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Fireworks dazzled crowds on Friday night. Photo: Rowan Sims

## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Bumper crowds attended Friday night's Christmas Where the Angas Flows event in Strathalbyn, with organisers reporting a possible record number of organisations taking part in the street parade.

Of the 45 entrants, the Strathalbyn Show Society took out best float on the night, with its agricultural theme and a participant

dressed as a chicken.

Christmas Where the Angas Flows Committee Chair Graham Jenke said seeing everyone enjoying themselves made all the effort in planning pay off.

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## Wild weather wipes out Adelaide Hills farms... PIT-IFUL



By Tara Nash

Residents are being reminded to support local farmers after the recent wild storms that lashed South Australia left some farmers devastated by the impact.

Many fruit producers in the Adelaide Hills lost at least 50 per cent of their fruit, while others lost entire crops, and the total damage bill could be potentially more than \$15 million.

Paris Creek Cherries lost about 70 per cent of its fruit from its 4.5-acre orchard – equivalent to about \$70,000 worth.

Before the deluge of rain, which reportedly recorded about 100ml in the town within days, farmer Steve Gibbons was expecting an "absolute bumper crop".

Around May-June during pollination and the trees flowering, it was "perfect" weather conditions, and more recently,

the trees were loaded with cherries.

"We took off a tonne of cherries off one little block – one variety – and that was just one pick," Mr Gibbons said.

"I was very optimistic for a great season."

However, the few days of recent downpour broke the skins of many of the nearly-ripe cherries and split them open.

"I was expecting to produce five to six tonnes this year, and we're going to struggle to produce two – we may or may not cover the cost of growing them," Mr Gibbons said.

"(The rain just prior) wasn't too bad – that swelled the cherries quite nicely.

"We had very minor damage from that, but this rain and humidity just destroyed everything.

"It's the life of a farmer, (wanting to) control the weather.

"It happens – all your best laid plans, you think you're going to have a great season, and suddenly it's all taken away."

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(Back) EFS R-6 Art Co-ordinator Paul Steele, School Support Officer Maddie Garwood, Wellbeing Leader Heidi Yard, (front) student Molly Whittam, Zonta Club of Mount Barker President Robyn Page, and student Archie McKay contributed to the Expect Respect 2024 calendar, which recently won an award. Photo: Tara Nash

## Eastern Fleurieu's outstanding community service recognised



By Tara Nash

A locally-made calendar that captures the history of art and the campaign against domestic violence was recently recognised with an award.

The Premier's Community Service Harry Tillyer School Award and its \$1000 prize recognised the Expect Respect Calendar – an annual project running for about 12 years.

The calendar is produced by Eastern Fleurieu School year 6 students with support from Art Co-ordinator Paul Steele, Wellbeing Leader Heidi Yard, School Support Officer Maddie Garwood and the Zonta Club of Mount Barker.

Ms Yard's students learned about relationships and respect through workshops.

"What they learn about relationships at this age is the basis for healthy relationships as they grow older," Ms Yard explained.

"It's about the concept of expecting respect yourself and putting boundaries in place.

"(The project) is the beginning stages of

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What they learn about relationships at this age is the basis for healthy relationships as they grow older...

”

– Heidi Yard

understanding what will hopefully help them make good choices further on.”

As well as learning about and encapsulating domestic violence campaigns, Mr Steele said the project was a good opportunity for students to learn about art history and techniques.

"The great thing about the calendar is it's a great incentive for the children to do their artwork," he said.

"They all want to get into the calendar

and they're really chuffed when their work gets in."

The Zonta Club of Mount Barker President Robyn Page was pleased to support the program, and is passionate about teaching children respect when they are young.

As announced last week, a Royal Commission will be held in South Australia to reduce and prevent domestic, family and sexual violence following five South Australian women recently dying allegedly by men known to them.

The Zonta Club of Mount Barker – which aims to empower women through service and advocacy – will make a submission calling for education around domestic violence in primary schools.

Meanwhile, student Archie McKay was one of the recipients of the Zonta Club of Mount Barker Resilience Award and a gift voucher, recognising his resilience and determination in his schoolwork.

"His teacher put him forward for his dedication to work and school life," Ms Yard explained.

"It's for someone who keeps showing up and doing their best."

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## Kristy's last ride

Outgoing Strathalbyn Racing Club CEO Kristy Martin is thankful for the support she has received over the last seven years. Photo: Giorgina McKay

By Giorgina McKay

A chapter came to close at the Strathalbyn Racing Club last Wednesday when Chief Executive Officer Kristy Martin officially stepped down from her role.

The prominent racing industry figure will be “taking a spell” after seven years at the helm of the club as the “time is right”.

Coming into the CEO role, Ms Martin had zero racing industry experience, but learned quickly with support.

“It presented a huge challenge and many thought I was insane for taking the role on,” she said.

“I envisioned potential, a committee wanting change, and an instant lack of community engagement.

“The first 12 months were enormous, but so rewarding.

“The initial focus was business improvement, however, I was very fortunate to be embraced at the time by industry professionals who were giving of their time.

“Local trainers in particular – once respect was established – shared their knowledge and wisdom with me, differing training methods, and horse welfare.”

Since then, Ms Martin has spent almost a decade dedicated to improving the club facilities and generating more participation in race days.

Among her proudest achievements are winning Club of the Year, creating business relationships that are now friendships, and the removal of all metal railing on the track.

Another is securing the funding for the club wash bays, which have dramatically enhanced its operations and user safety.

“Obviously, we received a grant from Racing SA to improve the wash bays, so I spent weeks down there observing in the mornings, trying to find a better system for what they needed down there,” Ms Martin said.

“What we’ve ended up with is four wash

bays, a sand roll, and we slipped some toilets in as well.

“It’s just upgraded that area operationally and efficiently, and more so safety-wise.

“The horses don’t slip, (which is) such an improvement.”

She also played a pivotal role in the upgrading of the club’s members area between seasons.

“We’ve literally between seasons have totally upgraded our members area with a nice new bar and totally opened the room up, so we’re ready for larger functions,” Ms Martin said.

“We would be able to hold conferences in there now.

“It’s a whole new and well-needed look up there – it’s amazing.”

Ms Martin has also enjoyed getting to know the horses and their owners behind the scenes.

In particular, she had a fondness for David Jolly’s Behemoth.

“Behemoth created a huge thrill,” Ms Martin said.

“It was just so exciting at the time to have a horse of that calibre at our track, so any opportunity for media, we were in it.

“But then, in the quiet times, he was a difficult horse, so I got to know his mannerisms.

“It was a privilege.”

The last race of the club’s Christmas Twilight Races last Wednesday was named in Ms Martin’s honour.

She thanked the community for its support over the last seven years.

“It’s been an absolute privilege, and a chapter of my life I hold very dear,” Ms Martin said.

“Thank you firstly to my small team, who do become a work family.

“I’ll miss the interaction with trainers and jockeys, and those around the mounting yard.”



Hector’s owners Anastazija Hankins and Taryn Battye (right), and fireworks co-ordinator Karen Ross (centre) are excited for the fireworks display off the wharf on New Year’s Eve. Photo: Tara Nash

## Celebrate the start of 2024 at Goolwa



By Tara Nash

Local residents and visitors to the region will be flocking to Goolwa to watch a spectacular fireworks display to welcome in the new year.

As anticipation lingers for the start of 2024, people park their boats with fairy lights on the water for a great view, while others sit along the sides of the riverbank.

The 10 to 12-minute fireworks display for the popular community event is generously funded by local businesses, organisations and individuals.

“Everyone puts in what they can to make it a good, strong community and

this is a way of celebrating that,” one of the co-ordinators, Karen Ross, said.

“It’s a nice way to... welcome in the new year, celebrate what has happened, focus on the positives, and looking forward to things you might achieve in the new year.

“Goolwa gets a lot of visitors as well, so not only the residents, but the visitors like to come and see the fireworks and are looking forward to next year.”

One of the sponsors is Hector’s on the Wharf, which supported the fireworks as the owners are “very community-orientated”.

“We care very much about Goolwa community and one way of doing that is sponsoring the community as much as we can,” owner, Anastazija Hankins, said.

For further updates, visit ([www.facebook.com/fireworksnye](http://www.facebook.com/fireworksnye)).

## Clayton Bay light trial postponed

Clayton Bay’s smart lighting trial has been delayed until Wednesday due to recent storms.

The trial will commence in the Alexandrina Estate area of Pearce Road, Oakley Ave, Gilbert Street, which will have the following modified light settings and timings:

- Alexandrina Drive between Pearce Road and Gilbert Street – Main Road: On at dusk at 100 per cent power until 9.30pm before dropping down to 70 per cent at 1am then 50 per cent until off at dawn.

- Pearce Road, Oakley Ave and Gilbert Street – side streets: On at dusk at 100 per cent power until 9.30pm before dropping down to 50 per cent until 11pm then 30 per cent until off at dawn.

Throughout January 2024 residents are encouraged to provide feedback on the timings and any issues with lights not performing correctly by visiting (<https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/clayton-bay-dark-skies>), so council can review and, if possible, amend settings and timings from the initial design.

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# Strathalbyn reserve saved by local community's voice



By Giorgina McKay

Overwhelming community opposition to a controversial proposal has saved a local reserve that is home to Australian wildlife, and frequented by daily walkers and horse riders from having its community land classification and being sold to a prospective buyer.

At its September meeting, Alexandrina Council invited community feedback on a proposal to revoke the community land classification of 1 (Lot 87) Stirling Court at Strathalbyn to enable its sale on the open market for rural living purposes.

But as previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Stirling Court residents gathered at the local reserve in early November to voice anger over the proposal, citing the land is frequently used for daily recreational activities, including walking and horse riding, serves as an easy access point in the event of a fire, and is a habitat for local wildlife such as kangaroos, koalas, and birds.

During the public consultation period, held between October 12 and November 3, council received 10 written submissions and 303 MySay contributions, with 92 per cent of respondents voicing opposition to the revocation and sale of the land.

Additionally, a deputation and petition were delivered to council in November further amplifying the community's backlash of the proposal.

This included a second deputation presented by local resident Tony Hixson at council's meeting on Monday night.

"I would like to thank council administration for the thorough investigation and gathering of community responses, and all those that responded with letters, emails and petitions to make their wishes known," he said.

"303 response shows the level of interest by the community, with 92 per cent objecting to the proposal.

"In summary, we simply ask councillors to listen to the wishes of the community."

However, West Ward councillor Lou Nicholson questioned when council would be able to dispose of land.

She believed elected members needed to begin making hard decisions for the benefit of the wider community.

"With the greatest respect to the residents who use this land and everybody who contributed to the public consultation, I am wondering when I read this report when we might be able to dispose of land?" Cr Nicholson said.

"I think we're always going to have opposition, and I respect it and absolutely will accept the vote, but this chamber has resolved to seek opportunities for land disposal to support the priorities and

objectives of our wider community.

"We have just purchased strategic land in Strathalbyn, and I do believe that land disposal is an important part of sustainability for this council.

"We know nearly every bit of land will have some opposition, and we must heavily assess the level of use and possible alternatives for uses against the broader opportunities for Alexandrina ratepayers."

Having considered the strong opposition, elected members voted against revoking the community land classification of the Strathalbyn reserve.

"When this came up, particularly not those in that ward or Strathalbyn residents were unaware of the use of the ground, and it appeared on surface it could be a saleable block," West Ward councillor, Michael Scott, said.

"I've had some very constructive communication with those that know more about it than I do, and I'm very happy to second this and that we not proceed with selling it.

"It's obviously used and appreciated, and it belongs to the community and therefore, the community can retain it as far as I'm concerned."

Council was united, however, in revoking the community land classification for a different Strathalbyn land parcel – Lot 9 Rankine Street.

At council's October meeting, public consultation was launched on a proposal to revoke the community land classification at a small portion of the reserve on the site that's physically separated from the remainder of the park by a steep embankment during which council received 10 MySay contributions – 60 per cent in support of the proposal.

As such the proposal was supported by councillors and it was determined to apply for a community land revocation, so it could be sold to the adjacent land owner for amalgamation into their existing certificate of titles.

"Absolutely we should sell this parcel of land," North Ward councillor, Craig Maidment, said.

"Its land-locked in any case, it's on a downward slope to the river, and people were saying they would need access from the park up through Rankine Street – well you would have to traverse private property to do that and pass through this particular parcel of land.

"This particular title has no relevance today and it would be better utilised in the hands... of the person (who) will incorporate that into the major title.

"Good luck to him if he wants to develop that site for another purpose because it lends itself to great retail space in the centre of town".

Minister for Planning Nick Champion will review council's process and assess the merits of the proposal for his approval.

A final report will be brought back to council to endorse the revocation or otherwise.

# Protect Goolwa's dunes this Christmas

By Tara Nash

A local security company is reminding beach-goers that driving on the Goolwa Beach dunes is prohibited after a "horrendous" Christmas season last year.

On behalf of SA Water, Great Southern Security is contracted to ensure drivers stay off the dunes, which has fragile ecosystems, can erode, and has cultural significance for Indigenous peoples.

"This time last year and New Year's Eve was just horrendous," Great Southern Security owner, Ian Haylock, said.

"They would come down here (in) groups of four-wheel drives, camp, and there was one-and-a-half trailer loads of litter left behind.

"(During) holidays, people... want to get their four-wheel drives into the dunes and they destroy all this vegetation.

"We all care about the dunes and the survival of the vegetation, and not seeing the beach damaged, so that it's here for many generations to enjoy."

As well as being a home to a number of rare and endangered bird and plant species, the dunes are also a burial ground for Indigenous peoples.

Senior security officer Roger Richards, who is an Elder from the Ngarrindjeri/Ramindjeri and Adnyamathanha or Flinders Ranges peoples, educates the public about the dunes' history.

Shell middens can be found on the dunes, which are a collection of shellfish that have been burned over thousands of years, and Mr Richards said where middens are found, there has been burials.

"That's one thing a lot of people don't understand about Goolwa Beach – the main area is an Aboriginal burial ground traditionally, and there's a history of 25 to 30,000 years," Mr Richards said.

"We've carbon-dated the middens back



Great Southern Security owner Ian Haylock and senior security officer Roger Richards remind beach-goers driving on Goolwa Beach's dunes is illegal. Photo: Tara Nash

to as far as nine to 14,000 years – it goes way, way, way back... it's pretty hard to fathom that amount of time.

"My family has been buried up there, and it means a lot to me personally.

"If you're going to walk around, just be mindful of where you tread."

As well as being harmful to the area, driving on the dunes can be unsafe for vehicles, as they erode from wind and water over time.

"You could drop off the dune and roll or be driving along and the whole thing would collapse on you," Mr Richards said.

"It's wild country and we want to help (people) be safe – that's one of our core objectives."

As well as taking caution around the dunes, the officers advise to pick up rubbish, swim between Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club's flags during patrolled hours, and drive to the newly-changed speed limits.

From the start of this month, the speed limit on South Australian beaches was reduced from 100km/h to 40 km/h and 25km/h within 50 metres of a pedestrian unless otherwise signposted, following a review earlier this year.

The change in law was welcomed by Mr Haylock, who previously was concerned particularly during busy days.

# Obstetric service closure reduced

The suspension of obstetric services at Victor Harbor's South Coast District Hospital over the Christmas and New Year period has been reduced after local anaesthetists were sourced to cover shifts.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, concerns were raised after it was revealed the service at the local hospital, which is frequented by Goolwa expectant mums, would be suspended from December 11 to 18 as well as December 25 to January 3 after experiencing a short-term unexpected gap in the roster of an anaesthetist.

However, the closure period has since been reduced to four days from December 24 to 27 after shifts were covered by local anaesthetists.

"All expectant mothers are advised to present to Mount Barker District Solders' Memorial Hospital during this time in case further anaesthetic care is needed," Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network Interim CEO, Bronwyn Masters, said.

"All expectant mothers have been contacted about this change."

## Please note that this is the final edition of The Southern Argus for 2023

Our first edition for the New Year will be published on January 11, 2024.

The office will be closed from Wednesday, December 20 and re-open on Friday, January 5, 2024.

It has been a privilege to bring you the local news this year.

Thank you for your support which has helped enable us to do so.

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

We look forward to serving you again in 2024.





# Donations flood in for Goolwa business' 'pay it forward' scheme

 By **Giorgina McKay**

Locals have gathered together to take the pressure off people doing it tough this festive season by donating in droves to a Goolwa business' new 'pay it forward' scheme.

Heritage Pies and Pastries recently started the initiative, which is centred around giving back to those in need by paying for a bakery item, whether it be a coffee or chocolate donut, and leaving a voucher on the pin-up board indoors for them to redeem.

The idea came from local Alexandra Goudge who had seen the scheme being used in Melbourne, and believed it would have the same success in a small town like Goolwa.

"I remember seeing it in a small shop in Melbourne near the railway station, and I thought 'that's an absolutely brilliant idea,'" she said.

"The motivation (was) laying in bed at night thinking what can we do on a macro scale – you can't do anything – so maybe there's something you can do on a micro scale.

"I think I was walking towards Jack's (Place Café) and I thought 'that's silly because (Heritage Pies and Pastries) is the hub really, so I came and saw Josh and suggested the idea and (he) said 'yes, 100 per cent', and there we were."

For owner Josh Jones, it was a no-brainer.

He believed the 'pay it forward' scheme was a great way to give back to the community, and particularly those residents that support the business.

"We are so community-minded me and Kym, and that stems from the previous owners," Mr Jones said.

"We're the village bakers, so if you look at it as a village, the bakers provide food for the village and that's us.

"You walk in and people in the morning are not only coming here and having their



Lloyd and Alexandra Goudge, and Heritage Pies and Pastries owner Josh Jones encourage those in need to take one of the 'pay it forward' vouchers. Photo: Giorgina McKay

morning coffee, they're having their morning coffee with us.

"We're just one big family, and me and Kym just love giving back.

"Without everybody that walks through this door, we don't have a shop."

This isn't the first time the bakery has given back to the community.

The business previously had a 'pay it forward jar' where the tips people would donate to the staff would be used for anyone who may be short-changed.

The team also does 'Workplace Wednesday' where they donate lunch to a business located between Goolwa to Victor Harbor at random each Wednesday.

But since the new pay it forward scheme's implementation almost a fortnight ago, it has "gone bananas".

Hundreds have paid it forward to the point the vouchers have had to be gifted to not-for-profits and other businesses who help the community such as Junction and the Op Shop in order to get them all distributed.

"There's been that much of a response, we've had to run the vouchers out because they're sitting up there and nobody is taking them," Mr Jones said.

"This is all about giving back to people, especially at this time of the year.

"Everybody has had those tough moments in their life, where you just go 'if only somebody was kind enough to help out'... but I think this is the real hard time of the year.

"I've done it tough over Christmases and to just have people that want to actually do this, is amazing."

One person even recently donated \$250 towards the scheme.

Mr Jones was brought to tears by people's generosity.

"We had a bloke come in... (who) runs his own business and he said I want to donate \$250," he said.

"He said I don't care what you put it in, but I want to donate \$250 and I'm going, 'are you sure you want to donate that much? Honestly you don't have to'.

"He goes 'look, my business has had a really good year and somebody out there is doing worse than me; I want to give back to them.'"

"I had goosebumps.

"That a small town would just get on something like this and want to help people I think is really special and makes Goolwa (what it is)."

The problem for the business now is getting people to accept the vouchers.

"I don't know quite how we can convince some people it's okay to come through a door and walk up to a board, and take it," Mrs Goudge said.

"The idea of having that was they don't have to articulate anything, all they have to do is take the voucher, go to the counter, then they can walk out again."

Mr Jones encouraged people to take the pressure off themselves and grab one of the vouchers.

He emphasised no questions are asked, nor judgement given.

"We're a family and we have lots of conversations with our regular customers, so we know who's struggling at times and we can say 'look man, don't pay for your coffee today, go get one off the board,'" Mr Jones said.

"There's a lot of the older community that come in (who are) on a pension and gone through most of their super by now, and we can tell when they're struggling and just coming in for a treat, so I've said to the staff these are the guys you want to look out for.

"We just want to promote that it's okay to take something – don't feel like you can't... and when you can, just pay it back when you feel like it.

"Hopefully more people start to come around to the idea, but I just think it's because it's that time of the year, everybody is like 'let's give' which is fantastic, but at the same time, we also want (the vouchers) to be used."

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# Top honour for Tyndale student

Tyndale Christian School senior Abigail has been named this year's Strathalbyn campus Dux.

Almost 4000 students from country South Australia completed SACE this year – up from 3660 in 2022 – with 2374 of those receiving an ATAR and 1665 completing a VET component of study.

Tyndale student Abigail\* started her SACE journey with her sights firmly set on studying nutrition and dietetics at university, however, during year 12, she decided to switch her focus and pursued her new career goal – primary teaching.

Abigail applied to her college of choice Tabor through the early entry program and was accepted.

She will commence her Bachelor of Primary Teaching degree in 2024, and is looking forward to applying for Tyndale's pre-service teacher internship program.

Dux runner-up went to School Captain Sean Kelly.

Sean began year 12 with a vision of completing a mechanical engineering degree, specialising in aerospace, however, his plans underwent a notable shift in focus throughout the year to instead, pursue his love of music.

He has since been accepted as early entry into the Bachelor of Music program at Adelaide University, majoring in classical performance, and beyond this, he is interested in pursuing his Masters of Teaching.

Fellow students Laelia, Nick, Caitlin and Troy also received high Australian Tertiary Admission Ranks (ATAR).

The school commended the class of 2023 on their results.

Other Fleurieu high achievers included Mount Compass Area School's Chelsea Stathi with an ATAR of 94.90,



Abigail is the 2023 Tyndale Christian School Strathalbyn DUX.

Victor Harbor High School's Kelsey Mann with an ATAR of 96.85, and Investigator College's Willem Dunkley with an ATAR of 98.80.

Member for Finnis David Basham congratulated all graduating students.

"The ATAR results form just one part of our young people's journey," he said.

"In the last few weeks, I've attended school award ceremonies across the electorate, and it's been great to see all of the students succeed in various subjects.

"A big congratulations to the students who completed their schooling this year".

\*No scores provided.

## RESULTS ARE IN



EFS year 12 student Fern Wheatley discovered on Monday that she was the Dux of her school. Photo: Tara Nash

# Budding doctor tops school



By Tara Nash

After a year of hard work and studying, local year 12 students eagerly discovered their final exam results on Monday morning.

Eastern Fleurieu School Strathalbyn student Fern Wheatley was shocked to find out she was the Dux of her school with an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 92.

"I had good teachers, which really helped everything... I probably wouldn't have had as good of a result if I had not got the teachers I had," she said.

"They were really supportive and made the learning fun, which helps keep you interested."

Her parents were also helpful in quizzing her for tests, as she studied biology, nutrition, food and hospitality and English in year 12.

Fern has dreams of becoming a doctor and plans to attend Flinders University next year.

"It's weird that I had all the stress of exams and now I'm finished and it's just gone," Fern said.

"I'm a bit nervous about starting uni."

After experiencing some health challenges earlier in the year, then spending most of her free time studying to catch up, Acting Assistant Principal of Senior Years Matt Taylor was proud Fern overcame the obstacles and received a high score.

## Top 5 Eastern Fleurieu students

**Fern Wheatley 92**  
**Charlee Gomez 91.1**  
**Dana Newnham 87.7**  
**Mairead Alys Lane 87.65**  
**Teagan Hentschke 85.75**

"It's an awesome result, and it's very well-deserved for her," he said.

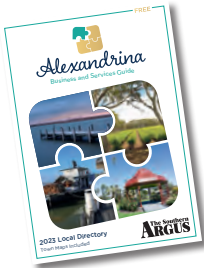
Fern was among 77 EFS students who gained the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), and among 31 who received an ATAR, while 41 had a guaranteed entry to Flinders University upon their SACE completion.

"As a school, we've got better at working out what a kid's definition of success is, and we've got the expertise to be able to get them (there)," Mr Taylor said.

"All the kids... got to where they wanted to be."

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## Don't be alone this Christmas



By Tara Nash

For about 20 years, Strathalbyn resident Pam Garwood has been generously hosting lunch for community members on Christmas Day.

Driven with such passion to strengthen community ties, and to offer people connection on the festive day, her former home was even built to accommodate 50 people in the dining room.

"Mum's always had a really good heart for the community and Christian values," her daughter, Kathy Angel, said.

"For mum, this is all about community, and (ensuring) no one should be alone at Christmas.

"That's what this Christmas lunch is about; it's saying 'hey, if you want to come if you're lonely or don't have somewhere to be, don't be alone, come and hang out.'"

Over the years, the family has welcomed

people from all walks of life, including visiting international people, those who are homeless or others who are lonely.

Warmly opening up her home to the community began with weekly lunches before Ms Garwood changed to Christmas.

"We have a heart for people in a bad place and there are a lot of people in a bad place this year," Ms Garwood said.

"It doesn't matter where I was, if there are people in need, that's where I feel I need to be."

Ms Angel is looking forward to welcoming others again – this time to a grassed area in a Twin Parks' courtyard.

"We love doing it as much as we hope people enjoy coming," Ms Angel said.

"People are wanting to be involved, which is fantastic."

If anyone would like to help, including before or after the event to help set or pack up, attend or for further information, RSVP by tomorrow, December 22.

Contact Ms Angel on 0417 315 308 or Ms Garwood on 0417 817 413.



EFS year 6 students Haley Brine, Molly Whittam, Art Co-ordinator Paul Steele, Ainsley Wagenknecht, Charlotte Pridham, and Addyson Bertholini were proud to finish a mural which took about 12 months to complete. Photo: Tara Nash

## Year 6 students leave their mark on Eastern Fleurieu

By Tara Nash

The beautiful landscapes of trees, hills and water that the region is well-known for has been represented in a new mural recently completed at Eastern Fleurieu School R-6 Strathalbyn school.

With help from Art Co-ordinator Paul Steele, year 6 students spent about one year working on the large-scale mural through a range of techniques, including painting, mosaics, and a cement board.

The design was inspired from Mr Steele's daily commute to Strathalbyn through the scenic local roads.

The eye-catching mural replaced a deteriorating painting, and now joins a collection of about 20 other colourful works and pieces throughout the school – one for every year Mr Steele has worked there.

"It's fabulous – the students love it," Mr Steele said.

"And it's here forever, they get to leave a little bit of themselves in the school."

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Give a gift and arrive alive this festive season



By Giorgina McKay

Give the best gift this festive season and arrive at your destination safely is the message first responders are delivering ahead of the Christmas and New Year period. The Hills Fleurieu region recorded from January 1 to December 18 this year 14 fatalities, primarily due to dangerous driving followed by speeding, 110 serious injuries, and more than 1000 crashes, mainly rear-enders followed by leaving the road out of control. Ahead of the holiday period, South Australia Police will be targeting the 'Fatal Five' factors – drink and drug driving, distraction, speeding and failing to wearing a seatbelt – that contribute to road trauma not only in the region, but across the state, with Operation Safe Holidays. Hills Fleurieu Operations Manager Inspector Michael Sampson said SAPOL members will be working day and night during the festive season keeping the roads safe. "109 people have lost their lives this year and 809 people have had their lives changed by serious injuries from a crash on the road

this year," he said. "The holiday season creates an increase in risk of road trauma as people engage in festivities involving alcohol and travel long distances on holidays. "This season I urge all road users to drive carefully, and ensure you make it to your destination safely. "Drive with care for yourself and others, follow the road rules, observe the speed limit wherever you drive, take breaks from driving on long distance travel, and remember that drink and drug driving is not just selfish, it's illegal and you have other options." RAA Senior Manager Safety and Infrastructure Charles Mountain had the same message. He urged drivers to be vigilant, and leave extra time for their journeys during the festive period. "While school and work begins to wind down for thousands of South Aussies over the Christmas/New Year period, we can't take a holiday from driving safely and looking after one another on our roads," Mr Mountain said. "No one ever wants to lose a loved one, and especially not over the Christmas break, which should be a happy time of celebrating



SAPOL will be targeting 'Fatal Five' this festive season.

with friends and family." "Single vehicle run-off-road crashes occurring in regional areas may be due to drivers travelling on unfamiliar roads, and potentially at excessive speeds or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. "The leading 'Fatal Five' causes of road trauma are distraction, speeding, driving under the influence, not wearing a seatbelt and dangerous driving – all things some of us may be tempted to do during the festive season. "Taking simple steps like leaving a few

minutes earlier, having a passenger navigate and control the music for you, or organising a taxi or uber ahead of time can reduce this temptation and your risk of being involved in a crash." Mr Mountain also encouraged parents to have a conversation about road safety with their children before heading away, especially if there were young drivers in their family. "Crash data shows P1 drivers are involved in six times the number of crashes compared with supervised learner drivers, so it's vital to do more than the bare minimum required before you get your provisional licence," he said. "We recommend talking to your friends and family about the responsibility that comes with being behind the wheel and sharing the road with others. "When you're driving, always drive to the conditions and be extra careful to look out for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists, as there will be more of them on our roads during the school holidays and in the warmer weather. "We're pleading with drivers to slow down and potentially save a life this summer."

Vehicle rolls over at Finniss

By Giorgina McKay

A driver fortunately walked away without injury after their vehicle rolled over at Finniss last Friday. At about 3.30pm on December 15, emergency services and police were called to Dry Plains Road at Finniss following reports of a single vehicle roll-over. The driver was uninjured.

Pair arrested over stolen car

A couple was arrested after driving a stolen car into an arrester bed on the South Eastern Freeway in the early hours of last Thursday morning. At about 4.10am on December 14, police received reports of a gold-coloured car travelling at high speed towards Adelaide on the freeway near Murray Bridge, then about 30 minutes later, a call about a car that had driven into the upper freeway arrester bed at Crafers West. When patrols arrived, they discovered it was the same vehicle that was reported speeding earlier and two occupants were attempting to leave the scene. Checks on the Lexus sedan revealed it had been stolen from Victoria last month and was bearing stolen number plates. A 23-year-old man and 29-year-old woman both from Queensland were arrested and interviewed by police, and the Lexus was towed from the scene.

Car fire in Mount Barker carpark

Police are investigating a car fire at Mount Barker in the early hours of last Wednesday morning. At about 3.20am on December 13, emergency services responded to reports a fire in a Nissan SUV quickly spread to a nearby Hyundai SUV in the underground carpark of the Cameron Road shopping centre. Metropolitan Fire Service crews were quickly on scene and extinguished the blaze, but both vehicles were completely destroyed. Fire cause investigators attended the scene that morning.

Murray Bridge driver caught five times over alcohol limit

A Murray Bridge man lost his licence after being caught five times over the legal blood alcohol limit last Wednesday. At 10.30am on December 13, police stopped a Holden sedan on Adelaide Road and breath tested the driver. The 35-year-old Murray Bridge man allegedly returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.257 – five times over the legal limit. He was issued a 12-month instant loss of licence and his car was impounded. The man will be summonsed to attend court at a later date.

Single vehicle roll-over at Strathalbyn

By Giorgina McKay

A driver was taken to hospital after their vehicle rolled over at Strathalbyn on Saturday. At about 4.30pm, emergency services and police were called to Hillside Road after a Honda sedan rolled over. The driver was taken to hospital for check-up as a precaution. No offences were reported.

Murray Bridge cyclist caught riding without a valid licence

A local man will front court after being caught driving while unlicensed at Murray Bridge on Saturday. Just after 6pm, Murray Bridge police stopped a motorcyclist on Finch Road where checks revealed he had never held a driver's licence. A 25-year-old Murray Bridge man was reported for driving unlicensed and his vehicle was impounded for 28 days. He will be summonsed to appear in Murray Bridge Magistrates Court at a later date.

Strathalbyn service station threatened

Police are investigating a robbery at a Strathalbyn service station on Monday. Just after 11.30pm, a man entered the South Terrace service station and demanded cash from the console operator, stating he had a weapon. He stole a small quantity of cash and fled the premises, but thankfully, the staff member was uninjured. Patrols were quickly in the area and attended a Strathalbyn address, where they arrested a 27-year-old man. He has been charged with robbery, did not apply for bail, and appeared before the Adelaide Magistrates Court the following morning.

