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Alexandrina Council's draft budget heads to consultation...

REVISED RATE

By Giorgina McKay

A "financially secure" draft Annual Community Plan that also achieves "a strong downward pressure on rates" and eases cost-of-living pressures was adopted by Alexandrina Council on Monday night.

Councillors adopted the 2025/26 draft

plan inclusive of a proposed 3.05 per cent average rate rise, comprising of a March Adelaide CPI of 2.2 per cent and 0.85 per cent for financial sustainability, reflecting the rising cost of maintaining public assets.

Council has also factored 1.8 per cent in for rates growth, representing anticipated revenue from new developments or improvements to existing properties.

The plan was developed through a series of collaborative workshops between elected members and staff over several months, which, when combined with the work council has done over the past six months to control its expenditure, has enabled a reduction in the previously forecasted rate increase.

The proposed rate increase will ensure council remains on track to achieve a surplus

by 2027/28, is able to reduce its debt from \$46.6 million to \$9.7 million by 2035, and that it has financial capacity necessary to support its growing community, while also providing a strong downward pressure on rates and ease cost-of-living pressures.

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Multi-Color Corporation Langhorne Creek Wine Show winners: Bremerton Wines' Lucy and Rebecca Willson with Lake Breeze Wines' Greg and Tim Follett, and their haul of awards. Photo: John Kruger



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Jane Campell, Terry Scolari, Sally Ness and Tina Verey were all smiles. Photos: Giorgina McKay

New residents welcomed to Strathalbyn

More than 40 local businesses and hundreds of new residents attended a 'Welcome to Strathalbyn' community event on Friday night.

Held at the Strathalbyn Football/Cricket Club, the event offered new residents to the town the opportunity to meet their neighbours, to discover the local businesses, and enjoy a barbecue and drinks organised by the clubs.



Kayla McDiarmid, Ellie Boss, Jess Pressler and Olli Ruffell from Live The Dream Travel were among the local businesses on hand at Friday's event.



Zita Stark-Prior and John Ian Prior at their stall.



David and Kim Greenwell who have lived in Strathalbyn for 18 months.



Brett and Liz Hall who have lived in Strathalbyn for 12 months.

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Mount Barker midwife leading with excellence



By Giorgina McKay

Mount Barker-based midwife Kate Maxwell's compassionate and authentic approach to leadership has helped earn her an Excellence in Leadership – Emerging Leader award at the recent South Australian Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards.

The Strathalbyn resident was initially drawn to the profession for its work with babies, but now enjoys supporting women during their childbirth journey.

She first worked at the Women's and Children's Hospital as an Assistant in Midwifery, before becoming registered as a midwife and working at the Flinders Medical Centre.

It's during her time there that she started working casually at the Mount Barker District Soldier's Memorial Hospital before becoming a permanent member of staff in 2014.

But for the last 13 months, Mrs Maxwell has taken on the role of the Interim Midwifery Unit Manager – a role she says has come with many highlights.

"For me, I would say improving outcomes for our consumers, so being able to bring in more advanced equipment, to increase the workforce capacity, to support our staff in growing their own knowledge and development, then being able to support them in their passions as well within the midwifery space," she said.

"And also, still being able to work with consumers, so still being able to be there for women in their journeys directly as well, so I'm not just an influence off the floor, I'm still on the floor too."

As a leader, Mrs Maxwell describes herself as being "naturally drawn towards a compassionate and authentic approach", and someone she felt both consumers and staff members could confide in.

It's this mindset and approach that helped earn her the Excellence in Leadership – Emerging Leader award at this year's South Australian Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards.

Held at the Adelaide Convention Centre in early May, the awards celebrate the achievements and significant contribution of nurses and midwives to the healthcare outcomes of the broader South Australian community.

Forty finalists were nominated across 13 categories, representing nurses and midwives from public, private, aged care,

Interim
Midwifery Unit
Manager at the
Mount Barker
District Soldier's
Memorial
Hospital Kate
Maxwell holding
the Excellence
in Leadership –
Emerging Leader
award she
received at this
year's Nursing
and Midwifery
Excellence
Awards in early
May.



education, community, academic and non-government sectors.

Mrs Maxwell felt "humbled" to receive the award.

"I was very overwhelmed at first and in disbelief," she said.

"I'm not saying I wasn't worthy by any means, but I just didn't think it would happen.

"It just reaffirms that all the dedication, time and development I've put into this has been rewarded and I'm on the right track, and to keep aspiring and keep developing the way I am.

"I feel like I come across as very compassionate and really authentic, so what you see is what you get.

"I really just love changing and growing, so I love that growth mindset where I can improve outcomes by growing and changing,

not staying stagnant and in the same place."

The local resident will remain in the interim manager role for another two months.

After that, she looks forward to the many changes happening in the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network.

"We're starting to get to that implementation phase of the new Midwifery Model of Care, where we have increased continuity pathways for a known midwife for our consumers which is really exciting," Mrs Maxwell said.

"I'm really excited for the new hospital that's going to be building here in the next few years, where we're expanding our services to be able to provide more care and a greater level of care too.

"(My future is) definitely staying put where I am and growing where I am."



Rebekha Sharkie has been re-elected as Member for Mayo.

Sharkie declares victory

Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie will remain in the seat for another term after outpolling the other candidates.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, the Adelaide Hills resident of more than 30 years was the frontrunner to win the electorate seat after leading in the first preference vote count early last week.

Ms Sharkie told the masthead at the time she was cautiously optimistic, but on Friday, she had no more reason to be apprehensive after it was announced she had retained the seat.

"I am so grateful to the people of Mayo for re-electing me as their Federal Member – it is an honour to represent our community," she announced on Facebook.

"I acknowledge my fellow candidates and wish them the best, (and) also the hard work of the Australian Electoral Commission who are still counting our seat.

"A huge thank you to all of my supporters, team, friends and family – we could not have done it without you.

"It was hugs all round on election night, and now I'm getting on with the job of representing our community."

Mt Barker Deputy Mayor considers future

By Tara Nash

Mount Barker District Council Deputy Mayor Samantha Jones is considering her future in the role after publicly announcing her resignation during last week's meeting.

Earlier this week, she was yet to formalise her resignation in writing and was assessing her options to "minimise the impact to ratepayers".

During the same meeting, it was revealed that the recent supplementary election for the Central Ward cost about \$55,000.

Her recent announcement was made during a discussion on a motion put forward by councillor Rowan Voogt, asking that council condemns behaviours which threaten the wellbeing, health and safety of other elected members.

This included behaviour that could be considered "distressing, victimising, threatening or humiliating".

Cr Jones was in support of this

motion, telling *The Argus* that the community expects more from council than "petty and unkind behaviours".

"I absolutely love my role and being able to support other councillors to perform their roles," she said.

"What disappoints me is when common courtesy, respect and decency is forgotten and factions come before community."

Going forward, Cr Jones hopes to see "more transparency and accountability".

"The public should be able to know if their rates are being spent on poor behaviour and disrespect of others," she said.

"There needs to be change in how matters are determined.

"If there are factions, decisions are not always fair."

She has also been "really overwhelmed" with support from community members since the incident.

Council had not made a comment by deadline.



Mt Barker District Council Deputy Mayor Samantha Jones is considering the future of her position.



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Council's draft budget heads to consultation

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"In recent months, council members and our new executive management team have worked collaboratively to reform council's finances," Alexandrina Mayor, Keith Parkes, said in his budget message.

"This has required strong financial discipline, resulting in the elimination of unnecessary spending, a substantial reduction in rate increases, and the development of a sustainable long-term financial strategy – one that considers the current cost-of-living pressures.

"Council is confident that this plan, alongside the draft long-term financial plan 2025-2035, which is also open for public feedback, sets out a clear, responsible and achievable path to a financially secure future for council and most importantly, for the community we serve."

The plan has several major focuses, including a significant reduction in discretionary expenditure, continued delivery of all existing community services and programs, full funding for the renewal of essential assets such as roads, footpaths and buildings, and adoption of a continuous improvement program to further enhance council's service delivery and accountability arrangements.

It is still expected to have an operating deficit of approximately \$2.1 million, but council's borrowings will decrease by \$1.1 million, resulting in forecast total borrowings at June 30, 2026 of \$45.5 million.

The CWMS service charge for the financial year will increase to \$741 for occupied and \$547 for vacant – an increase of \$16 and \$22 respectively from last financial year.

The draft budget also accommodates 187 capital projects totalling \$20 million, including 13 new operating initiatives:

- \$88,000 Mt Compass Hall carpark seal.
- \$15,000 Mount Compass tennis court resurfacing.

- \$72,000 Langhorne Creek Hall carpark seal.

- \$5000 Heritage Awards.
- \$1760 Heritage interpretive signage at Mrs Lush's Corner.

- \$130,000 Housing Strategy.
- \$40,000 Township greening biodiversity plantings in public reserves.

- \$57,500 Township greening streetscape plantings.

- \$20,000 Stormwater management planning.

- \$40,000 Wastewater Utility Business Governance Model.

- \$150,000 (subject to grant funding) Murray Estuary Settlements Long-Term Adaptation Plan.

Community members can have their say on the draft budget via email at (alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au), mail and online methods from 5pm today until 5pm on June 6 or at budget roadshow information sessions scheduled across the wards.

A workshop to consider community feedback is planned for June 23, and the amended draft plans will be considered for adoption on July 7.

Roadshow dates:

- Wednesday, May 21 from 10am-11am at the Goolwa Council Chambers.

- Monday, May 26 from 6.30pm-7.30pm at the Port Elliot RSL.

- Wednesday, May 28 from 6.30pm-7.30pm at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre.

- Wednesday, June 4 from 6.30pm-7.30pm at the Mount Compass War Memorial Hall.

North Ward councillor Sue Miller looked forward to hearing the community's feedback.

"I really like how its presented and I congratulate everyone for all their hard work," she said.

"It has been a lot of hours and hours devoted to this, and I'm really appreciative of everything that has gone into preparing this."



Co-located housing example.

Future Living Code Amendment one step closer in Alexandrina

By Giorgina McKay

The adoption of a "unique" code amendment could increase housing diversity and more affordable homes in the Alexandrina Council region if backed by councillors.

Minister for Planning Nick Champion adopted the Future Living Code Amendment last week, which will introduce a new form of co-located housing that allows more homes to be built in established suburbs without impacting their existing character, heritage and streetscape.

The new policies allow for existing homes to be retained, altered and extended to create 'co-located housing' rather than demolishing a house and subdividing the site to build multiple homes.

Minister Champion has written to Alexandrina Council seeking confirmation of their support to apply the new Co-located Housing Overlay to the Established Neighbourhood Zone of their Local Government area, which would include pockets throughout Goolwa, Port Elliot and Strathalbyn.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, councillors agreed towards the end of last year to support the intent of the code amendment, but withheld a final position until it had a full understanding of the community engagement state-wide, not just in Alexandrina, and a resolution to several issues such as proposed minimum

site areas, fencing requirements, and lack of scheme descriptions.

Council confirmed it had received correspondence seeking its support to spatially apply the Future Living Code Amendment policy across the existing Established Neighbourhood Zones.

A future council meeting will consider the engagement report accompanying Minister Champion's letter, as well as the changes made to the Code Amendment following consultation and whether to support the application of the new policy.

The participating councils will be able to review the policy framework, and upon their confirmation, the new planning rules would come into effect in their specific area.

"This is an example of the State Government working with Local Government to explore unique and creative ways to tackle the housing crisis," Mr Champion said.

"The Code Amendment allows more homes to be built in established residential suburbs, without impacting existing character, heritage and streetscapes.

"It will allow for greater housing diversity and more affordable options for different households, life stages and lifestyle choices.

"I'm grateful to the University of South Australia, as well as the six Local Governments, that have collaborated on changes that will create more housing options for their communities."

