings are becoming expensive to run, so we committed funding in the budget towards traffic management for larger events, and we have provided grant funding for many events and initiatives that build our connectedness in Alexandrina.

One item that was removed from our budget this year was the paid lifeguard service on weekdays at Goolwa Beach over the peak summer period.

Alexandrina is home to three Surf Life Saving Clubs at Goolwa Beach, Port Elliot, and Chiton Rocks. When you see red and yellow flags on a beach, it indicates that there are volunteer lifesavers on that beach.

Volunteer lifesavers are not always on patrol, so if you’re a resident or a visitor to our beaches, please be mindful of conditions, your swimming experience, and whether



Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes wishes constituents a Merry Christmas and urges everyone to take extra care on the roads this holiday period.

lifesaver services are available.

A big thank you to the many Surf Life Saving volunteers who give their time to make our beaches safe.

In closing, I would like to urge everyone to be patient and take extra care on our roads during the holidays.

Alexandrina Mayor,  
Keith Parkes

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Stan Forket, Bev Slack, Cathy Megson-McAllister and Chris Forket welcome community members to a night of carols at Macclesfield. Photo: Tara Nash

## Macclesfield sings a Christmas song



By Tara Nash

For the first time ever, Macclesfield Carols on the Square will kick off with two hours of free children's activities including a talented face painter.

The annual Christmas tradition has been running for 34 years and is organised by Anglican, Uniting and Catholic Churches under the auspice of the Macclesfield Community Association.

Community members are invited to join others at Davenport Square on December 22, with free children's activities from 5pm to 7pm, before a night of singing along to carols.

Some of the performances will be by Macclesfield church Living Word and Macclesfield Community Choir.

Santa Claus will make a special appearance on the night, specially brought in by the Country Fire Service.

Three category winners of a local colouring-in competition will also be announced on the night.

The night – also supported by Mount Barker District Council, local businesses and Lions – will have a sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and cakes.

Macclesfield Community Choir member Bev Slack described the event as a "wonderful night".

"For a little town, it's tops," she said.

"It's a wonderful atmosphere – it's pretty special for the town."



Christmas Carols on the Oval Co-ordinator Judy Paech and volunteer Olivia Zulian welcome community members to the upcoming Callington event. Photo: Tara Nash

## Cally carols by candlelight

By Tara Nash

Children will join a Nativity play during a Christmas celebration at Callington next Friday.

Christmas Carols on the Oval has been an annual tradition for the town – organised through Callington Lutheran Church – which will kick off with a free barbecue dinner on December 20 from 6.30pm before carols at 7.30pm.

Music will be performed by Brass Souls, Kaileb Rothwell and other guest artists.

While it's the busiest time of the year for Santa, Co-ordinator Judy Paech believed

he'd have time to drop into the event escorted by the local Country Fire Service.

"It's a chance for the community to get together at Christmas and for the kids to get into the Christmas spirit," she said.

"We try to make it about the true meaning of Christmas – the Christmas story – that's why the kids dress up as angels for Nativity."

Previously, the play has even had sheep and donkeys to help re-enact the story.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a chair or rug, a candle and coins for a lucky dip and raffle with proceeds going towards Callington Mainly Music.

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The Christmas spirit was alive and well at Meadows for the annual Carols in the Park. Hundreds of carollers gathered at Battunga Park on December 1 to enjoy a night of festivities and relish the warm weather.

Christmas-themed crafts and face painting were available for the kids, while the Country Fire Service-run barbecue and coffee van were pumping out food and drinks to keep families fed and awake.

This year, a reverse advent calendar encouraged people to take a moment to give back by adding a pantry item to the haul, which will be donated to those in need.

The carols then kicked off at 6pm, which included crowd games and opportunities for kids to get involved.



Shelley Fisher and Anthony Reed, both from Meadows, have the best spot in the park. Photos: Giorgina McKay



Julie Browne, Maggie Hayman, Kadin Harvey and Quinn Hayman looking merry and bright.



Strathalbyn residents Michelle, Ellis, Seth and Aubrey Garner are excited for the carols.



Santa's helpers Bronwyn and Chris Zanker were on hand.



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I have enjoyed working hard in my roles as Shadow Assistant Minister to the Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Assistant Minister for Veterans Affairs and Shadow Assistant Minister for Racing.

It has been a real privilege working with the veteran community, and current serving men and women, and honouring their service.

We have a huge opportunity across the electorate by embracing the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan.

I will continue working with all stakeholders to ensure we have adequate job opportunities and infrastructure that keeps up with the growth.

I will continue to advocate for improved health and education facilities to match this growth.