Three-car rear-ender at Biggs Flat

By Giorgina McKay

A driver was taken to Mount Barker Hospital with minor injuries after a three-car collision at Biggs Flat on Friday. Just before 10am on December 15, emergency services were called to Strathalbyn Road, just east of Glenbold Road, following a three-vehicle rear-ender. One driver was taken to hospital with minor injuries. No one has been reported for offences yet.

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# Plans revealed for Angas Mill



By Tara Nash

A dynamic shop, cafe, gallery, community and event space and upper terrace has been proposed for the Strathalbyn's historic Old Angas Flour Mill.

The recently revealed plans aim to breathe new life into the building in the heart of the town centre by honouring and preserving its history, while improving the accessibility and user services.

If approved by the Fleurieu Regional Assessment Panel, the gallery space would be "ever-changing", while a digital art presentation would be projected on the external wall, and various activities planned throughout the week.

The redeveloped garden that leads down towards the creek is set back from the street and forms a public forecourt, and is envisioned to mirror and extend Soldiers Memorial Gardens.

Visitors would be able to learn and engage with historical stories and artefacts from the Mill as original machinery is used in interpretative displays.

New owners Jessica and Ray Groot hope local residents will want to use and engage with the space regularly, while out-of-towners will find it a destination to travel to.

Being from rural towns themselves, the pair are passionate about the difference a landmark building in the centre of town can make to a community, and the potential to get involved in public events.

"I think there's something really powerful in making sure old buildings tell their stories again," Ms Groot said.

"They can't if they're falling apart, buildings need to be lived in... people will



Plans have been revealed for a proposed shop, cafe, gallery, community and event space, and upper terrace for Strathalbyn's Old Angas Flour Mill.

be using it and I think that's really important.

"You want to be able to see and experience the things that are in history books."

Since the plans became public, Ms Groot has found "really supportive" feedback.

"Everyone has sent us super lovely messages, and that's really nice to know they're engaged and looking forward," she said.

As part of the plans, partial demolition, conservation work and refurbishment of the existing building is required with some of the materials of the building reused and repurposed.

So far, urgent conservation work has been completed by Stone Ideas and Christian Frenzel as the Master Mason.

Two types of stones have been sourced for the building – a bluestone sourced from the Adelaide Hills that is used as infill on walls, and a pink-veined sandstone which matches the original colour.

The project has engaged Melbourne-based architect Topology Studio, however, it is being led by two South Australian locals.

During conservation works, a list of inscribed names was discovered on a wall, which were marked before they were deployed in World War II.

With help from an RSL, the individual people and their stories are being researched.

"Now we're in the process of capturing some of their war stories that could be presented as another element of history, as well as what happened to them when they got home and where they ended up in the community and in the region," Ms Groot said.

"Some were tricky to find, some were on service records from other towns such as Milang and further afield, (but) we'll track them and bring their stories home.

"That's important to us because Ray and I are both military veterans, so it's a real connection for us to be able to retell those stories."

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School's in Brief

Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School

Eastern Fleurieu won the Southern Vales and Fleurieu Zone Sports Principal's Cup earlier this month for the first time.

Twenty-five government and private schools participated in this year's zone in volleyball, nine-a-side football, outdoor five-a-side soccer, netball and basketball in all year levels, with schools receiving 10 points for first place, seven for second, and five for third.

Over the year, Eastern Fleurieu has recorded 111 points across all the sports – 20 points ahead of second-placed Reynella East College.

Goolwa Secondary College

Goolwa Secondary College recently took the time to recognise students who made great academic achievements and showed growth in their learning.

In addition, it celebrated students who won the 2023 pillar awards, and received community citizenship awarded, sponsored and presented by the Lions Club of Goolwa, Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula, and Member for Finnis David Basham.

Tyndale Christian School

Tyndale Christian School wrapped up the 2023 school year last Friday.

The school wished everyone a safe and enjoyable break, and looked forward to seeing all current and new Tyndalian families in the new year.

Meadows Primary School

Meadows Primary School year 6s celebrated their final week of primary school with a Big Day Out.

Students went to Kuitpo Tree Climb to challenge themselves on the zipline and obstacle courses before enjoying a lunch at Pik-a-Pie and a relaxing afternoon at Battunga Park.

Letters to the Editor

Not their customers

I recently put to Alexandrina Council CEO Nigel Morris that the expensively produced format and layout of pictures, and blocks of colour in council's reports to ratepayers and the documentation for public consultation and Village Conversation feedback exercises served only to make the relevant information less accessible.

His response was that ratepayers were not the only people reading those reports, and those who determined the success of grant applications also read them.

Now really, I ask you as I asked him.

Are those hard-nosed people who sit around tables and consider grant applications likely to be influenced by the marketing spin and hype that characterises Alexandrina Council's public documents?

The relevant facts in plain language, open and transparent, are what we should expect from our Local Government representative body.

We are not their customers and they do not need to persuade us to buy their product.

We are stuck with them as our local service providers and in my opinion, we are not currently getting our money's worth, with ratepayer funds going towards a multitude of activities way outside council's core business.

Meanwhile, the last two budgets have extracted an increase of 19.8 per cent of revenue from the residential sector.

With next year's budget already in the making, something must be done to ease the rates pressure on Alexandrina residents – council must rein in its spending.

Trevor Harden, Milang

Community voice is key to smart regional development

Goolwa has been slated to grow from a quaint regional township of 7600 residents to an urban satellite, with an additional 5500 homes – 2500 in the initial development phase – being touted by the Malinauskas Government.

While the SA Liberal Party are all for steady and responsible growth, it must be done in line with the community and must have smart infrastructure planning at its core.

The unhelpful attitude of “we will work out the infrastructure with stakeholders” is putting the cart before the horse.

“We will speak with the community” is not good enough once press releases have already been touting the drawn-up plans.

Regional communities are not against change.

What they want is a say in the decision-making of their townships.

Insufficient planning can lead to the haphazard development of residential areas. Especially when the area monumentally

shifts from a township to an urban satellite, it can cause congestion and a lack of green spaces.

As we have seen with other developments, the simple task of allowing developers to ram as many houses into an area is unsustainable and leads to poor community outcomes.

Poor infrastructure planning leads to inadequate transportation networks, making it difficult for residents to access essential services such as schools, healthcare, and job opportunities, hindering overall community development.

It also requires those services be resourced and expanded to deal with an influx of people.

Something as simple as getting the waste management systems right is vital.

In a beautiful seaside regional community like Goolwa, poor planning will lead to pollution and environmental degradation, further diminishing the overall well-being of the community.

Country South Australia is a wonderful place to live and is fast becoming popular.

Our regional communities want to grow, but they want to grow sustainably with adequately resourced infrastructure, and they want to have a say in long term solutions.

The State Government must ensure they are listening to regional South Australia.

After all, how can the community trust this change if they have been excluded and silenced in their hometown?

Nicola Centofanti, Opposition spokesperson for Regional South Australia

Rental relief

South Australians living in our regions are feeling the pinch every bit as much as those in Adelaide, with the latest data showing the number of rentals available on the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island down 36 per cent compared to a decade ago.

That's why we have overhauled our state's rental laws with the biggest changes since the introduction of the Residential Tenancies Act in 1995 to meet the needs of both tenants and landlords in 2023.

Most landlords and tenants do the right thing, however, the stories I have heard from desperate tenants who have had their lease terminated with no explanation and have had to frantically try and find a new home while also finding a new school or childcare centre with only 28 days' notice, or have been forced to choose between surrendering a beloved pet or sleeping in their car have been heartbreaking.

That's why, under our reforms, landlords will only be able to end a tenancy or not renew a lease for a prescribed reason such as breaches committed by the tenant or if the owner wants to sell, renovate or occupy the property.

We believe these reforms strike the right balance and will modernise South Australia's rental laws for the future.

Andrea Michaels, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs

Our View

Thursday, December 21, 2023 Arrive Alive

On Friday night, the Christmas spirit was alive and well in Strathalbyn, with locals and visitors alike attending the town's Christmas Where the Angas Flows event.

Markets, a street pageant, carols and fireworks were enjoyed by a bumper crowd.

With the festive season though comes the reminder to stay safe on our roads, whether you are travelling a short distance or a long one.

As reported in this week's Southern Argus, the Hills Fleurieu region recorded 14 fatalities, 110 serious injuries and more than 1000 crashes in the period between January 1, 2023 to December 18, 2023.

Every year our emergency services put out the message that they don't want to see us over the Christmas break.

This year, SA Police will be targeting the 'Fatal Five' – drink and drug driving, distraction, speeding and failing to wear a seatbelt – as part of Operation Safe Holidays.

They make the simple ask that people drive carefully, follow the road rules, observe the speed limits wherever you drive, take breaks from driving on long distance travel, and remember that drink and drug driving is not only selfish, but illegal.

Other tips for arriving safely include leaving a few minutes earlier, having a passenger navigate and control the music for you, or organising a taxi or uber ahead of time.

Younger drivers are also spending time on our roads over the Christmas break, and it's the job of those more experienced to show patience towards them on our roads.

Drive to conditions, and keep a look out for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.

With the summer bushfires, so it's a good idea to check the weather and any reports of fires in the region you might be driving to.

No one ever wants to lose a loved one, especially over the Christmas break, which for many of us is a time of celebration and family.

It's an old adage, but still a relevant one – it's better late than never.

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The know in the FLEURIEU ...

What are you looking forward to this Christmas season?

Karen Ross, Goolwa



"I'm looking forward to seeing my family. One son is coming from Brisbane, and I've got an Adelaide contingent as well, so they're not too far and we'll be together."

Dean Hourigan, Strathalbyn



"For everyone to get along, and enjoy the festive season."

Anastazija Hankins, Encounter Bay



"I'm looking forward to a break then starting afresh."

Jane Hourigan, Strathalbyn



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## 25 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 1998

"Mickie" Clifford of Langhorne Creek recently announced her retirement from cellar door sales at Bleasdale. From 1945, when the current cellar door sales shed was built, Mickie began her 53 year career by filling jars and small kegs of fortified wines for local customers. As well as selling wine, she worked in the vineyards training vines and picking grapes. As bottled wine became the trend Mickie with the late Grace Martin would hand label the bottles on a small table in the sales shed. Being the great grand daughter of the winery's innovative founder Frank Potts 1, she is proud of her heritage.

-O-

Brennan Vink, a year three student at the Langhorne Creek R-6 Campus of the Eastern Fleurieu School has achieved a perfect score in the recent Australian School's English Competition. For his achievement Brennan received a personally engraved medal which was presented to him at his campus Christmas Concert this week by the EFS principal Mr. Bob Heath. His teacher Carol Lindsay said the medal for Brennan's perfect score is just reward for his skills displayed all year.

## 50 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1973

The Milang Primary School held their Graduation Social on Wednesday December 12 in the Milang Institute, all welcomed by the president of the school council Mr. K.Newland. Guest speaker was the Rev. G.Christopher who presented graduation certificates to Raelene Allen, Cheryl Hopgood, Joanne Perry, Frank Polyak, Julie Schmoock, Christine Storr, Heather Wescombe and Dianne Woolfitt for secondary education. Having accepted a \$30 donation from the Strath Lions Club, Head Master Mr. G.Lucas told parents that the Head Master for next year would be Mr. Peter Barnfield.

-O-

When the Bull Creek Post Office was closed on Friday November 30th this year, Mr Williams, who is a descendant of Mr. John Bull after whom Bull Creek was named, posted letters addressed to himself to go out on the last mail.

## 100 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1923

The Annual Christmas Tree Fete in connection with the Strathalbyn Church of Christ Sunday School took place on Wednesday evening December 12 with the chapel filled with parents and friends and scholars. The school staff Misses M and A Cross, A.Bartlett, B.Metcalf, E.Klaebisch, Messrs. H. Parker and G.Overall left nothing undone to make the effort a success. Pastor T.G.Mason was chairman of the gathering and a nice programme was rendered by the scholars, Miss J.Allen presiding at the organ.

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At the Corporation meeting, on the motion of Cr. Gooch, seconded by Cr. Pool, it was resolved a speed limit of 15 miles be adopted for all motor traffic through the town of Strathalbyn and that the rule of the road be observed into motor and other vehicles being parked, also no vehicular displays allowed in the streets by way of advertisements.



## Goolwa's 'first class' Christmas concert

By Tara Nash

Almost 3000 people attended the Goolwa Community Christmas Concert over the weekend and were blown away by "first-class" entertainment.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Goolwa, together with the Goolwa Lions Club, community groups and Christian organisations, the 2.5-hours concert at Goolwa Oval had families pull out deck chairs and sit on rugs to enjoy the atmosphere.

Rotary Club of Goolwa President Jan Lawrence received "really good" feedback.

"People enjoyed it," she said.

"We had fabulous weather - we couldn't have asked for a better day and evening.

"It was the warmest evening for weeks before and after.

"We had fabulous sponsors - a lot of the businesses rallied and made it happen."

Emma and Jarrod McRobbie enjoying the festivities at the Goolwa Christmas Concert.



Ms Lawrence found Musical Director Roxanne Venner did a "really good job" of putting together the entertainment, which included the Goolwa Band and Mighty All Stars Cheerleading who performed "amazing" acrobatics.

While Ms Lawrence enjoyed the entire night, her personal favourite was singer Julie Simpson.

"She has a fabulous voice - she's a singer in her own right," Ms Lawrence said.

"With the band behind her, it was just magnificent."

The community event jumped some hurdles along the way by finding the needed funds to run the event after uncertainty loomed around it going ahead, as previously reported in *The Southern Argus*.

They also escaped recent extreme weather the week prior, which cancelled the Victor Harbor Christmas Pageant organised by their neighbouring Rotary club.



Santa stopped by the Goolwa Community Christmas Concert on Sunday. INSET: Lincoln and Logan Brown showing off their great face paint artwork.

Photos: Rowan Sims



Sam and Justace Wagner wearing matching shirts to Sunday night's Goolwa Community Christmas Concert held at the Goolwa Recreation Oval Precinct.



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(Back) Macclesfield Community Pantry volunteers Diana Agnew, Hannah Jewell and Michael Pinchbeck, accepting donations from Macclesfield Primary School students (front) Matilda, Callen, Hamish and Lillian. Photo: Tara Nash

# Students donate to local pantry

By Tara Nash

After collecting donations for weeks, Macclesfield Primary School students recently delivered bags of food to the town's community pantry along with baked morning tea for its volunteers.

The donation comes after the students were visited by Macclesfield Community Pantry co-ordinator Hannah Jewell who explained about the non-profit organisation that currently supports about 30 households.

The weekly pantry opened

earlier this year at the Macclesfield Institute on Monday mornings to offer food aid, social connection and support services to the community.

"We explained why we do it, what volunteering is about, and why we started the pantry, which is because we saw a need in the community to support those who needed a helping hand," Ms Jewell said.

"Learning about community, volunteering and service starts from the day they're born – it's a mindset. "It's about teaching the children from an early age about being selfless." Teacher Amy Wouters found

the students "really enjoyed" the experience.

"It's important to acknowledge other people and the time and effort they put into things," she said.

"(The students learned) how people contribute to community and why they contribute.

"Without people donating their time, then we wouldn't have sporting communities, (and) people in Macclesfield wouldn't get extra support.

"So, it was all about giving up your time for other people and not asking for anything back."

# Mt Barker Master Plan revised for centre project

Revised master plan designs for the first stage of Mount Barker's City Centre Project will incorporate community feedback such as less parking and more open space.

The project, which will transform the long-time vacant site bounded by Hutchinson Street, Morphett Street, Stephen Street and Druids Avenue, aims to provide a catalytic impact on the local economy and fulfil the need for a central community gathering space in town.

The first stage will deliver a town square, council and Community Living Australia offices and a retail section, with two levels of substantial parking to service the site incorporating entry from Hutchinson and Stephen Streets.

Based on the latest community feedback and detailed feasibility studies, Mount Barker District Council and Burke Urban Investments (BUI) have revised the master plan, with adjustments eliminating an initial proposal for underground and multi-level parking and reduced building heights.

Council's civic building will

also be council-owned rather than leased from BUI.

BUI Director Kym Burke said the plan's natural evolution was influenced by community feedback and site-specific challenges.

"We've responded to the community's voice on several fronts, including reducing building heights, consolidating parking within the site, committing to the preservation of Druids Avenue's trees, and scrapping the planned multi-deck carpark," he said.

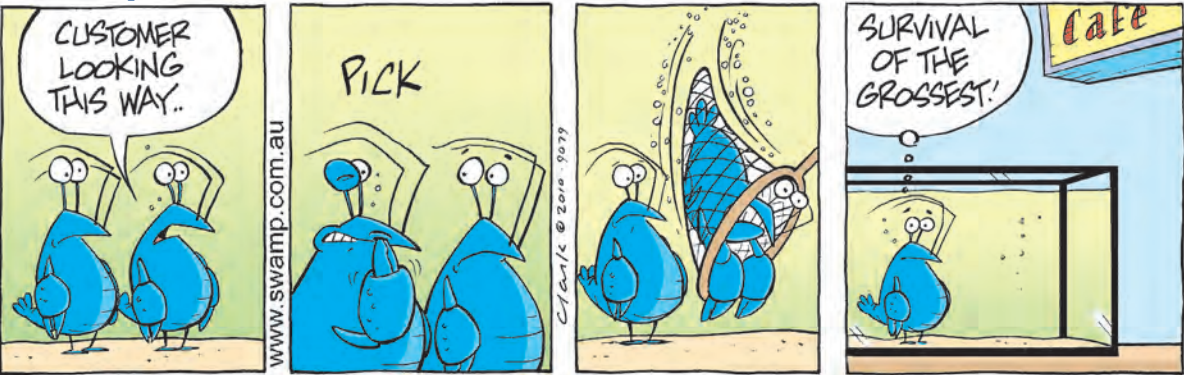
To support the project's progression, council has updated its engagement plan and anticipates engaging with residents next year on the community facilities and final design of the town square.

A community reference group for the project is also expected to be established.

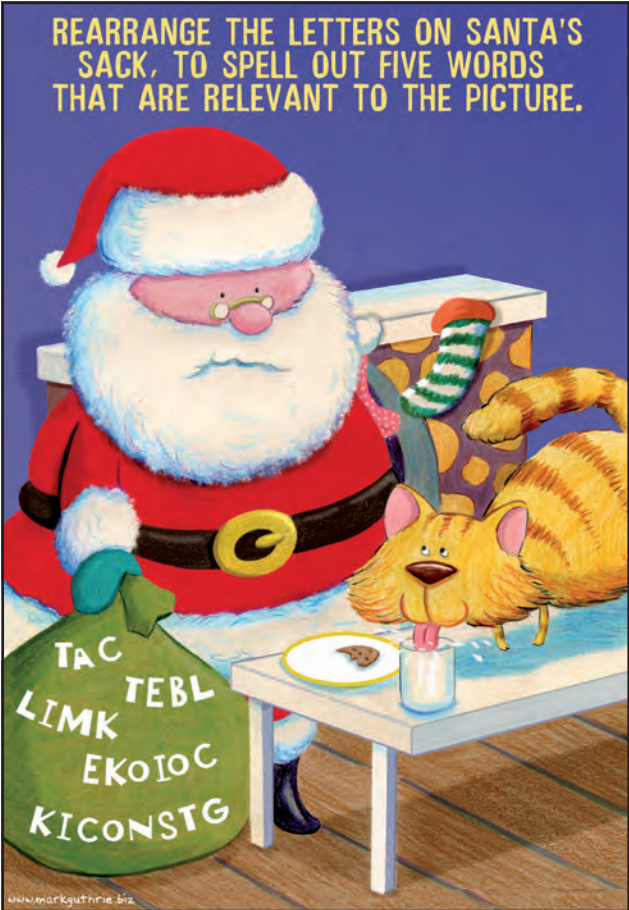
Mount Barker Mayor David Leach expressed confidence in the ongoing community engagement and interim introduction of a temporary 'pop-up park' as a foundational step towards the project's completion.

# Entertainment

## Swamp



## Pic Puzzle



## Sudoku

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- ACROSS**

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15 Confused fight

17 Encountered

18 Short private tales

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25 Regular

27 Worldly

28 Actual

29 Wind in rings

30 Distinguished

33 Grow less

35 Metal

38 Anger

39 Exploded
- 42 Finish

44 Snake

45 Waves of delight

47 Weapon

48 Tidy

49 Pancake

50 Border

51 Not rough
- 19 Possess

20 Ordain

22 Indigenous

24 Like better

26 Repeated from memory

27 American state

31 Interfere

32 Self

33 Small

34 Prophet

35 Mode of standing

36 Whirlpools

37 Food cupboard

40 Sample

41 Period of darkness

43 Numeral

46 Convict





## Food drive on Mini wheels

Collectable Classic Cars Managing Director Ben Finnis is collecting donations for Foodbank for the second year. Photo: Tara Nash

By Tara Nash

A Strathalbyn car dealer has a goal of filling a unique Mini trailer with donations to support people experiencing food insecurity for Christmas.

"Everyone talks about the cost of living and we know the pressures, so this is our small contribution to giving back to South Australians," Collectable Classic Cars Managing Director, Ben Finnis, said.

"With Foodbank, last year they obviously needed help, but this year, with the cost of living, they have so many people who they would not normally see.

"I think Foodbank is an amazing charity." Australia is in the midst of a food security crisis, according to a Foodbank report, which found 3.7 million Australian households, or 36 per cent, have experienced moderate-to-severe food insecurity in the last 12 months.

Many are experiencing food insecurity for the first time, with a three per cent increase to 2022 or 383,000 homes.

Further to that, 48 per cent of the general population now feels anxious or struggles to consistently access adequate food.

This is the second year Mr Finnis has organised the drive of a range of items such as non-perishable food and washing products.

Mr Finnis has found the community to give generously.

"Strathalbyn people are fantastic – they're really beautiful people," he said.

"I have some amazing clients... the local businesses and local people have been fantastic.

"South Australians in general – when there are floods, bushfires or something happens – South Australians are an amazing bunch of people who get behind stuff and support it."

Collectable Classic Cars is also donating \$50 for every car sold during December to Foodbank.

Donations can be dropped off to Collectable Classic Cars on Rankine Street, and will be towed to Foodbank tomorrow, December 22, however, another donation will be made in the new year.

## How to take care of waste over Christmas

To help households, businesses and visitors during the summer peak and holiday season, the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) and councils provide weekly collections of yellow recycling and green FOGO bins between Monday, December 18 and Friday, January 26.

Extra paid collections are available through FRWA or exceptional circumstances (EC) bins are available for eligible households (e.g. medical waste, families with children in nappies etc.) by applying through council.

Due to Christmas Day, all collections between December 26 to 30 December will be one day later:

- Monday collection: Tuesday, December 26.
  - Tuesday collection: Wednesday, December 27.
  - Wednesday collection: Thursday, December 28.
  - Thursday collection: Friday, December 29.
  - Friday collection: Saturday, December 30.
- Waste collections occur on public holidays,

except Christmas Day.

Waste and Recycling Depots are closed on public holidays and will close early on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve (9am to 1pm).

**Langhorne Creek rural (not town), Ashbourne, Woodchester, Paris Creek and surrounds**

During the weeks all three bins will be collected, plus Christmas week – recycling only, collections will occur on Saturdays – December 23, December 30 (recycling only), January 6 and January 20.

This collection run includes Salem, Hartley, Mount Observation, Woodlands, Gemmells, Highland Valley, Red Creek and Bletchley.

Two bin recycling weeks (yellow/green) will occur on the usual Friday – January 12 and January 26.

Bins must be out the night before, as schedules change and collections can occur from early morning to late afternoon.

For further details, visit ([www.frwa.com.au](http://www.frwa.com.au)).



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**Christmas week - 25 to 30 December**

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**Summer peak & holiday details**

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- Collections occur public holidays (except Christmas Day)
- Depots closed public holidays
- Depots early closure - Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve (9am - 1pm)

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# DAVID BASHAM MP MEMBER FOR FINNISS *Delivering for the Community*



**Good things are happening,  
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The Electorate of Finnis is vibrant and thriving, the community can be well proud of many achievements and successes. I passionately believe this is the best place in the state and country to live. This year our office has championed the ambulance station location, Victor Harbor overtaking lane, helipad operations, obstetrics services, paediatric services, Goolwa North code amendment, appropriate Bluff development, Telstra service, celebratory letters for birthdays and anniversaries, SteamRanger line repairs, school infrastructure and disability support, causeway timber allocation, International Women's day community awards, school citizenship awards, community group support and many private matters for the community. Most Friday's I take the office out into the community for informal meetings through coffee catch-ups and look forward to continuing this in the new year.

### Health

The Southern Fleurieu Health Forum opened conversation about planning for growth in a sensible, thoughtful way.

Information was shared and data collected through conversation and survey. "The forum was a success because of the level of community engagement".

"This forum has brought into greater focus the pain points within our health service delivery."

"The forum is only the beginning of a conversation to improve and plan for our future health care needs."



### Development and growth

There has been a lot of interest regarding the proposed Goolwa North Development. Despite the government announcement in May, a proposed development for Goolwa North must still submit to a "code amendment" process through PlanSA to allow land nominated to be developed.

We live in the best region in South Australia. We have beaches, the river, lakes, wines regions, arts, culture, history and prime agricultural land.

It is understandable that people will want to move to such a region, but it is important that the growth happens responsibly and sustainably.

"I am not opposed to Goolwa growing, but it needs to grow as Goolwa community rather than a satellite town tacked on with ad hoc planning."

"I support development that is well considered and well planned for our region."

### Travel safely

Main arterial roads have been riddled with deepening potholes, creating dangerous driving conditions and damage to vehicles while proposed safety treatments have been delayed or cancelled. I have consistently brought this matter to the Minister for regional road's attention.

The lack of basic road maintenance throughout our community is frustrating.

I have written explaining that regional roads are essential infrastructure, must be maintained in a systematic way and not just repaired in reaction to damage.. The consequences to only fixing what is broken could well be a life, but at the least damage to property, dangerous and slow travel times, loss of access, economic implications, and inconvenience.

Please keep communicating with me regarding road conditions because your insight helps me to continue to advocate on the communities behalf.



### Celebrations

Being aware of things to change is important BUT we must celebrate and acknowledge success, contributions and achievements. It has been an honour to present awards, certificates, acknowledge service, or celebrate milestones with constituents, community groups, schools, organisations and individuals.

"I look forward to representing and sharing ups and downs with the amazing Finnis Electorate in 2024 and thank each person for the part they play in making this community great."



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Santa arrives in Strathalbyn in a special carriage driven by Gilbert's Motor Museum volunteers. INSET: Ron and Amanda Layley with Aylah Bonner get into the Christmas spirit at Friday night's event.  
Photos: Rowan Sims

## Christmas spirit comes alive in Strathalbyn

By Deirdre Graham

Bumper crowds attended Friday night's Christmas Where the Angas Flows event in Strathalbyn, with organisers reporting a possible record number of organisations taking part in the street parade.

Of the 45 entrants, the Strathalbyn Show Society took out best float on the night, with its agricultural theme and a participant dressed as a chicken.

Christmas Where the Angas Flows Committee Chair Graham Jenke said seeing everyone enjoying themselves made all the effort in planning pay off.

"The highlight – and I suppose it is the same each year – but (it's) when you get right towards the end and it starts getting dark and you see the carol singers, then you see all the children waving their glowsticks all in time with the music," Mr Jenke said.

"It was good to see people all enjoying themselves – that is the big thing about it.

"I have been told it was bigger than last year, and that might have been because they had a SteamRanger train come up as well, and it was well promoted."

The day's festivities began at 2pm when the market stalls were set up, along with a number of food stalls that began selling at 3.30pm before a busy evening.

The street parade started at 6pm, followed by 31 items by carol singers, then fireworks lit up the skies from 9.30pm.

"The carol singers were just local singers, some from the schools," Mr Jenke said.

"The band that backed them was made up of Strathalbyn town band members, plus some school students, and other musicians.

"We had a lot of individual soloists such as students of local singing instructors, from the little primary school kids right through.

"EFS and Tyndale both had students performing, and it gives the kids a chance to perform in front of a heap of people."

Mr Jenke thanked those who sponsored the event and assisted in any way.



Evelyn and Katrina Hansen looking cozy in their Christmas sweaters.



Matilda Nefiodovas and Regan Luciano give the event a 'thumbs up'.



Mikayla Hissey and Chelsea Lions were looking forward to the carols and fireworks on Friday night.



The gopher line.



Dancers entertaining the crowd on pageant night as they wait for Santa's grand arrival.



Strathalbyn Dental Care looking beau-teeth-ful.

Organisers believe this year's Christmas Where the Angas Flows pageant had a record number of entrants.





# Christmas Where the Angas Flows

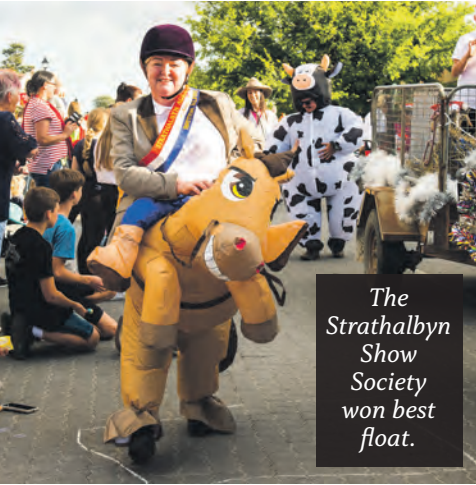
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Estelle Cottle, Anna Scott and Zoe Martin were all smiles ahead of the Christmas carols.



Cooper Foote and Cecilia Birt huddle together on the river bank.



People young and old got involved.



Inflatable costumes were popular with pageant participants.



Miniature car drivers creating some mischief.



Christmas Where the Angas Flows' spectacular fireworks display.



Classic cars caught onlookers' attention.



Southern Argus Editor Deirdre Graham drives the paper's festively decorated work car as part of the pageant, while staff members walk alongside.



# YouTube pair tackle momentous bike ride for mental health



By Giorgina McKay

Three “normal, everyday” men will battle both body and mind in one of their biggest challenges yet when they cycle from Goolwa to Mount Gambier, starting next Thursday, to raise money for mental health, while also showcasing the state’s backyard.

Youtube channel Bunyip Adventures’ Jason Moore and Jamie Ramzan along with Mr Moore’s brother-in-law Aaron will be taking part in a four-day, 500km journey from one part of the state to the other to not only raise awareness about mental health and the support that needs to go with it, but money for the organisation Talk Out Loud.

Talk Out Loud was founded by Mary Galouzis in 2016, who after experiencing the suicide of her teenage brother, vowed to create spaces for young people to safe, connected, find their voice and share their story.

The not-for-profit has provided much-needed support for young people at risk with services that fill the gap between initial diagnosis and what can sometimes be a long and anxious wait for treatment through the mental healthcare system.

Mr Moore already had connections with the organisation’s founder through being a mental health counsellor and his past life as magician, and knew Talk Out Loud would be the perfect charity to support.

“Jamie and I do a YouTube channel where we do challenges, and it’s about pushing yourself out your comfort zone,” he said.

“There was another creator (who) cycled around Japan raising money for a different charity, and I was like... ‘What if we did a cycle for mental health?’, then we can showcase some of beautiful SA as well.

“That’s when we went, ‘we need two good locations to ride from A to B’.

“We don’t really want to start from my place then ride down to a random location, so we came up with the locations of Goolwa and Mount



Jamie Ramzan and Jason Moore will cycle from Goolwa to Mount Gambier next week to raise money and awareness for mental health.

Gambier because they’re two iconic and really beautiful places here in SA.

“When we were looking for a charity to support, we definitely wanted to support local and went over (to Talk Out Loud), had a chat to them, asked if they would be okay with us representing them, and going out and hopefully make a bit of money for them, and they were over the moon to have us support them.”

The team has been preparing for the monumental trek since late last year.