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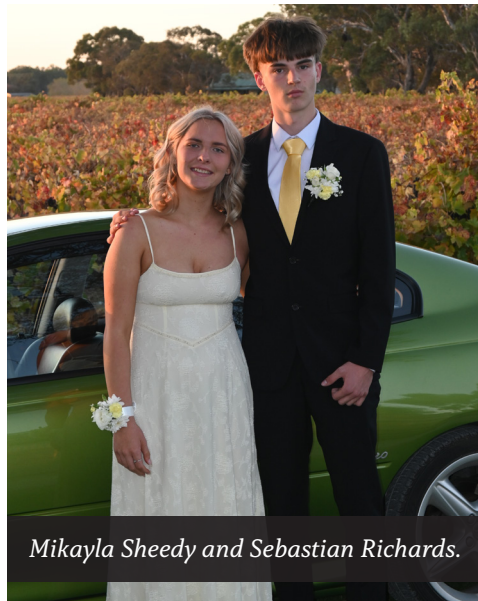
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Eastern Fleurieu students celebrate dazzling formal

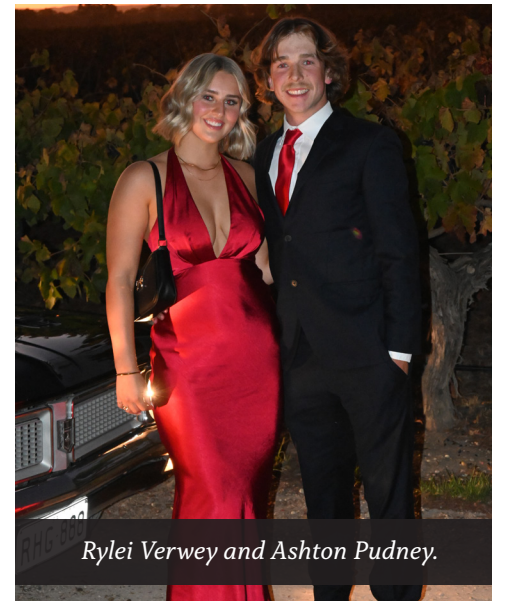
Eastern Fleurieu's Class of 2025 celebrated their 'night of nights' at Lake Breeze Wines on Friday.

The graduating students arrived to the formal in style before enjoying the evening's festivities.

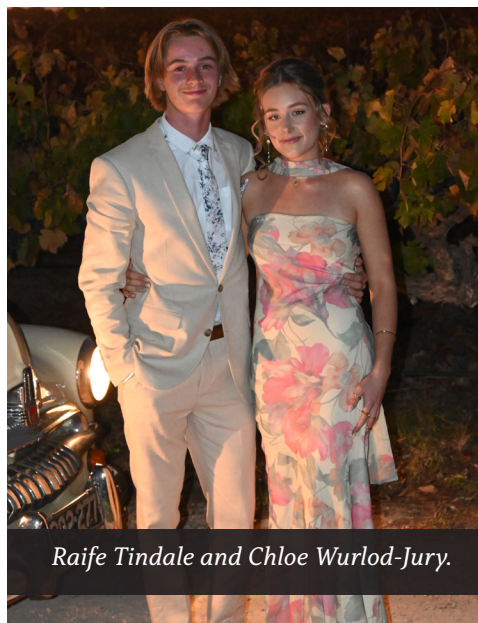
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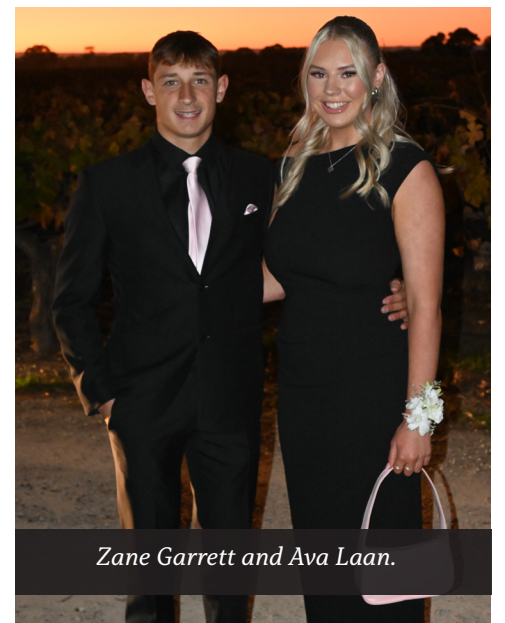
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Dangerous behaviour targeted by SAPOL during road safety week

'Drive so others survive' is the message being spread for National Road Safety Week.

Already 29 lives have been lost and 197 serious injuries incurred on the state's roads this year, with three of those fatalities and 32 serious injuries occurring locally.

During National Road Safety Week, SA Police will be running Operation Danger, which focuses on dangerous road use offences.

"Throughout National Road Safety Week, police will conduct Operation Danger, which targets easily avoidable offences and if drivers obey simple road rules, they're less likely to cause a collision," Officer in Charge of Hills Fleurieu Local Service Area, Superintendent Joanne Howard, said.

"Police will target dangerous road behaviours, including following too close, disobeying traffic lights and give way signs, changing lanes dangerously, failing to keep left and misusing a motor vehicle.

"Road users should simply make safe road choices and drive to survive.

"Give each other space between vehicles, check your blind spots, and slow down as you approach intersection."

The RAA will also launch a new regional road safety program of community Town Hall events for local road users to share their experiences on what can be done to reduce the overrepresentation of lives lost



Motorists are being asked to 'drive so others survive' this National Road Safety Week.

on regional roads.

"National Road Safety Week is a timely reminder each year of the consequences that all road users and pedestrians face when things go wrong on our roads – a split-second poor decision can unfortunately have a lifelong impact on so many families," RAA Senior Manager of Road Safety, Charles Mountain, said.

"Along with the State Government and SA

Police we want to use the week to remind drivers of the 'Fatal Five' causes of road trauma – distraction, speed, driving under the influence, not wearing a seatbelt and dangerous behaviour.

"We're pleading with all South Australians to consider the responsibility that comes with sharing the road safely.

"We'd urge families to use National Road Safety Week to have conversations with loved ones about road safety and the importance of looking out for one another whenever we're driving, riding or walking – one conversation might save a life."

The State Government has released a comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan to reduce lives lost by 50 per cent and serious injuries by 30 per cent by 2031.

South Australian Police Minister Stephen Mullighan said reducing the lives lost and serious injuries on SA roads is a top priority.

"Every road death or serious injury is a tragedy and has an impact on families, friends, communities and the emergency service personnel who respond to incidents or work to save lives," he said.

"The government launched its new Road Safety Action Plan earlier this year to improve safety on our roads, which includes important initiatives such as reducing speed limits near schools."

Body found during blaze at Victor Harbor

Police are preparing a report for the Coroner after a man was found deceased at a Victor Harbor property following a fire in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Just before 3am, 25 firefighters on five fire appliances were called to Somers Road, where, upon arrival, they found a house fully engulfed in flames.

Fire crews in breathing apparatus acted quickly to tackle the blaze, containing it within 20 minutes and fully extinguishing it in a further hour.

The blaze is not considered to be suspicious and fire technicians attended the scene to determine the cause.

Police patrols searched the property and located a man deceased in a rear shed that had been unaffected by the fire.

His death is not suspicious and police will be preparing a report for the Coroner.

Man injured in assault at Murray Bridge

A local man sustained life-threatening injuries following a suspected assault at Murray Bridge last Tuesday.

Shortly before 12-noon on May 6, police and emergency services were called to Neumann Avenue in relation to an assault, and upon arrival, located a 34-year-old local man who had an injury to the back of his head.

The man was treated at the scene by paramedics before being taken to hospital in a critical condition.

Local forensic officers attended the scene and conducted an examination.

Murray Mallee Detectives are investigating the incident.

Police do not believe this is a random attack and ask anyone who witnessed the incident or may have information to assist the investigation to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at (www.crimestopperssa.com.au).

Driver pleads not guilty over Mt Jagged crash

A Port Noarlunga South man has pleaded not guilty to causing a head-on collision at Mount Jagged last year that left the other vehicle's occupants with significant injuries.

Christopher Hocking, aged 46, appeared in Adelaide Magistrates Court last Tuesday after it is alleged he was driving a Mitsubishi ute, travelling north on Victor Harbor Road, before it crossed to the incorrect side of the road and collided head-on with a silver Subaru sedan.

The sedan driver, 26-year-old Tooperang woman Zoe Bennett, was flown to hospital in a critical condition and received a permanent stent in her heart, while her passengers – a 26-year-old woman and seven-year-old boy – were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Mr Hocking and his passengers – his 43-year-old wife Laura Hocking and two young children – were also taken to hospital for treatment.

Mr Hocking pleaded not guilty to one count of causing serious harm by dangerous driving and five counts of causing harm by dangerous driving.

He will take his matter to trial in the District Court where he will be arraigned in August.

Chief Magistrate Mary-Louise Hribal remanded the Port Noarlunga South man on continuing bail.

Interstate driver admits to Port Elliot incident

A New South Wales man has admitted to ploughing through a group of people outside a Port Elliot pub, injuring five, in October last year.

Eric Cooper, aged 37, appeared in Adelaide Magistrates Court last Tuesday where he pleaded guilty to aggravated causing serious harm by dangerous driving, eight counts of aggravated causing harm by dangerous

driving, leaving the scene of an accident after causing harm and aggravated due care.

He is accused of reversing into a group of people outside the Royal Family Hotel following an altercation.

The crash injured a 22-year-old Hindmarsh Island man, who was flown to the Royal Adelaide Hospital, along with four other people – a 20-year-old Inman Valley woman,

21-year-old Goolwa Beach man, 37-year-old Port Elliot woman, and 30-year-old Blackwood man.

Mr Cooper allegedly had a blood alcohol concentration of around 0.08g at the time of the crash.

Chief Magistrate Mary-Louise Hribal remanded him in custody to appear in the District Court in June for sentencing.

Middleton pair convicted of mistreatment

A Middleton couple have been fined and banned from owning animals after being convicted of starving their two dogs.

The man and woman, both aged 32, who have six children and run a Middleton cleaning business both pleaded guilty to two counts of ill-treatment of an animal.

The pair were convicted after RSPCA inspectors attended the couple's Middleton property in August last year following a cruelty report and found the eight-year-old male border collie named Ash and four-year-old female Great Dane named Ore in a poor state.

Both dogs were taken to RSPCA's O'Halloran Hill vet clinic where they were given body condition scores of one out of nine, and were suspected to have been extremely emaciated

for about four to six months.

The canines made full recoveries and were eventually adopted by RSPCA SA foster carers.

In Victor Harbor Magistrates Court last Monday, the couple had no explanation for the dogs emaciated states other than between running the business and caring for their children, they had become exhausted.

They both accepted they had failed the animals, and were sentenced to a two-year good behaviour bond in the amount of \$500, and ordered to pay the RSPCA \$6100 in animal care and boarding costs and \$387 in legal costs.

The couple are also banned from owning animals apart from a cat and lizard.

Murray Bridge couple found guilty of neglecting infants

A Murray Bridge couple have been found guilty of criminally neglecting their infant twin boys.

Starr Light Cahill, aged 29, and Brodie Tull, aged 24, were found guilty by a jury in the District Court last Thursday of two counts of criminal neglect after the couple's twin boys, who were born in 2022, were found with rib fractures and other injuries.

The couple were adamant they were unaware of the injuries or what caused them, previously placing

blame on either their dog or their other daughter.

After the guilty verdicts were handed down, Callum Slater, for the prosecution, asked for bail to be revoked for both Ms Cahill and Mr Tull.

Julia Davey, for Ms Cahill, and Adam Richards, for Mr Tull, both opposed the application.

However, Judge Ian White revoked both the defendants' bail and adjourned the case until July for sentencing submissions.

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THURSDAY, MAY 11TH, 2000

The fourth Langhorne Creek Vintage Affair was held on Saturday, May 6, to celebrate the end of the 2000 vintage. Guest MC Leigh McClusky helped ensure that the evening was again an outstanding success, in a magnificent pavilion on the Langhorne Creek oval. The late Mr. A. B. Potts was recognised as the 2000 Legend of Langhorne Creek after playing an important role in the development of Bleasdale, between 1917 and 1962 a most appropriate recipient in this Bleasdale's 150th year. The award was presented by David Foreman, Chairman of the Langhorne Creek Winemakers Association, to A. B. Potts' grandson Robert Potts.