I was pleased to be at the opening of the new adventure playground at the Aurora development in Strathalbyn, and



Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick is looking forward to a "brighter" 2025.

I welcome the news of a new school to be built there in the next five years.

It was great to have Burma the elephant arrive at the Monarto Safari Park, and we await the arrival of four more elephants next year.

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I look forward to a brighter 2025, and from myself, my family and my staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Member for Hammond,  
Adrian Pederick

## Christmas cheer at Compass

Mount Compass family Evangeline McAllan with her children Colin and Adeline ready to sell their Christmas trees. Photo: Tara Nash



By Tara Nash

After four years of love, watering and mowing, Mount Compass' McAllan family is ready to spread their Christmas cheer with others by selling trees for the first time.

Evangeline McAllan told *The Southern Argus* that the best part of Christmas trees is the festive tradition and quality time with loved ones, as her children excitedly ran and played through the rows of trees.

"The smell is what some love, but for me, this is what I love," she said, gesturing to her two children.

"They're not perfect trees – we haven't been pruning them like some of the bigger farms do, we're not here to make a profit.

"If we were buying one of these trees, I wouldn't care what shape it is, it's about the fact that we came out as a family and chose a tree together."

The family started growing trees four years ago after finding pine trees grew well in that patch of property.

Each year, they plant new ones and now have rows of trees that have grown to different heights depending on the shade.

Managed through the Facebook page 'Compass Christmas Trees', the family is now looking forward to welcoming the public to visit and choose one for the first time.

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# Hold onto hope this Christmas

By Giorgina McKay

For The Anglican Diocese of the Murray Reverend Margaret Holt, Christmas is a time for hope and to remember God's love for us.

In a tumultuous world, Christmas is one of the few things that can bring people together.

When she lived in the Middle East, Reverend Holt saw this firsthand.

Despite being a predominantly Muslim country, the Christian churches there have permission to ring the bells at midnight on Christmas Eve because the religion is equally respected.

It's also because Christmas in the Middle East is important because it is a "message of hope" Reverend Holt said.

"For me, it is a message of hope in the midst of violence, fear and darkness," she said.

"It is not so much that we celebrate the birthday of Jesus - I mean December 25 is not his actual birthday anyway (because) we don't know the actual date - but we are celebrating that he was sent to us from God.

"That is why it is always important - because it is a message to us of God's love for us, and that God is with us and within us."

While different gospels tell the different parts of the story, the general recount is that the angel Gabriel came to a young girl named Mary and told her she would bear a son.

At the time she was engaged to a man

named Joseph, but was a virgin, so it is believed Jesus was born from the spirit of God.

"The message is that God is coming among us and that God sent Jesus for the hope of the world to give us life and forgiveness, to bring justice to the world, and for the world to know how much they are loved," Reverend Holt explained.

"That is the message that comes through that Christmas story - God loved the world so he gave us his own begotten son."

This Christmas, with all the conflict currently going on in the world, Reverend Holt believes people should follow Jesus' life and his teachings by caring for one another, and to hold onto hope.

"I think hope is important because when you have that love, you have hope in the world," she said.

"In the world we have today, our TV screens are filled with leaders who are megalomaniacs - their focus is on aggression, violence and war.

"I am not just talking about Russia and Gaza, but generally in the world there is a lot of fear, violence, and refugees.

"At this time, people long for a messiah figure who will come among us and bring justice, hope, love, forgiveness, and a world where we all share the resources of the earth and there is no gender or ethnic difference, or rich and poor (among people).

"That is the message that Jesus taught us - that is what we should seek to live in our lives."



The Anglican Diocese of the Murray priest Margaret Holt is spreading the word of love and hope this Christmas. Photo: Deirdre Graham

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## Christmas care

As we come to the end of 2024, I take this opportunity to extend my warm wishes to you all this festive season and reflect on another busy year.

I had the great pleasure of meeting and catching up with so many during the recent 2024 Spring country show season.

This was a time of celebration and a credit to all the hardworking volunteers and participants who make the shows happen.

I am proud that we have the best country shows in the state right here in the Hills.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge your commitment to making our community a better place.

Whether it's through volunteering, supporting local businesses or simply looking out for one another, your actions ensure our communities are thriving active places to live and work.

This Christmas, while many will gather with family and friends, we also keep in mind those who might be spending the holiday season alone or in difficult circumstances.

Let us reach out, show kindness, and be aware of those in our community who may be doing it tough.

On behalf of my family and team, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I look forward to working together in 2025.