“I know how to ride a bike, but there’s a big difference between knowing how to ride a bike and cycling 500km in summer, so I have been doing a fair bit of training,” Mr Moore said.

“It’s still definitely going to be a challenge because I’m still not a pro, but that’s the whole point – this is about your everyday person seeing what they can do, seeing some beautiful locations along the way, and seeing If you can maintain that mindset to enjoy the locations while you’re suffering through

some very hot weather, sore legs and stiff joints.

“Myself, there’s always that doubt in the back of your mind, is my body and mind going to be able to put up with this doing over 100kms each day in summer? You’ve kind of just got to tell that to shut up and push on through, and keeping one pedal at a time.”

Due to medical reasons, Mr Ramzan will be participating in the cycle in a reduced capacity, riding on an e-bike at points and interviewing the locals along the way, which will be featured in a four-part mini-series on the pair’s YouTube channel as well as a five-part documentary about tourism in South Australia and raising mental health awareness.

The Youtube series will be released around February and March, while the documentary will come in late 2024.

“Originally, I was going to be riding with Jason and Aaron, his brother-in-law who’s a semi-pro cyclist, and up until the last minute, I went to the doctor and (he) went ‘no’ when I told him what I was doing,” Mr Ramzan said.

“He said ‘you’re going to have to rethink your role in that, which actually worked out better.

“Jason and Aaron have been clocking up a lot of kms on the bikes to physically and mentally get prepped for this, so I hadn’t done as much prep myself, which was also kind of the way we

wanted to attack this.

“I’ve had a lot of family members suffer with mental health illnesses, and I myself have gone through PTSD, anxiety and depression, and it was about building resilience and pushing ourselves through things you really don’t want to be doing or getting out of your comfort zone.

“This is as a whole has been one way preparation for us to go out and do something out of our comfort zone, but also to illustrate to others the importance of pushing through and making sure you’re still achieving goals even though you’ve got something in the background that’s got reins on you and is trying to tie you down.”

The journey will kickstart with a send-off by Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes at Goolwa’s Richard Ballard Park from 8.15am on December 28, and end in time for the start of Mount Gambier’s New Year’s Eve celebrations on the morning of December 31.

The pair thanked everyone who has either directly donated to the cause, or assisted in the journey in any way.

They invited people to come say hello along the journey or simply share the message.

“The amount of people that have come and put forward to this has been absolutely unbelievable,” Mr Ramzan said.

“I think this is has been a great example to illustrate what living with a mental illness is like not only for the person, but the people that have to play a support role, and how important it is to have support around you when you’re suffering.

“I know from my own personal problems I had, having an amazing support network around me really helped me push through the hardest times.

“In this instance, Jason and Aaron pushing through some super hard weather – because we know what Australian summers are like – and for us to play a support role as a group of people is super important to let everyone see that.

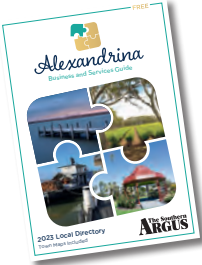
“Mental health is no joke, and we’ve been very fortunate it has become a more talked about thing since I was a kid back in the ‘80s when it was kind of ‘bare it and grin it’, and that didn’t do anyone any good.

“Fortunately, now it’s such a spoken about thing, there are support services, and people are a lot more understanding of it.”

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## Council review to investigate potential speed reductions

By Giorgina McKay

A speed limit review is planned for Strathalbyn over the coming months to determine the merits of lowering speed limits and signage to 40km/h at town entry points after a local councillor expressed fears over pedestrian safety.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, North Ward councillor Craig Maidment revealed plans to seek Alexandrina Council endorsement to restrict town speed limits to 40km with new developments and increasing truck numbers posing a heightened risk to pedestrians.

In his motion delivered at Monday night’s council meeting, he emphasised the danger around school zones.

“Strathalbyn has an increasing population, an increasing number of people with mobility scooters, and an ever-increasing number of heavy vehicles passing through town and the shopping precinct,” Cr Maidment said.

“Strathalbyn is on the B-Double route and trucks traverse South Terrace continuously throughout the day, (which) have no ability to stop suddenly if a pedestrian or disabled person on a gopher was crossing the road.

“South Terrace and East Terrace are both DIT Roads and home to three schools with a student population of over 1500 students.



North Ward councillor Craig Maidment raised a motion at Monday night’s Alexandrina Council meeting regarding speed changes. Photo: Deirdre Graham

“School drop-off and pick-up are particularly busy times on these roads and, with the addition of school buses at those times, traffic is very congested.

“Additionally, several new subdivisions under construction will direct traffic from those areas along South Terrace, compounding traffic issues.”

Other areas of concern highlighted at the meeting were East Terrace, West Terrace and North Parade.

It was decided a speed limit review would be conducted and a traffic statement carried out with the view of lowering the traffic speed from 50km/h to 40km/h.





## EFS gets a splash of colour

Willow Begue, Maddelyn Tonkin, and Chloe Fox looking thoroughly colourful after the fundraising run last Thursday. Photos: Giorgina McKay

Eastern Fleurieu’s oval and its students were doused in colour last Thursday as a reward for helping raise much-needed funds towards the continued upgrading of the basketball court and asphalt.

After being postponed twice – once due to hot weather and the other due to storms – the colour fundraising run went ahead at Eastern Fleurieu’s Strathalbyn R-6 campus on December 14.

Students enjoyed running through the obstacle course while staff members and volunteers squirted them with coloured water.



Izabella Vanderzon and Emily Langdon at Strathalbyn R-6 campus’ colour run.



Jaxon Horne is outnumbered.



Iris O'Neill and Sophia Van de Meulengraaf looking a little drenched.

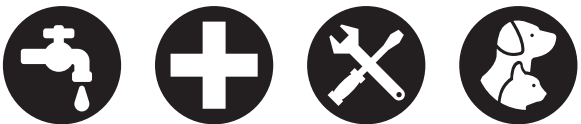


Eastern Fleurieu students Maddie Pavy, Henry Mee, and Eloise Clark are all smiles after the colour run.



Oliver Mackie, Max Tonkin, Will Loftus, and Alexis Fix were covered in colour.

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# Faces & Places



Curtis Dawe, Ashton Thomas, and Hunter Parry dressed as gingerbread men in Mt Barker's Christmas Pageant on December 2. Photo: Mark Andrews



Barry Martin, of Strathalbyn, with his 1919 Model T Ford at the Macclesfield Strawberry Fete last month. Photos: Deirdre Graham

Dean Fotte and John Way came from the caravan park to look at the new Strathalbyn courts last month. Photos: Giorgina McKay



Maddi Cook, Emerson Crouch, Frankie Hatcher and Esther Helyar at Eastern Fleurieu's Milk Bottle Regatta on December 7. Photo: Giorgina McKay



Michelle Pearce, of Goolwa Beach, looks over the Goolwa Community Centre's craft group stall at the Goolwa RSL Christmas Handmade Craft Market on December 3. Photo: Deirdre Graham



Zailey Skidmore, aged eight, of Bridgewater with her face painting of a Sloth with a Santa hat at the Strawberry Fete on November 26.



Jeff Cottle and Geoff Hall manning the barbecue at last month's courts opening.



Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick, Marlene Megaw, Strathalbyn Oval Controlling Committee Chairman Craig Maidment, and Kevin Snow cut the ribbon and officially open the Strathalbyn netball and basketball courts on November 30.



Rob Eckert organising items into hampers earlier this month. Photo: Tara Nash



Jedd Oster-Ives was this year's Strawberry Eating Senior Champion at last month's Strawberry Fete.



# THE GIFT OF KINDNESS

The festive season can be a magical and joyous time, but it can also be financially challenging, busy, and stressful.

Many people are doing it tough with the cost of living biting hard, and a way to help and make people feel better, including yourself, is to give the gift of kindness.

The amazing thing about being kind is that it not only helps the recipient of your care and compassion – it also benefits you, the giver, in so many ways.

### Kindness – the gift that keeps on giving

Kindness tends to be contagious (in a good way). If you are the recipient of kindness, it can spur you on to think of others and, in turn, do a good deed for someone else. Research also shows the happiness people get from giving to others creates a ‘positive feedback loop.’ The more you give, the more positive you feel, which leads to feeling more inclined to help others.<sup>1</sup>

### Benefits of a kind act

If you feel good after you have done something nice for someone else, you are not just basking in the psychological glow of a job well done and the thanks they gave you. Biologically, kindness releases chemicals like oxytocin, which helps us form social bonds based on trust and give us a sense of belonging and community, and serotonin, which promotes a feeling of calmness and combats depression. There are a host of other physical benefits that can come from doing something nice for others. Doing a good deed has been proven to lower blood pressure, improve the health of your heart, reduce anxiety and stress, and even boost immunity.<sup>2</sup>

### Random acts of kindness

Being kind is all about the small things. You do not need to be daunted by the effort or expense of a grand gesture. By keeping it small, it’s easy to include random acts of kindness in your daily routine. These could be as simple as complimenting a co-worker or contacting a friend to check in and see how they are. If this is not something that comes naturally to you, try consciously aiming

to do one nice thing for someone each day, and if kindness is on your radar, try working some randomness in as well. Open the door for the person struggling with their groceries or pay forward that coffee in the café you always go to.

### Being kind to yourself

Finally, fostering kindness is not just about being kind to others. As kids our parents said ‘treat others as you would like to be treated’, but often we are not as kind to ourselves. A little positive self-talk and self-care can go a long way when it comes to looking after yourself and it’s not selfish to do so. Each act of kindness can change the way we see ourselves and others, as well as how others see us, so when faced with the choice of how to react to a particular situation, take the opportunity to be kind and offer that gift this festive season. Your Wealth Logic | KTA Financial Services team and advisers, Ryan Easton, Kym Thyer, Josh Pegler and Kamila Gallagher are being kind to each other and closing the office for the Christmas break from 5pm on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, and reopening at 9am on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

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# Blocks prepared and ready for Christmas settlement

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# Modern elegance meets historical charm

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Ray White Strathalbyn proudly presents a historic four-bedroom, two-bathroom circa 1890 built home situated on a spacious 1022sqm allotment at 4 Sandergrove Road, Strathalbyn.

Embark on a journey through the charming history of Strathalbyn, where a timeless gem awaits-a meticulously modernized 1890 home that seamlessly blends contemporary elegance with its original, enduring features.

Discover the allure of this residence, boasting four spacious bedrooms adorned with high ceilings, where the legacy of the past is preserved through three original fireplaces that grace three of the rooms.

As you traverse down the hall, you'll be greeted by the heart of the home - an

expansive open-plan living area, a testament to thoughtful design and functional luxury.

In the heart of this haven, a spacious kitchen beckons, offering ample cupboard space, a generous pantry, and an expansive breakfast bench - a delightful space where even the smallest hands can find joy in crafting school muffins.

The family room, a haven for gatherings of any size, opens up to panoramic views of the established gardens and the inviting courtyard - a sanctuary for family moments and shared memories.

Step onto the deck, where relaxation takes centre stage, providing the perfect backdrop for entertaining friends and family on weekends or a tranquil retreat after a demanding day's work.

Reclaim your weekends with the courtyard oasis - no lawns to mow, just established trees and gardens that require minimal attention.

At the rear of the yard, a studio awaits, offering an ideal space for a family office.

Experience a harmonious blend of history and modern living in this enchanting residence, where every corner tells a story of refined comfort and timeless allure.

Internal features:

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Circa 1890 built

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Four spacious bedrooms

- High ceilings
- Three fireplaces
- Option of two living areas
- Open plan living
- Split system air conditioning

External features:

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1022sqm allotment

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Courtyard gardens

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4.3 x 2.76m storage shed

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Spacious deck

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Established gardens

Nearby features:

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One-minute drive to Strathalbyn Football Oval

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Three-minute drive to historic Strathalbyn High Street



Located in the beautiful township of Strathalbyn, minutes to all amenities including parklands, shops, public transport and schools, this property exemplifies the ease of living and sets the benchmark for style and quality.

Strathalbyn is only a short 20-minute drive to Mt Barker or the rural city of Murray Bridge.

# Luxury living and panoramic views

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Ray White Strathalbyn proudly presents a four-bedroom, two-bathroom, 2009 built home situated on an impressive 8.9 hectare parcel of picturesque, primary production land.

Indulge in the expansive luxury of this residence featuring four generously proportioned bedrooms, with the master boasting a private ensuite and a capacious walk-in robe for secure storage.

Bedrooms two and three, equally spacious, come equipped with built-in robes, ensuring ample storage for all occupants.

The residence opens with a sophisticated living area at the forefront, ideal for a tranquil parents' retreat or a dedicated home theatre.

At the heart of this elegant abode lies the open-plan living area, seamlessly integrating a second lounge, a splendid dining space, and a state-of-the-art kitchen designed for culinary enthusiasts.

The kitchen is a masterpiece of

functionality and style, furnished with stainless steel appliances, a 700mm gas cooktop, and tastefully appointed shaker-style cabinets.

A standout feature is the kitchen's vantage point overlooking a captivating saltwater pool, creating an oasis within your own home.

Ensuring year-round comfort for family and guests, the residence is equipped with two split-system reverse cycle air conditioners and a central slow combustion heater.

Strategically positioned in the heart of the home, the heater guarantees a cosy ambiance regardless of the weather outside.

Step outside into your private retreat, where the cares of the world dissolve amidst the backdrop of lush, green hills.

The outdoor space features an expansive entertainment area, perfect for hosting family events.

Revel in relaxation as you absorb the panoramic views while remaining in close proximity to the inviting saltwater pool - an idyllic setting for endless summer enjoyment.

For those with a desire for craftsmanship, the property offers ample shedding to house weekend tools and provide ample space for a workshop.

The main attraction is an American barn style shed with concrete flooring, measuring an impressive 8m x 16m, accompanied by an attached implement shed measuring 4m x 16m-an ideal haven for the discerning handyman.

For equestrian enthusiasts, adjacent to the shed, discover three meticulously fenced and secure yards, providing an ideal haven for your equine companions to gracefully and

- joyfully spend their days in leisure.
- This property seamlessly combines sophistication with practicality, offering a lifestyle of comfort, convenience, and endless possibilities.
- Internal features:

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2009 built

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Four spacious bedrooms

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Ensuite

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Three living areas

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Combustion heater

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Split system air conditioning
- External features:

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8.9 hectares

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Salt water pool

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American barn style shed

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150,000 litre rainwater tank plumbed to the home

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50,000 litre River water tank plumbed through-out the property

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4.8kW solar system with battery

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1.5kW grid connected solar system
- Nearby features:

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Five-minute drive to local schools

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Five-minute drive to Callington Oval

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Eight-minute drive to Olearia Mountain Bike Trail

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16-minute drive to Monarto Zoo



The property is located approximately 2km from the South Eastern Freeway via the Callington exit.

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The family behind Hoad Fisheries have had a strong few years of pipi harvesting. INSET: Hoad Fisheries follows hand harvesting techniques to catch pipis.

**By Tara Nash**

Local fishers are reaping the benefits of pipis high spawning rate over the past few years.

Fisher Darren Hoad has found it “unbelievable” how local pipis have spawned “non-stop” for the past three years.

“Now they’ve grown to pretty good-sized pipis and we’re reaping that reward now,” he said.

He credits this to recent floods and fishing quotas, but over his 45 years in the field, has found their population sizes cyclical.

Mr Hoad remembers finding none on the beach during a drought, but then a few years later, they were “as thick as anything”.

He joins the family business Hoad Fisheries with his brother and two nephews, typically working out of the Mundoo Channel.

Being uniquely positioned at the Murray Mouth, Mr Hoad believes the local area is the best spot in Australia to fish for pipis.

His family business is a shareholder and one of the harvest crews for Goolwa Pipi Co.

Hand harvesting allows the fishers to feel connected to the pipis, be mindful of their sustainable impact, and honour long-held local traditions.

In Ngarrindjeri, pipis are called kuti and have been harvested from the Coorong for 19,000 years.

“There’s no real secret to it – just feel around in the sand,” Mr Hoad advised recreational fishers.

“The best way to find them, if you don’t know what you’re looking for, is feel with your feet and you’ll feel them just under the sand.”

The legal length for pipis is 3.5cm, which is typically when they are 13-months-old and sexually mature, and they can grow to 5cm, with the biggest Mr Hoad has ever seen at 7cm.

Typically, their lifespan is quoted at five years, however, after spending years on the beach and seeing them grow over time, Mr Hoad believes it’s closer to seven or eight years.

Cooking at home, the shellfish can be prepared “a million different ways”, with Mr Hoad’s favourite being cooking them in a wok with garlic and Worcestershire sauce.



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# Wild weather wipes out local cherries

By Tara Nash

Residents are being reminded to support local farmers after the recent wild storms that lashed South Australia left some farmers devastated by the impact.

Many fruit producers in the Adelaide Hills lost at least 50 per cent of their fruit, while others lost entire crops, and the total damage bill could be potentially more than \$15 million.

Paris Creek Cherries lost about 70 per cent of its fruit from its 4.5-acre orchard – equivalent to about \$70,000 worth.

Before the deluge of rain, which reportedly recorded about 100ml in the town within days, farmer Steve Gibbons was expecting an “absolute bumper crop”.

Around May-June during pollination and the trees flowering, it was “perfect” weather conditions, and more recently, the trees were loaded with cherries.

“We took off a tonne of cherries off one little block – one variety – and that was just one pick,” Mr Gibbons said.

“I was very optimistic for a great season.”

However, the few days of recent downpour broke the skins of many of the nearly-ripe cherries and split them open.



Paris Creek Cherries farmer Steve Gibbons lost about 70 per cent of his fruit in the recent storms. Photos: Tara Nash



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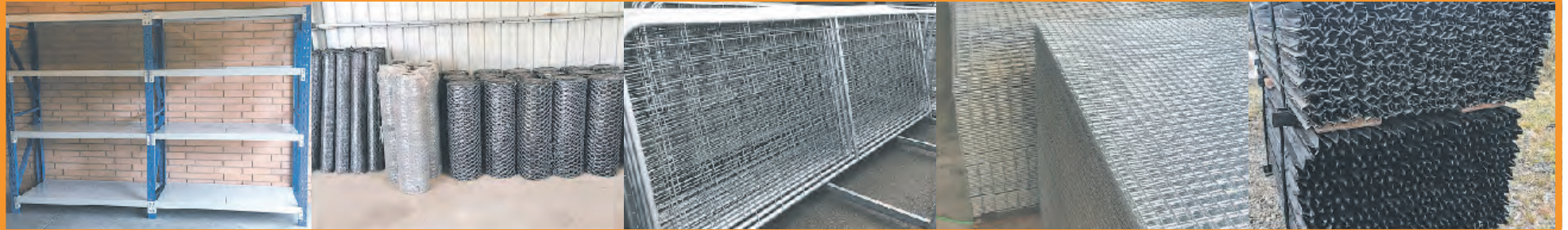


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Calls for support for farmers



Some of the cherries withstood the weather and are being picked. INSET: Cherries are sorted and packed at Paris Creek Cherries' Bull Creek Road shopfront.



“I was expecting to produce five to six tonnes this year, and we’re going to struggle to produce two – we may or may not cover the cost of growing them,” Mr Gibbons said. “(The rain just prior) wasn’t too bad – that swelled the cherries quite nicely. “We had very minor damage from that, but this rain and humidity just destroyed everything. “It’s the life of a farmer, (wanting to) control the weather. “It happens – all your best laid plans, you think you’re going to have a great season, and suddenly it’s all taken away.” State Opposition Leader David Speirs is calling on the State Government to provide financial assistance to fruit producers after the storms or to fund a marketing campaign to encourage South Australians to buy imperfect fruit.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven believes that while severe weather reduced harvest of local cherries, a “sufficient supply” will still be available for Christmas. “We’re encouraging all South Australians to show our primary producers and farmers across the state we’re supporting them and their families by buying local produce this Christmas season,” she said. Harvest was about 10 days earlier than last year, and with typical conditions, Mr Gibbons expects to sell cherries from the middle of December through to a week into the new year. Mr Gibbons moved to the Paris Creek farm two years ago from Tasmania with his wife, and grows three varieties of cherries and runs a small flock of sheep. The team sort and pack cherries at their Bull Creek Road shopfront where cherries

are sold to the public. Work is needed on the orchard on and off for most of the year, including pruning, spraying trees and monitoring pests such as cherry slugs. Meanwhile, other farmers in the region may have been impacted by the rain, something wheat farmer Brett Phillips will discover during harvest. Before the bad weather, he harvested some cereals, but still has about 250 hectares left to work on. “The days after (storms), the humidity and the drizzly conditions probably cause the most problems,” he said. “(The rain can) make it grow in the head or try to shoot and it loses quality that way, because if you want milling wheat, you can’t have it sprouted – it’s got to be dry, sound grain.” So, if wheat is damaged, it may be

downgraded to possibly feed grain. Local grape growers generally fared okay through the storms, as they are often prepared for rain. Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Inc Executive Officer Lian Jaensch believes the main impact could be heightened disease pressure, but most growers should be okay as they have spray programs in place. “Powdery mildew can be an issue... you can get leaf damage, but only if it’s really severe and that can affect things down the track, so fingers crossed we’re okay,” she said. “People in the industry are pretty well-versed on spray programs to manage (powdery mildew) if it looks like it’ll be a wetter year. “Our berries are quite small, green and hard, so the rain hasn’t impacted (splitting skin).”

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'Ellie-May', Dean Hourigan, Ava Muchamore, aged six, 'Fallon' and Jane Hourigan get up close. Photos: Deirdre Graham

# Strathalbyn couple raising gentle giants



By Deirdre Graham

Dean and Jane Hourigan moved to Strathalbyn 31 years ago to raise their

five children. These days, the children have all grown up and the couple have turned their attention to breeding Clydesdale and Clydesdale-cross horses. "I have always wanted a horse and wanted

to ride, which I did do," Mrs Hourigan said. "I don't ride anymore now, but it was always a childhood dream to have a horse, and now I have 33. "Dean and I have both had a love for Clydesdales, and as we have got more into

it, we have found the particular blood line we would like to continue with. "We just love their personality – they are very trainable, and they really are just big gentle giants." While Clydesdales have different blood lines, the Hourigans are pursuing the Scottish one. "First of all, they are big, as a general rule," Mrs Hourigan said. "The traditional Clydesdale tends to have a bay coat, and they usually have a beautiful personality, and you can train them for riding, eventing (if crossed), and of course, your carriage and harness, which is what a lot of people like to do with them. "As I said, we don't ride anymore now, but there are a couple that I might earmark later on to do some long reining, and possibly a carriage that I don't have at the moment, but I would be keen to have a think about. "But at this stage, we just really do the breeding, and each year our breeding seems to be improving with colour, eye colour, and personality standards." Clydesdales can grow to 17 hands high, which is about 1.75m, but despite their size, the Hourigans feel completely safe in their company. "The foals will come up to you, even at a couple of days old," Mr Hourigan said. "They will come up and let you have a pat, and lift their feet. Mrs Hourigan agreed. "My grand-daughter Ava is six, and I would take her out there and I would feel completely safe that she could wander around with them," she said. "I have a two-and-a-half year-old grand-daughter who loves to pat them. "They (both) have got favourite horses and they touch them, and interact with them. "If I had a hint of fear, I would not allow that, but because they are so gentle with them, why not?" Raising a Clydesdale or a Clydesdale-cross, however, is not an easy task. "Feeding is the big thing, and certainly training them," Mrs Hourigan said. "I am very pedantic about training my foals... we imprint when they are delivered, so we have a foal guard on which is connected to an alarm system in the house. "That way when we think the mares are getting close we bring them down to the house, put our foal guard on and be there at the delivery.

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Close bond between owners and horses

getting close we bring them down to the house, put our foal guard on, and be there at the delivery.

“It is important, we believe, that the foals are touched and hear our voices, and we interact with them.”

The close bond continues until they are sold or a decision has been made to keep them.

“(Even) as time progresses, if I call out into the paddock, their ears go up, and it is like they have remembered that voice right from an early age,” Mrs Hourigan said.

“They imprint with their parents and stuff, so I think it is very important to do that.”

Along with getting the feeding right for the horses to maintain their weight, comes care for the Clydesdale’s “feathered” hooves.

“Because they have got very hairy feet, in the winter we tend to coat them with a bit of pig oil, just to stop them from getting any mites or anything,” Mrs Hourigan said.

“We don’t really like using chemicals, but if we have to make sure their feathers are not invaded with insects and stuff, that is what we do.”

Meanwhile, in summer those with white faces will have a fly mask put on.

The Hourigans’ have sold their horses, both pure bred and crosses, throughout Australia.

“We have sold to WA and to the NT, Victoria and Queensland, and they have done exceptionally well,” Mrs Hourigan said.

“We usually wean them at about six-months-old, and sometimes if they are going to be on a long trip, we will keep them a bit longer and feed them up with a lot of protein so that they put on muscle, so that for their trip, they are in good condition.”

While Clydesdales might be large, they can still be ridden, especially if they are crossed with a sport horse.

“The Clydie-cross, as they call them, is very sought after nowadays for eventing because they have the Clydesdale bone structure and the endurance, but they might have the swiftness of the other breed that you put over them like a quarter horse,” Mrs Hourigan said.

“We do have crosses, and yes, they are very fast, and that is really what the crosses are sort after for – for eventing, hunting and dressage.”

Woolren Clydesdale and Drum Horse Stud is situated just out of Strathalbyn on Callington Road, and the Hourigans are proud of their family business.

“Jane and I run it, obviously, but the kids



Mum ‘Holly’ and foal ‘Lulu’.

are always available if we need a helping hand,” Mr Hourigan said.

“We are backed up by a master farrier – a very good vet – and if we need transport, we have a local transport company that will take our horses around Australia for us.”

New opportunities for wine industry

Bentleys SA, together with the South Australian Wine Industry Association (SAWIA) have released a new report, highlighting South Australian wine industry opportunities and trends with the most significant potential.

As the year comes to a close, the seventh annual Wine Industry Snapshot holds a positive yet pragmatic perspective on what is possible for the years ahead based on industry insights and trends from 2023.

The report analyses the results of a recent industry survey of 111 participants across the South Australian wine industry, representing various business sizes and wine regions.

It is intended to complement, not replace, other industry reports.

“The purpose of this report is to not only highlight trends and sentiment, but to establish a pathway to enable informed decision-making,” Bentleys SA Partner, Tim Siebert, said.

“The report acknowledges the industry difficulties highlighted by the survey, many of which mirror those from last year, including continuing oversupply, unprecedented low business confidence, human resources challenges, mental health concerns and financial issues.”

The survey and subsequent report also unearths industry opportunities with the most significant potential.

“Opportunities were identified in adapting to changing consumer preferences and responding to the rapid growth in sustainability and ESG practices,” Mr Siebert said.

“The report also points to the strategies favoured by industry businesses with higher confidence levels, such as diversification, differentiation and increasing profit margins.”

Emerging markets and niche opportunities also offered optimism, and growth in e-commerce and direct-to-consumer sales were viewed positively, especially by larger and medium-sized businesses.

While there is no one-size-fits all solution, effective strategies are being adopted and proven, and can be tailored to the individual business with the assistance of specialist advice.

In summary, 2023 marked a resolute year for the Australian wine industry, characterised by resilience and adaptability in the face of industry-wide challenges and changes.

The industry has what it takes to overcome current challenges — strategic tools, business information and specialist advice will be fundamental to success.