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A capsule buried beneath the foundation stone of the Macclesfield Institute on December 16, 1880, by A. H. Landseer M.P. was retrieved last Sunday, May 7, almost 120 years after it had been buried. Several hundred people gathered to witness the event welcomed by Ken Turner, President of the Macclesfield Community Assoc. Mr Alexander Downer, Member for Mayo, watched as Aron Vink and Mayor Bernie Eglington revealed a large sealed bottle containing newspapers and coins.

50 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, 1975

Mr. Stan Waterson, Mayor of Strathalbyn for the past two years, did not seek re-election to office and will be replaced from July 5 by Mr. Graham Garwood, who has been a Councillor since 1969. Mr Waterson is not continuing in office because he feels that it is only right to give a younger man a chance. His two years have not been without their difficulties but he has served the community well.

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The men found the new slag scrapes very much to their liking last Saturday with three golfers breaking 80, namely Lyndon Gill a 75, Warwick Armour a 78 and Tim Formby a 79. Six golfers had better than 40 points in, bush ranger David Manuel 49, Warwick Armour 48, Lyndon Gill 44, Jim Formby 43, Craig Jarrett and Tim Formby 41. Members found they could pitch into the scrapes confident their shots would hold instead of trickling through.

100 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH, 1925

The annual meeting of the Strathalbyn Agricultural Society was held in the Institute on Monday afternoon at 11am, presided over by Mr. E. J. Tucker. The balance sheet showed a 66 pound deficit had been turned into a credit of 90 pounds after last year's show. With the President Mr. W. P. Dunk having passed away, nomination for the position was made for Mr. A. J. Follett of Langhorne Creek but Mr. W. Richardson thought it but right without disparagement to that gentleman that the Vice-Presidents should be drawn on. Mr E. J. Tucker declined as did John Cheriton, so Mr. Follett was elected. Mr. W. F. Adams was re-elected Sec./Treas.

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The Strathalbyn Rovers travelled to Macclesfield last Saturday to win 8-9 to 4-9. Best for Rovers were Wyman, Lewis, White, C. Westley, Drew and Roberts; Macclesfield were Squire, Calaby and Whitfield battled hard, well-assisted by other players.



Archie Rogers, Kerrick James, Toru Kawana, and Lilli Oakley-Maynard at the gifting ceremony on Monday. Photo: Deirdre Graham

Goolwa students share in the magic of photography



By Deirdre Graham

Two Goolwa students have been given the chance of a lifetime to participate in an international photography campaign that encourages people around the world to understand and appreciate diverse cultures.

Goolwa Secondary College students Archie Rogers and Lilli Oakley-Maynard have been taken under the wing of the Through Each Others Eyes (TEOE) program, and gifted a Canon Camera Rebel TZ from the TEOE Board and Tempe Camera in Arizona, USA, and a bag from Camera House PhotoCo in Adelaide.

The program in Goolwa stretches back to when local photographer Grant Petras met acclaimed travel photographer Kerrick James online, with Kerrick invited not long after to judge a local print competition.

"As part of that he invited me to be part of Through Each Others Eyes – an exchange program between photographers in two different countries," Mr Petras said.

"(Fellow local photographer) Brad Hodge and I put our hands up to participate in the Australian/Arizona exchange, where they hosted us over there in September last year and took us around Arizona, and now we have reciprocated.

"Monday was the last day of the exchange here, so it has been a pretty full-on couple of weeks."

The offshoot program Through the Eyes of Youth will see Archie and Lilli contribute to an upcoming exhibition that will be shown in both Arizona and South Australia.

Kerrick James and fellow TEOE

photographer Toru Kawana were on hand for the gifting ceremony on Monday.

"The idea is that Archie and Lilli will submit photographs alongside the exhibition that the four of us – Grant, Brad, Kerrick and Toru – now have to produce 20 images each (for) from our time over in Arizona and here," Mr Petras said.

Mr James and Mr Kawana were excited to meet the two young, local photographers.

"We had a great experience Sunday night, set up the cameras, and are excited to see images the (two) will produce that will be part of the show," Mr James said.

"There is no shot list – if their interest is fine art, they can find an Opera House and shoot Opera, or architecture, food or sports.."

All four adult photographers will be on hand to mentor Archie and Lilli, helping them with any issues or problems they might have.

Mr Hodge said the program was also a chance for the two Australian students to meet two fellow Arizona students in the same program online and exchange ideas.

"Who knows where it will lead? – that is what is so exciting about it," Mr Hodge said.

"Later on they might want to go over there and they will know people.

"And those two over there, they can now open lines of communication if they ever want to come to Australia."

Archie and Lilli were both grateful to be chosen and honoured to meet the visiting acclaimed photographers.

"It has been really special getting to know the camera, getting to know the guys, and getting lots of tips," Archie said.

"It has been amazing."

The two are keen to photograph their local area around Goolwa under the program.

Rooster ban reconsidered

By Tara Nash

Newly-imposed restrictions around keeping roosters in the Mount Barker District Council region will be reconsidered after opposition from community members.

The new rules are that roosters two months of age and older cannot be kept on a property within town or 100m of a neighbouring boundary when outside of town.

Councillor Rebecca Hewett was contacted by several residents who opposed the new law and she raised the issue during a meeting.

While understanding that roosters

can pose "legitimate noise concerns", Cr Hewett moved a motion for council staff to review the law, such as where and if a ban is appropriate, and changing the 100m rule to being from a residence rather than boundary fence.

"Roosters are more than just 'early morning crows' – they are a vital part of backyard farming and a traditional way of life that's been part of rural communities for generations," she said.

She added that roosters enable food security, teach children where food comes from and support self-sufficient communities.

Staff will report back to councillors with any recommended changes.

The Correspondent

RATING



There is no doubt being a foreign correspondent can be one of the most dangerous jobs a journalist could accept.

In 2024 alone, 124 journalists were killed in conflicts around the world, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

With figures like this in mind, *The Correspondent* follows the true story of Australian journalist Peter Greste, – played by Richard Roxburgh – being arrested on trumped up terrorism charges in Egypt during the Arab Spring of 2013, along with his colleagues Mohamed Fahmy – played by Julian Maroun – and Baher Mohamed – played by Rahel Romahn.

Greste, working for *Al Jazeera*, was sent to the country for a couple of weeks "just in case something breaks", but ends up being the story, sentenced the next year to seven years in the dark constraints of the Egyptian prison system.

While followers of Greste's story will know he ends up clocking up 400 days in prison before a surprise release and returning to Australia in 2015, this is a gripping story with just as gritty cinematography by Geoffrey Hall.

The Correspondent is based closely on Greste's memoir *The First Casualty* by screenwriter Peter Duncan, with Roxburgh delivering a stand-out gritty performance of a complex, but flawed, person who is in no way a hero.

A side story follows the friendship between Greste and his producer Kate Peyton – played by Yael Stone – who is shot and killed while they are covering conflict in Somalia.

The Correspondent takes the viewer into the nightmare of incarceration, where it affects both the mind and body.

It's edgy, compelling, hard-hitting, and it's right up there as an Australian film that should be essential viewing for cinema-goers this year.

Too many have died in this profession.



The Correspondent is edgy, compelling and hard-hitting.



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What readers are saying online:

Tennis club success

Noel Paech

The tennis club at Strathalbyn for many years ran an Easter Tournament. It attracted many people. So much so, it sometimes had to use courts at Milang. The local businesses donated trophies to the winners of their events. The deli in High Street was a popular place for the participants to go for something to eat and drink. Most local people who played tennis got their gear from Bells large store.

Schools in Brief

Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School

Eastern Fleurieu's SAPSASA Cross Country team competed in the Southern Fleurieu Cross Country Championships earlier this month.

The side finished second overall in what was a seesawing competition all day.

The following students finished on the podium: U10 Girls – Lacey, U10 Boys – Cody and Noah, U11 Boys – Rocco, and U12 Boys – Sam.

Goolwa Primary School

It was a huge week last week for running at Goolwa Primary School, with Mr CB completing the Adelaide Marathon before taking students to cross country.

All those involved certainly aimed high and worked hard.

Tyndale Christian School

Tyndale Christian School recently sent 45 athletes to the SA Athletics Stadium at Mile End for the Primary SACSA Athletics.

It was a beautiful day and students represented Tyndale with excellence in character and athleticism, winning first place in their division.

A special shoutout went to Addison who broke the Long Jump record and Kaden who broke the 70m sprint record.

Flourishing month for Strathalbyn Garden Club

Back in March, Strathalbyn Garden Club's guest speaker Dr Uwe Stroehrer, Neutrog Head of Research and Development, explained how all the millions of microbes found in soil work separately and together to enrich the soil, and thus help in bringing life to the many different types of plants in the garden and throughout the country generally.

It was a well-attended meeting that once again saw an overflowing raffle table and a variety of interesting specimens on the trading table.

Two new members were welcomed – Christine Owen and Joan Branson.

The club's next meeting is on May 23

at 9.30am for a 10am start at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre.

Visitors and new members will be welcomed.

This month the club has a return visit from Bruce Munday who will complete his talk on Dry Stone Walls and give an insight into the Aldinga Eco Village.

In June the club holds its AGM when all positions become vacant.

Two important positions – President and Secretary – currently have no nominations, so all members are asked to consider nominating to ensure the club can continue into the future.

Our View

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Pickleball power

On Monday night, keen to find out a bit about the fast-growing sport of pickleball, I lobbied into the Tyndale gym in Strathalbyn.

I was wanting to find a club member to talk to about the upcoming SA Pickleball Championships that are set to be held across three days this month, from May 23 to 25.

Pickleball is a sport that sees two or four players use a smooth-faced paddle to hit a perforated, hollow plastic ball over a net, not quite as high as a tennis one, until one side is unable to return the ball or breaks a rule.

The game was invented in 1965 and grew in popularity in the United States, and now in Australia, where it is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation.

Pickleball Australia now has 293 clubs registered, including our region's own Southern Sharks Pickleball Club which recently notched up its 200th member.

As I found out on Monday night, players can be aged 20 or 70 – it really doesn't matter, as the main aim of the game is to enjoy it.

It is a good low-impact sport, and there is very little risk of major muscle injury.

I discovered first up while having a trial hit that hand-eye co-ordination was a must, followed by the ability to read the bounce of the ball, which was very different to my experience playing tennis as a teenager.

A pickleball bounce can be quite low, and your aim is to hit it with the middle of the paddle.

The game has elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, with a few different rules thrown in such as how far your underarm serve has to go over the net.

A number of Southern Sharks members are now busy preparing for the state championships following a strong showing at the SA Masters Games in Port Augusta in April.

In a game that truly is just a lot of fun, we wish them all the best.

Who knows? I might be back again next Monday.

Letters to the Editor

Correction

I need to make a correction to the article 'Local artists on display for History Festival' on page six of the May 1 edition of *The Argus*.

I incorrectly attributed the production of the Old Strathalbyn walking trail brochure.

It was researched and written by Daryl Stevenson.

*Helen Stacey Bunton,
Strathalbyn*

Lack of transparency

Biosecurity is one of the most critical issues facing our state's primary industries, yet the response to serious threats like Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) has lacked urgency, transparency, and independent oversight.

With livelihoods on the line, regional growers deserve a government that communicates clearly and acts swiftly.

This unwillingness to subject itself to external investigation isn't isolated.

It echoes the government's broader track record of avoiding scrutiny, whether on the significant hatchery mortalities at West Beach, the unexplained deaths of bees vital to pollination or the botched delivery of drought relief.

Layered on top of this are broken promises.

From the shelved Hydrogen Jobs Plan and the abandoned State Prosperity Project to worsening ambulance ramping – the Premier promised big but has delivered little.

These failures haven't gone unnoticed, particularly in our regional communities, where trust in government is hard-earned and easily lost.

A government that believes in its decisions should welcome scrutiny, not fear it.

Transparency is not a threat, it is a cornerstone of good governance.

South Australians, especially those in the regions, are paying attention, and they are right to expect better.