**Josh Teague,**  
Member for Heysen

## Community excited for pageant's return

By Tara Nash

After a four-year hiatus, the much-anticipated return of Goolwa's Christmas pageant has been excitedly welcomed by the community, with more than 70 floats expected to parade down local streets on Sunday.

The pageant kicks off December 15 at 5pm, moving down the streets of Partridge, Crocker, Cadell, Hays and Hutchinson, finishing at the train line near the oval gates.

Coinciding with the pageant, the oval will have other festive fun including face painters, kids rides, market stalls and Old Macdonald's Travelling Farms.

After the pageant finishes, a Christmas concert will entertain crowds to round off the night.

The evening is thanks to Goolwa Community Association which formed earlier this year, bringing together local organisations and individuals with the aim of planning Christmas celebrations and other events throughout the year.

Since 1994, the town celebrated the festive season with a pageant and concert, organised by the Lions and Goolwa clubs respectively.

However, as previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, the membership numbers and age of members meant Lions were unable to continue the pageant.

The Christmas concert continued but was in jeopardy last year due to financial challenges.

However, it was saved when local service groups sourced the remaining necessary funds and ended up pulling off "first class" entertainment attended by about 3000 people.

Goolwa Community Association Chair Tamara McRobbie said the committee has



Goolwa Community Association members Chris Rathbone, Marie Wall, Karyn Staite, Rosalie Koler and Tamara McRobbie are excited for the local pageant this Sunday. Photo: Tara Nash

worked "so hard" all year to pull this off, and believes there will be "lots of tears" seeing it all come together on Sunday.

"For years, people have been saying that they want the pageant back and sometimes that just takes some people to come along to make that happen," she said.

"It's a small amount of people doing the work of many and we have put in a mammoth amount of effort... it's been a big year.

"The people who have been there have been amazing - I want to thank all the

committee members who have helped."

Earlier this year, Ms McRobbie's main priority was setting up the association and told volunteers to not "get their hopes up" about a pageant, but is impressed they were able to pull it off.

"They've managed to do it - I'm so proud of them," she said.

"I'm a huge community advocate.

"I can see this community association doing bigger things."

*Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and joyful Christmas, and a happy and peaceful new year.*

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## Merry Xmas from Member for Finnis

It is that time again to reflect on the chapter we have written in 2024, and look forward to filling the blank pages of 2025.

This year has been busy in the electorate of Finnis.

Thanks go to the committed and hardworking constituents who raised matters and provided information about concerns for me to fight for.

This year there have been long sessions in parliament, working with new colleagues, facing challenging and emotive topics, forums, and sharing in many wonderful community activities.

Most Fridays I have enjoyed community coffee catch ups – an informal way to chat about issues.

I have travelled across the electorate to be available for anyone in the community to raise ideas, concerns or hear what has been presented in parliament.

I look forward to continuing these discussions in the new year, so please join me when you can.

I am working hard to share the culture and detail of this electorate with the government, so their plans and decision may be fit-for-purpose.

Congratulations to the many personal and business achievements, and awards received through the year – it is important to celebrate the successes of this hardworking and talented community.

All the best to our graduating young students as they head out into new adventures.

I'd like to recognise and thank those who work through the holiday season so that others can enjoy our beautiful region and be safe.

Many people in our community are hurting and under pressure, so please look out for one another and give where you can.

Take care and time for a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.

*Member for Finnis David Basham, family and staff*



Goolwa RSL Sub-Branch members Cathie Woods, Membership Officer, President Ray Wood, and Events Co-ordinator Sheila Marcell with some of the Christmas craft on sale at the organisation's handmade market on December 1. INSET: Julie Aistrop and Kathy Thorp at their stall at the RSL handmade Christmas market at Goolwa. Photos: Deirdre Graham

## Holiday spirit at handmade market

By Deirdre Graham

Organisers of the Goolwa RSL Handmade Market reported a successful event.

This year's event on December 1 followed the inaugural one last year, and featured about 20 stallholders whose wares were all handmade.

Goolwa RSL Sub-Branch Events Co-ordinator Sheila Marcell said stall holders were "very happy" with the day.

"What was raised today through the bookings of the stallholders and our barbecue will support local charities," Mrs Marcell said.

"This is our second year and it will definitely be a fixture again in 2025.

"Next year it will be improved as everything is a learning curve.

"What we did last year was successful, we have done another little add on to it this year, and so 2025 will be even more successful."



Cousins Xyla Hann, aged eight, of Hindmarsh Island, and Tyler Vogel, aged seven, of Goolwa, with the candy canes and chocolate tree decorations they bought at the Goolwa RSL Handmade Markets on December 1.