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Calcium	Ca	39.82%
As Calcium Oxide	CaO	55.72%
As Calcium Carbonate	CaCO3	99.45%
Magnesium	Mg	0.23%
As Magnesium Oxide	MgO	0.38%
As Magnesium Carbonate	MgCO3	0.80%
As CaCO3 Equivalent		0.95%
TNV – TOTAL NEUTRALISING VALUE (In terms of CaCO3)		100%
FINENESS TEST SIEVE NO		>850 Micron 21.9%
		300-850 Micron 32.8%
		<300 Micron 45.2%
ENV – EFFECTIVE NEUTRALISING VALUE		67.0%
SULFUR	SO4-S%	< 0.05%
Kgs Total CA per tonne		398.2
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Television Guide

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 21	6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News Mornings 10:00 The Pacific 10:30 That Pacific Sports Show 11:00 Christmas Sounds Better This Year 12:00 ABC News At Noon 1:00 Vera (M v) 2:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 3:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 3:30 <b>Movie</b> : "The Flight Before Christmas" (M) ('15) Stars: Mayim Bialik 4:00 Back In Time For Dinner (PG) 5:00 Back Roads 5:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 6:00 Great Australian Stuff (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 7.30 (PG) 8:00 Project Wild (PG) 8:30 Grand Designs (PG) 9:20 Lucy Worsley - Agatha Christie Mystery Queen (PG) 10:20 You Can't Ask That (M I,s) 10:50 Whitney (M d,I) 12:50 Nigella's Christmas Table 1:50 Parkinson In Australia (PG) 3:05 rage (MA15+)	5:00 Children's Programs 12:35 Tik Tak 1:00 Peppa Pig 1:40 Ana Pumpkin 1:55 hoopla doopla! 2:35 Thomas And Friends 2:55 Mecha Builders 3:30 Play School 4:00 Andy's Wild Adventures 4:25 Reef School 5:00 Peppa Pig 5:30 Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes 6:10 PJ Masks 6:30 Mecha Builders 7:05 Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures 7:30 Spicks And Specks 8:00 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG) 8:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 9:00 Gruen (MA15+) 9:40 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 10:20 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (PG) 10:45 Adam Hills: The Last Leg (M) 11:25 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG) 11:55 Live At The Apollo (M I,s) 12:45 Louis Theroux: Law And Disorder In Lagos (M I,v)	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show 12:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Candy Cane Candidate" (PG) ('21) Stars: Jacky Lai 2:00 Border Security International (PG) 2:30 Christmas With The Salvos (PG) 3:00 The Chase UK (PG) 4:00 Seven News At 4 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: BBL: Melbourne Renegades v Brisbane <b>"Live"</b> From Marvel Stadium 10:30 <b>Movie</b> : "Cold Pursuit" (MA15+) ('19) Stars: Liam Neeson 12:55 Black-ish: Every Day I'm Struggling (PG) 1:25 Harry's Practice 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE's Morning News 12:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Dancing Through Christmas" (PG) ('21) Stars: AnnaLynne McCord 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat 5:00 NINE's Afternoon News 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Great Getaways (PG) 8:30 RPA (M) 9:30 Children's Hospital (PG) 10:30 Chicago Med: Things Meant To Be Bent Not Broken (MA15+) 11:20 Emergency Call (M) 12:10 Tipping Point (PG) 1:05 Pointless (PG) 2:00 Drive TV 2:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 7:30 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 8:00 Farm To Fork 8:30 Judge Judy (PG) 9:00 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:30 Neighbours (PG) 10:00 Studio 10 (PG) 12:00 10 News First 1:00 Dr Phil (M) 2:00 The Bachelors Australia (PG) 3:30 Farm To Fork 4:00 Neighbours (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts: Betwixmas 8:30 Law & Order: SVU: Blood Out/ Intersection (M v) 10:30 Blue Bloods: Poetic Justice (M v) 11:30 Women Of The Movement: The Last Word (PG) 1:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:30 CBS Mornings	5:00 Worldwatch 9:10 Legacy List With Matt Paxton 10:15 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:05 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:05 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate (PG) 2:55 Mastermind Australia (PG) 3:25 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:55 Great Continental Railway Journeys (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Secret World Of Snacks: Xmas Chocolate 8:30 Megabridges - Spanning The Void (In English/ French) 9:30 The Doll Factory (M) 11:30 SBS World News Late 12:00 Mr Mercedes: No Good Deed/ Madness/ Love Lost (MA15+) 3:25 Going Places With Ernie Dingo (PG) 4:20 Bamay
FRIDAY DECEMBER 22	6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News Mornings 10:00 The Dark Side Of The Universe 11:00 The Great Australian Bee Challenge 12:00 ABC News At Noon 1:00 Vera (M v) 2:30 Christmas With Poh 3:10 George Clarke's Amazing Christmas Spaces 3:55 Back In Time For Dinner 5:00 Back Roads 5:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 6:00 Back In Time For The Corner Shop: 1850-1919 (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 Camilla's Country Life (M I) 8:30 Midsomer Murders: The Curse Of The Ninth (M v) 10:00 Life (M I) 11:00 Wakefield (M I) 11:55 rage (MA15+)	5:00 Children's Programs 12:00 Teletubbies 12:35 Tik Tak 1:00 Peppa Pig 1:40 Ana Pumpkin 1:55 hoopla doopla! 2:35 Thomas And Friends 2:55 Mecha Builders 3:30 Play School 4:00 Andy's Wild Adventures 4:25 Reef School 5:00 Peppa Pig 5:30 Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes 6:10 PJ Masks 6:30 Lu And The Bally Bunch 7:05 Gardening Australia Junior 7:30 Spicks And Specks 8:00 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG) 8:30 <b>Movie</b> : "Boy" (M d,I,v) ('10) Stars: Taika Waititi 9:55 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG) 10:25 QI: O Christmas (PG) 11:00 Ghosts (PG) 11:30 Killing Eve: Meetings Have Biscuits (M v) 12:15 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (PG) 1:00 ABC News Update	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show 12:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Candy Coated Christmas" (PG) ('21) Stars: Molly McCook 2:00 Border Security International (PG) 2:30 Surf Patrol 3:00 The Chase UK (PG) 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 <b>Movie</b> : "We Bought A Zoo" (PG) ('11) Stars: Matt Damon 11:05 <b>Movie</b> : "Tully" (M I,s) ('18) Stars: Charlize Theron 1:05 12 Monkeys: Guardians (MA15+) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE's Morning News 12:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Family For Christmas" (G) ('15) Stars: Lacey Chabert 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat 5:00 NINE's Afternoon News 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 For The Love Of Pets (PG) 8:30 <b>Movie</b> : "Jingle All The Way" (PG) ('96) Stars: Arnold Schwarzenegger 10:15 <b>Movie</b> : "Four Holidays" (M s) ('08) Stars: Vince Vaughn 11:50 <b>Movie</b> : "Family For Christmas" (G) ('15) Stars: Lacey Chabert 2:30 Surfing Australia TV 3:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Postcards Summer (PG) 4:30 Home Shopping 5:30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 7:30 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 8:00 Farm To Fork 8:30 Judge Judy (PG) 9:00 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:30 Neighbours (PG) 10:00 Studio 10 (PG) 12:00 10 News First 1:00 Dr Phil (M) 2:00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly 3:00 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 3:30 Judge Judy (PG) 4:00 Farm To Fork 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 The Graham Norton Show (M I,s) 9:30 My Life Is Murder: Staying Mum/ Killer Fashion (M v) 11:30 Good Sam: To Whom It May Concern (M) 12:30 The Project (PG) 1:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) 2:30 Home Shopping	5:00 Worldwatch 9:05 Legacy List With Matt Paxton 10:15 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:05 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:15 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate (PG) 3:10 Mastermind Australia (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 7:35 Christmas Carols From London Coliseum 8:30 Cecil - The Real Lion King (PG) 9:25 Lapland - The Ultimate Winter Wonderland (PG) 10:15 SBS World News Late 10:45 L'Opera (M d,I,s) (In French) 11:45 Sisi (MA15+) (In German) 2:45 Nine Perfect Strangers (M I,v) 3:30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo (PG)
SATURDAY DECEMBER 23	6:00 rage (PG) 7:00 Weekend Breakfast 9:00 rage (PG) 10:30 rage Guest Programmer (PG) 12:00 ABC News At Noon 12:30 Midsomer Murders: The Curse Of The Ninth (PG) 2:10 The Durrells (PG) 2:30 You Can't Ask That: Ex-Reality TV Stars (M I) 3:05 The Durrells (PG) 3:50 <b>Movie</b> : "Robin Hood: Men In Tights" (PG) ('93) Stars: Cary Elwes 5:30 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 6:00 Royal Carols - Together At Christmas 2022 7:00 ABC News 7:30 All Creatures Great And Small (PG) 8:20 Shakespeare And Hathaway: Christmas Special (M) 9:05 Vera: Natural Selection (M v) 10:35 The Capture (M I,v) 11:35 rage Guest Programmer (MA15+) 5:00 rage (MA15+)	5:00 Children's Programs 12:00 In The Night Garden 12:35 Tik Tak 1:00 Peppa Pig 1:40 Ana Pumpkin 1:55 hoopla doopla! 2:35 Thomas And Friends 2:55 Aliens Love Underpants And Panta Claus 3:30 Play School 4:00 Andy's Wild Adventures 4:25 Reef School 5:00 Peppa Pig 5:30 Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes 6:10 PJ Masks 6:30 Fireman Sam 6:45 <b>Movie</b> : "Shaun The Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas" (G) ('21) Stars: Justin Fletcher 7:20 Bluey 7:30 Spicks And Specks 8:00 QI (PG) 8:30 Live At The Apollo (MA15+) 9:15 The Stand Up Sketch Show (M I) 9:40 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (PG) 10:05 Melbourne Comedy Festival 2021 (M d,I,s) 11:00 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road (M d,I)	6:00 NBC Today 7:00 Weekend Sunrise 10:00 The Morning Show - Weekend (PG) 11:30 Seven's Horse Racing: Randwick/ The Valley/ Eagle Farm <b>"Live"</b> 5:00 Seven News At 5 5:30 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer: Countdown To Carols 7:30 Woolworths Carols In The Domain "Replay" 10:00 NSW Schools Spectacular 2023: Fabulous! "Replay" 12:45 12 Monkeys: Enemy (MA15+) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Get Clever 5:00 My Greek Odyssey (PG)	6:00 Hello SA (PG) 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) 7:00 Weekend Today 10:00 Today Extra Summer 12:00 Cybershack (PG) 12:30 Great Australian Detour 1:00 Garden Gurus Moments 1:05 Iconic Australia (PG) 2:15 Great Getaways (PG) 3:15 <b>Movie</b> : "Journey Back To Christmas" (G) ('16) Stars: Candace Cameron Bure 5:00 NINE News: First At Five 5:30 Country House Hunters Australia 6:00 NINE News Saturday 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Christmas With Delta (PG) 8:30 <b>Movie</b> : "Fred Claus" (PG) ('07) Stars: Vince Vaughn 10:50 The Hundred With Andy Lee (PG) 11:45 <b>Movie</b> : "Charming Christmas" (G) ('16) Stars: Julie Benz 1:20 Country House Hunters Australia 1:50 Explore 2:00 Religious Programs	6:00 What's Up Down Under 6:30 Religious Programs 7:00 Reel Action 7:30 My Market Kitchen 8:00 I Fish 8:30 Farm To Fork 9:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 9:30 10 Minute Kitchen 10:00 Studio 10: Saturday 12:00 Luxury Escapes 12:30 The Yes Experiment (PG) 1:00 The Bachelors Australia (PG) 2:30 Jamie's One Pan Christmas 3:30 Lucca's Key Ingredient 4:00 My Market Kitchen 4:30 Farm To Fork 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Jamie Oliver - Cooking For Less 7:00 The Dog House: Christmas Special (PG) 8:00 Ambulance (PG) 10:30 CSI: Vegas: Dead Memories/ Shell Game/ Dying Words (PG) 1:30 Home Shopping 4:30 Authentic (PG) 5:00 Religious Programs	5:00 Worldwatch 9:10 Peer To Peer: Yo Yo Ma 9:40 Lap Of Luxury - Escapes Down Under (PG) 10:10 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Figure Skating: ISU Highlights 4:35 The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites 4:40 Kelly Clarkson - When Christmas Comes... 5:35 Wonders Of The World I Can't See (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Hidden Treasures Of The National Trust 8:40 Highclere - The Real Downton Abbey (PG) 9:35 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys: The Neapolitan Line, Italy (PG) 10:30 Secrets Of The Royal Palaces (PG) 11:20 Rex In Rome: The House Of Ghosts/ All In One Night (M v) (In Italian) 1:10 The Indian Pacific: The Full Journey
SUNDAY DECEMBER 24	6:00 rage (PG) 7:00 Weekend Breakfast 9:00 Pilgrimage 10:00 Gardening Australia 11:00 Compass (PG) 11:30 Songs Of Praise 12:00 ABC News At Noon 12:30 Landline Summer 1:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Gangsta Granny Strikes Again!" (G) ('22) Stars: Griff Rhys Jones 1:55 Maggie Beer's Christmas Feast 2:25 All Creatures Great And Small (PG) 3:15 Grand Designs: South Lakeland (PG) 4:00 Project Wild (PG) 4:30 The Gospel According To Marcia 6:00 Antiques Roadshow 7:00 ABC News Summer 7:30 <b>Movie</b> : "The King's Speech" (M I) ('10) Stars: Colin Firth 9:25 The Larkins At Christmas (PG) 10:35 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering (M) 11:35 Christmas Cabaret	5:00 Children's Programs 12:00 In The Night Garden 12:35 Tik Tak 1:00 Peppa Pig 1:35 Ana Pumpkin 1:45 hoopla doopla! 2:35 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom 3:00 Kangaroo Beach 3:10 A Very Play School Christmas 4:00 Mecha Builders 4:25 Fireman Sam 4:55 Peppa Pig 5:30 PJ Masks Save Christmas 5:55 Hey Duggee 6:30 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom 7:05 Adventures Of Paddington 7:30 Spicks And Specks 8:00 QI (PG) 8:30 Louis Theroux: African Hunting Holiday (M v) 9:30 You Can't Ask That (M I) 10:05 Doc Martin (PG) 10:50 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 11:35 <b>Movie</b> : "Empire Records" (M) ('95) Stars: Anthony LaPaglia 1:00 ABC News Update	6:00 NBC Today 7:00 Weekend Sunrise 10:00 The Morning Show - Weekend (PG) 12:00 Jabba's School Holiday Movie Special (PG) 12:30 <b>Movie</b> : "Every Other Holiday" (AKA 'A Holiday Wish Come True") (PG) ('18) Stars: Schuyler Fisk 2:30 <b>Movie</b> : "A Christmas Number One" (PG) ('21) Stars: John Novotny 5:00 Seven News At 5 5:30 South Aussie With Cosi 6:00 Seven News 7:00 The 1% Club (PG) 8:05 <b>Movie</b> : "National Lampoon's Vacation" (M d,I) ('83) Stars: Chevy Chase 10:15 <b>Movie</b> : "The Blues Brothers" (M I,v) ('80) Stars: John Belushi 1:00 Bates Motel: The Escape Artist (MA15+) 2:00 Home Shopping 3:30 Harry's Practice 4:00 Million Dollar Minute 4:30 NBC Today	6:00 Fishing Australia 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) 7:00 Weekend Today 10:00 Golf: Cathedral Invitational Highlights 11:00 Cross Court 11:30 Iconic Australia 12:30 Fishing Australia 1:00 Drive TV 1:30 Explore 1:40 The Pet Rescuers (PG) 2:10 For The Love Of Pets (PG) 3:10 <b>Movie</b> : "Wishin' And Hopin'" (PG) ('14) Stars: Wyatt Ralff 5:00 NINE News: First At Five 5:30 Hello SA (PG) 6:00 NINE News Sunday 7:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 8:00 Carols By Candlelight <b>"Live"</b> From Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl (PG) 11:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Christmas In The City" (PG) ('13) Stars: Ashley Williams 12:50 <b>Movie</b> : "The Breakfast Club" (PG) ('85) Stars: Emilio Estevez 2:50 Explore 3:00 Home Shopping	6:00 Religious Programs 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 8:30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohy 9:00 Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts 10:00 Studio 10: Sunday (PG) 12:00 Jamie Oliver Cooking For Less 1:00 Second Chance Champions (PG) 2:00 Food Trail: South Africa 2:30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 3:00 My Market Kitchen 3:30 Good Chef Bad Chef 4:00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly 5:00 10 News First 6:00 <b>Movie</b> : "The Paw Patrol Movie" (G) ('21) Stars: Tyler Perry 7:40 Have You Been Paying Attention To 2023 (PG) 8:50 <b>Movie</b> : "Top Gun" (PG) ('86) Stars: Tom Cruise 11:05 <b>Movie</b> : "Daddy's Home 2" (PG) ('17) Stars: Will Ferrell 1:00 Home Shopping 4:30 CBS Mornings	5:00 Worldwatch 9:00 Destination Flavour Singapore Bitesize 9:10 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize 9:15 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 1:00 Motorsport: Speedweek 3:00 Figure Skating: ISU Highlights 5:30 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize 5:35 Wonders Of The World I Can't See: Colosseum (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Tis Tis Season: The Holidays On Screen (PG) 9:00 Roberta Flack (PG) 10:35 Big Fat Quiz Of Sport (M d,I,n,s) 12:20 The Toys That Built The World: Masters Of Invention/ Clash Of The Toy Titans/ Toy Car Wars / Board Game Empires (PG) 3:25 Child Genius Australia (PG) 4:25 Bamay
MONDAY DECEMBER 25	6:00 rage Christmas Special (PG) 9:00 ABC News Mornings 9:30 The Pope's Christmas Mass 11:30 News Breakfast: Christmas Cracker 12:35 Bluey 12:55 Shaun The Sheep 1:15 <b>Movie</b> : "The King's Speech" (M I) ('10) Stars: Colin Firth 3:00 HM The King's Christmas Message 2023 3:10 The Larkins At Christmas (PG) 4:15 Bluey 4:25 <b>Movie</b> : "The Secret Garden" (G) ('93) Stars: Kate Maberly 6:00 TBA 7:00 ABC News Summer 7:30 HM The King's Christmas Message 2023 "Replay" 7:40 The Royal Variety Performance 2023 9:40 <b>Movie</b> : "Lion" (PG) ('16) Stars: Sunny Pawar (In Hindi/ Bengali/ English) 11:35 Lucy Worsley - Agatha Christie Mystery Queen (PG) 12:40 TBA 1:35 rage (MA15+)	5:00 Children's Programs 12:35 Tik Tak 1:00 Peppa Pig 1:35 Lu And The Bally Bunch 2:00 Peter Rabbit's Christmas Tale 2:25 Go Jetters 3:10 Fireman Sam 3:35 Play School 4:00 Andy's Wild Adventures 4:30 Reef School 5:00 Peppa Pig 5:40 Tish Tash 5:55 The Adventures Of Paddington 6:35 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom 6:55 Sir Mouse Christmas Special 7:30 Spicks And Specks 8:00 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG) 8:30 Mythbusters (PG) 9:20 Upstart Crow (PG) 9:50 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 10:40 The Stand Up Sketch Show (M I) 11:05 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG) 11:35 QI (M I) 12:05 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (M s) 12:30 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road (M d,I)	6:00 NBC Today 6:30 Woolworths Carols In The Domain "Replay" 9:00 Alinta Energy Christmas Pageant "Replay" 10:00 Mayor's Christmas Carols 2023 "Replay" 11:00 Sealink Carols By Candlelight "Replay" 1:30 Christmas With The Salvos 2:00 The Chase UK (PG) 3:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Crown For Christmas" (PG) ('15) Stars: Danica McKellar 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) 7:30 <b>Movie</b> : "Love Actually" (M I,n,s) ('03) Stars: Keira Knightley 10:15 <b>Movie</b> : "Groundhog Day" (PG) ('93) Stars: Bill Murray 12:25 Bates Motel: Plunge (MA15+) 1:25 Harry's Practice 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant 8:00 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols 2023 10:00 CMA Country Christmas (PG) 11:00 Christmas With Delta 12:00 The WIN Symphonic Orchestra Special 1:00 Carols By Candlelight (PG) 4:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Blizzard" (G) ('03) Stars: LeVar Burton 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 <b>Movie</b> : "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (PG) ('89) Stars: Chevy Chase 9:30 <b>Movie</b> : "Vegas Vacation" (PG) ('97) Stars: Chevy Chase 11:25 The King's Christmas Message 11:35 <b>Movie</b> : "The Jazz Singer" (PG) ('80) Stars: Neil Diamond 1:35 CMA Country Christmas (PG) 2:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:30 My Market Kitchen 7:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 7:30 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 8:00 Farm To Fork 8:30 Good Chef Bad Chef 9:00 Judge Judy (PG) 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 10:00 Studio 10 (PG) 12:00 Bondi Rescue (PG) 1:00 Dr Phil (M) 2:00 Jamie's One Pan Christmas 2:45 My Market Kitchen 3:00 The King's Christmas Message 3:15 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 3:30 Farm To Fork 4:00 Neighbours (PG) 4:30 Jamie's One Pan Christmas 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Bondi Rescue (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 The Cheap Seats (PG) 8:30 <b>Movie</b> : "How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days" (PG) ('03) Stars: Kate Hudson 10:50 <b>Movie</b> : "Just Like Heaven" (M) ('05) Stars: Reese Witherspoon	5:00 Worldwatch 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize 9:05 All Is Bright 10:20 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG) 12:10 Worldwatch 2:00 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 2:30 The Luxury Christmas Decorators 3:25 Silent Night: A Song For The World (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 The Story Of Irish Dance: Steps Of Freedom 9:05 Adele - 30 Greatest Moments (PG) 10:55 My Brilliant Friend (M I,v) (In Italian) 12:20 Boheme On The Beach (In Italian) 2:20 The Seekers - Live In The UK 4:15 Bamay 4:45 Destination Flavour Japan Bitesize
TUESDAY DECEMBER 26	6:00 The Homes That Built Australia (PG) 7:00 News Breakfast 9:30 Wildflowers Of The Midwest Of WA 10:00 Ask The Doctor (PG) 10:30 Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker! 12:00 ABC News At Noon 1:00 Vera (M v) 2:30 The Cook And The Chef 2:55 TBA 5:00 Back Roads 5:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 6:00 Back In Time For The Corner Shop (PG) 7:00 ABC News Summer 7:30 Call The Midwife (PG) 9:05 <b>Movie</b> : "Queen Of The Desert" (M s,v) ('15) Stars: Nicole Kidman (In English/ Arabic/ Turkish) 11:05 Mystify Michael Hutchence (M I) 12:45 Just Between Us: Family Is What You Make It (M I) 1:50 rage (MA15+) 4:30 Rosie Batt's One Plus One (M I) 4:00 Classic Countdown (PG) 5:00 Home - The Story Of Earth	5:00 Children's Programs 12:00 Teletubbies 12:35 Tik Tak 1:00 Peppa Pig 1:40 Ana Pumpkin 1:55 hoopla doopla! 2:35 Thomas And Friends 2:55 Mecha Builders 3:30 Play School 4:00 Andy's Wild Adventures 4:25 Reef School 5:00 Peppa Pig 5:30 Nella The Princess Knight 6:10 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom 7:05 Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures 7:30 Spicks And Specks 8:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 TBA 9:10 Ghosts (PG) 9:45 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 10:15 Rosehaven (PG) 10:45 Portlandia (M I) 11:30 State Of The Union (PG) 11:50 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG) 12:20 <b>Movie</b> : "Boy" (M d,I,v) ('10) Stars: Taika Waititi 1:45 ABC News Update	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 Cricket: Pre Game 10:00 Cricket: Australia v Pakistan: Test 2: Day 1 <b>"Live"</b> From The MCG 12:00 Cricket: Lunch Break 12:40 Cricket: Australia v Pakistan: Test 2: Day 1 <b>"Live"</b> From The MCG 2:40 Cricket: Tea Break 3:00 Cricket: Australia v Pakistan: Test 2: Day 1 <b>"Live"</b> From The MCG 5:30 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: BBL: Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Stars <b>"Live"</b> From The SCG 12:00 Bates Motel: Presumed Innocent (MA15+) 1:00 My Impossible House: First Time Home (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE's Morning News 12:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Love Upstream" (PG) ('21) Stars: Kimberly-Sue Murray 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE's Afternoon News 4:30 Millionaire Hot Seat 5:00 Millionaire Hot Seat 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Travel Guides: The Kimberley (PG) 8:30 <b>Movie</b> : "The Very Excellent Mr. Dundee" (M I) ('20) Stars: Paul Hogan 10:10 <b>Movie</b> : "Last Vegas" (M I,s) ('13) Stars: Kevin Kline 12:10 Tipping Point (PG) 1:05 Pointless (PG) 2:00 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything: Logie Laughs (PG) 2:50 9Honey - He Said, She Said (PG) 3:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:30 My Market Kitchen 7:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 7:30 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 8:00 Farm To Fork 8:30 Judge Judy (PG) 9:00 Jamie's One Pan Christmas 9:30 Neighbours (PG) 10:00 Studio 10 (PG) 12:00 Bondi Rescue (PG) 1:00 Dr Phil (M) 2:00 My Market Kitchen 2:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 3:00 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 3:30 Farm To Fork 4:00 Neighbours (PG) 4:30 Jamie's One Pan Christmas 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Bondi Rescue (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 Thank God You're Here (PG) 8:30 Inspired Unemployed (Impractical) Jokers (M s) 9:00 <b>Movie</b> : "The Italian Job" (M I,v) ('03) Stars: Mark Wahlberg 11:15 <b>Movie</b> : "The Bank Job" (M) ('08) Stars: Jason Statham	5:00 Worldwatch 9:10 Legacy List With Matt Paxton (PG) 10:15 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:05 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize 2:10 Patrizio Buanne - Celebration 3:10 Mastermind Australia (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 Who Do You Think You Are?: Melissa Etheridge (PG) 8:20 Whitney - Can I Be Me? (M d,I,s) 10:15 SBS World News Late 10:45 Das Boot (M v) (In German/ English) 12:40 Dear Mama (MA15+) (In Dutch/ Flemish) 2:50 Going Places With Ernie Dingo (PG) 3:50 Bamay
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27	6:00 The Homes That Built Australia (PG) 7:00 News Breakfast 9:30 Walking Man (PG) 10:00 Magda's Big National Health Check (PG) 11:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Gangsta Granny Strikes Again!" (G) ('22) Stars: Griff Rhys Jones 12:00 ABC News At Noon 1:00 Vera (M v) 2:30 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering 2023 (M I) 3:30 Call The Midwife (PG) 5:00 Back Roads 5:30 Hard Quiz (PG) 6:00 Back In Time For The Corner Shop (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2023 9:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Brooklyn" (M I,s) ('15) Stars: Saoirse Ronan 10:50 Adam Hills: The Last Leg (M I) 11:30 We Hunt Together (M I,s,v) 12:20 Life (M I) 1:20 Parkinson In Australia (PG) 2:25 rage (MA15+)	5:00 Children's Programs 11:00 Bluey 11:30 Play School 12:00 Teletubbies 12:35 Tik Tak 1:00 Peppa Pig 1:40 Ana Pumpkin 1:55 hoopla doopla! 2:35 Thomas And Friends 2:55 Mecha Builders 3:30 Play School 4:00 Gardening Australia Junior 4:25 Reef School 5:00 Peppa Pig 5:30 Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes 6:10 PJ Masks 6:30 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom 7:05 Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures 7:30 Spicks And Specks 8:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Doc Martin (PG) 9:20 Bay Of Fires (MA15+) 10:15 Killing Eve (MA15+) 11:00 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG) 11:30 Louis Theroux: African Hunting Holiday (M I,v) 12:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (PG) 12:55 ABC News Update	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 Cricket: Pre Game 10:00 Cricket: Australia v Pakistan: Test 2: Day 2 <b>"Live"</b> From The MCG 12:00 Cricket: Lunch Break 12:40 Cricket: Australia v Pakistan: Test 2: Day 2 <b>"Live"</b> From The MCG 2:40 Cricket: Tea Break 3:00 Cricket: Australia v Pakistan: Test 2: Day 2 <b>"Live"</b> From The MCG 5:30 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: BBL: Brisbane v Sydney Thunder <b>"Live"</b> From The Gabba 10:30 <b>Movie</b> : "The Game" (M I,s,v) ('97) Stars: Michael Douglas 1:10 Parenthood: Namaste No More (M d,s) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE's Morning News 12:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Sweet Autumn" (G) ('20) Stars: Nikki Deloach 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat 5:00 NINE's Afternoon News 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Taronga - Who's Who In The Zoo: Wild Dog Masego (PG) 8:30 Clarkson's Farm: Pan (Dem) lcking 9:30 Police Rescue Australia (PG) 10:30 The Equalizer: It Takes A Village (M v) 11:20 La Brea: The Storm (M v) 12:10 Tipping Point (PG) 1:05 Pointless (PG) 2:00 Our State On A Plate (PG) 2:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:30 My Market Kitchen 7:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 7:30 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 8:00 Farm To Fork 8:30 Judge Judy (PG) 9:00 Jamie's One Pan Christmas 9:30 Neighbours (PG) 10:00 Studio 10 (PG) 12:00 Bondi Rescue (PG) 1:00 Dr Phil (M) 2:00 My Market Kitchen 2:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 3:00 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 3:30 Farm To Fork 4:00 Neighbours (PG) 4:30 Jamie's One Pan Christmas 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Bondi Rescue (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 Thank God You're Here (PG) 8:30 Inspired Unemployed (Impractical) Jokers (M s) 9:00 <b>Movie</b> : "Forrest Gump" (PG) ('94) Stars: Tom Hanks 11:45 <b>Movie</b> : "Mission: Impossible" (M v) ('96) Stars: Tom Cruise	5:00 Worldwatch 9:10 Legacy List With Matt Paxton (PG) 10:20 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:10 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:15 Britain's Most Luxurious Hotels (PG) 3:10 Mastermind Australia (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 7:35 Madame Tussaud's - The Full Wax (M v) 8:30 Monster - The Mystery Of Loch Ness: The Hunt For The Monster (PG) 9:30 Fargo (PG) 10:30 SBS World News Late 11:00 Cobra (MA15+) 11:50 Max Anger - With One Eye Open: The Spy/ The Casting/ The Father/ The Truth (MA15+) (In English/ Russian/ Swedish)

Classifications: (G) General, (PG) Parental Guidance, (M) Mature Audiences, (MA15+) Mature Audience Over 15 Years  
Consumer Advice: (d) drug references, (s) sexual references or sex scenes (h) horror, (I) language, (mp) medical procedures, (n) nudity, (v) violence



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The Southern ARGUS Sport

WICKET WONDERS: Local players make state team

By Deirdre Graham

Langhorne Creek cricketers Troy Blackwell and Adam Clements are celebrating being selected in the South Australian country team.

The duo will take on the best cricketers in country Australia at a national carnival in Newcastle in early January.

The selection was extra sweet for Blackwell, who also made this year's state country team for football.

"Pretty excited to be able to test yourself against the best players in the country, so I'm pretty stoked," Blackwell said.

"My form has been not too bad, I guess.

"I would have liked to have taken a few more wickets, but I am going alright with the bat, so I guess that evens it out a little bit."

Likewise, Clements was "stoked" about the selection.

"It was always a goal of mine, so I'm pretty happy about it, and pretty pumped to go to a place I have never been – a cool part of Australia," Clements said.

"I have been going alright, getting a few wickets and a few runs, so hopefully, I can continue it on."

Both players are looking forward to testing themselves against the best players in country Australia, along with meeting fellow lovers of cricket.

"Country blokes, they always have a different bant than some other people you play," Clements said.

"It will be a fun week, and everyone will be there to enjoy it as well, so it will be competitive, but a good bit of bant too."

Blackwell's selection in both the cricket and footy country teams is believed to be just the seventh time in South Australian history.

"It is pretty cool," he said of the two accolades.

"I kind of set myself a goal to try and do it probably three years ago, so it is kind of nice to fulfill that goal and tick that box."

"I don't know what is next."

"Hopefully, multiple years in each goal, but it is nice to tick that box."

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President Trevor Potts congratulated both players, saying the club was proud of the two of them.

"Troy is known as a fast bowler, so he has been going very well with the ball, but his batting has been going very well too," Potts said.

"He has had a bit more opportunity up higher in the order and has responded very well, so he has taken his game to a new level – not just his bowling, but his batting is very good."

"Adam plays down in Adelaide at Kensington, with the odd game back here when he can when they are not playing down there."

"He is a fast bowler, but he is also a very good all-round cricketer."

"When he plays for us, he bats higher up the order and does well."

Potts said Blackwell and Clements showed their talent early in life.

"Adam has been a star since he was a young lad," he said.

"As a 12-year-old he played in our C Grade premiership side, which is a big achievement as a 12-year-old playing senior cricket, as well as opening the bowling as a 12-year-old in senior cricket."

"When he does that, you think he is destined for a big future."

Blackwell's journey was a little different.

"Troy has had a bit of a different pathway because he was originally from Milang," Potts said.

"He played a bit of junior cricket at Kensington as well, and was actually a leg spin bowler."

"He tried out for a few seasons down there as a junior and then he came back and played a few seasons for Milang."

"Then, when Milang folded, he came across to Langhorne Creek with his football and cricket, and has had amazing success with both sports with us."

The national carnival is believed to kick off on January 2, 2024.







Langhorne Creek cricketers Troy Blackwell and Adam Clements will test themselves against the best country cricketers in the nation in January.