*Dr Nicola Centofanti,
Shadow Minister for
Primary Industries*

Dark Skies success

Our Dark Skies presentation at Clayton Bay on April 26 was a success.

We thank everyone who attended our Dark Skies presentation.

We had over 63 residents attend, with overwhelming support (94 per cent) for Clayton Bay to become a Dark Skies community – the second such town in South Australia.

With very special thanks to Dr Sheryn Pitman (Carrickalinga Community Dark Skies Lead) who gave a brilliant and informative presentation, focusing on the impact artificial light has on the environment.

Sheryn has provided her support and guidance to the Clayton Bay Dark Skies Action Group, headed by Eric Dickinson and Brian O'Flaherty in their quest for Dark Skies in Clayton Bay.

*Brian O'Flaherty,
Clayton Bay Dark
Skies Action Group*

Petition for skate park

I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU for your work/article!

We never dreamed of having this opportunity, let alone a mention on the front page!!

You absolutely nailed our passion for this and my heart is so full of gratitude to you.

*Vanessa Telford,
Meadows*

TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

A massive congratulations to all who were involved in the Welcome to Strathalbyn community event on Friday. What a great town we live in. Bill, Strathalbyn

Email your letter to the editor to news@southernargus.com.au with an address and mobile number (not for print) or send a text message to 0435 031 908.

The views shared in Letters to the Editor are not those of *The Southern Argus*.

The know in the FLEURIEU ...

We asked Lions members: why are you passionate about supporting local farmers?

**Lorraine McDonnell,
Goolwa**



"They're the backbone of the country."

**Andrew Schiller,
Victor Harbor**



"If we don't support our local farmers, we're going to have to import our food, particularly with fresh produce, we're going to have lower quality food. We've got no control over the chemicals, so it's about providing fresh food."

**Ashlea Farrell,
Victor Harbor**



"They're the backbone of our country - it's where we get our food and our clothing from, but they're also part of our community. They support us so it's time to support them."

**Tony Snelson,
Goolwa Beach**



"Farmers are the life blood of our country. Without farmers, everything stops. You depend on them, and they need our support because they can't do it on their own."

A century of Caterpillar

By Deirdre Graham

More than a century of automotive history will be celebrated later this month at an event paying tribute to Caterpillar tractors.

The Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club and the Eastern Hills Antique Tractor Society are presenting 100 Years of Caterpillar in Hartley on May 23, 24, and 25 this year.

The event will feature working displays of Caterpillar and Holt machines, steam traction engines, along with ploughing, earthmoving and tractor demonstrations, and remote-control truck and earth moving displays.

Stationary engines will also be at the event. Spokesperson Trevor Scott said tractors on display would predate Caterpillars, with four Holt tractors to be included.

"Holt and Best combined to make Caterpillars in 1915," he said.

"Caterpillars were one of the early track-type tractors, and there is no question about their quality.

"(But) probably one of the things that some people found hard was the price of them, which was probably where some of their competitors had an edge over them, but then in later years, what set them apart (in a good way) was the ability to get spare parts for them."

Caterpillars played a part in World War I and much more so in World War II.

"There was a lot of rapid development that occurred during the wars that led to the evolution of machines and the track-type tractors," Mr Scott said.

"The advantage of the track-type tractor

was its low ground pressure and its ability to cross a variety of surfaces without actually getting stuck.

"This is where they came into their forefront, and that is the advantage they still have today over wheel tractors.

"They basically only put about 2-3 psi pressure on the ground because of the area that tracks are spread, whereas wheel tractors are a lot higher."

Some of the rare track-type machines to be on display include a Holt five tonne, two Holt 45s, and a Caterpillar 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60.

Mr Scott said the event would appeal to a wide range of people.

"They were extensively used in early agriculture for clearing and establishing farming land because you don't get flat tyres with them running over stumps and sticks," he said.

"They played a really big part in that, and alongside this was earthmoving, which they are still very prevalent in.

"Some people were still using them as Ag tractors in the 1960s and 1970s as they were still cost-effective.

"There was a rubber track tractor produced by Caterpillar in later years called the Challenger, and rubber tracks are probably the more commonly used in agriculture these days because then you can run them on a road.

"With the earthmoving side of things, they have stayed with steel track and they just get moved by trucks around the place."

Tickets to the three-day event cost \$10 at the gate for each day or a three-day pass costs \$25.

Gates open each day at 10am at 485 North Bremer Road, Hartley.



Member for Finniss David Basham at the military headstone unveiling at Currency Creek for Thomas Barnes and Sydney Bowley.

Military headstones unveiled for servicemen at Currency Creek

Family members of two local servicemen linked together through marriage have been bestowed military headstones at their final resting spots in Currency Creek.

The Headstone Project is a voluntary project dedicated to locating and ensuring all World War I veterans who served overseas have their final resting places suitably marked.

On Saturday, two servicemen – Thomas Barnes and Sydney Bowley – who moved

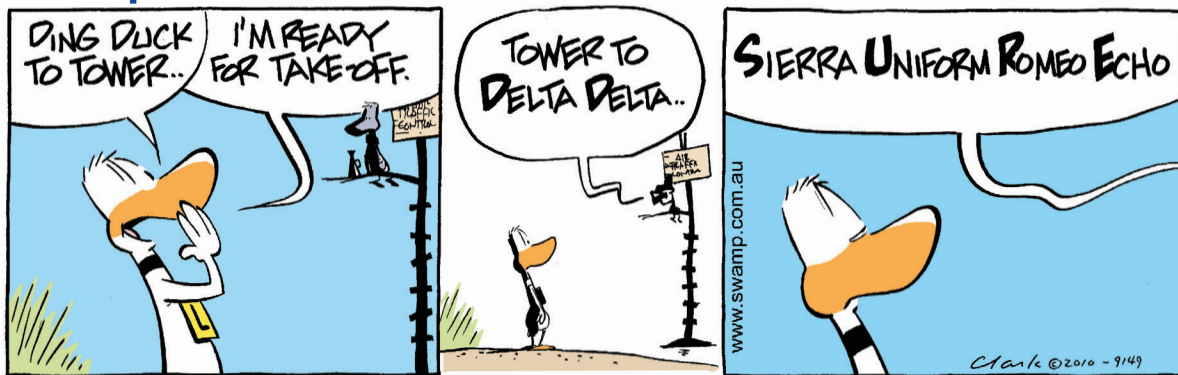
locally after the war and were laid to rest at Currency Creek Cemetery were given military headstones.

They were unveiled during an official ceremony in front of their family members and a small crowd comprising of Member for Finniss David Basham, Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie and Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes.

The family is linked through Barnes' daughter Jean who married Bowley.

Entertainment

Swamp



Pic Puzzle

PENGUIN PARTY
Starting with the word FISH, use the clues and change only one letter at a time to work out what present Percy Penguin has received.

- I ran away with the spoon.
- To run quickly.
- Hopefully big notes!

Sudoku

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Solutions

PICTURE PUZZLE: FISH, 1) Dish, 2) Dash, 3) Cash

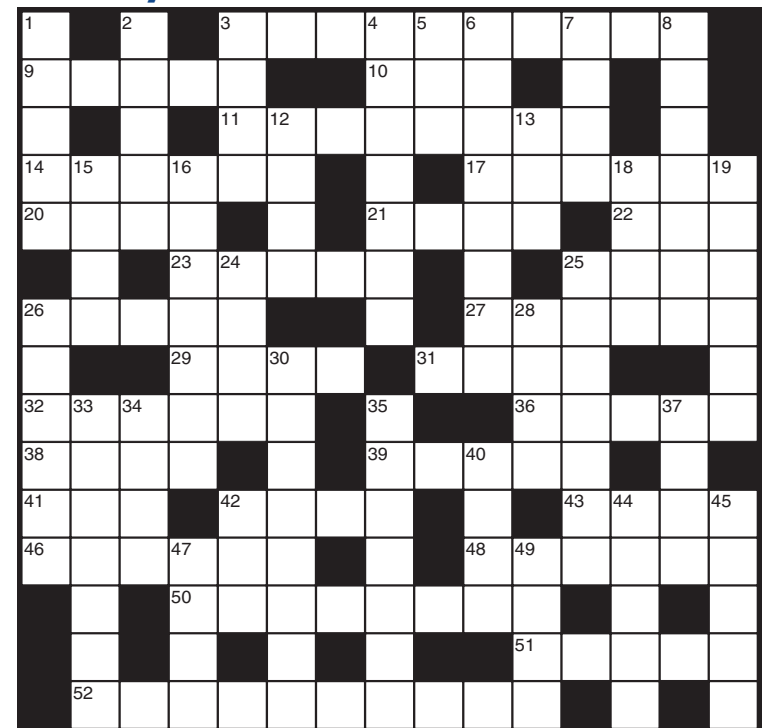
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Weekly Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 3 Enchanted
 - 9 Softly (mus)
 - 10 Top card
 - 11 Feigns
 - 14 Edict
 - 17 Reel
 - 20 Duelling sword
 - 21 Rough uncouth youth
 - 22 Anger
 - 23 Small insect
 - 25 Table-shaped hill
 - 26 Thespian
 - 27 Effaces
 - 29 Passport endorsement
 - 31 Mine entrance
 - 32 Apprehend
 - 36 Of Cuba
 - 38 Beverages
 - 39 Pale yellow
 - 41 And so forth (abb)
- DOWN**
- 1 Garden tool
 - 2 Cavalry weapon
 - 3 Deal with successfully
 - 4 Tells tales
 - 5 Frozen formation
 - 6 Risked oneself
 - 7 Examine
 - 8 Unlike
 - 12 Tear
 - 13 Small spot
 - 15 Poem of heroism
 - 16 Takes away
 - 18 Neckwear
 - 19 Sanity
 - 24 Flower
 - 25 Ripens
 - 26 Reduced in intensity
 - 28 Starchy food
 - 30 Having a harsh sound
 - 33 Body of retainers
 - 34 Speed contest
 - 35 Vocal and instrumental composition
 - 37 Church recess
 - 40 Naked
 - 42 Encountered
 - 44 Book of maps
 - 45 Rendezvous
 - 47 Weary
 - 49 Probability



Ross, Keryn and Baden Corr and Rose Kelly were among the many people who enjoyed Battunga Weekend.

'Outstanding success' for first ever Battunga Weekend

The inaugural Adelaide Hills event Battunga Weekend was deemed an "outstanding success" by its organisers, after attracting visitors to 34 events across the Meadows, Macclesfield, Echunga, Prospect Hill and Flaxley region.

The range of events included a children's trail, a gallery opening, market, workshops and a dance.

Visitors were impressed with how local history was brought to life, and that the event supported local towns.



The Adelaide Regiment 1862 giving demonstrations at Macclesfield's Davenport Square on Saturday.



Gordon and Di Thorpe, Sharon and Adrian Sakko with the team's ED Fairmont before the Glyn Morris Run. Photos: Deirdre Graham

Tight finish for car club's mystery run

By Deirdre Graham

One of the biggest annual fixtures on the Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club calendar – the Glyn Morris Mystery Run – has been run and won by the Paul Laundy and Sons team.

The top three teams – Paul Laundy and Sons, Elaine and Bob Sellars, and Barry and Josie Marr – had to be separated by time to allow a winner to be declared.

The Mystery run was named after the founders of the club Glyn and Christine Morris.

This year's event began on May 4 from Coleman Terrace, with 15 vehicles booked to take part, and teams to follow a set list of questions and instructions that needed to be answered during the day.

Teams filled in their answers until they reached morning tea at Kanmantoo, where they handed in stage one of the run.

When they were about to leave for stage two they received a second lot of paperwork – again with questions/directions – finishing up at Wellington Hotel, where the winning team was



Howard Amos with his 1963 EH Holden Premier at the mystery run.

presented with a large trophy they keep for a year.

"Each year brings something new," Club President, Kate Knight, said.

"We have had members get lost and are nowhere near the destination, and they have rang asking where they are supposed to be.

"We laugh because each year we hear husband and wives arguing because one of them didn't listen to the other and they threaten divorce (jokingly)."

As winners, the Paul Laundy and Sons team will have to organise next year's run.