**DAVID BASHAM MP**  
MEMBER FOR FINNISS

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"As we prepare for the holiday season I want to thank all constituents for their engagement to make Finnis a better place to live in. Wishing this community all the best for 2025."

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# Rockin around the kitchen...

**A sweet treat to please even the fussiest of families**

**Southern Argus Editor Deidre Graham has shared her recipe for rocky road – perfect to break up any fights at the dinner table...**

### Ingredients

- Two 290g packets of dark cooking chocolate chips
- One 280g packet of marshmallows chopped in half
- One packet of reasonably chopped red frogs or red snakes
- Three handfuls of roughly chopped cashews
- Half a cup of desiccated coconut
- Two tablespoons of coconut oil or any other plain flavoured oil (to help prevent cracking when cutting the rocky road after refrigeration).

### Method

1. Line a 20cm square pan with baking paper.
2. Place the chocolate chips and oil in a microwave safe bowl and melt in the microwave in 30 second increments, stirring in between until melted and smooth.

3. Add in the marshmallows, red frogs/red snakes, cashews and coconut (you can pretty much add in as much of these that you wish, as long as you have enough chocolate to cover everything).
4. Stir and then pour into the pan, spreading everything evenly.
5. Refrigerate for three hours or until all is cool.
6. Remove from the fridge, and then after about 30 minutes, cut into pieces.
7. Enjoy just a few.
8. Package up rest into containers, then place them into insulated lunch bags and mail off to family/friends for December 25

### Notes

- If you don't like dark chocolate, you can use milk or white chocolate.
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Argus Editor Deidre Graham with the finished goods.

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## Murray Bridge puts on a perfect pageant

More than 50 food vendors and trucks, and crowds in the hundreds gathered on the streets of Murray Bridge on Friday, November 15 for Murray Bridge Riverfront Christmas Festival's pageant.

Despite the heat, the crowds were entertained by the floats and pageant participants, which was topped off by a visit from Santa.

The festival continued at Sturt Reserve the next day, with the organising committee thanking the many stallholders, foodies and entertainment providers who "braved the elements with a smile on their face", and many more who contributed to making the festival a success.



Father Christmas stopped by the Murray Bridge pageant.



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# Christmas Greetings



Christmas hamper committee members Jo Pickhaver, Vickie Schmidt, Sue Ahrns, Gillian Aitchison, Jane Crouch, Sue Eckert, Paquita Wise and Sally Ness, thrilled that the initiative has come together once again. INSET: Shannon Thomas and Michelle Fenner sorting hampers on Friday. Photos: Tara Nash

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**See you in the New Year**

## 'Credit to the community' for Christmas hampers



By Tara Nash

Organisers behind a local Christmas hamper drive find the initiative mutually benefits both the recipients and volunteers.

Committee member Paquita Wise said many volunteers involved in packing and sorting were grateful to be involved, saying it was their "favourite time of the year".

"Our world is so much about taking but there is such an important part of giving," she said. "We mightn't have items or money to give, but some of our time can help.

"Helping out someone with something small can make a big difference to their world.

"A lot of effort goes in but it makes a huge (impact)."

The Inter-church Council initiative is a huge collaborative effort between organisations and individuals, including Country Life Compassion (CLC), Strath Neighbourhood Centre, Milang Old School



Doreen Young and Isabel Kropp packing hampers.

House Community Centre (MOSHCC), and Vinnies, with support from the local community, schools and Teen Challenge.

The Christmas hampers – which have been running since at least 2011 – are delivered to Strathalbyn and surrounding towns, including Clayton Bay, Finniss, Callington, Milang, Langhorne Creek, and Ashbourne.

The idea is to tighten community ties as the person who nominated someone for a hamper delivers the goods themselves.

"The idea is to make people know that somebody cares about them," Co-ordinator, Sue Eckert, said.

"Most of them don't know they're getting a hamper, so there's often joy, embarrassment and "what do I do with this? I don't need this?"

Ms Wise found the generosity of donations "mind blowing", filling 230 hampers – up from 221 last year.

Volunteers spent two days sorting hampers before they were delivered throughout Strathalbyn and surrounding towns last Friday.

Mrs Eckert thanked the countless people who contributed to the cause, whether through donated food, gifts, money or time.

"It's just the biggest joy of my life – you're working with people who want to be here," she said.

"It's a credit to this community and I think a bit of credit goes to God."

Volunteer Sally Ness also credited Mrs Eckert's "insight, forethought, planning and experience".

"No one understands the (consideration) that goes on to make this happen," she said. "You want to make it absolutely spot on."

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From **Rebekha Sharkie MP**

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