Photo: Deirdre Graham





Alexandra & Eastern Hills Cricket Association - A Grade - Round 11

	<b>Hahndorf 10/127 def by Woodside 8/131</b>	
at Hahndorf Oval. Hahndorf A Grade won the toss and elected to bat.		
<b>Hahndorf 1st Innings:</b>		
		<b>R B 4S 6S SR</b>
Henry Baker	b: Nick Johns	.....1 2 0 0 50.00
Daniel Jenner (c)	lbw: Nick Johns	.....2 10 0 0 20.00
Lachlan HUXTABLE (vc)	b: Tommy Baldock	.....19 34 2 0 55.88
Henry Hassold	c: Tommy Baldock	b: Nick Johns.....19 40 2 0 47.50
Benjamin Montgomerie	not out	.....54* 71 4 2 76.05
Greg Hassold	c: Brad Collins	b: Nick Johns.....1 0 0 0 0.00
Andrew Baker	c: Brad Collins	b: Nick Johns.....4 0 0 0 0.00
Hayden Knappstein	c: Nick Johns	b: Harrison Reid.....4 13 1 0 30.76
Hudson Judd	b: Harrison Reid	.....10 0 0 0 0.00
Michael Shanahan	b: Chris Baschiera	.....16 13 1 1 123.07
Mark Trafford-Walker	lbw: Shane Druwitt	.....5 25 0 0 20.00
<b>Extras</b> 7 5WD 1NB 1LB 0B 0P <b>Total</b> 10 / 127 (37 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-3 Henry Baker, 2-5 Daniel Jenner, 3-33 Lachlan HUXTABLE, 4-53 Henry Hassold, 5-53 Greg Hassold, 6-54 Andrew Baker, 7-62 Hayden Knappstein, 8-68 Hudson Judd, 9-108 Michael Shanahan, 10-127 Mark Trafford-Walker <b>Bowling (O M WD NB W E R):</b> Nick Johns 9 1 28 5 3.11 3 0 Tommy Baldock 6 0 16 1 2.66 1 0 Shane Druwitt 7 0 22 1 3.14 0 1 Harrison Reid 7 2 21 2 3.00 0 0 Chris Baschiera 6 1 37 1 6.16 1 0 David Wescombe 2 0 2 0 1.00 0 0		
<b>Woodside 1st Innings:</b>		
		<b>R B 4S 6S SR</b>
Tommy Baldock	lbw: Mark Trafford-Walker.....	39 57 7 0 68.42
Trent Young	lbw: Hudson Judd .....	1 0 0 0 0.00
Brad Collins (c)	c: Henry Baker b: Lachlan Huxtable.....	18 29 2 0 62.06
James Bradley	c: H. Knappstein b: Mark Trafford-Walker .....	5 13 1 0 38.46
David Wescombe	b: Mark Trafford-Walker.....	9 9 1 0 100.00
Christopher Collins	c: Michael Shanahanb: Mark Trafford-Walker .....	6 38 0 0 15.78
Noah Bell	b: Michael Shanahan.....	7 23 0 0 30.43
Chris Baschiera	c: H. Knappstein b: Lachlan Huxtable.....	12 24 2 0 50.00
Shane Druwitt	not out .....	14* 21 2 0 66.66
Nick Johns	not out .....	14* 11 3 0 127.27
DNB: Harrison Reid		
<b>Extras</b> 7 3WD 3NB 1LB 0B 0P <b>Total</b> 8 / 131 (37.1 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-1 Trent Young, 2-60 Brad Collins, 3-66 Tommy Baldock, 4-71 James Bradley, 5-77 David Wescombe, 6-87 Noah Bell, 7-103 Christopher Collins, 8-103 Chris Baschiera <b>Bowling (O M WD NB W E R):</b> Hudson Judd 6 1 18 1 3.00 1 0 Michael Shanahan 9 1 35 1 3.88 1 0 Daniel Jenner (c) 4 0 26 0 6.50 0 1 Lachlan Huxtable (vc) 9 1 35 2 3.88 0 2 Mark Trafford-Walker 9 1 12 4 1.33 1 0 Henry Hassold 0 1 0 4 0 24.09 0 0		

	<b>Nairne 6/238 def Macclesfield 10/152</b>	
at Nairne Oval. Nairne A Grade won the toss and elected to bowl.		
<b>Nairne 1st Innings:</b>		
		<b>R B 4S 6S SR</b>
Richard Boscence	c: Lachlan Barrett b: Connor Moore.....	10 15 1 0 66.66
Zac Llewellyn	lbw: Lachlan Barrett .....	8 12 1 0 66.66
Luke Timmins (c)	c: Joseph Lions b: Luke Jones .....	46 65 5 0 70.76
Robert Crook (c)	lbw: Timothy Baldwin.....	47 91 6 1 51.64
Shane Kenney	c: David Schulze b: Connor Moore.....	24 30 1 3 80.00
Tom May	c: Oliver Llewellyn b: Connor Moore.....	37 17 0 0 41.17
Duncan Rogers	not out .....	32* 33 0 3 96.96
Chad Harrop	not out .....	24* 17 3 0 141.17
DNB: William Brooks, Caleb Walker, Nick Williams		
<b>Extras</b> 40 24WD 10NB 5LB 1B 0P <b>Total</b> 6 / 238 (45 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-17 Richard Boscence, 2-26 Zac Llewellyn, 3-138 Luke Timmins, 4-138 Robert Crook, 5-166 Tom May, 6-186 Shane Kenney <b>Bowling (O M WD NB W E R)</b> Lachlan Barrett (vc) 8 0 40 1 5.00 0 1 Connor Moore 8 1 37 3 4.62 2 1 Joseph Lions 5 0 21 0 4.20 7 0 Joshua Lewis-Burns 9 0 51 0 5.66 4 0 Kieran O'Connell 4 1 19 0 4.75 1 1 Timothy Baldwin 4 0 26 1 6.50 3 2 Luke Jones 3 0 16 1 5.33 5 2 Rowan Voogt 4 0 22 0 5.50 2 3		
<b>Macclesfield 1st Innings:</b>		
		<b>R B 4S 6S SR</b>
Thomas Filsell (c)	c: Luke Timmins b: Caleb Walker .....	1 0 0 0 0.00
David Schulze	c: Richard Boscenceb: William Brooks .....	34 29 4 0 117.24
Lachlan Barrett (vc)	c: Luke Timmins b: Caleb Walker .....	6 10 1 0 60.00
Joshua Lewis-Burns	c: Luke Timmins b: Chad Harrop.....	37 26 6 1 142.30
Kieran O'Connell	c: Nick Williams b: Duncan Rogers.....	1 0 0 0 0
Joseph Lions	run out: Richard Boscence.....	4 0 0 0 0
Connor Moore	c: Luke Timmins b: Nick Williams .....	13 0 1 0 0
Oliver Llewellyn	c: Luke Timmins b: William Brooks .....	2 0 0 0 0
Rowan Voogt	not out .....	8* 0 1 0 0
Timothy Baldwin	c: Luke Timmins b: Nick Williams .....	2 0 0 0 0
Luke Jones	st: Luke Timmins b: Nick Williams .....	12 0 1 0 0
<b>Extras</b> 33 22WD 8NB 2LB 1B 0P <b>Total</b> 10 / 152 (35.4 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-1 Thomas Filsell, 2-14 Lachlan Barrett, 3-75 Joshua Lewis-Burns, 4-82 Kieran O'Connell, 5-96 Joseph Lions, 6-117 David Schulze, 7-124 Oliver Llewellyn, 8-128 Connor Moore, 9-131 Timothy Baldwin, 10-152 Luke Jones <b>Bowling (O M WD NB W E R)</b> Caleb Walker 4 0 23 2 5.75 9 3 Tom May 6 0 28 0 4.66 4 0 Chad Harrop 8 2 33 1 4.12 1 1 Duncan Rogers 5 - 14 1 2.80 3 1 Nick Williams 6.3 - 32 3 4.92 4 3 William Brooks 6 - 19 2 3.16 2 -		

	<b>Bremer Callington 10/128 def by Lobethal 9/220</b>	
at Callington Oval. Lobethal A Grade won the toss and elected to bat.		
<b>Lobethal 1st Innings:</b>		
		<b>R B 4S 6S SR</b>
Sam Martin	c&b: Graydon Brand .....	6 9 1 0 66.66
Dave Huxter	c: Graydon Brand b: Ryder Dolman.....	58 113 2 1 51.32
Riley Harten	lbw: Graydon Brand .....	12 25 1 0 48.00
Lachlan Elsworthy	c: J. Fitzgerald b: Adam Roberts.....	33 26 4 0 126.92
Matthew Martin	b: Alexander Durbidge.....	21 17 2 1 123.52
Ben Matthews	b: Alexander Durbidge.....	40 56 4 0 71.42
William Zadow	c: Michael Heath b: Graydon Brand .....	1 5 0 0 20.00
Daniel Norsworthy	b: Graydon Brand .....	3 6 0 0 50.00
Jeremy Hackett	not out .....	8* 8 1 0 100.00
Sam Graeber	lbw: Graydon Brand .....	5 8 0 0 62.50
Mitchell Weeks (c)	not out .....	3* 1 0 0 300.00
<b>Extras</b> 30 15WD 4NB 9LB 2B 0P <b>Total</b> 9 / 220 (45 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-18 Sam Martin, 2-43 Riley Harten, 3-91 Lachlan Elsworthy, 4-113 Matthew Martin, 5-193 Dave Huxter, 6-194 William Zadow, 7-201 Ben Matthews, 8-201 Daniel Norsworthy, 9-217 Sam Graeber <b>Bowling (O M WD NB W E R)</b> Alexander Durbidge 9 0 37 2 4.11 8 0 Graydon Brand 9 1 25 5 2.77 1 1 Ryder Dolman 9 0 47 1 5.22 4 0 Jonathon Fitzgerald 9 1 32 0 3.55 0 2 Adam Roberts 3 0 35 1 11.66 1 1 Luke Birthisel 6 0 33 0 5.50 1 0		
<b>Bremer Callington 1st Innings:</b>		
		<b>R B 4S 6S SR</b>
Alexander Durbidge	run out .....	21 27 3 0 77.77
Hayden Massey	b: Dave Huxter .....	2 0 0 0 0.00
Michael Heath	c: Jeremy Hackett b: William Zadow .....	44 66 5 1 66.66
Jonathon Fitzgerald	b: Sam Graeber .....	8 32 0 0 25.00
Graydon Brand	b: Daniel Norsworthy .....	20 59 2 0 33.89
Doyle Kelly	lbw: Sam Martin .....	1 6 0 0 16.66
Luke Birthisel	b: Ben Matthews .....	13 32 2 0 40.62
Liam Kemp	b: Daniel Norsworthy .....	7 18 0 0 38.88
Cooper Dolman	c: ? b: Daniel Norsworthy .....	2 4 0 0 50.00
Ryder Dolman	b: Daniel Norsworthy .....	2 0 00.00 Adam
Roberts	not out .....	6* 6 0 0 100.00
<b>Extras</b> 6 4WD 1NB 0LB 1B 0P <b>Total</b> 10 / 128 (43 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-4 Hayden Massey, 2-38 Alexander Durbidge, 3-72 Jonathon Fitzgerald, 4-76 Michael Heath, 5-77 Doyle Kelly, 6-106 Luke Birthisel, 7-119 Liam Kemp, 8-121 Cooper Dolman, 9-121 Ryder Dolman, 10-128 Graydon Brand <b>Bowling (O M WD NB W E R)</b> Daniel Norsworthy 8 1 26 4 3.25 0 0 Lachlan Elsworthy 5 0 21 0 4.20 0 0 Sam Graeber 6 2 9 1 1.50 0 0 Jeremy Hackett 4 0 15 0 3.75 0 0 Riley Harten 1 0 5 0 5.00 0 0 Dave Huxter 5 0 21 1 4.20 0 0 Matthew Martin 2 2 0 0 0.00 0 0 Ben Matthews 2 0 6 1 3.00 0 0 William Zadow 5 0 14 1 2.80 2 0 Sam Martin 5 1 10 1 2.00 2 1		

	<b>Strathalbyn 10/165 def by Langhorne Creek 10/174</b>	
at Strathablyn Oval. Strathalbyn A Grade won the toss and elected to bowl..		
<b>Langhorne Creek 1st Innings:</b>		
		<b>R B 4S 6S SR</b>
Daniel Kropp	c: Lachlan Cutting b: Brayden Gaiter .....	1 0 0 0 0.00
Jaspa Tonkin	c: Luke Cousins b: Nick Evenden .....	35 49 4 0 71.42
Wessel van Wyk	c: Nathan Pelle b: Matthew Harris.....	12 25 1 0 48.00
Brayden Frost	c: Luke Cousins b: Nick Evenden .....	33 42 5 0 78.57
Brodie O'Dea (c)	b: Matthew Harris .....	13 17 2 0 76.47
Benjamin Warren	c: Luke Cousins b: Matthew Harris.....	2 12 0 0 16.66
Jagga Kotz	run out: Mark Abbott, Luke Cousins .....	1 0 0 0 0.00
Troy Blackwell	c: Riley Tonkin b: Lachlan Cutting .....	41 39 1 2 105.12
Daniel Cleggett	c: Luke Cousins b: Brayden Gaiter .....	7 0 0 0 0.00
Bradley Clements	c: Luke Cousins b: Lachlan Cutting .....	26 47 3 0 55.31
Darcy Paech	not out .....	2* 2 0 0 100.00
<b>Extras</b> 10 7WD 0NB 2LB 1B 0P <b>Total</b> 10 / 174 (40.2 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-0 Daniel Kropp, 2-42 Wessel van Wyk, 3-86 Brayden Frost, 4-87 Jaspa Tonkin, 5-96 Benjamin Warren, 6-100 Jagga Kotz, 7-102 Brodie O'Dea, 8-104 Daniel Cleggett, 9-165 Troy Blackwell, 10-174 Bradley Clements <b>Bowling (O M WD NB W E R)</b> Brayden Gaiter (c) 9 3 55 2 6.11 2 0 Kane Gaiter 9 1 24 0 2.66 2 0 Matthew Harris (vc) 9 1 22 3 2.44 1 0 Nick Evenden 5 0 28 2 5.60 0 0 Tyson Roberts 6 0 27 0 4.50 0 0 Lachlan Cutting 2 2 0 15 2 6.42 2 0		
<b>Strathalbyn 1st Innings:</b>		
		<b>R B 4S 6S SR</b>
Luke Cousins	c: Brayden Frost b: Brodie O'Dea.....	62 80 8 0 77.50
Nathan Pelle	c: Jaspa Tonkin b: Troy Blackwell.....	6 23 1 0 26.08
Mark Abbott	lbw: Darcy Paech .....	28 70 2 0 40.00
Matthew Harris (vc)	c: Jaspa Tonkin b: Troy Blackwell.....	6 12 1 0 50.00
Riley Tonkin	b: Troy Blackwell .....	2 0 0 0 0.00
Ashley Medhurst	c: Brodie O'Dea b: Daniel Kropp.....	5 27 0 0 18.51
Tyson Roberts	b: Daniel Kropp .....	13 0 0 0 0.00
Kane Gaiter	c: Daniel Cleggett b: Daniel Kropp.....	22 21 1 1 104.76
Brayden Gaiter (c)	c: Brayden Frost b: Daniel Kropp.....	2 5 0 0 40.00
Nick Evenden	not out .....	16* 16 1 0 100.00
Lachlan Cutting	b: Daniel Kropp .....	2 2 0 0 100.00
<b>Extras</b> 16 10WD 6NB 0LB 0B 0P <b>Total</b> 10 / 165 (44 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-19 Nathan Pelle, 2-95 Mark Abbott, 3-111 Matthew Harris, 4-112 Riley Tonkin, 5-115 Luke Cousins, 6-119 Tyson Roberts, 7-124 Ashley Medhurst, 8-128 Brayden Gaiter, 9-162 Kane Gaiter, 10-165 Lachlan Cutting <b>Bowling (O M WD NB W E R)</b> Daniel Cleggett 8 0 36 0 4.50 0 0 Troy Blackwell 8 1 23 3 2.87 4 2 Daniel Kropp 9 1 41 5 4.55 3 1 Bradley Clements 3 0 24 0 8.00 1 0 Brodie O'Dea (c) 9 3 17 1 1.88 0 0 Darcy Paech 7 1 24 1 3.42 2 3		

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<b>A2 Grade</b>	<b>Mount Barker</b> , Bowling: Bradley Towill, 3/37. Batting: Bradley Horsell, 48.	<b>10/141 at Milang Oval.</b>	<b>Lenswood Ranges 10/108 def by Lobethal 2/110 at Lenswood Oval.</b>	<b>D Grade</b>
<b>Echunga 10/136 def by Lobethal 10/182 at Echunga Oval.</b>	<b>Woodside 10/123 def by Wistow 4/124 at Woodside Oval.</b>	<b>Mount Barker</b> , Batting: Chris Pulford (c) 60. Bowling: no bowlers selected.	<b>Lenswood Ranges</b> , Batting: Reuben Lane, 27. Bowling: James Braidwood, 1/4.	<b>Bremer Callington 1/56 def Langhorne Creek 10/55 at Callington Oval.</b>
<b>Lobethal</b> , Batting: Kristan Georgiou, 28. Bowling: Nathan Wood, 5/28.	<b>Woodside</b> , Batting: Jacob Molier, 30. Bowling: Tyson Eden, 1/8.	<b>Macclesfield</b> , Bowling: Lee Jacobs, 3/16. Batting: Chad Horsnell (c), 46.	<b>Lobethal</b> , Bowling: Sinthujan Nagaraj, 3/20. Batting: Jayden Growden, 48.	<b>Langhorne</b> , Batting: Ben Potts, 16. Bowling: no bowlers selected.
<b>Echunga</b> , Bowling: Matthew Kennedy, 3/44. Batting: Haydn Pocock (c), 54.	<b>Wistow</b> , Bowling: Ryan Watt, 3/27. Batting: Jordan Grooby, 64*.	<b>Woodside 7/106 def Hahndorf 9/102 at Mount Torrens Oval.</b>	<b>Woodside 9/149 def by Echunga 6/151 Oval.</b>	<b>Bremer Callington</b> , Bowling: Dion Rehn, 4/14. Batting: Dillon Milloy, 34*.
<b>Strathalbyn 10/121 def by Lenswood Ranges 9/219 at Eastern Fleurieu School Strathalbyn Campus Ovals.</b>	<b>B Grade</b>	<b>Hahndorf</b> , Batting: no batters selected. Bowling: no bowlers selected.	<b>Woodside</b> , Batting: Mitchell Hodgkinson, 52. Bowling: Duane Ireland, 2/3.	<b>Macclesfield 6/179 def Mount Barker 10/55 at Macclesfield Oval.</b>
<b>Strathalbyn</b> , Batting: no batters selected. Bowling: no bowlers selected.	<b>Langhorne Creek Gold 8/140 def Langhorne Creek Black 10/126 at Langhorne Creek Oval.</b>	<b>Woodside</b> , Bowling: Jesse McBride, 3/17. Batting: Darren McDonald (c), 23.	<b>Echunga</b> , Bowling: Tyler Clark, 3/19. Batting: Ezra Doble, 65.	<b>Macclesfield</b> , Batting: Fraser Long, 70. Bowling: no bowlers selected.
<b>Lenswood Ranges</b> , Bowling: Tyson Reichstein, 2/3. Batting: Jack Druwitt, 56.	<b>Langhorne Creek Gold</b> , Batting: Shannon Jones, 30. Bowling: Curtis Perrey, 3/28.	<b>Woodside 5/271 def Strathalbyn 10/40 at Wistow Oval.</b>	<b>Wistow</b> , Batting: no batters selected. Bowling: no bowlers selected.	<b>Mount Barker</b> , Bowling: no bowlers selected. Batting: no batters selected.
<b>Mount Barker 8/151 def by Nairne 8/169 at Summit Sport &amp; Recreation Park.</b>	<b>Langhorne Creek Black</b> , Bowling: Mason Cook, 2/12. Batting: James Tonkin, 30.	<b>Ashbounre 3/185 def Hahndorf 6/127 at Ashbourne Oval.</b>	<b>Strathalbyn</b> , Bowling: Matthew Koch, 2/18. Batting: Ryan Harvey (c), 70.	<b>Nairne 6/239 def Woodside 8/155 at Nairne Oval.</b>
<b>Nairne</b> , Batting: Chris Farrell, 83. Bowling: Ryan Williams (c), 4/25.	<b>Macclesfield 4/142 def Mount Barker 30 - "The Southern Argus", Thursday, December 21, 2023</b>	<b>Hahndorf</b> , Bowling: Stephan Fourie, 1/2. Batting: Andrew Gevers (c), 41.		<b>Nairne</b> , Batting: Sam Morgan, 65. Bowling: Paul Bickerstaff, 2/21.
				<b>Woodside</b> , Bowling: Jordan Molier, 2/39. Batting: Daniel Wright, 59.



Alexandra & Eastern Hills Cricket Association - A Grade, Twenty20 - Round 1

**A Grade**

**Lobethal 1/87 def Onkaparinga 10/86 at Lobethal Oval.**  
**Onkaparinga**, Batting: Jimmy Kain, 16. Bowling: Jimmy Kain, 1/13.  
**Lobethal**, Bowling: Sam Graeber, 3/8. Batting: Ryan King, 55.

**Strathalbyn 4/144 def Victor Harbor 7/88 at Strathalbyn Oval.**  
**Strathalbyn**, Batting: no batters selected. Bowling: no bowlers selected.  
**Victor Harbor**, Bowling: Kenneth Sumner, 3/16. Batting: Kenneth Sumner, 16\*.

**Hahndorf 8/120 def by Macclesfield 7/132 at Hahndorf Oval.**  
**Macclesfield**, Batting: Matt Walmsley-Pace, 62. Bowling: Jay Dawson, 2/19.  
**Hahndorf**, Bowling: Daniel Jenner (c), 2/11. Batting: Lachlan HUXTABLE (vc), 25.

**Nairne 8/172 def by Port Elliot 7/180 at Nairne Oval.**  
**Port Elliot**, Batting: Tyson Levy, 72. Bowling: Harrison Grenfell, 4/29.  
**Nairne**, Bowling: Shane Kenney, 3/23. Batting: Corey Kelly, 112.

**Bremer Callington 7/101 def Langhorne Creek Gold 10/100 at Callington Oval.**  
**Langhorne Creek Gold**, Batting: Jaspa Tonkin, 34. Bowling: Daniel Kropp, 3/19.  
**Bremer Callington**, Bowling: Nathan Fitzgerald, 2/7. Batting: Alexander Durbidge, 35.

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Langhorne Creek Cricket Club - Eye of the Tiger

The Eye of the Tiger had a quiet ale at the Langhorne Creek Cricket (LCCC) and Tennis Club community Christmas show with President Potts, who was happy with the salubrious position the LCCC was in at the half-way mark of the 2023/24 season. The A Grade have had their fair share of tough games, but have pulled through to win all but one pre-Christmas to sit inside the top two.

The B Grade teams both look very likely to make the finals, with the Gold leap-frogging the Blacks into top spot, whilst the D Grade are hanging onto fourth spot by a game over the Woodside Warriors.

Captain Mark Frost will have to fire his charges if they are to secure a finals spot for this season.

Chris Nutt and Shane Nurse were like cheshire cats on Saturday night, with the Under 16s and 14s in top form heading into the break.

It has been great to see the passion and enthusiasm from the coaches, which has flowed onto the players, with both teams showing great sportsmanship each week.

Our Gold division one team were a few men down on Thursday night at Callington, and went down to the Cobras by three wickets.

We host Hahndorf on January 11 at home, and we need to win to stay in contention for a top eight spot in the 12-team competition.

The boys have committed to the competition over the past 10 years, securing six premierships, two runners-up and third – a great effort.

A big thank you to our wonder woman Michelle Tonkin who pulled off a great night with some lovely volunteers on Saturday night for the community Christmas show.

Tonkin is excited for a well-earned break over Christmas until our first game back on January 13.

The club has secured a 'frogbox', which will enable us to stream all our home games live on YouTube from January onwards.

A great initiative by our committee who have shown wonderful foresight over the years.

Have a Merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you back on deck on January 13 for a big finish to the AEHCA cricket season.

See you at the cricket.

Langhorne Creek Cricket Club - A Grade

Kropp and Blackwell keep Stallions in check

Langhorne Creek headed to Strathalbyn for their last game before Christmas in a battle between second and third place on the ladder.

Strathalbyn won the toss and elected to field in great conditions, with the pitch having plenty of grass and a green tinge.

Strathalbyn were off to the best possible start, with fast bowler Gaiter removing Daniel Kropp first ball of the game, caught at square leg by Lachy Cutting.

Wessel Van Wyk and Jaspa Tonkin consolidated, with Brayden and Kane Gaiter bowling tight from both ends.

Some French cuts early allowed the run rate to tick over before Van Wyk was removed through the off spin of Harris to a sharp catch at slip by Nathan Pelle.

Brayden Frost made his intentions clear, as he played some nice shots all around the ground.

Jaspa Tonkin looked in control, and both him and Frost took the score to 86 before Frost was caught behind for 33, slashing at a wide one from Evenden.

Jaspa Tonkin fell a run later to the same mode of dismissal.

Cousins bowled Evenden and the Stallions were on top.

The Tigers were under pressure, and when they lost veteran Ben Warren the ball before drinks to Harris, the Tigers had lost 3/10 right before the break.

The Stallions were up and about, and the Tigers lost Jagga Kotz run out for a golden duck by Mark Abbott, and then Brodie O'Dea was bowled by the off spin of Matt Harris.

The Tigers looked well-short of a par total at 7/102.

Brayden Gaiter introduced himself back into the attack and removed Daniel Cleggett for a duck to leave all the hard work with all-rounder Blackwell and Brad Clements to post a competitive score.

Troy Blackwell swatted Tyson Roberts for a pair of big sixes and lifted the run rate, despite Brad Clements under significant fatigue, with the heavy workload between the wickets.

The pair lifted the Tigers spirits, as they looked in control to shoot the score to 8/165 before young Lachy Cutting had Blackwell caught in the deep for 41.

Clements fell not long after to give the Tigers bowlers something to bowl at, posting 10/174.

Matt Harris was the star with the ball, taking three wickets, with Evenden, Cutting and Brayden Gaiter all getting in on the action with two wickets each.

Luke Cousins took five catches behind the wicket for the Stallions.

Langhorne Creek started with off spin with Cleggett from the Perry Jones end, but had no effect, as Cousins looked in good touch early.

Blackwell removed Nathan Pelle caught behind for six, bringing one of the Stallions finest, Mark Abbott, to the crease.

Abbott was a given a life early, with Brayden Frost putting the southpaw down at first slip from Clements.

Cousins continued on his merry way, hitting the boundary regularly and causing headaches for Tigers Captain O'Dea.

The Stallions went to drinks at 1/85 from 23 overs, and in pole position to win the game with the experienced pair at the crease.

Young gun Darcy Paech struck immediately after drinks break, having Abbott LBW for 28.

Fast bowler Blackwell was re-introduced, and he took Harris out of the game, then former Tiger Riley Tonkin for a duck – his second against his old team – and the Tigers had some belief.

Brodie O'Dea knocked over Luke Cousins for a well-made 62 from 80 balls, and the Stallions had the wobbles at 5/115 from 30 overs.

Roberts and Medhurst looked solid, but chewed through 40 balls for five runs and suddenly, the run rate was up to six an over.

When big Dan Kropp knocked Roberts, Medhurst and skipper Brayden Gaiter over in quick succession, the Tigers were buoyant at 8/128, and victory looked within reach.

Kane Gaiter and Nick Evenden had other ideas, and looked to take the game deep, with both striking some lusty blows to get the total to 8/162 before Kropp removed Kane Gaiter in the 44th over.

Lachy Cutting was the last man out to Kropp to leave him with five wickets, and surge the Tigers to victory to consolidate second spot on the ladder.

Langhorne Creek Cricket Club - B Grade

LC Gold cleans up LC Black

Langhorne Creek Gold defeated the Langhorne Creek Black B Grade team for the second time in a month by 14 runs at Langhorne Creek Oval on Saturday.

Langhorne Creek Gold were back in action after two weeks off due to rain, and had some handy inclusions with Jordan Whiting, Mat Cannizzaro, Curtis Perrey, Martin Rigby, and Shannon Jones to boost Gold's chances against the top-of-the-table LC Black.

The Blacks lost Milne, Steele-James, Crook and Jacob Tonkin to Christmas shows, giving the Golds a boost pre-match.

Jayden Micheltmore won the toss and batted, but the skipper fell early to a beauty from Mitch Tonkin, bowled for six.

The two left-handers Jones and Andrew Pavy looked solid at the top for Gold, with gun Black bowlers Mitch Tonkin, Tim Tonkin, James Tonkin, and Sam Tonkin asking plenty of questions of the Gold duo.

Tim Tonkin knocked over Jones, caught behind for 30, and when James Tonkin removed the ever-dangerous Jordan Whiting for seven to a sharp catch at slip by Cock, the Blacks were on top at 3/62.

Martin Rigby was back in the B Grade Tigers colours for the first time after crossing back from the Stallions, and he looked in good touch before Billy Littlejohn had Rigby caught behind by Nurse to a sharp chance for 13.

A Grade Tiger premiership players Curtis Perrey and Mat Cannizzaro got in on the act, helping boost the total to 140 from 40 overs, with Cannizzaro finishing on 25\* to continue his fine form with the bat.

Mitch Tonkin, James Tonkin, and Mason Cook all took two wickets, with Tim Tonkin and Billy Littlejohn snaring one each.

The Blacks, through veteran Shane Nurse and Ryan Cock, were off to a solid start at 0/34 before veteran Cannizzaro struck two blows, knocking over Nurse and Cock in the space of one run.

LC junior coaches James Tonkin and Chris Nutt provided the platform, putting on 44 before Nutt was bamboozled by the leg spin of Perrey, out for 19.

Jordan Whiting knocked over the important wicket of James Tonkin to leave Black at 5/100, needing 41 runs from the last 10 overs.

Anthony Tonkin was looking to guide Black to victory, but he lost regular partners, with Micheltmore taking two catches from the bowling of Perrey and Shannon Jones before Rigby knocked over the father-son combination of Mitch and Tim Tonkin to leave the Blacks in real trouble at 9/123.

Shannon Jones landed the knock-out blow to remove Mason Cook right on tea time at the community Christmas show to seal a 14-run victory to LC Gold.

Leg spinner Curtis Perrey picked up three wickets, with Jones, Rigby, and Cannizzaro taking two.

Another good local 'derby', with the teams due to play each other again on February 25.

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Martin Rigby.



Andrew Pavy.



Martin Rigby.



Matt Cannizzaro.



Shane Nurse takes the catch and claims the wicket.



Billy Littlejohn.



Mason Cook.

Eastern Falcons Cricket Club - Round 10

On Sunday at EP Nazer Reserve, the Eastern Falcons played against Port Adelaide in round 10 of the ATCA Women's Second Grade competition. The Falcons won the toss and batted first. It was a shaky start for the Falcons batters, and at 4-10, it looked like a big challenge ahead. Dani Brown and Holly Santibanez steadied the ship for some time, but the Falcons could not see out the full 20 overs, bowled out in 15.1 overs for 54 runs. Brown top scored with 11 runs off 24 balls. Natalie Frahn and Holly Paech opened the bowling, but the first wicket did not fall until April Strevens came into the line-up and bowled Eva Trezise, with Port Adelaide on 1/43. Strevens took a second wicket that over and finished with 2/4, and both Frahn and Emily Roberts had an economy of 1.00 after bowling 0/2 off two overs and 0/1 off one over respectively. Port Adelaide reached the target of 55 runs in 13.4 overs, giving them the win. Strevens and Brown shared Player of the Week honours. The Falcons will break for Christmas and return to play on Sunday, January 14 to host Woodville South at Summit Sport and Recreation Park at 1pm.



Shelly Coulter swings and hits.



James Tonkin.

Photos: Rowan Sims



A&EHCA - A Grade - Strathalbyn v Langhorne Creek



Tyson Roberts.



Lachlan Cutting.



Troy Blackwell.



Lachlan Cutting.



Brad Clements.



Lachlan Cutting.



Brayden Gaiter.

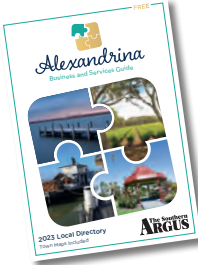


Luke Cousins.

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A&EHCA - C Grade - Ashbourne v Hahndorf



Leighton Meissener attempts to drive the ball for Ashbourne.



Anthony Farrugia on his way to 121 for Ashbourne.




Joshua Gevers bowls for Hahndorf.

Photos: Mark Andrews



Scott Brookes sweeps for Ashbourne.


Great Southern Cricket Association - A Grade - Round 7



Victor Harbor 10/74 def by Willunga 7/203

at Victor Harbor Oval.

Victor Harbor A Grade won the toss and elected to bowl.



Willunga 1st Innings:

			R	B	4S	6S	SR
Luke Harding (c)	c: Harrison Medlen	b: Kenneth Sumner	1	4	0	0	25.00
Private player	b: Private player		9	13	1	0	69.23
Chad Franceschini	c: Joshua Boyko	b: Sean medlen	38	27	1	4	140.74
Shaun Anderson	c: Fill-in	b: Lachlan Hywood	25	58	1	0	43.10
Simon Roberts	not out		91*	107	7	0	85.04
Jarrad Ross	b: Kenneth Sumner		21	17	3	0	123.52
Rory Hanson	c&b: Joshua Boyko		11	11	1	0	100.00
Matthew Impey	b: Joshua Boyko			1	0	0	0.00
Finlay Seers	not out		2*	2	0	0	100.00
DNB: Matthew Bolton, Daniel Hockham							

Extras 5 2WD 0NB 3LB 0B 0P Total 7 / 203 (40 Overs)

Fall of Wickets 1-10 Luke Harding, 2-38 Player, 3-54 Chad Franceschini, 4-110 Shaun Anderson, 5-160 Jarrad Ross, 6-187 Rory Hanson, 7-187 Matthew Impey

Bowling (O M WD NB W E R) Kenneth Sumner 8 0 39 2 4.87 0 0 Private player 8 1 41 1 5.12 0 0 Sean medlen 8 0 42 1 5.25 0 0 Lachlan Hywood 8 0 20 1 2.50 2 0 Joshua Boyko (c) 7 0 44 2 6.28 0 0 thomas carthew 1 0 14 0 14.00 0 0

Victor Harbor 1st Innings:

			R	B	4S	6S	SR
Timothy Watson	c: ?	b: Daniel Hockham	19	29	3	0	65.51
Lachlan Hywood	run out: Luke Harding		2	17	0	0	11.76
Joshua Boyko (c)	c: ?	b: Simon Roberts	18	56	2	0	32.14
Harrison Medlen	lbw: Simon Roberts		7	35	1	0	20.00
Bailey Martin	lbw: Simon Roberts			1	0	0	0.00
Kenneth Sumner	b: Matthew Impey		2	5	0	0	40.00
Patrick Sroka	c: ?	b: Simon Roberts	6	14	0	0	42.85
Sean medlen	b: Matthew Impey			3	0	0	0.00
Private player	c&b: Luke Harding		5	8	1	0	62.50
Fill-in	c: ?	b: Matthew Bolton		8	0	0	0.00
thomas carthew	not out		0*	1	0	0	0.00

Extras 15 5WD 3NB 1LB 6B 0P Total 10 / 74 (29.3 Overs)

Fall of Wickets 1-25 Timothy Watson, 2-26 Lachlan Hywood, 3-38 Harrison Medlen, 4-38 Bailey Martin, 5-43 Kenneth Sumner, 6-62 Joshua Boyko, 7-65 Patrick Sroka, 8-65 Sean medlen, 9-70 Player, 10-74 Player

Bowling (O M WD NB W E R) Finlay Seers 8 2 15 0 1.87 0 3 Daniel Hockham 6 2 16 1 2.66 0 0 Matthew Impey 8 4 13 2 1.62 5 0 Simon Roberts 6 2 18 4 3.00 0 0 Matthew Bolton 1 0 1 1 1.00 0 0 Luke Harding (c) 0 3 0 4 1 8.00 0 0







Hills Softball Association



Santa was on hand to deliver the first pitch of the game at Strath Panthers’ U14 game on the weekend.