HISTORY MONTH: Discovering an iconic Strathalbyn stonemason

Over the next three weeks for History Month, *The Southern Argus* will publish a three-piece series on Donald Sutherland, Stonemason/Builder of early Strathalbyn and districts.

Discovering Donald Sutherland was researched by Strathalbyn historian Carolyn Tucker with support from their great granddaughter Kaye Sheehan, of Geelong, who visited the History Room, Strathalbyn Library. They exchanged emails for about eight months to bring it together.

The pair hope to shine a light on a stonemason who was responsible for several of Strathalbyn's earliest stone buildings, yet his name has not appeared in local history books, as well as his wife Janet, their 30 years (1842-1872) at Strathalbyn and life beyond.

By Carolyn Tucker

One of the many interesting facets of working in the History Room of the Alexandrina Library, Strathalbyn, is the recurring experience of meeting visitors whose enquiries lead us to learn amazing things; history so significant, yet it has escaped inclusion in our local history books.

It is not by oversight by any one of our 10 - "The Southern Argus", Thursday, May 15, 2025

esteemed authors of publications.

Simply, that people arrived in Strathalbyn from 1839, toiled for decades, raised families and when the need to seek new opportunities arose, they moved on, often far away and their story went too.

Donald Sutherland to NSW

Donald disembarked from the *Lady McNaughton* in NSW on November 4, 1839, with his brothers William and Simon Sutherland.

Born c. 1817 in Dingwall, Ross Shire, Scotland, he was the second child of David and Henrietta (nee Tolmie) Sutherland, possibly from the Ayr and Dumfries areas of Scotland. Donald came to SA by 1840 to 1842.

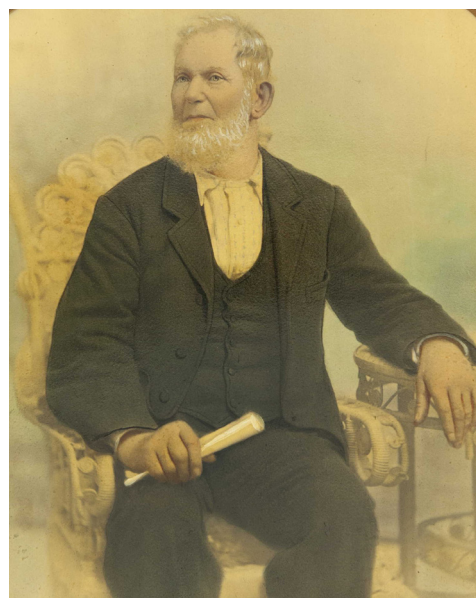
Janet (Jessie) Stewart to SA

Janet Stewart, called Jessie, was born c. 1823 Perthshire, Scotland to Donald and Janet Stewart.

She emigrated to SA c. 1839 with her parents and four siblings who would have lived on Buffalo Row, where Jessie's father Donald and her sister Emily died within six months.

It was all too much for Jessie's mother Janet, and she and her late husband's brother returned to Scotland.

Jessie would have endured much hardship



Donald Sutherland.

and grief for the loss of her father and sister then to see her mother for the last time before she returned home.

Marriage and moving to Strathalbyn

Donald and Janet were Presbyterians,

married in Adelaide c. 1842 and had their first child Harriett in 1843.

In 1842/43, Donald had two acres of wheat and 1/4 acre of garden on the Angas River near Strathalbyn.

In 1845, he purchased Part Section 2603 of the Angas Special Survey from Donald and Christina McLean, downstream from the town.

The longest side of the triangular block was Langhorne Creek Road, formerly called Murray Road.

The other two sides joined on a small length of the Angas River, providing the family with water for a garden and domestic use.

Most of their 11 children were born at or near Strathalbyn and 'Craigdarroch'.

Though unconfirmed, it was probably the family home on Part Section 2603.

Donald held Pt. Section 2603 until November 20, 1865, when he sold it back to Christina McLean, then widow of Donald McLean.

The McLean home 'Auchanada's' was in the vicinity on bank of the Angas River. It burnt down but a stable/barn still stands.

Continued in next week's *Argus*

Dust storm brewing in Willyaroo



Lockaba Drive residents Colleen Jacobs, Vicki and Robert Loffler, Sean Brooks and Nadine Ingham are calling for solutions to dust issues impacting Willyaroo. Photo: Giorgina McKay



By Giorgina McKay

Daily dust is impacting the lives of Willyaroo residents beyond 'just a nuisance'.

Almost 50 residents living near Riverside Road have banded together to call for action to be taken on the dust that has been billowing over properties from the unsealed road, causing health and safety issues and impacting residents' ability to enjoy outdoor activities.

At last month's Alexandrina Council meeting, local resident Nadine Ingham made a deputation to council on behalf of her neighbours to explain the dust that has been plaguing their properties.

The issue reportedly began at the start of summer last year and is believed to primarily be caused by the vast number of vehicles travelling down the road.

"Riverside Road is a large roadside verge and it's used daily by bike riders, walkers, and horse riders," Ms Ingham said in her deputation.

"The risks being imposed by the dust generated by vehicles, especially trucks, driving past are frightening.

"Daily users should not be in a position where it becomes so heavily engulfed in lingering dust clouds the visibility is lost for an extended period.

"While the prolonged, dry conditions may be contributing to the dust issues across the state more broadly, dismissing concerns on this basis fails to address three very important things.

"First, this issue began in early summer when weather conditions would be considered typical, second, it neglects the increased traffic, especially small and large trucks using Riverside Road as a cause, and third, councils are under a duty to maintain local roads to ensure they are safe in all conditions."

Aside from visibility, the lingering dust also poses a health issue for those with asthma.

At least one of the residents in the area has a child that suffers from the breathing impairment and has been affected by the issue.

Residents proposed multiple solutions, including sealing the road, dust suppression treatments, more regular road maintenance, planting trees along the verge, and a speed limit reduction.

"We understand dirt roads get dusty in summer and muddy in winter," Ms Ingham explained.

"To be clear, these are people who have lived close to Riverside Road for many years without a single complaint about its unsealed nature, however, since the start of summer last year, our daily lives have been impacted by dust.

"Residents do recognise that sealing the road is not at all feasible at this point, however, there is a duty to do something to ensure the road is safe."

A petition received to complement Ms Ingham's deputation was forwarded to the infrastructure division for assessment, however, council confirmed no project funding to seal the road had been allocated in the draft 2025/26 capital budget.

Plans in place for cemetery management

By Giorgina McKay

A couple of thousand dollars has been allocated for a consultant to update and development management plans for Alexandrina's cemeteries.

Alexandrina Council current manages eight active cemeteries, located at Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek, Milang, Currency Creek, Hindmarsh Island, Mount Compass, Port Elliot, and Woodchester, of which four – Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek, Milang and Currency Creek – have management plans, while the other four have never had plans developed.

However, these plans were developed more than two decades ago and are no longer considered fit-for-purpose for the future and ongoing management of these sites.

The development of contemporary management plans for all cemeteries is now necessary to identify and document the service levels and objectives required for the effective management of these sites, and to meet and manage community expectations and future need, including future planning, risk, financial management and maintenance.

The 2024/25 annual operating budget allocated \$20,000 to mainly cover maintenance activities, which would be unable to support the development of the plans, which is why a variation of \$35,000 was sought at last month's council meeting to engage a suitably qualified consultant to update and development management plans for the eight cemeteries.

This was supported by councillors. "In past years I've noticed a surprising underspend or low spend in this area," South Ward councillor, Peter Oliver, said.

"I think with this service the community really thinks it has to be done properly and respectfully, and there are significant opportunities for an improvement and consistency, and introducing care."

Finniss electorate office celebrates 50 years

More than 200 people celebrated the 50th anniversary of the electorate office for Alexandra and Finniss with a free sausage, coffee and a slice of cake last Friday.

Special guest speakers included past local members Dean Brown AO and Michael Pengilly, former Deputy Premier Vickie Chapman, Leader of the Opposition Vincent Tarzia and current Member for Finniss David Basham.

In all his regalia, Victor Harbor Town Crier Mike Willett kicked off formalities with a cry for all to acknowledge the 50th year of the region's electorate office before handing proceedings over to Waitpinga farmer David Parsons, who also had emceed the original office opening on May 9, 1975.

Mr Parsons was heartened to see how the role of the electorate office had grown over the last half century.

"There were high hopes for the introduction of regional electorate offices' to be a great support to their communities and bring members closer to the everyday issues of their regions," he said.

"There is no doubt this office has achieved that."

Member for Finniss David Basham thanked everyone involved in the day, including the community, special guests, Victor Harbor Rotary Club and the Brew Box.

Mr Basham was proud to be part of an office that had served the region for such a long period of time.

"Fifty years ago, the office was founded with the simple mission of serving our community and to be a voice for those who need it most," he said.

"Since its opening, the electorate office has assisted thousands of residents with issues ranging from aged care, transport, housing, education, hospitals and healthcare, funding grants for sporting clubs and community groups, and generally to help people navigate the complex world of government services and empowering individuals to improve their quality of life.

"This anniversary is a moment to reflect on how we have all grown together as an electorate and as a community, to be proud of the positive changes we have made together and to look ahead to greater achievements in the years to come."

Ms Chapman spoke on behalf of her

father Ted Chapman, who was the first local member for the region, and agreed the establishment of regional electorate offices had a huge impact of small communities.

"My father lobbied Premier Don Dunstan to give small regions a place where they could be heard and where their voices mattered," she said.

"This office was the first to get up and running.

"It took in a much bigger area back then, and Dad and his office assistant Vivienne worked extremely hard to get to all corners of the electorate whenever they could."

Opposition Leader Vincent Tarzia said people contact an electorate office for many different reasons and a good electorate office must be around all the issues, "no matter how large or small".

"The Finniss electorate has a hardworking and dedicated local member who has several generations of the community in his blood," he said.

"David understands our electorate and has excellent supporting staff."



Vickie Chapman, Michael Pengilly, Dean Brown, David Basham and Vincent Tarzia cutting the cake.

Faces & Places



Wayne McMurtrie and Terry Strout gather at Strathalbyn for the dawn service on April 25. Photo: Giorgina McKay



Claire, Alison, Andrew and Martin Sarbutt trying to keep dry at the Meadows Easter Fair on April 19. Photos: Rowan Sims

South Australian View Clubs gathered at Government House on April 23 to reflect and celebrate the ongoing impacts members have in supporting the education of students experiencing disadvantages. Adelaide Hills View Club was represented by past National Councillor Marjorie Shultz (not pictured), Di Redhead, Muriel McGinty, Karen Price, and Helen Holloway.



Strathalbyn Scouts (back) Simon Murphy (leader), Arthur Murphy, Chris McKay, Marilyn Kaltenbrunner, Hayley Fix, Mark Tate (leader), Symon Pecánek (leader), (middle) William Pecánek, Archie McKay, Alea Strout, (front) Eleanor Murphy, Ryder Riley, Alexis Fix, Eva Oosthuizen and Patrick Jones with Strathalbyn and Districts RSL Sub-Branch President Cate Goodall (middle far right) at the Anzac Day service.



Nick, Rachana, Alisha and Vish Ayyar enjoying last month's Meadows Easter Fair.



Andy Wilson with Mieka and Lyla Kerr, and 'Lucy' at the Milang Easter Fair on April 19. Photo: Deirdre Graham



McLaren Vale's John O'Connor and Kellee Chaplin at the Goolwa RSL breakfast on April 25. Photos: Tara Nash



Nowra's 808 Squadron's Prudence Harper and Craig Castle (right) chatting to Goolwa's Rick Eylward (centre) on April 25.



Linda and Zoe Kiang at last month's Meadows Easter Fair.



Murray Bridge resident and domestic violence advocate Kai Martin is lacing up his shoes in preparation for a 325km run he will be doing this month to raise money and awareness of the prevalent social issue. Photo: Georgina McKay

Murray Bridge advocate tackles running challenge for a cause



By Georgina McKay

A Murray Bridge man who has made it his mission to tackle the scourge of domestic violence in his hometown will attempt to run 325km – nearly eight marathons – in 60 hours to raise money and awareness of the prevalent social issue.

From a young age, domestic violence is something that 26-year-old Murray Bridge resident Kai Martin has been acutely aware of, both through his parents' professions – a doctor specialising in mental health and a family therapist who specialises in domestic violence – and from family members who have been affected by it.

It's what led him to join the Murray Bridge Regional Collaboration on Violence against Women and Children, and eventually become the Chair of the Murray Bridge Domestic Violence Awareness Group.

"It wasn't odd at our dinner table at 10 years old to talk about domestic violence," Mr Martin said.

"I've never been abused, and I was so lucky to have two parents who loved me (and to have) all these opportunities I've gotten as a child, but then there's so many people in this world who don't get the same and to me it just doesn't seem right, so I've always seen it as something I have to do."

That's why he has decided to take on the extreme challenge of running the Lavender Federation Trail from next Friday to Sunday in an aim to raise \$25,000 for the Murray Bridge Regional Collaboration on Violence against Women and Children.

It's an idea that he has been formulating and training towards for more than a year.

"I ran my first marathon two years ago and I was like 'I need more', so I ran 50km in February and I needed more," Mr Martin said.

"Then I ran 100km on May 1 last year and as soon as I ran 100km I was like 'I need to do 100 miles'."

"I stopped playing footy last year just to start running because I had this itch I needed to scratch, and I'm hoping this scratches it."

His first test to see if he can run 100 miles – half of the journey – in December last year came with its challenges, but he managed to do it with some 'special' support.

"I've done 100km and when I got to (it) I was fine, but it was when I got 130km I hit 'the wall'," Mr Martin said.

"I couldn't lift my legs, and I remember I

went to go a kick a rock and missed it, and straightened my leg out and I was screaming in pain, and I had lost all hope.

"Then Ned Brockmann sent me a personalised video... I watched it about 10 times (with) tears running down my face and one of the things he said was 'f**k the pain', and I just went back 'f**k the pain', and I galloped twice and I felt like everything in my body just unlocked.

"My last 30km was the quickest of the 100 miles."

But although he accomplished 100 miles, Mr Martin is aware he will have to another 100 on top of that during this next challenge.

To help him on his journey, he will have a support team comprised of his partner Tayla, brother Aiden and best friend Aaron trailing him and supplying food, water and any other necessities.

"On the 100 miles I had Taylor and Aidan, and afterwards they said 'we definitely need someone else' because they were on for 22 hours with me, so we've got three people who are going to be on the whole 60 hours and they can rotate," Mr Martin said.

"Do I sleep or not sleep? I'm just going to go by my body and see how it feels.

"I've set a 60-hour task so I want to get as close as I can to it."

At the time of reporting, Mr Martin had raised approximately \$15,000 towards his goal.

The money raised will go towards helping victims and survivors, to raise awareness in Murray Bridge, and educate kids on the issue.

"The donations are not going to the government, or Adelaide or Mount Barker, it's staying in Murray Bridge," Mr Martin explained.

"I want to run school programs for kids, and I would like to get specific domestic violence workers in Murray Bridge because we don't have any, and just more things for the victims."

Mr Martin will finish his run at the country's first ever monument to recognise domestic violence – The Place of Courage.

He encouraged people to donate or show their support by celebrating at the finish line.

"It's such a big issue everywhere in the world and it is very big here in Murray Bridge," Mr Martin said.

"One kid in every class is affected by domestic violence, whether they know it or not at that age, and it's to show them they're not alone.

"Especially people like me who haven't been affected by it, I can stand up and do something about it."

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Principal Rebecca McDougal – a solicitor based in Strathalbyn – encourages young people to get a Will.

Young people, super and wills

Principal Rebecca McDougal
– a solicitor based in Strathalbyn –
encourages young people to get a Will.

Young people with few assets and no dependents often overlook making a Will.

Here is why it is important for all people, whether they are young or not, to have a Will.

A few lessons to begin with:

- When you die your assets and liabilities fall into your estate to be dealt with pursuant to your Will, or if you do not have a Will, pursuant to the Succession Act 2023;

- Your superannuation is not an asset that will automatically fall into your estate.

It is money held in trust for you by the trustees of your super fund.

When you die the trustees will determine where your superannuation death benefits are to be paid which could include your estate, your dependents, financial dependents or people in a financial interdependency relationship with you;

- The trustees are bound to act within the confines of the superannuation law and are limited as to where they can pay your superannuation.

Often young people have few assets of any value but they do have interests in a superannuation fund that upon their death might include a substantial life

insurance component.

If they have no dependents the trustees will be bound by the law to pay the death benefits to their estate.

If there is no Will, the Succession Act will determine how the estate is to be distributed.

The Succession Act, in broad terms, provides that the estate will firstly be shared between the deceased's parents and if no surviving parents, then, between their siblings or the children of deceased's siblings, and if no siblings the grandparents will share in the estate and if no grandparents the aunts and uncles will have the estate and so on.

So, if you have no dependents and want to control where your hard-earned superannuation goes upon your death you need to have a Will.

In your Will you can specify who your beneficiaries are and what they will receive.

Unlike superannuation law, you are not limited as to who can share in your estate.

Also, to avoid potential claims against your superannuation from people that you might be in an interdependency relationship with at the date of your death such as housemates who benefit from the internet and streaming services you supply, you should make sure that you have a valid binding death benefit nomination in place directing the trustees to pay your superannuation to your estate.



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Ray White Strathalbyn proudly presents a newly updated four-bedroom, one-bathroom home situated on a 1,022sqm allotment.

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As you step inside, you're immediately

greeted by an inviting open-plan living area.

The spacious lounge room, with its picturesque view of the manicured front yard, creates a warm and welcoming ambience.

The recently updated kitchen is both stylish and functional, featuring sleek stainless-steel appliances, ample cupboard space, and a well-appointed dishwasher to make clean-up a breeze.

This home offers four generously sized bedrooms, providing plenty of room to cater to all your needs.

Bedroom two also includes a built-in robe for added convenience and storage.

Comfort is a priority, with a split-system air conditioner strategically placed in the heart of the home and ceiling fans to ensure those balmy summer nights are a breeze.

Step outside, and you'll find a beautifully landscaped, spacious allotment, perfect for outdoor enjoyment.

The lush lawn provides ample space for kids and pets to play, while the established gardens add a touch of charm.

The large undercover pergola offers the ideal setting to unwind after a long day or entertain friends and family with a summer BBQ.

Internal features:

- 1960 built
- Four spacious bedrooms
- Built-in robe in bedroom two
- Open plan living
- Split system air conditioning
- Renovated kitchen
- Dishwasher

External features:

- 1,022sqm allotment
- 3m x 7.2m garage
- Low maintenance gardens
- Pergola

- Rain water tanks

Nearby features:

- One-minute drive to Strathalbyn Football Oval
- One-minute drive to the local shopping district
- Three-minute drive to Strathalbyn local schools
- 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.



Simple elegance with ample space

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Ray White Murray Bridge | Strathalbyn is proud to present this charming two-bedroom, one-bathroom home, situated on a spacious 963sqm allotment at 269 Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge.

Nestled on the outskirts of town, this freshly painted 1978-built home sits on a spacious allotment, offering a perfect mix of room and practicality.

Whether you're a first-time buyer looking to step into the market, a downsizer seeking

a more manageable lifestyle, or an investor searching for a smart opportunity - this property ticks all the right boxes.

Step inside this charming solid brick home and instantly feel its welcoming charm and character. From the moment you enter, the raked ceilings create a sense of space and light, perfectly complemented by two generously sized living areas - ideal for both relaxing evenings and entertaining guests.

Stay comfortable year-round with air conditioning to beat the summer heat, and a cosy slow combustion heater that adds warmth and ambience during cooler months.

The home features two generously sized bedrooms, each complete with built-in robes for effortless storage and functionality.

Roller shutters add an extra touch of comfort, providing enhanced privacy and a sense of security - so you can truly feel at ease.

The well-appointed kitchen boasts ample cupboard space to keep everything tidy and within reach, along with a brand-new stove and oven for modern convenience.

A recent installation of an instantaneous

gas hot water system adds efficiency and peace of mind.

The kitchen flows effortlessly into the separate dining area, creating a warm and inviting space that's perfect for family dinners.

Step outside and you'll find a fantastic outdoor entertaining area - perfect for weekend BBQs or quiet evenings.

Two sheds provide plenty of storage, and the added bonus of an extra car or caravan port makes this property as practical as it is appealing.

A truly unique offering with something for everyone.

This property offers the perfect balance of tranquillity and convenience, nestled in a serene setting, yet just moments away from local schools and shops.

It's the ideal spot to enjoy peaceful living without sacrificing easy access to everything you need!

Internal features:

- 1978 built
- Two spacious bedrooms

- Built-in robes
- New stove/oven
- Instantaneous gas hot water system
- Slow combustion heater
- Split system air-conditioning

External features:

- 963sqm allotment
- Rainwater tank
- 6.00m x 6.20m shed
- 5.57m x 7.30m shed
- 3.74m x 7.30m carport

Nearby features:

- Two-minute drive to Farm Fresh Market
- Three-minute drive to Tyndale Christian School
- Six-minute drive to Bridge Clinic Medical Centre
- Seven-minute drive to Murray Bridge Green Shopping Centre
- Eight-minute drive to Murray Bridge Hospital.

Open inspections

Saturday, May 18

10.00am – 10.30am.....	16 Stephen Avenue, Strathalbyn.....	Raine and Horne
10.30am – 11.15am.....	150 Hunts Road, Tooperang	Raine and Horne
11.00am – 11.30am.....	28 Gollan Avenue, Strathalbyn.....	Raine and Horne
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3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 5 cars, 975m²

Ray White Murray Bridge | Strathalbyn is proud to present this delightful three-bedroom, one-bathroom home, situated on a spacious 975 sqm corner allotment at 57 Maurice Road, Murray Bridge.

This charming double brick home, built in 1975, presents endless potential for both a growing family and a savvy investor.

With its timeless appeal and strong foundation, it offers a world of possibilities to create your dream space or a great investment opportunity.

As you step inside, you're welcomed by a formal lounge that instantly feels like home - warm, inviting, and thoughtfully designed for year-round comfort with efficient split-system air conditioning.

From here, the layout flows seamlessly into a well-equipped kitchen, complete with a generous pantry, ample cupboard and bench space, and a charming meals area.

Designed for both practicality and comfort, this inviting space features its own ceiling fan and split-system air conditioning, ensuring a pleasant atmosphere in every season.

This delightful home boasts three generously sized bedrooms, each designed for comfort and relaxation.

The master suite comes complete with split system air-conditioning and a ceiling fan for year-round comfort.

The other bedrooms also feature ceiling fans, ensuring a cool and cosy atmosphere.

Thoughtfully positioned, all the bedrooms offer easy access to the main bathroom, making everyday living effortless and

convenient. Step outside and take in the expansive allotment, perfectly positioned on a corner to offer easy side access to the large shed with a roller door.

There's even a separate entrance, perfect for securely storing your caravan or other weekend toys.

The fully fenced rear yard feels like your own private oasis, featuring a lush lawn ideal for play or relaxation, and a charming, covered veranda - the perfect spot for quiet, laid-back evenings.

Roller shutters provide added privacy and security, while the garage with internal access adds everyday convenience.

And with solar panels already installed, you'll enjoy the benefits of eco-friendly, energy-efficient living.

Perfectly positioned right across the Murray Bridge Golf Course, this home offers the ideal blend of tranquillity and convenience, with the town centre just a quick five-minute drive away.

Whether you're teeing off or enjoying the local amenities, everything you need is within easy reach.

Internal features:

- 1975 built
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Pantry
- Dishwasher
- Split system air-conditioning

External features:

- 975sqm allotment
- Solar 7.5kW
- Roller shutters
- Rainwater tanks
- 6.70m x 5.50m shed

Nearby features:

- Five-minute drive to local cafes and shops
- Five-minute drive to St Joseph's School
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- Five-minute drive to Murray Bridge Hospital
- Six-minute drive to Murray Bridge Sturt Reserve

Happy and healthy cows on show

Milang Ag Bureau visited two different dairy farms to see how the industry is evolving while benefiting both farmers and their cows.