Photo: Rowan Sims

U14 Mixed

Hahndorf (14) def Pirates (7)

Hayden Bunn led a tight Hahndorf defence in the first inning, getting three outs before Pirates could get a run in. A mix of disciplined batting and two strong hits by Elisha Liebelt and Kaiden Martin saw Hahndorf bring in 7 runs. Pirates took advantage of some looser pitching in the second inning to get runners on base, then get around the bases and score 7 runs to tie up the game. Hahndorf continued strong in the batting box at the bottom of the second, however, and Hahndorf took the win 15-5.

U16 Mixed

Hahndorf (7) def Redsox Blue (6)

Another exciting Friday night game saw Hahndorf come away with the win 7-6, with some outstanding plays from both teams. Luca Bholanat from Redsox led off with a safe base hit to centre field. Both he and Sienna Golder pushed around the bases to score the first 2 runs of the game before Patrick Butler closed out the innings with three strike-outs. Hahndorf brought in 4 runs, with Chloe Davis leading off with a safe infield hit. She put on the speed, stealing second and then moving around to third on a sacrifice bunt by Breanna Luxon. Butler drove a two-base hit out to left field before stealing bases to score. Angus Flynn took the walk to first and also showed great speed between bases to steal home on an error. Claire Pinno put everyone on notice with her power with the bat, sending a laser two-base line drive out to left field straight over third to score the runners on base. Butler closed out the Redsox second batting dig with three strike-outs. Davis again led off with a safe hit to right field. Both she and Butler stole around the bases and scored on errors at home. Flynn kept the bats hot with a hit to centre field and then scoring. A change in pitchers saw Hayden Bunn come to the plate and only allow 1 run to score before striking out the side. In the closing stages of the game, Bholanat sent a long hit to right field for a home run and Henry Sexton sent a hit out to centre field.

C Grade Women

Redsox (16) def Echunga (8)

Ella Playford from Echunga batted first for their game against Redsox in C Grade, and had a good hit out to the vacant right field position. Chris Wawryk got on base with a walk, but the next six batters all had hits. Hayley Brown and Sandra Pedergnana were both put out at second, and a tag at home by Redsox’s catcher Suvali Sharma ended the innings, but not before three runners crossed home plate. Redsox batted well for their innings,

scoring 8 runs, with Mandy Bottroff crossing the plate twice for the innings. Catches were taken by both Brown and pitcher Clare Buckley at second base for the third out. Echunga scored a further 2 runs, with Ella Playford and Wawryk crossing the plate. Glenis Sward was in the action this innings at third base for Redsox, taking two catches – the first not having to move an inch. Redsox increased their runs by another 6. Emma Thomson had a good hit to third base, and Bottroff was caught out by Ella Playford at shortstop on her second turn at bat for an innings. E Playford and Wawryk scored runs again for Echunga in their third batting innings before M Playford hit straight to Molly Rusden for an out at first base. Redsox only managed a further 2 runs in their innings, with Alexis Golder having a good hit out to right field, but was unlucky to be out at second base due to coaching error.

C Grade Women

Macclesfield (9) def Hahndorf (8)

Hahndorf started off batting, and despite an early out, wasted no time putting runs on the board. A deep right field hit to Kerry Lawson combined with fast, smart baserunning saw her score the first run. Paul Celeste and Tammy Craig also got safe hits, but were left stranded when an amazing catch by Maccy’s Valerie Pedersen at third got the third out. Maccy’s starting bat was off to a rocky start, with their first two batters caught by the sharp Hahndorf field, but Pedersen started a two-down rally with a massive hit to left field. Karlyn McLeod and Tania Nethercote followed suit, scoring 2 runs. A catch by Bella Johns ended Maccy’s charge. The dangerous Hahndorf batters unleashed in the next innings, cleverly picking gaps in the depleted Maccy field. Strong hits from Kerryn Liebelt, Paul Celeste and Tammy Craig saw them score 4 more runs. Maccy was quick to answer back though. Started by a monster hit to Claudia Lions, they piled on runs, overtaking Hahndorf to give themselves a 9-5 lead coming into the last innings. Hahndorf’s first two batters were out in quick succession, but they never gave up, clawing back runs to get within 1 run of Macclesfield. With bases loaded and two outs, it was a nail-biting finish, but another catch to Claudia Lions ended the game in Maccy’s favour.

C Grade Women

Strathalbyn (10) def Pirates (3)

Strathalbyn were up to bat first, and started with a safe hit to Monica Spriggs,

who then stole bases and home. Rebecca Sims also got a hit and drew the error to get to second safely, stealing to third and being brought home by a hit to Amber Crawford. Pirates’ pitcher/catcher combo of Vanessa Silvy to Michelle Stewart got a K2, an out at first, and a tag out at home. Walks were gained by Pirates, so with some good base running and a safe hit to Silvy, they brought home 3 runs, with Strath’s pitcher/catcher Sims to Crawford making a K2 and two outs at first to end the innings. Strath were held scoreless in the second, with Kelly Roe having the only safe hit and Pirates making three K2s to send them from the diamond. Strath returned the favour, with Roe making an out at first and Lavinia Seymour taking two catches at second base to stop Pirates from adding to their tally. The third dig for Strath included safe hits to Seymour, Shannon Patton and Spriggs, with Amy Bailey hitting a two-baser which, combined with some great baserunning, helped bring in 6 runs. Pirates made another two K2s and an out at first. Strath held Pirates scoreless again in their turn at bat with an out at first and K2s to new pitcher Bailey to Crawford. Another two-base hit to Bailey and a three-bagger to Sims put them in scoring positions, and both came home to add 2 runs to the score before Pirates could make another 2 outs at first and an out at second base to end the innings. Pirates came back in looking to make some runs, but were unable to, with Strath’s pitcher Bailey doing her job, gaining two K2s before time and game were called, with Strathalbyn taking the points 10 runs to Pirates 3.

**B Grade Women**

**Pirates (22) def Echunga (3)**

The last game for the B Grade Women started off with Margie C striking out Indi S. Fortunately for the Pirates, they had a quick first inning, with only four batters making a plate appearance. The Pirates then opened the offensive innings with Jarrah T and Wendy P both scoring to bring the score to 2-0 at the end of the first inning. Jodie K and Karen B both became base runners in the second inning for Echunga, but unfortunately for them, the Pirates were defensively strong enough to stop them from scoring. The Pirates then poured on some pressure with the bat, scoring a further 5 runs with some good batting and baserunning. Krista E used the bat to score 3 of the 5 runs. Margie C was back pitching and kept Echunga scoreless for another inning. Echunga had a breakthrough with the pitching, with Jodie K keeping Pirates scoreless. Margie C returned the favour, with Echunga remaining scoreless after four innings. Unfortunately for Echunga, there was some fuel left in the Pirates ship, and they came out swinging, scoring 10 runs in the inning. Unfortunately, most of the runs were scored on errors, with Rachael T, Margie C, Mackenzie H and Krista E the only ones to record a safe hit for the Pirates. Margie C kept doing the job and again, held Echunga scoreless in the fifth inning. Pirates were able to score another 2 runs in the fifth inning to keep the runs going. The sixth inning rolled around and Echunga thought it was time to score some runs. They added 3 runs to build some hope of narrowing the score, but unfortunately for them, the Pirates again scored another 3 runs in the last inning. The final score was 22-3, with the Pirates taking the win.

**A Grade Women**

**Redsox (13) def Hills Heat Masters (12)**

With these two teams only facing each other once, no one knew how this one would play out. HHM jumped out early, scoring 4 runs after a rocky start, as Redsox’s shortstop Marisha Branson covered a lot of ground to take the first catch. When the bases were loaded, she got the runner out at home, but HHM kept

pushing the Redsox field and forced the errors, and were rewarded for their tight batting before the third out was made. Keen to make up for their slow start in the field, Redsox scored 2 runs with Cherie Bamford’s hit out to centre field and Branson getting on safely, but the rest struggled to get it past the glove of Kerry Wilkinson at third base who was on fire. Redsox made quick outs of HHM’s first two batters, with Kylie Gray at first base catching out the first, then plucking a ball out of the dirt from a throw to take the second out before the batters found their grove. Kelly O’Brien, Meg Chaplin and Emilie O’Brien all hit out to centre field before pitcher Claire Mohan-Ram secured the third out after 3 runs came in. Wanting to tighten the margin, Redsox learned to be patient in the batter’s box, which resulted in two runners getting on, and they were in brought home via a smashing three-bag hit from Bamford. She was also brought home, but this streak was soon shut down by first-baser Sharon Perkins making two outs and a catch from shortstop Julie Briggs. With HHM in front by 2 runs, pitcher Mohan-Ram wanted to get off the diamond quickly and did so, with only three batters facing her, with catches taken by Catalina Sterian, Bamford. Gray got on early and crossed home plate after a hit from Jackie Megson before the HHM field closed out the innings with Kylie Barrington making a play to first and taking a catch. Once again, Redsox were able to hold HHM with tight field work, and were ready to try and take the lead. Leadoff batters hit to the gaps and were bought home by Gray, then a beautiful three-bag hit from Mohan-Ram scored 5 runs, allowing them to finally take the lead by 4 runs. Now with time running out, HHM knew if they wanted to take back control it was now or never, and they did just that, scoring 5 runs from the hits from Wilkinson and Briggs before the third out was made. Trailing by 1 run, Redsox batters held their nerve after two quick outs were made by the glove work of Wilkinson at third before the first run to draw the game was made by a hit from Sterian. The final assault was by Gray making a two-base hit and scoring the winning run.

**A Grade Women**

**Strathalbyn (6) def Hahndorf (2)**

Strathalbyn opened the batting with a safe hit to Kim Cutting who, with great baserunning, made her way home after hits to Bianca Pash and Peyton Daniels. But they were unable to get any more runners home, with Hahndorf’s Rylee Zobel taking a catch at right field, an out at second and an out at first. Hahndorf’s first turn at bat had hits to Megan Williams and Mia Oats-Willis, but they were left stranded on base, with a great relay from right-fielder Tash Mayes to pitcher Daniels to third-baser Kathy Pash for the tag. Daniels fielded a bunt and threw to first, and shortstop Cutting took a catch to end the innings scoreless. The second dig for Strath was three up, three down, with two K2s to Hahndorf’s pitcher/catcher combo of Tahlia Larosa to Chloe Davis, and another catch to Zobel. Pash got a K2, and Kathryn ‘Buttsy’ Milne took a catch at second and quickly threw to Cutting to catch the runner out for a double play. Strath had a few hits and gained a walk in the third, but runners were left stranded on base without scoring, as Hahndorf made another K2, an out at first, and an out at second. Hahndorf were three up, three down again with a K2, an out at first, and Tess Norris playing her base at first for the third out. The three up, three down theme continued in the fourth for Strath with a K2, a catch taken at shortstop by Abbie Bastian, and an out at first. It was the night for three up, three down, with Hahndorf held scoreless again by centre-fielder Emily Eglitis taking a catch, another out at first, and a sharp catch taken by K Pash. Strath were again held scoreless in the fifth, with an out at first, a back-handed catch by Bastian, and a catch taken at first. A walk gained by Breanna Luxon got Hahndorf on base, and she was brought home by Alia Jackson, who hit a home

run to right field before Strath could make an out at first. Daniels and Norris both took catches. Strath, now behind on the board, needed to get some hits and bring some runs in, and they did with hits to Daniels, Eglitis and Ashlee Peterson, and a three-baser to K Pash that all helped to bring in 5 runs. Hahndorf’s new pitcher Zobel took a catch, a K2, and an out at first to end the innings. It was up to Hahndorf to now add runs, but with great defensive fielding by Strath, they were held scoreless again, with two outs at first and a K2 to end the innings and the game. Strathalbyn came out on top, 6 runs to Hahndorf’s 2.

**Division 2 Men**

**Hahndorf (8) def Pirates Yellow (7)**

In a gripping game, Dan Waters, Fynn Langford, and Archie King emerged as stand-out players, each showcasing exceptional skill. Mark Peressin’s powerful triple to centre field marked a pivotal moment, not just for his batting prowess, but for securing 2 crucial runs that shifted the game’s dynamics. This electrifying highlight set the stage for an intense team effort. Hahndorf’s younger players displayed remarkable composure, preventing the Pirates from seizing the lead. Their ability to maintain cool under pressure added stability to the team’s defence, highlighting their emerging talent. The seamless blend of seasoned veterans like Waters, Langford, and King, with the youthful energy of Hahndorf’s team, defined the match. This fusion of experience and emerging talent left an enduring mark on the game’s narrative, showcasing both individual brilliance and cohesive teamwork that enthralled the audience from start to finish.

**Division 2 Men**

**Echunga Red (14) def Redsox (12)**

The Mount Barker Redsox started off strong at bat, scoring the first 3 runs of the game. The Echunga Red team answered back with 2 over the home plate, keeping the game close. The second innings was where the game took a turn for the Redsox, with Echunga allowing just 1 run to be added to their score. With the strong hands of Redsox’s Tom Megson catching the first two Echunga batters out, they decided it was time to fight back, scoring 10 over the plate. Andrew Hampel showed them he still had it with a massive home run hit over left field. This bought the score to Redsox 4, Echunga 12. Redsox tried to keep the game tight, which they did, allowing only 2 more runs to be added by the Echunga players for the rest of the game. Extreme fielding and strong pitching showed they wanted a win. Redsox came back to bat stronger than ever, finding the gaps and filling them, scoring a huge 7 runs to bring the game to a close. As strong as they fought, they just fell short of Echunga’s score of 14 to end with 12 runs. A fast-paced, strong game by both teams.

**Division 1 Men**

**Hahndorf (7) def Macclesfield (0)**

In a thrilling softball showdown, Hahndorf’s triumph with a 7-0 win over Macclesfield was anchored by stellar performances from key players. Scott Fairley showcased his mastery on the mound, delivering a pitching masterclass that left opponents struggling to connect. Fynn Langford’s impeccable skills at shortstop were on full display, effortlessly fielding every hit directed his way. Sam Paturis emerged as a hitting powerhouse, going an impressive three for three, with two singles and a double, sustaining Hahndorf’s momentum throughout the game. Fairley’s pitching dominance, Langford’s solid defence, and Paturis’ batting prowess collectively propelled Hahndorf to victory, creating a stand-out moment in softball excellence.





Lincoln Strange.



Monica Spriggs.



Sam Baker.



Bryon Strange.



Scarlett Blackwell.



Arabella Eglitis.



Ashlee Sims.

Photos: Rowan Sims

Divison 2 Tennis - Goolwa v Back Valley



Hannah Steadman (Goolwa).



Carina Bracker (Back Valley).



Campbell Little for Back Valley.



Back Valley's Hannah McArdle takes a big swing.



Goolwa's Cassie Burrows has her game face on.



Hannah Steadman (Goolwa).



Wayne Jones (Goolwa).

Photos: Mark Andrews





Jayden Wondersitz.



Sam Binder.



Cody Grant.



Daniel Bartlett.



Brad Thompson.



Felix Kacirek.

Photos: Rowan Sims



Cameron Lock.

Onkaparinga Tennis Association

Seniors

Woodchester v Strathalbyn  
6 - 6.

R1: Unspecified player, Unspecified player, 9; 1. A. Hole, 3. M. Mills, 6. R2: 6. P. Grant, Unspecified player, 9; 5. L. Johnson, 4. H. Johnson, 4. R3: 10. N. Fitton, 11. H. Bean, 2; 8. J. Rohloff, 6. N. Rosentreter, 9. R4: Unspecified player, 4; 1. A. Hole, 6. R5: Unspecified player, 3; 3. m. mills, 6. R6: 6. p. grant, 6; 5. L. Johnson, 7. R7: 5. T. Barnes, 6; 4. H. Johnson, 0. R8: Unspecified player, 1; 8. J. Rohloff, 6. R9: 10. N. Fitton, 6; 10. K. Downs, 0. R10: Unspecified player, Unspecified player, 6; 1. A. Hole, 4. H. Johnson, 4. R11: Unspecified player, 10. N. Fitton, 2; 3. M. Mills, 8. J. Rohloff, 6. R12: 6. P. Grant, 11. H. Bean, 6; 5. L. Johnson, 10. K. Downs, 2.

Kangarilla v Macclesfield Red  
0 - 12.

R1: 1. A. Bright, 6. T. White, 2; 1. K. Baraglia, 3. A. Shepherd, 9. R2: 5. J. Bright, 2. M. Bright, 5; 4. S. Baraglia, J. Howarth (R), 9. R3: 8. M. Scott, 4. C. Thorpe, 4; 5. P. Baraglia, 7. B. Baraglia, 9. R4: 1. A. Bright, 4; 1. K. Baraglia, 6. R5: 6. T. White, 2; 3. A. Shepherd, 6. R6: 5. J. Bright, 0; 4. S. Baraglia, 6. R7: 2. M. Bright, 3; J. Howarth (R), 6. R8: 8. M. Scott, 3; 5. P. Baraglia, 6. R9: 4. C. Thorpe, 2; 6. K. Baraglia, 6. R10: 1. A. Bright, 2. M. Bright, 2; 1. K. Baraglia, J. Howarth (R), 6. R11: 5. J. Bright, 8. M. Scott, 1; 3. A. Shepherd, 5. P. Baraglia, 6. R12: 6. T. White, 4. C. Thorpe, 2; 4. S. Baraglia, 6. K. Baraglia, 6.

John Wesley v Macclesfield Black  
3 - 9.

R1: 1. M. Binder, 2. S. Binder, 2; 1. G. Harris, 2. G. Tregaskis, 9. R2: 3. C. Smith, 5. D. McBeath, 9; 3. L. Tregaskis, Unspecified player, 3. R3: 6. A. Cross, C. Diepgrond (R), 3; 4. M. Tregaskis, 6. J. Oster-Ives, 9. R4: 1. M. Binder, 0; 1. G. Harris, 6. R5: 2. S. Binder, 2; 2. G. Tregaskis, 6. R6: 3. C. Smith, 5; 3. L. Tregaskis, 7. R7: 5. D. McBeath, 7; Unspecified player, 5. R8: 6. A. Cross, 4; 4. M. Tregaskis, 6. R9: C. Diepgrond (R), 4; 6. J. Oster-Ives, 6. R10: 1. M. Binder, 5. D. McBeath, 1; 1. G. Harris, Unspecified player, 6. R11: 2. S. Binder, 6. A. Cross, 1; 2. G. Tregaskis, 4. M. Tregaskis, 6. R12: 3. C. Smith, C. Diepgrond (R), 7; 3. L. Tregaskis, 6. J. Oster-Ives, 5.

Division 3/4

John Wesley Green v Strathalbyn Red  
4 - 2 - Disputed.

R1: H. Pridham, 2; A. Thrun, 6. R2: K. Crouch, 6; S. Stone, 5. R3: S. Liebelt, 1; L. Kuhlmann, 6. R4 Not Played, T. Williams, Unspecified player, Forfeited. R5: H. Pridham, K. Crouch, 6; A. Thrun, S. Stone, 4. R6 Not Played, S. Liebelt, T. Williams, L. Kuhlmann, Unspecified player, Forfeited.

Strathalbyn White v Clarendon  
0 - 6.

R1: P. McFarlane, 3; C. Pickford, 6. R2: T. Mosbey, 1; C. Collins, 6. R3: A. Penniment, 0; O. Ridings, 6. R4: S. Beurskens (R), 3; M. Scholz, 6. R5: P. McFarlane, T. Mosbey, 3; C. Pickford, C. Collins, 6. R6: A. Penniment, S. Beurskens (R), 2; O. Ridings, M. Scholz, 6.

John Wesley Gold - Bye

John Wesley Tennis Club

Matches played December 16

At this time of year, some teams can be below strength, with players on holidays or having illness or other Christmas activities to attend.

This was the case with two of our teams last Saturday.

Our OTA team was slightly under strength, and played Macclesfield Black who drew the previous encounter.

Maccy Black are very strong at the top of their list, so we got off to a slow start.

Caleb Smith and Delilah McBeath got us on the board with a great 9-3 win against Liam and Pip.

These four then had close tussles in the singles, with Delilah beating Pip, 7-5, but Caleb just falling short against Liam, 5-7.

Most games went to deuce, and a service break towards the end was the difference.

Ashleigh Cross just lost to Michael, 4-6, junior fill-in Charlotte Diepgrond, playing her first senior game, just lost to Jedd, 4-6, and then teamed with Caleb to win 7-5 against Liam and Jedd.

The match could have been a nail biter again if the close sets had gone our way. A huge thanks to Charlotte for playing at short notice.

The final score was 9-3 to Maccy Black.

Results: Woodchester defeated Strathalbyn, 6-6, and Macclesfield Red defeated Kangarilla, 12-0.

The ladder is: Macclesfield Red 123, Macclesfield Black 96, John Wesley 85, Strathalbyn 48, Woodchester 45 and Kangarilla 35.

The HTA Doubles team had to travel to Lobethal to play the top team.

We were under strength as well, so weren't too optimistic about a positive result.

Steve Blewett and Greg Sandford had a chance to win, but couldn't capitalise, and lost 5-7 against Craig and Eric.

Mel Cross and Kym Diepgrond nearly got across the line, losing 5-7, against Alison and Danielle.

I am afraid the others were a bit one-sided the wrong way.

To recharge over Christmas, for a run at the finals, is the go.

Final score was 12-0.

Other results: IBCG defeated Mount Barker 8-4, Littlehampton defeated Aldgate 10-2, and Onkaparinga defeated Summertown 10-2.

Ladder: Lobethal 136, IBCG 99, Mount Barker 79, Littlehampton 76, Summertown 63, John Wesley 60, Onkaparinga 51, Aldgate 28.

The HTA Traditional team played Crafers, who have been unbeaten in Division 4 so have been promoted to Division 3.

We were not sure what to expect, but we did have our full team for a change.

The doubles were close contests, but we were able to win both in straight sets which is an advantage.

Rhys Paech played a couple of extraordinary volleys using a double pike and a triple twist to the amusement of the opposition.

Tash Abbott seemed distracted by her phone, probably checking the cricket score, but still won teaming with Matt Bates.

The singles went all our way, but the scores didn't indicate how close the sets were.

All I could hear from Tash's match was the applause coming from her opponent, for her numerous winners.

Final score was a John Wesley win, 6-0.

Down the Line.

Great Southern Tennis Club

Christmas Cheer for Inman

Inman Valley, Port Elliot and Back Valley all gifted themselves an early Christmas present, with strong wins in Great Southern tennis on Saturday.

Inman, playing at home, were too strong for Goolwa and won four rubbers to two.

Inman's Paul Martin toughed out a good singles win, Bree Leibhardt and Ella Watters won everything, while for Goolwa Mike Howard and Paul Roberts were the sole winners for the visiting side.

Back Valley went with back-to-back wins, scoring a four rubbers to two victory over Victor Harbor at Victor.

The visitors started well, winning both doubles.

Then Tanya Milne and Keni Lewis made sure of the win with strong singles performances.

Victor's Jeremy Bell and Danika Millard continued their fine form, winning their singles to ensure the scoreboard finished respectably.

Port Elliot bounced back after their last outing loss to outclass Myponga-Sellicks, five rubbers to one, in what was a competitive encounter the belied the overall scoreline.

Myponga-Sellicks's Jack Pacitti and Jason Heinze outlasted Harry Vincent and Scott McPhee, to win an entertaining three

set double that gave Myponga-Sellicks their only win.

Port Elliot then bounced back to win everything else in a disappointing afternoon for the visiting Mudlarks.

No premierships are handed out in December, but Inman Valley can feel well satisfied with their efforts to lead the ladder.

Port Elliot are a constant threat, being the only team to defeat Inman, and their second placing on the ladder holds them in good stead.

Myponga-Sellicks, in third spot, will be hoping the break can allow them to find their form after losing the last two outings.

Back Valley's good form has them entering the top four for the first time, where they have displaced Goolwa who sit in fifth spot.

Victor Harbor finish off the six with hopes of promise of a win or two in the new year.

Division 2 standings see Inman Valley remain undefeated and three wins clear of second-placed Port Elliot, who both had strong wins against the two Mount Compass sides.

Mount Compass Gold, despite their loss, sit in third spot from Myponga-Sellicks Gold by a mere four games percentage, while Myponga-Green,

with their good win over their club counterparts, sit just outside the top four by two premiership points.

There's a gap to the bottom three, with Goolwa and Back Valley playing a nail biter thriller on Saturday, with Back Valley winning by two games while Mount Compass Maroon are at the base of the ladder.

A Doubles saw Port Elliot and The Valleys have crushing wins to give them a bit of breathing space from Back Valley, and Mount Compass is in fourth spot.

While all four teams will automatically make the finals at this early stage, it appears it will be a Port Elliot v Valleys grand final.

B Doubles saw Goolwa move into third spot with a dominant win over last-placed Inman Red, while second-placed Normanville continued their strong form, winning comfortably over Inman Blue and leaving them in fifth spot.

Ladder leaders, Port Elliot, were upstaged by fourth-placed Victor Harbor, and despite their mid table status, are still the team to watch in the new year to see if they can move further up the ladder.

Tennis takes a break for Christmas, and will resume on Saturday, January 13, 2024.



# Mount Barker basketballer hits the shots



Mount Barker basketballer Kale Matthews-Hampton.

By Deirdre Graham

Local basketballer Kale Matthews-Hampton has been selected to attend a national training program at the Institute of Sport in January.

The promising 15-year-old has just returned from the US with his school group from St Francis de Sales College playing against some of the best school basketballers in the nation.

“We went alright,” Kale said.

“I wouldn’t say we were the greatest, but we played some real tough competition, so I think we did well, seeing how young we were as a team compared to teams we played over there that were mainly year 11 and 12s.”

He is now turning his head to being in Canberra for the basketball camp, which will run from January 22 to 25.

“I am expecting it to be pretty intense and a lot of hard work, with three days of long trainings that will put everyone on edge by the end of it – to try and see who cracks and who looks the best from it,” Kale said.

“You have to be mentally strong for these types of things.”

This season Kale has been playing for South Adelaide, where he has played for the past couple of years.

He commits to two trainings a week, playing a game a week with the senior squad and a game with the junior group, with more training outside the club once or twice a week.

It has meant driving to the city four times a week.

“My parents have had to make a huge commitment,” Kale said.

“It hasn’t been just me that has been through all of this, my brother had the same thing when he was younger – committing to a lot of sports.

“My parents have always been there to support us.

“They do whatever they need to do to keep us playing the sport that we love.”

Kale is also a keen footballer, playing for Sturt in the Under 16s.

“I wouldn’t have a favourite sport yet – I love both sports,” he said.

“I just love the basketball game.

“I love being in a team setting, the speed, the athleticism, and the intensity of the game.”

For now, he is just keen to go as far as he can with his basketball.

## Fun day at Langhorne Creek Bowling Club

The Langhorne Creek ladies recently hosted a very successful Christmas Gala Day.

The weather was very unkind on the scheduled day, so after much deliberation, it was re-programmed for the following Monday, and what a great day it was.

Most of the girls dressed up in Christmas theme, and it was a great spectacle of colour and outfits.

The Langhorne Creek girls prepared a delicious lunch of leg ham, turkey and a variety of salads, followed by home-made Christmas pudding

custard and ice cream, washed down with delicious wine supplied by Gypsy Jack wines.

Local-based business First Pick Viticulture supplied the prize money for the day, and the club was grateful to these generous sponsors.

Winners were a team from Murray Bridge and runners-up were a team from Mount Barker.

Well done to these girls, and a big thank you to other visitors who participated and made this day such a success.

# Bulldog shifts from Panther to Crow

Mount Compass Football Club alumni Brooke Boileau will soon be calling West Lakes home after being picked up by Adelaide during the Australian Football League Women’s (AFLW) Draft on Monday night.

Boileau started playing junior football at Mount Compass before steadily progressing through the ranks to South Adelaide in the SANFLW and onto the State U18 team.

An inside midfielder who is strong in the contest, Boileau has an enormous work rate, excels in clearances and has the ability to move into the forward line, impacting the scoreboard and applying strong defensive pressure during her time at the Panthers.

She also earned an All-Australian selection at the U18 National Championships and was named in SANFLW Team of the Year.

It’s why the Crows used their first selection at pick number 22 to clinch the 18-year-old at Monday night’s draft.

“Brooke is a competitor who is driven to be the best player she can be and has shown she’s willing to put in the work,” Adelaide Head of Women’s Football, Phil Harper, said.

“Brooke loves watching Anne Hatchard play and now she can train and play alongside Anne, which will only fast-track her development.”

Boileau was with family and friends when she received the news, and was surprised by the appearances of her idol Anne Hatchard along with fellow players and soon-to-be teammates Sarah Allan and Keeley Kustermann.

Mount Compass Football Club took to Facebook to congratulate the Crows’ newest recruit.

“Yeah Brooke – absolutely outstanding!” the club wrote.

“The Mount Compass Bulldogs family are so proud.

“We can’t wait to watch you on the big screen.”

Fellow Great Southern Football League and South Adelaide players Holly Ifould and Alissa Brook also found new home clubs on the night.

Victor Harbor Football Club’s Alissa Brook was selected by



Mount Compass Football Club alumni Brooke Boileau was selected at pick number 22 for the Adelaide Crows during the Australian Football League Women’s (AFLW) National Draft on Monday night.

Port Adelaide with their second selection at pick 25 while Willunga Football Club’s Holly Ifould was selected by Fremantle at pick 49.

An athletic defender, Brook recorded a 72-centimetre running vertical jump and 58-centimetre standing vertical jump during the AFLW Draft Combine, ranking her inside the top five nationally for both tests.

She also recorded a sub-3.3 second 20-metre sprint which, coupled with her impressive agility, made her an all-round athlete worthy of a shot at AFLW level for the Power.

“Alissa is a tall, really athletic player who tested really well at the AFLW Draft Combine,” Port Adelaide List Manager, Naomi Maidment, said.

“She is a player we think will have an impact in the future either across half back or a developing wing role.

“(She) came through the

Port Adelaide Next Generation Academy as a junior and will add a lot to our group off-field as well.”

Ifould played as a pure winger for South Adelaide this season, where she showed her speed, endurance and work-rate,

She also played as an outside midfielder for South Australia throughout the Under 18s carnival, proving she is a good runner who can utilise open spaces well.

But what stood out most to recruiters is Ifould’s ability to cover ground, work hard between the arcs, short kicking and aerial ability.

AFLW Senior Coach Lisa Webb was excited to add Ifould’s calibre to her playing list.

“She covers the ground well and has shown strong aerial ability,” she said.

“After chatting with her during interviews, we know she’s a great character and her values, which resonates with us as a club.”

# Calling all rugby league fans

By Deirdre Graham

A local rugby league club based at Callington is spreading the word about the sport in the hope of attracting more members.