Fourth generation dairy farmer Nick Brokenshire welcomed the bureau to his robotic dairy farm.

His great-grandfather began with Jersey cows, with numbers now grown to around 660, with 530 being milked on a 70-cow rotating platform.

The Jerseys, who wear an electronic collar for ID, voluntarily step aboard the slow-paced platform twice a day, where a mixed-grain feed is supplied and the milking cups are manually put on.

Once the computer has recognised the udders are emptied, the suction stops and the cups are retracted to their default hanging position.

Before the cow steps backwards off of the platform, a robotic arm precisely sprays the udders with an antiseptic type solution, then the cows head for the feed pad before heading back to the desired paddock.

The robotic platform is capable of milking up to 400 cows an hour, but Brokenshire prefers to keep it below full capacity so the cows have a more comfortable experience.

Towards the end of milking, the collected water from maintaining a clean platform and shed are used to flood irrigate the waiting yard, where the waste/water goes to a large catchment pond.

The bureau then headed to Ben and Katie McHugh's farm, where they were shown a different type of robotic dairy.

The Jersey cows voluntarily come to be milked whenever they feel the need to, without requiring a person present.

This approach has given the McHughs more time to manage family commitments, the farm, livestock health, while providing a reliable and consistent approach to milking.

Starting off with 180 cows on this farm, the McHughs have been able to increase the numbers and currently milks 220 more or less depending on the cow's lactation season and capacity allowance for the 120ha dry land farm.

When the cow walks in to the milking yard, the system will read the electronic NLIS ear tag to identify the cow, and it will enter one of five robotic DeLaval milking machines to have each teat cleaned and promote a 'let-down'.

The robot arm moves efficiently and precisely to attach the cups one-by-one to each teat and the milk is firstly tested by the machine for progesterone hormones and cell counts, then it will decide where to allocate the milk.

The cows receive a measured feed of milled Barley, Lupins and minerals to keep them happy while milking, and again, when the machine detects an empty udder, the suction individually stops and the cups are retracted.

The robotic arm then sprays the udders and the machine self-cleans while the cow leaves and the next comes in.

Gates are automated every six hours to direct cows to the desired paddock, but they are welcome to return for milking whenever they like.

A computer system records all the data collected from each cow and can notify someone of any health queries or machine malfunctions to be followed up.

Support for farmers on the way



By Tara Nash

Trucks of donated hay will soon be delivered to Fleurieu Peninsula farmers as they struggle through the worst drought in memory, thanks to a major fundraiser by local Lions clubs.

Goolwa and Victor Harbor & Port Elliot Lions clubs are fundraising for Need for Feed, which is a Lions initiative that has been supporting farmers in times of need since 2006.

A convoy of truck drivers will volunteer their time to deliver hay to the local region from New South Wales and Victoria.

The trucks are loaned and hay is donated by farmers, leaving the fuel costs to be fundraised by the community.

Goolwa Lions member Andrew Schiller – who is the co-ordinator of the local initiative – said farmers who have previously received donated hay often contribute once they have a surplus.

He described it as a “pay it forward” scheme and “goodwill” that’s built up over years.

Demand is “far exceeding” the expectations for the initiative, which is for commercial farmers who make the majority of their income from the work.

The 100km radius means Mr Schiller is fielding calls from Cape Jervis to Milang, including plenty of demand from Strathalbyn.

“The phone’s been running hot – there’s been a huge number of registrations,” Mr Schiller said.

“The need is outstripping what we originally envisaged.

“The demand here is far exceeding our expectations... the whole of the state is in crisis.”

Mr Schiller is also a farmer himself, and this is the worst drought he’s seen in his 40-year career.

“Some of the stories are really challenging – some of the guys are really struggling and need feed urgently,” he said.

“They’ve exhausted their financial resources, and we’re coming into the cold winter months when the nutritional demand of the animals is going to peak.

“A lot of these guys are out of resources to feed them – they’ve already offloaded all their surplus stock.”

Lions is also working with the City of Victor Harbor and Encounter Bay Football Club for the delivery – the latter of which will host a fundraising dinner when the trucks arrive on the June long weekend.

Donations are also being sought for a charity auction or raffle for the night.

The generosity from community members and businesses has “blown away” expectations of organisers, with about \$25,000 already donated or pledged.

The Ukulele Group of Goolwa is among the generous donors, raising more than \$4600.

Lions Club of Strathalbyn District is also getting behind the cause, pledging the proceeds from their food van sales and collected donations during an upcoming



Victor Harbor & Port Elliot Lions Club President Ashlea Farrell, Need for Feed co-ordinator for local distribution Andrew Schiller and Goolwa Lions President Tony Snelson are fundraising with others to deliver hay to local farmers. Photo: Tara Nash

farm machinery clearing sale.

Open to the public, the sale will be held at Grivell Farm, at 429 Langhorne Creek Road, Belvidere, on May 20, from 10.30am with inspections prior.

“There’s been a lot of positive embracement from the community, it’s

been amazing – everyone wants to help,” Mr Schiller said.

“There’s great community support behind us – it’s been quite amazing.”

For further information on making donations or applications, visit (www.needforfeed.org).

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Lions member Lorraine McDonnell with John Carter and Ukulele Group of Goolwa members who raised more than \$4600.

More uncertain times ahead for growers



Strathalbyn farmer Lyn Gale hopes he has enough hay available to last until breaking rain. INSET: Mr Gale has had to get rid of his lambs earlier than usual. Photos: Deirdre Graham



By Deirdre Graham

Woodchester farmer Brett Phillips has been in the business since he left school in 1991 and has never seen it be so dry for so long.

Mr Phillips, who is also the Vice-President of the Milang Ag Bureau, has recorded just 18mm of rain for the year to date, and says the uncertainty of the year ahead is what weighs most heavily on his mind.

“Last year we went surprisingly well,” he said.

“I think we had 138mm of rain for the growing season, and just because of modern farming practices and varieties we did ok.

“We did have a freaky thunderstorm here in November, but it hasn’t rained properly here since August, which is when it stopped raining last year.”

Mr Phillips has started seeding, hoping

Woodchester farmhand Elliot Towk and farmer Brett Phillips are still waiting for breaking rains.



for a break in the rain.

“We are doing legumes at the moment, (and we) have done lentils and beans, then

it will be a bit of an unknown what we are going to do from there on because it doesn’t really look optimistic for any rain for the

next week or so,” he said.

“We are cropping farmers, so there is just the uncertainty of what we are going to do – are we going to change our rotations around because long season crops are getting past their optimum planting date?

“There is just the unknown because, dry seeding, while it is dry, if you get 10mm of rain and then nothing else it can be risky because your crop might emerge but there is no subsoil moisture.

“It is unlike last year when we had dry conditions until the middle of June and we did dry seeding but we had moisture not very far underneath, so a small rain event meant the crops could survive, whereas this year it is just dry.

“In my farming experience it hasn’t been so dry for so long, and there is more uncertainty as the weather patterns are looking pretty crappy really.”

The ongoing dry conditions means, even if it rains soon, there will be no income from grain for Mr Phillips until he is able to sell any crop in December/January.

“We are only starting because we know how long it is going to take until the finish,” he said.

“You don’t want to be still seeding at the end of June if you can help it, so you have to start doing something now, and hopefully, there is a bit lower risk with legumes, as they can sit in the dry soil longer than a little expensive canola seed.”

Meanwhile, Strathalbyn grain and sheep farmer Lyn Gale has recorded just 15mm for the year.

He too will be working with no subsoil moisture this season.

He has spent 54 years as a farmer and has some memories from the 1967 drought.

“In 1967 I wasn’t very old and we lived in an older house, and in July 1967, I woke up with the imprint of my head on the white pillow with the fine dust,” Mr Gale said.

“I don’t remember much of the cropping or seeding side of it but I do know there was a horrible amount of dust between Strathalbyn and Finnis – it was right over the Finnis road.”

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The longer the rain holds off, the more his fears grow.

"I have fears of spending a lot of money on putting crops in and not having them grow, or starting to grow and drying off or not growing," Mr Gale said.

"That is our fear with dry sowing – that it might come up with 5mm of rain and then not have follow-up rains.

"(Also) the expense of spraying weeds and fertilisers, and the cost of seed in today's farming practices, which are extremely expensive, and another lighter year of income."

The Gales kept as much hay as they could but have just 120 bales of hay left, while also keeping more grain aside for their sheep as well.

"We got rid of our lambs much earlier than usual – they went to a feedlot – so we are

only back to just our breeding ewes now," Mr Gale said.

"Early rains are so important feed-wise because the clovers and the grasses get growing early while the ground is still warm.

"The longer it is delayed, the colder the ground will get, and the slower the growing is, and it shortens the growing season for the feed for the stock."

Like Mr Phillips, Mr Gale says the uncertainty is high on his mind.

"We needed an inch of rain last month and another follow up, and another follow up," he said.

"That would have been ideal, but I don't want to sound like a whingeing farmer.

"We put up with what we get, and we try to do our best with what we get."



Member for Hammond
Adrian Pederick
is urging farmers
struggling with the
drought conditions to
reach out for support.
Photo: Deirdre Graham

Pederick predicts more tough times

By Deirdre Graham

Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick says the ongoing drought is "unprecedented", and even with rain, its effects will continue far into the future.

The region has seen little rain this year, causing growing concern for local farmers.

Among those concerned is Mr Pederick, who says the longer the dry conditions continue, the more pressure is put on livestock producers.

"Even if we get a late break, it has really killed the opportunity for feed to keep the stock going and certainly to get good crop yields," he said.

"There are ewes having lambs now and there is nothing to feed them, and some of the mothers are just walking away.

"Some producers are selling ewes that are heavy in lamb because they don't want to see the death of many lambs or even the mothers (from lack of feed)."

While the practice of selling pregnant ewes to the meatworks was "abnormal", Mr Pederick said it is "desperate times" and people are having to make "desperate decisions".

"(People are) losing not just their breeding stock, but the opportunity to make an income out of those lambs," he said.

"It is not easy to rebuild a cattle herd or a sheep flock when you have been forced to destock to such a huge degree, and not only that, with sheep you want to have a wool and lamb income.

"The same with cattle – you want to breed calves so you can grow more beef.

"It has a huge impact that will last for years, and so the sooner this drought ends, the better for everyone because the longer it goes, the more devastating the impacts

will be right across the state."

One of the positives was that there was still opportunity to sell livestock interstate where they have had a better season.

However, Mr Pederick said the drought flow-on effects were reaching far beyond the farm gate.

"Across the board the discretionary spending of farmers is out the window, so it is felt right throughout the community," he said.

"It doesn't matter what industry you have – it might be something as simple as going to a café when you are in town to have a cup of coffee and something to eat."

Mr Pederick welcomed the State Government's two major relief packages – \$18m last year and \$55m this year – saying there were many services farmers can now access.

However, he feared some struggling farmers would fail to qualify for support.

"There are some good services now, for example, through Rural Business Support, which helps at that ground floor level with household assistance if you are eligible, but I know it is extremely tough and tests your resilience," Mr Pederick said.

"I think the problem is like everything, it is the bureaucracy around people having to wait up to three months to work out whether they have managed to get the threshold and have co-funding for drought resistant things like buying tanks or piping or whatever infrastructure they can put in.

"I think that is the biggest frustration, although since then obviously, the whole deal has changed a bit, with more money allocated per farm, so the hope is that those things can be fast tracked a bit quicker, so that we can get some reality."

Mr Pederick urged farmers to reach out.

Government help for farmers

A \$55 million expansion of the State Government's drought program was announced in early April, adding to \$18 million from last year.

Here are some of the measures:

Rural support grants

Delivered by Rural Business Support's (RBS) Relief Fund, these provide up to \$1500 in assistance for eligible SA farmers, rural-related enterprises and regional small businesses across South Australia to help cover essential household expenses such as utility bills, groceries, council rates, medical costs and other basic needs.