The Adelaide Hills Tigers has openings for junior boys and girls, along with senior women and men.

Club President Nicole Black said everyone was welcome to join for next year’s season in the SA Rugby League competition.

“We are a rugby league club that is local to Callington, but also across the Adelaide Hills,” Ms Black said.

“Games are predominately played in Adelaide, but we have games at Callington and Murray Bridge.

“It is a winter competition, but we also have small competitions like rugby league tag throughout summer just to keep the kids going.

“But it is predominately a winter sport, starting around about May, and goes through to August to September.”

The club has doubled in size over the past year, as the sport gains popularity in South Australia.

“You don’t need any skills, as it is quite an easy sport to pick up along the way,” Ms Black said.

“You can have absolutely no idea about rugby league and still definitely pick it up.

“You learn team work and ball skills and lots of different things, and just working on your fitness is one of the big things for the kids at the moment.”

The SA league now has six senior teams, with committed volunteers such as Volunteer of the Year awardee Andrew Unger.

Ms Black said most of the league’s committee were from New South Wales, and were passionate about growing the

sport in South Australia.

“There are lots of opportunities for South Australians in rugby league here,” she said.

“We had a group of kids and adults that went off to play state in Sydney in September, which was pretty exciting for them.

“It was a three-day tour and they played amazingly.

“(It was) a really exciting opportunity for those boys, especially in their age group – the Under 16s.

“Our women’s team go on trips to the Gold Coast all the time, and we have had lots of SA girls picked up by the big league, so they are playing in Brisbane and Sydney for the bigger teams, which is pretty cool.”

Anyone keen on learning more can contact Ms Black on 0407 759 904, at the Adelaide Tigers Facebook page or by email at (ahtigerspres@gmail.com).



Christmas comes to the Strathalbyn racecourse

Following a nervous week of many seasons and factors out of its control, the Strathalbyn Racing Club was delighted to be track-side last Wednesday for the Christmas Twilight Races.

Crowds were slightly down due to the unpredictable weather, however, the club was pleased with the children's entertainment, live music from Sam Hissey, and a special visit from the man in red.

On the track local winners for the day were Grant Kluske racing with Ice Cutter ridden by Caitlin Tootell, and Starlite Rebel for Kym Healy ridden by local favourite Justin Potter.

Kayla Crowther rode a double for the day.

The race day also marked the end of the Simone Montgomerie/Caitlin Forrest apprentice series, which honours the fallen jockeys a decade on from their passing.

Simone heartbreakingly lost her life in a race fall at Fannie Bay on Darwin Cup Day, but it hasn't stopped her daughter Kodah, who was only five-years-old at the time, from keeping the same love for her horses her mum had.

She is now at an Adelaide boarding school, riding every chance she gets with the same coach her mum had, Chris Lawrie, and was at the Strathalbyn racecourse last Wednesday to present the trophy to the winning jockey.

"It's great, she's come a long way," Grandmother Lee-anne Montgomerie, who has raised Kodah with Peter since her mum's passing, said.

"I'm very proud of her riding the horses and keeping the interest going.

"Both Simone and Mardi both rode to high levels in the showing industry, with Chris and Vicki Lawrie who they used to ride for.

"Now they teach Kodah how to ride, and Chris has taught her everything she has learnt so far."

The Montgomeries are a proud horse family with many accolades to their name.

Kodah is joining that lineage and is already a national champion, winning on her show horse Gordon Park Supanova

two years ago.

"I started doing lessons when I was 10 and then I got my first horse when I was 12," Kodah said.

"I've definitely heard a lot (about mum's riding).

"I've watched a few races, and Chris and Vicki were her coaches as well, so they've said she was a really good rider and everything.

"The similarities are probably not so much how I ride, but they always say we look the same sometimes."

Lee-Anne and Kodah expressed how much it meant that Simone is still talked about and remembered.

"The racing community has been marvellous what they've done for us over the last 10 years – they're always there for you," Lee-anne said.

"At the start I couldn't talk about it, but now 10 years later, I can talk about it.

"To this day, no female has ever beaten (Simone) in the Northern Territory; she is still the only female that's won the premiership up there 10 years on, so it was a big thing.

"I'm so happy and proud that Racing SA has done that series in remembrance of Simone and Caitlin as well.

"That was my biggest fear – that they would forget who Simone Montgomerie was."

Caitlin Tootell and Nichola Yuen shared the winning honours.

The final race of the day was the Farewell Kristy Martin, which was a special tribute to the club's outgoing CEO who has successfully left it in a much better place since her arrival seven years ago.

The club also acknowledged the recent passing of avid racing supporter and horse owner Stephen Vaninetti aka 'Slug'.

The club's thoughts are with his family at this time, and he will be missed around the track.

In closing, the club wished everyone a Merry Christmas and looked forward to seeing people for Beach Day on December 27, which will have plenty of free activities for the kids.



Raife Stevens, and Stella, Ivy and Max Walsh were excited to meet Santa Claus.

Race winners

RACE	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	Camberwood	John MacMillan	Alice Lindsay
2	The Ice Cutter	Grant Kluske	Caitlin Tootell
3	Tipsy Vixen	Richard and Chantelle Jolly	Kayla Crowther
4	Even Sharper	Andrew Gluyas	Jason Holder
5	Starlite Rebel	Kym Healy	Justin Potter
6	Cullen Skink	Will Clarken & Niki O'Shea	Lachlan Neindorf
7	Langworthy	Garret Lynch	Kayla Crowther



Harry, Mark, Bek and Rachael Shaw with John Chaplin at Strathalbyn's Christmas Twilight Races last Wednesday. Photos: Georgina McKay



Christine and Kerrie Smith, Kate Whiting and Phil Smith make it a group outing.



Max Wiese and Ella Walker check out the horses before the race.



Rob Williams and Kim Humphries enjoy a day out at the races in sunny weather.



Andie and Graham Whelan enjoying some of the best seats on the track.



Scarlett and Violet Blackwell with Lou Copley at last Wednesday's races.

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Strathalbyn Golf

McLeod, Clark, Owen and Kelly ham it up for a win

By Perry Jones

It was the annual Christmas Ham and Turkey Day at the Strathalbyn Golf Course last Saturday, and the team of John Owen, Henry Kelly, Ben McLeod and Ben Clark hammed it up.

It was the best of the 14 teams to win the four-man Ambrose competition.

The winning team had 65 off the stick and found the high handicap of John Owen very handy, as they came in with a nett 56.25.

The big hitting by the two Bens and Henry certainly helped on most holes, with Ben Clark able to win the longest drive competition (0-18), and Ben McLeod getting nearest the pin on the 17th.

All three handled the drive off the tee on the par three sixth well, with the two Bens just inches off in staying on the green.

Henry stayed on, while John, at least, got over the creek and they still only had a par on the hole.

John was unable to produce his long putt for a birdie for the team as he did on the third.

The powerful hitters, however, struck trouble when on the par five seventh, Ben McLeod started off finding the dam near the Ashbourne Road with his tee shot as it went left.

Then, when the group used the long drive from Ben Clark's tee shot for their second hit, three of them tried to reach the green by going over the next dam.

Ben McLeod again found the water, while Ben Clark also caused a splash, and Henry Kelly certainly got over the dam, but his ball disappeared out of bounds.

John Owen was the only sensible player, with a smart lay-up shot, so that they could finish the hole with a par.

In second place on the day was the team of Brenton Welk, Ken Lester, Matt Gniel and Alan Haberfield with 68 off the stick for a nett 57.32.

Brenton was certainly in fine tune thanks to the music blasting out of his buggy, getting right into the swing of things, finishing off the 12th hole for the group with a great putt and then, after Alan landed on the green on the 14th

with their second shot, Brenton sank a difficult putt to pull off a birdie.

The almost A Grade team of Graeme Bertholini, Kirk Richardson, Stewart Glatz and Sean Walsh could only get to third place on a countback, with 64 off the stick for a nett 59.25.

They beat the group of Damon Mayes, Don Bell, Grant Ewins and Damien Dolman, who had 66 off the stick for a nett 59.25.

Grant had the nearest the pin on the sixth.

The latter group certainly didn't handle the 14th hole all that well off the tee block, with Damien seeing his ball go well into the creek on the right-hand side, as Damon decided to take on the trees on the left-hand side.

Grant was up to his old tricks off the tee, as he curled his tee shot right around the back of the dam and over the trees to land on the 16th fairway, with Don, the only fairway user here, off the tee.

In fifth place came the heavy weights of the club in President Randall Pitt and Treasurer Derek Keane, backed up by another A-Grader Troy Williams and C-Grader Kim Wittwer, as they had 67 off the stick for a nett 60.25.

This group didn't start all that well off the first tee, with Kim the only player to lob his drive on the fairway, so it was his hit they had to use for their second shot.

However, the ball had not quite got to the corner of the dog leg, so their second shot had no clear go at the green, seeing Kim hit his ball straight into the trees on the corner.

Derek went a bit deeper into the trees on the right, while Randall went left and possibly went into the small retaining dam to be lost.

Troy looked to have saved the day as he got around the trees on the corner, but nearing the green, found his ball was in the drain on the right.

All were able to scramble the ball out of the drain to some effect, but Kim showed his better players how to play the game when his shot out of the drain went in the hole for a birdie.

In sixth place on the day was the team of Garry Beasley, Terry Merritt, Stewart Hozier and Sam Avramidis with 73 off the

stick for a nett 61.5.

While Stewart had the privilege of putting the ball off the green into the hole on the seventh, the real winner in this group was Terry, being judged to be the best dressed in a Christmas theme.

The last group to pick up a prize in seventh place was Red Sorrell, Erik Heyns, Peter Drury and Dennis Gatehouse.

Red was the backbone of the team as on the fifth they used all his shots to pick up a par, then on the 10th, used them all again for a birdie.

The same was about to happen on the 18th, as Red's two hits had the ball on the green, but Peter Drury spoilt the party by sinking the birdie putt before he had a chance to.

Erik was certainly in the running for three nearest the pin prizes on the day, but in the end didn't get any of them.

On the 17th, in having a nearest the pin shot off the tee, he saw his team not use his shot, as they needed to use up the mandatory three shots off the tee in the round for Dennis who was short of the green.

They only went on to par the hole, despite Dennis saying he would get the birdie for the team with his second shot,.

Darryl in his group had Ian Furniss, Steve Boyd and Kevin Shepley, who with his excellent putting on the day had held the team together.

The ladies' team of Di Krutli, Jenny Drury, Jo Pickhaver and Kerrie Edwards did get an honourable mention for their dress code, being all dressed up as Santa Claus.

However, their beards got in the way off the 14th tee when Jenny had to use the dam wall to get the ball to roll back on the fairway, and Jo decided it was best to use the next-door fairway with her drive.

While Jo picked up a nearest the pin, the ladies were also winners on the day, and couldn't wait to get a grip on the modified putter and go for the money.

Kerrie, after watching the other three miss their chance, then showed how it was done in dribbling the ball in the hole to collect the money for the group.

Ray Kingsbury, playing with Max Schebella, Bob Wood and Wayne Bartlett, was certainly in the firing line while on the

edge of the 17th green, as the group on the 18th tee in Tim Formby, John Way, Trevor Calaby and Allen Anderson hit off.

Ray, at the side of his cart, saw Tim's drive bounce and just miss him and John's hit.

Michael Beasley was able to sit back in his cart for most of the round and let teammate's daughter Chrissie, Paul Coombe and Jason Oliver do all the hard work.

Chrissie showed them all up with her solid hits.

On the eighth ladies' par four, she hit off from tee situated behind the men's par three tee, and was able to lob the ball on the green.

She picked longest drive for the ladies on the day and the longest straight drive.

Paul Coombe certainly had some wayward shots off the tee, but when it counted, it was right on target to win longest drive (19+) and longest straight drive on the day.

On the first/10th hole, Jason showed he could hit a long ball off the tee as well as getting the ball to bounce around the corner of the dog leg, with all thinking that it was the one they were going to play next.

Unfortunately, they couldn't find it as it had travelled further than they thought and was just off into the rough not far from the green, so they had to settle for a par.

After the round, all enjoyed the lunch organised by the ladies and Captain Graeme Bertholini to end a fun and enjoyable day.

McLaren Vale Golf Club

On December 16 McLaren Vale Golf Club hosted a Stableford competition.

A Grade: L Kotz c/b 37, A Jarvis 37, P Gay 35, W Goldsmith 34.

B Grade: D Knowles c/b 36, R Kappler 36, A Bartsch 35, B Bowey 34.

C Grade: S Dillon 39, M Inkster 38, G Dellow c/b 35, I Fox 35.

Birdies: D Godfrey 6th, S Jackson 12th, V Cooper 3rd, R Rowe 8th.

Nearest to Pin: 8th/17th, R Rowe; 6th/15th, S Foody; 3rd/12th, S Dillon.

Player of the Day: S Dillon.



A Bid Outside The System



By John Elliott

Dealer East N/S Vul.			
♠ 5			
♥ K 10 3			
♦ Q J 8 7 6 4 3			
♣ J 10			
♠ A 9 7 6		♠ K 4 3	
♥ Q 5 2		♥ 9 7 6	
♦ K 10 9		♦ A 2	
♣ 9 8 5		♣ A Q 4 3 2	
♠ Q J 10 8 2			
♥ A J 8 4			
♦ 5			
♣ K 7 6			

I was sitting North and was not sure what to do when East opened 1C and my partner overcalled 1 Spade. West could have bid 1NT but chose to pass. We were Vulnerable and although I had only7 High Card Points, I thought we might get some value out of my 7-card Diamond suit, but my partner only over-called, which normally shows a single suited hand with 10 – 17 HCP. Responding to an overcall with a change of suit is a strong and forcing bid, which I did not qualify for, so I passed.

The next thing that happened was that East bid 1NT, which should have promised 12-14 HCP, so that was probably where East wanted to be in the first place, but lacked the HCP for an opening 1NT. My partner passed, which is correct for an overcall, no re-bid is promised. West also passed,

My partner also passed, as did West, so I now had another look at my 7-card Diamond suit. I was in the Balancing Position, if I passed, the auction was all over, so I now put in a bid of 2D, hoping that my partner would not bid again. The problem was, that this bid of mine was not defined in our system, and my partner did not realise what I was trying to say. The fact that I had previously passed and made a bid from the balancing position did not register. Back came a bid of 2H, which was passed out. 7 tricks, one down for a score of 100 to the opposition.

The hand record sheet showed that 2 Diamonds was a viable bid for 8 tricks and 2H was only destined to make 7, as did we. E/W can make 8 tricks in 1NT for a score of 120.

What can we take away from this story? There are two things I can think of, one is that you should always stick to your system, and the second is that no system covers every single situation and sometimes you improvise in order to play good Bridge. On this, we had to agree to disagree.

Strathalbyn Ladies Golf

Ladies Christmas Fun Day

On Wednesday, December 13, a very colourful group of ladies, dressed in all their Christmas finery, headed out to the Strathalbyn Golf course to play a 12-hole ambrose competition with extra fun bits along the way.

Sixteen ladies joined in the fun of the golf game, and four ladies came to socialise with lunch.

Captain Jenny Drury and Vice-Captain Penny Geue had made most holes an experience by adding fun activities.

They included using Pauline Walkom's croquet mallet as a putter on one hole, only rolling the ball for putting on another, and all teeing off together and singing a Christmas Carol on another hole.

Each group had a red or gold ball called 'The Christmas Ball' that needed to be played by the same player on each hole, and it was scored separately to the other balls played.

Once the ladies had worked it out, everything went relatively smoothly.

The winning team was 'The Muscles' – Bernadine Gatehouse, Penny Geue and Dawne Thomas – and they scored 42.5 nett.

The second team was 'TJM Elves' – Tonya Merritt, Jenny Drury and Maureen Need – with 42.8.

The third team was 'The Christmas Pageant' – Jo Pickhaver, Marie Kingsbury, Charmaine Aplin and Mel Johnson – scoring 46.6.

Next came 'The Eagle Gobbled the Birdie' – Di Krutli, Jo Cullen and Sue Pryor – with a score of 49.6.

'The Christmas Carols' – Kerrie Edwards, Mandi Vardon, Pauline Walkom and Carol Pelle – finished with 50.1.

The winner of the 'Christmas Ball' prize was TJM Elves.

Nearest the pin on the ninth hole was Di, while NT Christmas Tree on the second hole was won by Jo P, the most accurate drive on the third winner was Tonya, and the best dressed on the day was won by Di, with Penny winning second prize.

The ladies had a delicious three-course meal provided by Julie Blu, with lots of happy chatter.

It was great for the card ladies Pat Stephens and Margaret Dewhurst, and was extra special to see Madeline Fletcher and Susy Schebella all join us for lunch.

After lunch, 'Mother Christmas' visited to give out the 'Kris Kringle' presents to the lucky ladies on the day.

It was a fantastic day had by all.



Christmas Fun Day at Strath Golf Club.

Alexandrina Contract Bridge Club

Ranking December 13:

North-South

Pos	Pair	Players	Score	%
1	5	Lyn Clements / Valmai Phillips	108.50	54.25%
2	4	John Elliott / Pat Elliott	107.50	53.75%
3	2	Sue Caddy / Helen Conolly	96.25	48.12%
4	1	Sandra Baker / Colin Elix	94.75	47.38%
5	3	Bruce Pascoe / Graham Phillips	92.71	46.35%

East-West

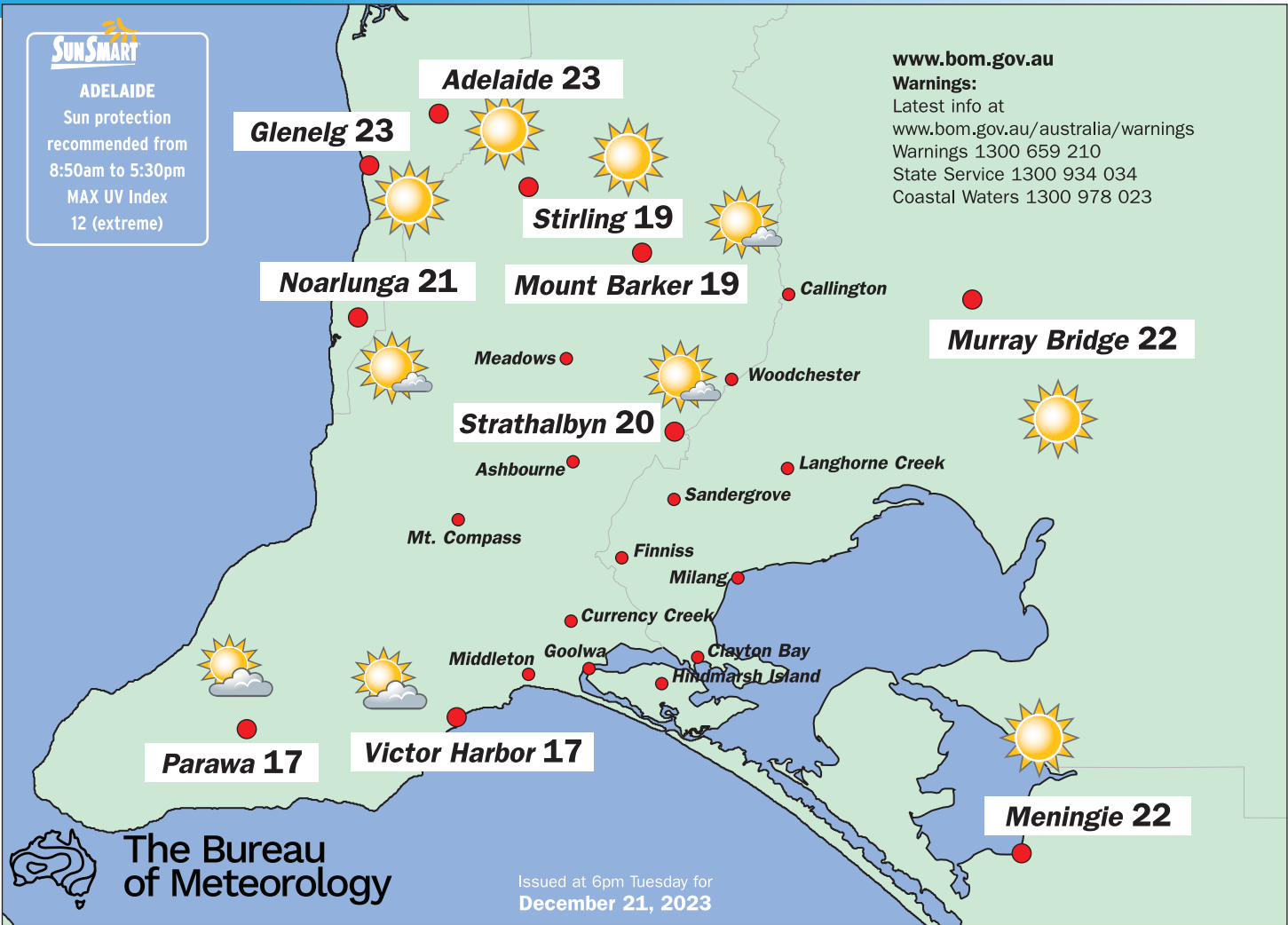
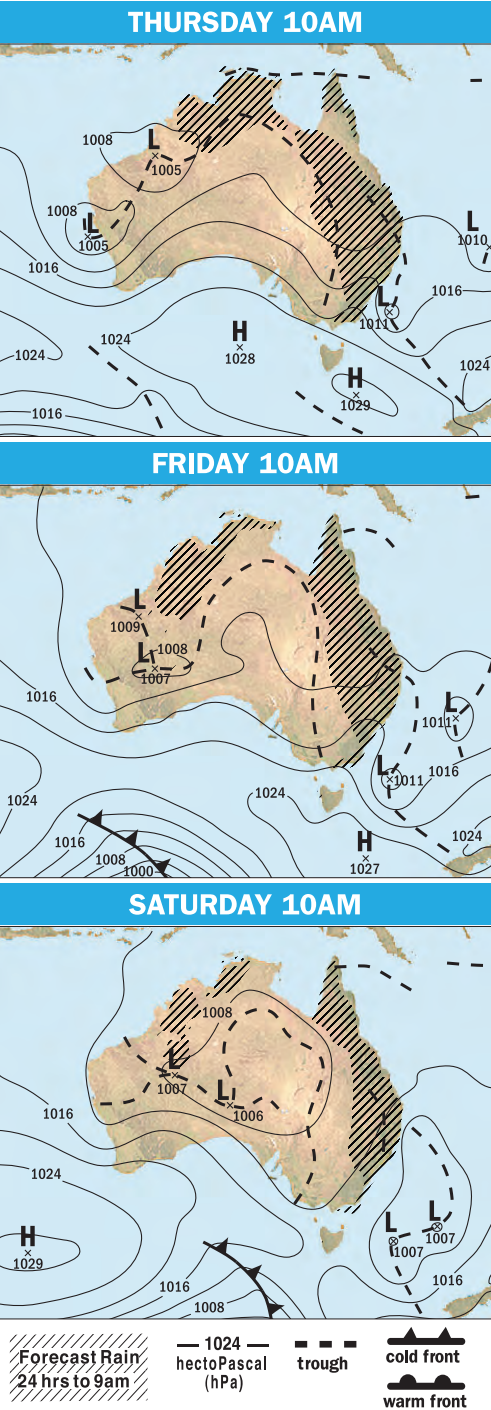
1	3	Denise Muhlhan / Garry Skuse	119.25	59.62%
2	5	Linda Scholz / Marie Pike	113.75	56.88%
3	1	Mike Robertson / Malcolm Twartz	113.50	56.75%
4	4	Pauline Ashforth / Peter Ashforth	96.50	48.25%
5	2	Erica Schmidt / Glenys Chapman	55.21	27.60%



Weather

FORECAST

**Warnings**  
See [www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings](http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings)  
**Mount Barker:**  
Mostly sunny. Winds south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h.  
Friday. Mostly sunny.  
**Strathalbyn:**  
Mostly sunny.  
Friday. Mostly sunny.  
**Murray Bridge:**  
Sunny.  
Friday. Mostly sunny.  
**Mount Lofty Ranges District:**  
Mostly sunny. Winds southeasterly 25 to 35 km/h turning southerly early afternoon.  
**Murraylands District:**  
Sunny. Winds southerly 20 to 30 km/h.  
**Upper South East District:**  
Sunny. Winds south to southeasterly 25 to 35 km/h.  
**Mid North District:**  
Sunny. Winds south to southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.  
**South Australia:**  
Dry and mild to warm, hot about the north. Moderate to fresh south to southeasterly winds, with locally fresh to strong sea breezes.  
Friday. Dry apart from Chance of storms developing near the western border. Mild to warm grading to hot in the north and very hot in the far northwest. Mainly moderate to fresh southeast to southerly winds.



RECENT RAINFALL

Rain (mm)	Daily	Week	MTD	YTD
Lenswood	0	5	81.6	949.2
Meningie			64.6	461.2
Adelaide Aero	Tce	4	56.0	505.4
Ashton	0	8	83.4	1160.6
Balhannah	0.2	2	43.6	234.0
Belair			69.4	895.3
Birdwood		3	64.4	678.2
Callington		0.8	61.2	403.9
Cape Willoughby	7	7	58.2	524.6
Clarendon		4	83.2	815.0
Claypans			22.0	252.5
Cooke Plains		2	44.9	380.5
Crafrers West	0.2	11	97.4	1069.0
Finniss	2	18/8	85.5	573.1
Greenhill	0	5	77.0	719.4
Gumeracha		6	58.6	761.9
Hahndorf		2	85.0	811.2
Happy Valley	0.4	5	88.0	752.8
Hindmarsh Island	2	7	81.6	481.2
Inman Valley	4	7	101.8	792.0
Inverbrackie	0.2	2	69.0	669.4
Karoonda	0.2	2	28.4	289.0
Kersbrook	0	3	58.6	700.6
Kingscote Aero	8	10	58.2	461.2
Kuitpo	0.8	4	91.6	781.4
Lameroo	0.2	1	29.2	371.2
Millbrook Resv	0	3	58.8	825.8
Monarto	0.2	4	60.2	398.8
Mt Barker	0.6	3	87.2	749.8
Mt Lofty	0.2	12	99.8	947.4
Murray Bridge	0.2	4	43.7	362.2
Nairne				
Noarlunga	1	6	83.8	528.2
Nuriootpa	0	1	32.4	324.6
Palmer		0.5	45.9	372.7
Parawa	4	5	83.0	780.8
Parawa West	4	5	83.0	780.8
Parndana	10	15	52.8	560.4
Peake			274.7	
Roseworthy	0	0.4	55.4	319.2
Strathalbyn	2	4	73.4	477.0
Tailem Bend		3	49.8	405.7
Tintinara			35.0	436.1
Uraidla		6	91.8	1129.0
Victor Harbor	2	2	87.0	601.2
Williamstown	3	3	46.9	572.7
Willunga	1	4	91.0	755.8
Woodhouse	0.4	9	102.7	1136.1
Yankalilla	2	4	62.2	565.0

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	5:58am	8:28pm	2:39pm	1:48am
Friday	5:59am	8:29pm	3:46pm	2:16am
Saturday	5:59am	8:29pm	4:54pm	2:46am
Sunday	6:00am	8:30pm	6:01pm	3:20am
Monday	6:00am	8:30pm	7:08pm	3:58am
Tuesday	6:01am	8:31pm	8:11pm	4:44am
Wednesday	6:02am	8:31pm	9:07pm	5:36am

TIDES

<b>Outer Harbor</b>				
<b>Thursday:</b>				
4:05am	1.1m	9:54am	1.6m	
4:24pm	0.9m	11:51pm	1.8m	
<b>Friday:</b>				
7:09am	1.2m	11:43am	1.3m	
5:42pm	1.1m			
<b>Saturday:</b>				
1:47am	1.9m	9:49am	0.9m	
3:34pm	1.3m	8:05pm	1.1m	
<b>Sunday:</b>				
3:08am	2.1m	10:43am	0.7m	
4:50pm	1.4m	9:23pm	1.1m	
<b>Monday:</b>				
4:02am	2.3m	11:21am	0.5m	
5:27pm	1.5m	10:11pm	1.0m	
<b>Victor Harbor</b>				
<b>Thursday:</b>				
2:26am	0.8m	11:41am	0.5m	
2:00pm	0.6m	4:19pm	0.5m	
<b>Friday:</b>				
2:01am	0.8m	12:23pm	0.5m	
10:57pm	0.9m			
<b>Saturday:</b>				
1:19pm	0.4m	11:39pm	1.1m	
<b>Sunday:</b>				
9:02am	0.5m	10:21am	0.5m	
2:32pm	0.4m			
<b>Monday:</b>				
12:22am	1.2m	9:27am	0.4m	
11:37am	0.5m	3:39pm	0.3m	

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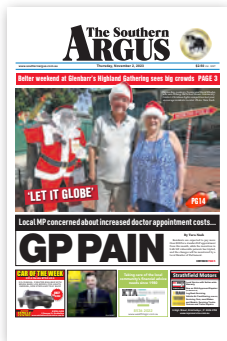
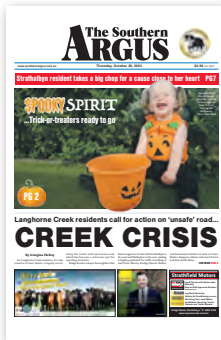
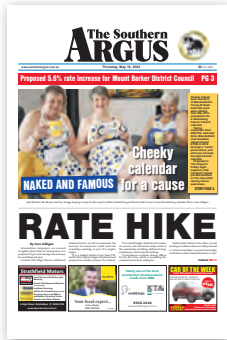
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### Oh Buoy!



Passengers onboard Goolwa’s historic paddlesteamer endured a bumpy ride on Saturday when high flows and a gust of wind forced the vessel to collide with a Hindmarsh Island Bridge pylon.

At around 1.15pm, the *PS Oscar W* was returning to Goolwa wharf after a one- hour cruise when fast flows caused by River Murray floods affected the journey.

“The wind and current took over and the captain, supported by a mate, tried to straighten the vessel, but the vessel would not respond,” Alexandrina Council CEO Nigel Morris explained.

### Council’s 2023 agenda reveal

Increased transparency and strengthening community connections are among many Alexandrina Council goals for 2023.

Still facing cost-of-living rises, flood clean-ups and after-effects of COVID-19, the local council is taking a different approach this year supported by a new era of elected members.

Council CEO Nigel Morris looked forward to implementing a new structure after around nine months in the role.

### Historic day for cricket club

The Finnis Cricket Club celebrated an impressive 150 years on Saturday when they faced off against Langhorne Creek.

Playing at home, the historic club held an event prior to the game to mark the occasion with past players and members in attendance.

### Near-drownings spark warning

An 11-year-old swept out in a rip at Goolwa Beach was among those rescued by local surf lifesavers over the Christmas and New Year period.

The child lost her boogie board in a rip before patrol hours, but luckily, was witnessed in danger and rescued.

Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club President, Matt Burrage, said the season was busy, mainly spurred from those in the water outside of patrolled beaches and hours.

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OH BUOY: Oscar W damaged in crash with bridge pylon

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FLOOD TEST

Milang rallies to save shacks PG 4-5

Urgent community meeting PG 6

Many properties lose power PG 7

Emergency centre opens PG 7

Adam Phillips helping Scott Turner top landings around his shack

Rick Tushy was one of many Milang shack owners busy clearing out possessions last week ahead of current flooding. People have rallied to save properties. Photos: Tara Nash

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Members of a local Freemasons group provided Country Fire Service volunteers with vital equipment on Thursday night to assist them in protecting lives and communities. Pictured are Lodge of St. John’s Clive Sayers and Strathalbyn Group Officer Greg Pfeiffer.



A bit of pre-Christmas fun saw Langhorne Creek Hawks chasing a ball of a different kind, and making history.

On December 21, underdog Hawks took on the Mighty Tigers in a T20 clash at Langhorne Creek oval and defeated the odds in a close contest.



A Tooperang couple’s more than 30 years of ‘tireless and joyful’ dedication to a local war memorial hall, along with their community spirit, has earned them Australia Day recognition.

Pictured are Tooperang couple Jill and Lee McKenzie.



About 1000 people marvelled at a display of vehicles and machinery at the 26th annual Yesterday’s Power Rally over the weekend.

Pictured is Macclesfield’s Cooper Long a racer in the making.

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As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, the new purpose-built \$4.6 million station on Dry Plains Road features a large training space, four-bay garage, fully-equipped kitchen, meeting room and offices, and staff accommodation and bathroom facilities, which will help boost much-needed emergency resources for the region.

"You've got to hear it to believe it," Mr Pfeiffer said.



A photograph of two women standing outdoors in front of a stone building with a corrugated metal roof. The woman on the left has long blonde hair, wears a light-colored cowboy hat, a denim vest over a white top, and a black skirt. The woman on the right has long reddish-brown hair, wears a dark cowboy hat, a red short-sleeved dress, and a large silver belt buckle. She is also carrying a brown leather bag. Both women are smiling at the camera.

A group of five women, three with grey hair and two with dark hair, are standing in front of a brick wall. They are all wearing bright green high-visibility vests. The woman on the far left is wearing a black top and light blue trousers. The woman next to her is wearing a black top and black and white striped trousers. The woman in the center is wearing a blue top and light blue trousers. The woman next to her is wearing a black top and light blue trousers. The woman on the far right is wearing a white top and black trousers. They are all smiling and holding a large white sign that reads "SAVE GOOLWA'S RIVERPORT HERITAGE!" in bold black letters. There is a small black insect icon on the sign.

Community frustrations over Alexandrina Council's Goolwa Wharf Precinct Revitalisation Project have boiled over, with about 100 people marching to Cadell Street in protest on Monday prior to a major vote.



**WOLFGANG MOZART** – Horn Concerto no. 3  
**AARON COPLAND** – Appalachian Spring (*conducted by Bryan Griffiths*)  
**WOLFGANG MOZART** – Sinfonia Concertante



A working group comprised of local clinicians, SA Ambulance Service, and members of the Strathalbyn community and nearby regions was tasked with re-opening the facility in October 2022, but five months on, the ED's doors remain shut.

Blindsided parents, staff and community members came together on Sunday afternoon to deliberate Strathalbyn Children's Centre's sudden closure.

The local childcare centre ceased trading from 6pm on Friday due to alleged financial reasons, giving staff and parents "no warning".

The not-for-profit incorporated association is located on Burkett Dr, Strathalbyn, and cared for an estimated 65 children.

Strathalbyn's open women's football team has folded just weeks out from Round 1 due to a lack of numbers. Around 10 players are now exploring other opportunities after the Roosters side was unable to recruit enough players to make competing a viable prospect. Great Southern Football League President Grant Levy expressed disappointment at the withdrawal.

The dust may have settled on the State Government's rejection of Terramin Australia's Bird in Hand project; however, the Strathalbyn community has also allegedly been denied a golden opportunity.

Last month, Terramin was notified that its application for a Mining Lease and a Miscellaneous Purposes Licence in respect to the Bird in Hand Gold Project (BIHGP) had been refused by the Minister for Energy and Mining Tom Koutsantonis.

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## SUDDEN CLOSURE

**Childcare centre door shut on staff and parents...**

By Sara Gilligan

Blindfolded parents, staff and community members came together on Sunday afternoon to deliberate Strathfield Children's Centre's sudden closure.

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The Fillies were the Strathalbyn club's sole team still alive in the finals race and they finished the season off in the best possible fashion by defeating Uraidla in last Sunday morning's grand final of the Upper Fleurieu Strikers Girls Cricket League played at Strathalbyn.



Angas Plains Wines attendees will be slipping off their shoes and jumping feet first into a good time at an upcoming grape stomp.

Pictured is Angas Plains Wines owner Phillip Cross.



Great Southern Football League's season launch brings palpable excitement of what's to come. Club presidents, delegates and sponsors were invited to a launch event at Encounter Bay Football Club on Sunday to get the ball rolling on a big year for the local league.



Local Crows fans brushed shoulders with some of their heroes when Adelaide Football Club's Nick Murray and Ned McHenry popped down to the Langhorne Creek Football Club (LCFC) last Tuesday to train with young Hawks.

A photograph of two men in a field, silhouetted against a bright sunset. They are shaking hands, with one man holding a clipboard. The scene is warm and golden, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect. The men are wearing caps and work clothes. The overall mood is professional and collaborative.

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Ready for battle



Two local football clubs feel "privileged" to do battle on Tuesday when the annual Anzac Day clash returns to Strathalbyn soil.

Strathalbyn Football Club will host Langhorne Creek for the local derby, as players fight for the Daish Irrigation Challenge Cup.

It's been a few years since the Roosters have held the wood, with COVID cancelling the 2020 match, and the Hawks dominating last year's contest by 53 points.

However, A grade playing coach Curtis Perrey recognised this year's Great Southern Football League season had kicked off later than the previous year, making it "hard to know" where the Hawks would be sitting.

Mill makeover taking shape

Strathalbyn's Old Angas Flour Mill restoration works have begun, including documenting, cataloguing and storing historic artefacts, and stonework restoration.

The historic mill will be transformed into a multi-use space – with plans yet to be revealed – that honours its history and connects with the community.

Sisters make state nationals

A dynamic Strathalbyn sister duo are making big leaps in national basketball, with both being selected to compete in the state team in their respective age groups.

Penzy and Daisy Hocking will be jetting interstate to compete in the Australian Junior National Championships, with Penzy currently finishing up her time in the Under 18 competition in Brendale, Queensland, while Daisy will play in the Under 16 championships in Perth, Western Australia from July 2 to 9.

Low vacancy

Low vacancy rates, rising rents and growing demand have maintained competitive conditions for affordable housing in the local region, according to key industry players.

The Southern Argus spoke to several local real estate agents about the rental market, who reported high-demand and low-availability for rentals under \$400 per week, with housing stress generally involving residents who spend more than 30 per cent of their income on household costs, such as rental or mortgage payments.

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Current Strathalbyn JP shortage leads to volunteer callout **PAGE 2**

Hills Fleurieu Operations Inspector Andrew Kemp wants people to drive safely and 'arrive alive' this Easter. Photo: Georgina McKay

## ARRIVE ALIVE!

**First responders deliver Easter road safety message**

By Georgina McKay

Each year motorists are reminded to be safe on the road through hard-hitting messaging, but this Easter local emergency service workers are banding together to deliver the most simple but important one – 'Arrive Alive'.

The latest road crash statistics reveal 40 lives have been lost so far this year compared to 18 at the same time last year, with the Hills Fleurieu region recording five fatalities, 44 serious injuries, and 118 collision casualties.

In the lead up to the long weekend, Strathalbyn Country Fire Service, Strathalbyn State Emergency Service, SA Police Hills Fleurieu Local Service Area, and Strathalbyn SA Ambulance Service are urging motorists to drive to the conditions, allow for additional travel time, and avoid uncertainty and unnecessary risks.

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Goolwa Primary School (GPS) students had a view of the sky while keeping their feet firmly on the ground when the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service made a special visit to the campus last Wednesday.

The AFL has announced South Australia will host Gather Round for at least three more years, and a local Mayor is hopeful football greats will return to Mount Barker soil. SA Premier Peter Malinauskas enjoying watching the Brisbane Lions defeat North Melbourne.

Organisers of the 25th Meadows Easter Fair were happy bunnies after about 21,000 to 22,000 visitors attended the four-day annual event.

Pictured are Mia and Bren, of Meadows, hopping through the Meadows Easter Fair.

Rolls Royce and Bentley owners made a brake for Langhorne Creek during the national car club's five-day Federal Rally in late March.

Pictured is Federal Rally Director Rory Poland.

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Alarming research from Australian Bureau of Statistics' 2021-22 national study of mental health and wellbeing revealed about 8.6 million Australians have experienced a mental disorder some time in their life, with Lifeline reporting more than eight Australians die every day by suicide – 75 per cent of those are male.

Previous Wellbeing Leader Kieran Read secured a \$5000 grant from the Department for Education (DFE) last year for the school's anti-bullying project, which aims to implement initiatives to tackle the global issue through a series of lessons to support students' wellbeing and promote positive friendships.



Pictured are Sue Eckert, Emma Daniel, Graeme Vivian, Paquita Wise, and Sally Ness.



A local environmental group, comprising of Jeff Whittaker and club member Darcy Whittaker, is encouraging residents to help build an online database of local species, and in turn, discover more about the region's wildlife.



Local MP Adrian Pederick has applauded a recent funding announcement for Strathalbyn Oval Courts upgrades, which will bring netball and tennis to the 'next level'. Pictured with him are Zoe Martin, Anna Scott, Havy Simmonds and Lisa Smith.



Local families are being asked to open their homes and hearts to international students like Ombeline Moreau (Centre). About 19 students will be flying in from Japan in August for a 12-day study tour, with another two coming from Germany and one from France for longer stays.



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**ON TRACK: Business boom coming to Milnes Road site**

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*Hindmarsh Island's Ruby Bartlett is the founder and patron of the South Australia's Boat Festival, which attracted thousands to the Flinders over the weekend. The PS Goolwa was among beautiful vessels on display. Photos: Terry Nash*

**HULL YEAH!** Wooden boat festival attracts thousands

**PAGES 6-7**

**Neighbourhood calls for potential Strathalbyn Caravan Park relocation**

# BAN CAMP

By Sara Gilligan

A previous 'overflow' of bookings at Strathalbyn Caravan Park has prompted a long list of ongoing concerns among some Coronation Road residents.

What started as a February petition highlighting trepidations around caravans and tents being located adjacent to Carruthers Hall, has escalated to the disorganisation of a community flyer. The handout, given to nearby

households, details concerns from "unnecessary domestic noise" and alcohol consumption, to "uncontrolled discharging" of greywater.

**FULL STORY PAGES 4-5**

Some Coronation Road residents have concerns with camping near Strathalbyn's Carruthers Hall.

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In the fundraiser's ninth year, Clayton Bay Country Fire Service's (CFS) Ben Chudleigh and Joel Doecke are taking on the challenge alongside Strathalbyn CFS members.

Behind the proposal is applicant and land owner Eyre Retail Pty Ltd, which acquired the land during 2022 from the Strath Hub Group.



A partnership between Shannons Adelaide Rally and Strathalbyn Rotary Club's Duck Race will turn the township into a hub of activity in November, delivering hundreds of thousands of economic benefit to local traders and businesses.



Strathalbyn Tennis Club Coach Alex Endenburg is excited for the Strathalbyn King's Birthday Long Weekend Event.



Mount Barker District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital's bigger and better emergency department (ED) will open its doors on Wednesday, providing staff with more treatment spaces and facilities to deliver patient care closer to home for Adelaide Hills and surrounds.



A major funding boost will help Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek Cricket Clubs deliver projects that improve practice and playing facilities, and ensure community safety. Pictured are Martin Rigby, Luke Cousins and Michael Cutting.

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**Vandals target Alexandrina Council in crude graffiti PG 5**

## TREE BONES

Police are investigating the discovery of suspected human bones on Park Creek Road last Friday.  
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Strathalbyn and nearby communities were left in shock after suspected human remains were found by a local roadster last Friday. At about 2.30pm on June 9, Hills Fleurieu police and forensic investigators were called to Park Creek Road following reports bones had been found under an olive tree. A scene guard was established on Saturday while local detectives and forensic investigators attended and searched the area, with assistance from STAR Group officers, Major Crime investigators, State Emergency Service officers, and local police. **PHOTO BY JAMES**

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Great Southern saw a trifecta of success over June's long weekend with senior female and male footballers achieving victory on Strathalbyn soil, while senior netballers came home with Country Champs gold.

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## Stage set for GSFLW finals



The first round of Great Southern Football League (GSFL) women's finals for 2023 kicks off this weekend, promising to bring more competition and a higher level of skills from the top four teams.

After 14 rounds, the GSFLW competition has wrapped up for some for another year.

The season has delivered some highs and lows, including the loss of Strathalbyn's A Grade Women and Mount Compass' female sides, the merger of Yankalilla/Encounter Bay, and the introduction of Myponga-Sellicks into the A Grade, but Female Football Co-ordinator, Megan Sherry was happy with how everyone went.

## Council adopts budget

Alexandrina ratepayers will see a less than initially projected rate increase to accommodate the cost-of-living crisis.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Alexandrina councillors opened the 2023-24 draft Annual Business Plan and Budget inclusive of a general 7.2 per cent rate rise, plus 1.3 per cent from development growth in May to public consultation.

## Barbie mania welcomed

Barbie has been a household name for more than six decades, but the doll's popularity has sky-rocketed to heights River Dolls of Goolwa's Lyn Clark has never seen in the wake of the new movie.

Ms Clark may have grown up in the wrong era for Barbie, but that hasn't stopped her from becoming an avid collector, now housing some 450 dolls at the Goolwa-based museum.

## Walk the coast for a cause

More than 1000 walkers will tackle the coastline again for Coastrek this September, as they walk from Parsons or Kings beaches to Port Elliot.

The hiking challenge has courses around Australia and aims to connect women, improve fitness and fundraise for The Heart Foundation.

Local team Salty Sisters will join the 20km course, a feat initiated by Port Elliot resident Lena Labschin, who connected to the cause after having a family loss last year.

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## CENTENARY ROUND

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GSFL celebrating 100 years SEE SPORT PAGES 17-33

## S'MORE THE MERRIER?

By Tara Nash  
Strathalbyn Caravan Park's previously flagged expansion is gaining traction following the submission of plans for an overflow location with Alexandrina Council last week, proposing six large caravan sites along Coronation Road, adjacent to Carruthers Hall. FULL STORY PAGE 4

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Meadows Primary School is hoping to have great sock-cess with its latest fundraiser to raise money for the sole purpose of purchasing new play equipment for students and families.

The fundraiser will run over four weeks.



Barbie has been a household name for more than six decades, but the doll's popularity has sky-rocketed to heights River Dolls of Goolwa's Lyn Clark has never seen in the wake of the new movie.

She would love if the movie brought more people to the museum.



Understanding the challenges facing rural and regional South Australians was the subject of a rare visit by former Deputy Prime Minister and former Nationals Party leader Barnaby Joyce through Mayo last Thursday.



While most local residents are shivering through the peak of winter, Julie Jones, Laura Saltmarsh, Milly Breward and Natalie Perkins have been brrrr-aving the chilly weather and embracing cold plunges at Clayton Bay.

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## Triple threat Willunga



Willunga A Grade Women claimed a three-peat win, making history as the first club to do so since the Great Southern Football League Women (GSFLW) competition was formed in 2016.

The Demons took on Encounter Bay/ Yankalilla Stingrays who performed the impressive feat of knocking McLaren Districts out of the race the week prior to make it to the Grand Final at Goolwa Oval in their inaugural year as a merged side.

Willunga put the heat on early, with Captain Tamara Page kicking the opening goal.

After settling into the game, the Stingrays turned up the pressure and replied with a goal of their own to tie at the first break with one a-piece.

## New editor joins The Argus

About two years ago the Berri flat in the Riverland that had been home to myself and my daughter Jessica for 15 years was sold.

My new landlord John popped around to introduce himself.

He wanted to know how long I thought I would be staying in the flat and the Riverland. Just two more.

## 50-year anniversary

Veterans will be honoured in a Macclesfield service next weekend to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Australia's involvement in the end of the Vietnam War.

Macclesfield RSL Sub-Branch will host the service at the Macclesfield ANZAC Memorial Garden next Saturday and acknowledge the service, and sacrifice of those who served.

Australia was involved in the Vietnam War from 1962 to 1973, and had 60,000 people serve, 523 pay the ultimate sacrifice and about 3,000 wounded.

## Historic turn-out for cabinet

Hundreds gathered at Mount Barker High School last Wednesday night for the largest attended Country Cabinet community forum.

Country Cabinet provides an opportunity for communities to voice any concerns or challenges, and ask questions directly to Premier Peter Malinauskas, his cabinet and chief executives in an unmoderated forum.

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**Historic turn-out for Adelaide Hills Country Cabinet** **PAGE 12**

**Local's lasting legacy**

Two-and-a-half years ago, Macclesfield resident Kerry Thomas just thought she had a urinary tract infection and was tired, and her antibiotics were failing. But when she got a scan and received a call the following morning to come back in, she found it was much worse. "They discovered it was a rare kind of cancer and it had spread everywhere," she said. "It was a big surprise and took a while to adjust to." She was diagnosed with terminal, stage 4 endometrial cancer and given weeks to live. **FULL STORY PAGE 4**

**Strathalbyn handler and dog to represent SA... SU-PAW-STARs**

**By** **Giorgina McKay**

A Strathalbyn resident who is set to represent South Australia for the 13th time at the upcoming Supreme Australian Working Sheepdog Championships is hoping to secure a hometown win and the chance to compete for the country. Held at Strathalbyn Oval from September 9-12, the competition will start with the novice event, followed by the Ted Gaby Interstate Challenge and Australian Working Sheepdog Championships. Stefan Cross will be among the competitors in the Ted Gaby Interstate Challenge. **CONTINUED PAGE 5**

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From childhood characters to sporting icons, schools across Alexandrina brought the fun, crazy and wild for the first round of Book Week celebrations. Pictured are Sophia Van de Meulengraaf, Iris O'Neill, Katara Gomez, and Chase Maul-Dunn.



It has been an overwhelming month for apprentice jockey Chelsey Reynolds who won her first race upon debut in late July, followed by a major cup win less than a week later. Reynolds has since received an overwhelming flood of support from the local community.



Mark this one in the calendar: in just four months' time – or 127 days – local residents will come together and line Strathalbyn streets for the town's much-loved Christmas event. The market will be bigger this year and among all the action on Albyn Terrace.



For the second year in a row, the Great Southern Football League Women's (GSFLW) A Grade medal count, held at Encounter Bay Football Club last Tuesday night, ended in a tie. Pictured are Layla Rogers, Jemma Ellis and Renee Moon

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## Medal for McKinnon



Victor Harbor's Jesse McKinnon dominated this year's Great Southern Football League (GSFL) Mail Medal count last Wednesday, finishing 14 votes clear of his nearest rival.

McKinnon polled 32 votes, ahead of Jarrod Kellock of Langhorne Creek and Ziggy Vitkunas of Mount Compass – who both finished on 18.

It was two steps better than his 2022 result, which saw him place third.

"It was a good reward for effort, but I wasn't really expecting it," McKinnon said.

"I was kind of shocked, but yes, I was very happy when it was announced."

## Sheepdog trials unleashed

Competitors from across the country have arrived in Strathalbyn for the Supreme Australian Working Sheepdog Championship which kicked off last weekend.

The competition held at Strathalbyn Oval is gearing up for the Ted Gaby Interstate Challenge held tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday.

## Eagle glory for McLaren

On a perfect day for the grand final, with about 5,500 attending at Willunga, it was McLaren Districts making it back-to-back A-Grade premierships when, in the end, they had absorbed the strength of the Demons to run out 27-point winners.

It was certainly a battle in the first half for either team to stamp their plans on the game, with McLaren having the ball in their attacking zone for a fair bit of the term, but meeting strong resistance from the Demons' Scanlan and Miegel as they had the opening goal just two minutes into the game, when a long snap by Lawrie went through the big sticks.

## Strike action

Strathalbyn Australian Education Union (AEU) teachers taking strike action last Friday say local issues such as the difficulty of attracting staff to semi-regional schools were behind their protest stance, and hope it is the end of the need for action.

Approximately 50 staff members across the Eastern Fleurieu School's campuses participated in the stop work action either locally or in Adelaide on September 1.



Local snake catcher David Dique is hoping to take the fear out of snakes for others, as sightings increase during spring when the animal awakens from brumation in search of food and a mate.



The sporting achievements, hard work and dedication displayed by athletes, umpires and volunteers throughout the current season were recognised at Great Southern Netball Association's (GSNA) Senior Presentations night on Monday.



Milang woman Margaret Holt who created history several years ago by becoming the first female deacon in the local diocese has gone a step further to become one of its first female ordained priests.



Time was wound back at the Monarto Shooting Complex on Saturday, when members of the Adelaide Regiment staged a recreation of a shoot popular in the 1860s. Pictured are Adelaide Regiment Sergeant Nic Grguric, Private Mark Bleby and Corporal Simon Whitelaw.

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## A-boat time to hit the water



A couple of Goolwa women are joining a boating crew for four days along the Murray River to fundraise for a good cause.

The crew 'Nauti Gals' will be part of a fleet of boats in the Mighty River Run in November, taking off from Waikerie for a loop through the Riverland.

The women have a background in sailing, however, this time they will be running a powerboat for about five hours a day and pull up at sites along the way to camp overnight.

At the time of publication, the women had already raised more than \$3200 towards their fundraising goal for Novita, which supports more than 5000 kids, young people, and adults living with a disability, as well as their families and carers.

## Caravan park van-ture

It's happy camping at the Strathalbyn Caravan Park after planning consent for its expansion was granted by Alexandrina Council on Tuesday.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, the Strathalbyn Oval Controlling Committee lodged plans to construct six additional caravan-only sites with access to water, power and greywater disposal in an 'overflow' location at the Coronation Road site, adjacent to Carruthers Hall.

## Simounds best for third time

At the presentation dinner for the Strathalbyn Football Club last Friday night, full forward Ben Simounds won the "G.D.Jones" Best and Fairest Medal in A grade for the third time.

Simmonds, who with other wins in 2017 and 2019, has certainly surpassed father Peter's effort with one medal win gained in 1989, this year Simmonds junior scoring 49 votes to beat Marc Elliott and Jacob Wright both on 41 votes.

## Goolwa surf legend recognised

After years of rescuing people in emergencies and mentoring youth, Goolwa surf life saver Damion Burrage was awarded the prestigious Emergency Services Medal at the 2023 Emergency Services Medal & Commendations ceremony with SAFECOM earlier this month.

"(I felt) humbled... it was a nice surprise," he said.



A smart lighting trial will begin in Clayton Bay later this year after a group of residents formed an action group to advocate for International Dark Sky accreditation, while opposing the public lights recently installed by Alexandrina Council.



Langhorne Creek grape growers are experiencing a strong start to the season and welcoming a promising forecast for the months ahead.

Glenrowan Vineyards grower Dale Wenzel finds his vines look healthy so far and expects an ideal season.



Strathalbyn Bowling Club members have celebrated a milestone 110 years of friendship and competition on the weekend, while unveiling a mural honouring its history. Pictured are Strathalbyn Bowling Club Vice-Presidents Terri Saunders and Wayne Lee.



Strathalbyn is diving into a new pool season, as the local facility reopens to the public from Monday. Pictured are Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Operations Director Ryan Cooke and lifeguard Lucinda Moran, of Paris Creek.

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### Ready to strike



A local soccer club is hoping to fill the 'missing gap' in its arsenal and reform its women's team next season.

The Strathalbyn Strikers have been without a permanent women's team since 2019 when a player shortage forced the group to disband.

With the opportunity ripe coming off the back of the Matildas' World Cup campaign, the Strikers are hoping to reform the team and are putting out expressions of interest for female players to join the 2024 winter season.

"We got the team together then we had a few players leave, which then made it unsustainable for the rest of them, which forced the rest of them to leave," Club President, Nick Brook, told *The Southern Argus*.

### Residents oppose land sale

Stirling Court residents who use the local reserve for daily recreational activities would feel 'saddened' if Alexandrina Council's proposal to revoke its community land classification and sell it off to a prospective buyer went ahead.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, council invited community feedback on a proposal to revoke the community land classification of 1 (Lot 87) Stirling Court at Strathalbyn to enable its sale on the open market for rural living purposes.

### Survivor supports others

Mount Barker resident Glyn Scott is a fierce domestic violence campaigner after experiencing first-hand horrific brutality.

She grew up in an orphanage, foster care, and was adopted, and often ran away as a child.

### Tragedy strikes at Goolwa

Tributes and condolences have poured in from across the state after a tragedy at Goolwa during schoolies celebrations last Friday night claimed the life of SA Police Commissioner's son Charlie Stevens.

At about 9pm on November 17, emergency services were called to Beach Road after a pedestrian was struck by a car, with the driver allegedly failing to stop at the scene.

The driver was allegedly pulled over by police a short distance away on Port Elliot Road.

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**ROCKIN' RODEO**  
It wasn't all smooth sailing for some riders at the inaugural Strathalbyn Rodeo on Saturday. Photo: Rowan Sims  
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**IGA ON THE WAY?**  
By Tara Nash  
Health issues are reportedly the reason behind the further delays to Strathalbyn's second supermarket.  
Sajid Gupta, of Strathalbyn Supermarket Properties Pty Ltd, said while construction of the IGA on the corner of Dawson Street and Albany Terrace is about 80 per cent done, the project is on hold as he recovers from health issues.  
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A small crowd gathered at Strathalbyn's Soldiers Memorial Gardens on Saturday to pause and honour the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families during a Remembrance Day service. Pictured are Brian and Raelene Wakefield.



Handpicked Festival organisers are 'feeling the love' after Saturday's highly successful event.

Daisy Maddaford and Lucy Dow from Murray Bridge were some of the first people through the gates on Saturday.



Thousands of people filled Soldiers Memorial Gardens and surrounding Strathalbyn streets on Sunday for a jam-packed day of family-fun entertainment as community events joined together. Pictured are Alan and Jaiden Holder.



Strathalbyn resident Zahra Goldsmith is the only Australian competitor in the upcoming International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) World Championships in Spain, which kickstarts tomorrow.

## 2023 reflection

2023 has been another busy year.

Cost of living continues to be a challenge, and the need for adequate transport and health services are constant issues.

I will continue to advocate for the improvement of these services, especially for the reinstatement in full of the Strathalbyn Hospital Emergency Department.

I have enjoyed the responsibilities of Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, Emergency Services and Regional Roads.

It's a real privilege to work with the veteran's community and emergency service network across the state.

Living and working in the regions, I am also passionate about improving the condition of our regional roads.

I was pleased to be at the opening of the refurbished tennis and netball courts in Strathalbyn for which I advocated.

It is a great example of community and government collaboration for this \$600,000 upgrade.

I look forward to the reopening of the Strathalbyn Abattoir in 2024.

I have keenly followed this project after securing grant funding whilst in government in early 2022.

Lower prices for livestock and weather events continue to challenge our agricultural sector.

Farmers contribute so much to our state's economy and help drive the economy of our region.

I look forward to a brighter 2024 and from myself, my family and my staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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### Strathalbyn courts re-open



A whole-of-community effort to revive a deteriorating town asset came to fruition last Thursday when the newly upgraded Strathalbyn tennis and netball courts were officially opened in front of local club members and guests.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, the Strathalbyn Oval Controlling Committee (SOCC) Incorporated was granted \$293,000 through the 2022-23 Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program – which was matched by the SOCC and local sporting clubs – to resurface the multi-use courts and upgrade court lighting, as well as install new post sleeves and strengthened and replacement fencing at the complex.

### More delays for abattoir

Unexpected material and contractor delays have extended the Strathalbyn abattoir's restoration timeline, pushing its reopening date back to late in the new year.

The abattoir closed in December 2020 when former operators Strath Pastoral ceased trading, but it has since been reinvigorated by the Fleurieu Community Co-operative, which is currently undertaking a \$3.5 million restoration of the site – \$1.5 million of which is provided by the State Government.

### Blood appeal

More Strathalbyn donors are needed to give the gift of life this Christmas by rolling up their sleeves when the mobile blood donation centre rolls into town next week.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood has put the call out for an additional 88 donors to urgently book a visit with the mobile centre – which will be down at the Strathalbyn Library from December 18 to 21 – to boost supplies this festive season.

### Weather wipes farms

Residents are being reminded to support local farmers after the recent wild storms that lashed South Australia left some local farmers devastated by the impact.

Paris Creek Cherries lost about 70 per cent of its fruit from its 4.5-acre orchard, equivalent to about \$70,000 worth.

Before the deluge of rain, which reportedly recorded about 100ml in the town within days, farmer Steve Gibbons was expected an "absolute bumper crop".

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### Eastern Fleurieu students collaborate on culturally significant mural PG3

#### Abattoir setbacks

Unexpected material and contractor delays have extended the Strathalbyn abattoir's restoration timeline, pushing its reopening date back to late in the new year. The abattoir closed in December 2020 when former operators Strath Pastoral ceased trading, but it has since been reinvigorated by the Fleurieu Community Co-operative, which is currently undertaking a \$3.5 million restoration of the site – \$1.5 million of which is provided by the State Government. **Story page 6**

#### Mystery woman

Strathalbyn resident Malcolm Twartz is a man on a mission – he's trying to put a name to a face on a photo taken in 1983. The photo features a number of people who once attended the former Mines Field School, snapped at the 100th anniversary of the Strathalbyn Primary School. **Story page 9**

#### 'FIGHT TO THE END': Goolwa residents strongly oppose code amendment...

## HANDS OFF

By Georgina McKay  
An "irreversible" decision that threatens to "tear the soul" out of Goolwa is being fought hard by many in the local community, which came together last Tuesday night to voice its concerns. As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Minister for Planning Nick Champion initiated a code amendment in May, unlocking the potential of around 2500 homes on a privately built 240 hectare site north of the Goolwa township to address housing demand. **FULL STORY PAGES 4, 5**

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Lending a helping hand and ear to students in need is an important part of the new job for Josh Reeves and Ayla Cross, who were elected Goolwa Primary's 2024 school leaders on November 22.



Local children will be delighted to learn the exciting news, Santa Claus has scheduled a stopover at Strathalbyn tomorrow night. During one of his busiest times of the year, the North Pole resident will be flying into town for a visit during Christmas Where the Angas Flows.



Eastern Fleurieu and Callington Primary School students embraced the light showers and slight wind, and pushed forward with the fifth annual Milk Bottle Regatta at Lake Alexandrina foreshore last Thursday.



Dean and Jane Hourigan moved to Strathalbyn 31 years ago to raise their five children.

These days the children have all grown up and the couple have turned their attention to breeding Clydesdale and Clydesdale-cross horses.



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Coming Events



Strathalbyn Races

Beach Day Trackside  
Wednesday, December 27

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165 Dry Plains Road, Strathalbyn

Public Notices



ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

January 2024 Council Meeting

At its Ordinary Meeting on Monday 18 December 2023 Alexandrina Council resolved to hold its January 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting on **Monday 22 January 2024** in lieu of Monday 15 January 2024.

The Monday 22 January 2024 Ordinary Meeting will be held at 5.30pm at the Alexandrina Council Community Chambers 'Wal Yuntu Warrin', 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa.

For more information, contact Council on 8555 7000.

Deaths

FITZPATRICK,  
Jana Marie:

Passed away in her sleep from natural causes after a day of hiking in the mountains in Bolivia on November 13, 2023.

Her Spirit is now soaring high above the earth.

There will be a short celebration of life for Jana on Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the Strathalbyn Rotunda, followed by nibbles and drinks at the Victoria Hotel from 1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Strathalbyn, 9.00am  
& 6.30pm  
Salem, 6.30pm

Monday,  
December 25  
Strathalbyn, 9am HC

Sunday,  
December 31  
Parish Service 9.30am  
at Callington Oval

Sunday, January 7  
Strathalbyn, 9am  
Salem, 11am

Pastor Matthew Edgecomb  
Ph: 0423 385 153



CHURCHES  
OF CHRIST

Sunday,  
December 24  
10.30am

Monday,  
December 25  
9.30am

Sunday, December 31  
Sunday, January 7  
Strathalbyn:  
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Watson St,  
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ANGLICAN PARISH

Sunday,  
December 24  
Strathalbyn, 10.00am  
Meadows, 7.00pm  
Milang, 7.30pm

Monday,  
December 25  
Strathalbyn, 9.00am

Strathalbyn:  
Sundays at 10.00am  
Wednesdays at 9.30am

Milang: 1st and 3rd  
Sundays at 8.15am

Meadows: 2nd  
Sundays at 8.15am



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RSVP December 20

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Pastor Paquita Wise  
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Monday, December 25  
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Sunday, December 31  
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