Applicants must provide evidence of financial hardship and engage with an RBS Financial Counsellor or Program Support Officer to be assessed.

Further information is available from Rural Business Support on FREECALL 1300 836 211 or at (www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au/what-we-do/relief-fund).

Regional Drought Relief round of the Active Club Program

Applications for this targeted round is currently open until Wednesday, May 28, with grants of up to \$5000 available for sport and active recreation clubs in regional and greater metropolitan areas.

The funds can be used for water-saving and drought-resilient measures such as rainwater tanks, smart irrigation controllers, and new or upgraded irrigation infrastructure, along with utility bill relief and energy efficiency initiatives.

It can also be used towards essential costs such as equipment, uniforms, and program delivery, helping clubs reduce barriers to participation and promote physical activity.

Further information and application forms are available at (www.orsr.sa.gov.au/grants/active-club-program).

On-farm drought infrastructure rebate scheme

Applications are now open for increased funding under the scheme, with eligible applicants now able to apply for pre-payment under two tiers of funding.

Tier 1 offers a 75 per cent rebate up to a maximum grant of \$5000 (ex-GST) and Tier 2 offers a 50 per cent rebate up to a maximum grant of \$20,000 (ex-GST).

The total maximum grant payment amount is \$20,000.

Current applicants to the scheme have the opportunity to access the new higher value tier.

Further information is available at (www.pir.sa.gov.au/funding/on-farm_drought_infrastructure_rebate_scheme).

Meanwhile, a PIRSA spokesperson said the previously announced Connecting Communities Events Grant program has been increased to \$250,000 for grants of up to \$5000.

It continues to be popular, with 36 events that are already approved, foster social connections and provide wellbeing support, already held across the state.

Similarly, the SA Donated Fodder Transport Drought Assistance Scheme has been increased to \$6 million.

To date, the scheme has helped more than 430 farmers across the state with more than 4200 tonnes of donated fodder.

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Sparking connections in Maccy



By Tara Nash

Volunteers are wanted to help facilitate a social group at Macclesfield that aims to combat loneliness within communities.

Held across several Adelaide Hills towns including Mount Barker and Kanmantoo, Spark Conversation groups are run in collaboration with Mount Barker Community Centre, the State Government's Community Connections Program and The Hut Community Centre.

"Our mission is to inspire and empower communities to take action against loneliness, and to speak more openly and destigmatise it because it's such a shared human experience," Spark Co-ordinator, Hayley Everuss, said.

"The group is about bringing together all people – people who might be feeling isolated, people who might be new to an area and also people who enjoy connection.

"Loneliness is something that can occur across a lifetime – it can come and go – and there are tools that people can build and learn and speak more openly about how important connection and social health is."

The World Health Organisation declared loneliness and social isolation as a global health epidemic.

One in three Australians report feeling lonely.

Studies have compared chronic loneliness to smoking 15 cigarettes a day and likened the health impacts to obesity, as well as increased risk of depression and cognitive decline.

'Sparkies' can help combat the issue by facilitating connections within their



Spark Conversation visitors at Kanmantoo Kathryn Schneider, Lynwen Maeder, Lyn Boyd, Fiona Challen, and Rita Durkin with Simone Summerton, and Spark Co-ordinator Hayley Everuss who are hoping to start a group in Macclesfield. Photo: Tara Nash

communities and suggesting other services or social groups to others.

"It's building the fabric of community and empowering and explaining to people that each little instance of connection in their life can add to the next one," Ms Everuss said.

"That's how we build connected communities."

She described the Kanmantoo group as "lively", which typically attracts up to 12 people to The Britannia on Wednesday

mornings who catch up over a coffee.

When *The Southern Argus* visited, the welcoming group was full of stories and laughter.

"How do you connect to your community?" one of the visitors, Fiona Challen, questioned.

"Some people do it through sport or through their children, but as you get older you think, 'what's connecting me now?'"

"So, you've got to find other avenues to bring people together."

They agreed that having a meeting spot was beneficial particularly for local community members who can be isolated on properties.

Simone Summerton – who attends Kanmantoo, and will be one of the Macclesfield volunteers – aims to help break that isolation, when she realised "there's a lot of people by themselves".

For further information on joining her in the Macclesfield group, visit (www.sparkconnection.org.au).

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Lifesaving initiative extends further in region



By Tara Nash

Potentially lifesaving bollards with the contact details of crisis networks are expected to soon roll out in quiet locations across the Strathalbyn and surrounding districts after its success in neighbouring communities.

The initiative is the brainchild of Macclesfield RSL Sub-Branch President Dennis Oldenhove with now hundreds expected to sell state-wide.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, the bollards – which include the contact numbers of Lifeline, Beyond Blue and 1800Respect – are created by Macclesfield Men's Shed.

Strathalbyn & Communities Suicide Prevention Network has thrown \$4000 behind the cause and purchased 25 bollards earmarked to be installed in communities including Strathalbyn, Belvidere, Langhorne Creek, Woodchester, Milang, Clayton Bay, Ashbourne, and Finnis.

The Rotary Club of Strathalbyn has supported the initiative by helping scout suitable locations and with their installation.

Strathalbyn & Communities Suicide Prevention Network volunteer Gwenda Knights is pleased the initiative will spread awareness of mental health services.

“(We want to do) anything we can to support mental health – mental health is



Strathalbyn Rotarians Vivienne Goodenough, President John Agnew and Craig Maidment (right) are excited to support Strathalbyn & Communities Suicide Prevention Network volunteer Gwenda Knights in the roll-out of bollards in the region. Photo: Tara Nash

not improving,” she said. “More and more people are having difficulties.”

Strathalbyn & Communities Suicide

Prevention Network is part of Wesley LifeForce, which is a network across Australia that delivers suicide prevention, intervention and postvention strategies,

support and training.

The local group has been operating for 13 years and was the first in South Australia.

The Rotary Club of Strathalbyn offers “great support” to the organisation, sharing values of serving the community.

This comes as the local Rotarians welcome other community members to join their club and become part of a global network of more than 1.2 million members.

Some of their most iconic annual fundraising events are The Great Duck Race at Soldiers Memorial Gardens, the Trash and Treasure Market during the Antique Festival, and Rotary Auto Swap Meet.

Other projects with various partners include delivering hay to South Australian farmers, providing vouchers to help families with school needs, and donating sleeping bags to those on the Fleurieu Peninsula sleeping rough.

“My 30 years with Rotary have allowed me to make lifelong friends and business connections and it has enabled me to make a significant contribution to my community,” Rotarian, Craig Maidment, said.

The Strathalbyn club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Victoria Hotel on Albyn Terrace in Strathalbyn.

Community members are encouraged to reach out for further information on the benefits of volunteering.

For further information, visit (www.strathrotary.org.au).

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2025 MULTI-COLOR CORPORATION LANGHORNE CREEK WINE SHOW



Bremerton named best at Wine Show

Bremerton Wines' Lucy and Rebecca Willson celebrating their success. Photo: Tara Nash

By Tara Nash

Two long-established family wineries took home the top awards at this year's Multi-Color Corporation Langhorne Creek Wine Show, with Bremerton Wines winning Champion Wine of Show and Lake Breeze Wines recognised as Producer of the Year.

The award ceremony on Friday saw 200 grape growers, winemakers, trade, suppliers and winery staff celebrate the Langhorne Creek wine region at Bleasdale Vineyards.

Headed up by sisters Rebecca and Lucy Willson, Bremerton Wines' 2023 Coulthard Cabernet Sauvignon was awarded the Vinpac Best Cabernet Sauvignon trophy and ultimately took home the Multi-Color Corporation Champion Wine of Show.

The name Coulthard is a tribute to the sisters' grandma of the same name, Merle, and is also fittingly a variety that is one of the favourite varieties for the family-owned winery.

Lucy described the wine as "very

expressive" of the region and Bremerton.

"Langhorne Creek does cabernet so beautifully and it's something we can hang our hat on as a region, so I think to get the best cabernet and cabernet of the show was really good," she said.

"Bec is a very clever winemaker... she definitely gets the credit for that, as do the vineyard guys to grow that fruit.

"There's something about the local show that's awesome - it's a nice celebration of the region."

Alongside co-winemaker Matthew Schmidt, Rebecca made the medium to full-bodied wine that got feedback that it

"jumps out of the glass" and can be enjoyed without cellaring.

"We made this wine to have this beautiful, upfront cabernet character and that's quite approachable," she said.

"It's dark-fruited but still has brightness, life and vibrancy, which is what people want when they drink a wine."

Meanwhile, Rebecca's Bremerton 2022 Special Release Graciano took out the Jon Burke Creative Digital Video trophy for best red or white made from alternative or other varieties for the second year in a row.

At Lake Breeze Wines, winemaker Greg Follett won an impressive six trophies,

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Jo Andrews with Sam, Ros, and David Watkins, from Watkins Family Wines, and David Mashado at the 2025 Langhorne Creek Wine Show on Friday. Photos: Deirdre Graham

2025 MULTI-COLOR CORPORATION LANGHORNE CREEK WINE SHOW



Lake Breeze Wines' Greg Follett celebrating receiving Producer of the Year.
Photo: Tara Nash. INSET: Anne and Brian Meakins – former owners of Rusticana Wines – enjoying a glass of local produce.



including the Belvidere Winery trophy for Producer of the Year.

Greg's brother and Lake Breeze Vineyard Manager Tim Follett was also named Peats Soil & Garden Supplies Grape Grower of the Year, recognising his contribution to the Langhorne Creek region.

Lake Breeze's other trophies included the FrostBoss Best Sparkling Wine, White Wine or Rosé trophy for the Lake Breeze 2024 Pecorino; the Cooperages 1912 Best Blended Red Wine trophy for the Lake Breeze 2023 Arthur's Reserve Cabernet Malbec; the Project Wine Pty Ltd's Best Shiraz trophy for the Lake Breeze 2023 Section 54 Shiraz; the New Holland Agriculture and Giles Machinery Best Malbec trophy for the Lake Breeze 2022 Malbec; and the Daish Irrigation/Netafim Best Museum or

Fortified trophy for the Lake Breeze 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Chair of Judges Sue Bell was joined by wine writer Jane Faulkner and Greg Clack from XO Wine Co, as well as associate judges Alexandra Alavoine from Kirrihill Wines and Brett Woodward from Saddler's Creek Wines.

The Chair of Judges trophy this year went to the W Salter & Son's 2024 Pepperjack Grenache Rosé.

"While we always expect great Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Shiraz from Langhorne Creek, certain white varieties and rosés are also showing great promise," Ms Bell said.

"This year's Rosé class was particularly strong, with several excellent examples of wines with both freshness and complexity, made from a diverse selection of varieties."



Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick, Steve Chapman, Merridie McLaren, and Roger Follett at Friday's wine show.



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Richardson-Walsh team takes Foursomes

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The Southern ARGUS Sport

Pickleballers head to state championships

By Deirdre Graham

The Southern Sharks Pickleball Club will send a large contingent to the upcoming South Australian Championships later this month, including Strathalbyn player Grant Diggins who is expected to do well in his mixed doubles with Cath Griffen, as well as in the singles.

The SA Championships run from May 23 to 25, with singles, skinny singles, gender doubles, mixed doubles and hybrid coed doubles categories.

Diggins will be performing in the 60s sections and is fresh off a strong showing at the Masters Gamers in Port Augusta where he collected three gold medals.

The Southern Sharks are now the biggest club in South Australia, with 200 members and courts at Strathalbyn, Mount Barker, Goolwa, Victor Harbor, Seaford and Aldinga.

Committee member Helen Brown said the club should do well.

"It will be a lot harder competition (than the Masters)," she said.

"We have some professional standard players coming to the championships and players that play professional Masters pickleball, so it will be a very hard competition, but I still think we will walk away with a lot of medals."

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Strathalbyn pickleball player Grant Diggins is tipped to perform well at the upcoming state championships.

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GSFL Round 5 Results

Willunga v Goolwa/Pt Elliot



Willunga 8.6 12.10 22.13 31.16 **202**
Goolwa/Pt E. 2.2 3.4 4.6 5.9 **39**
 Goals - Willunga: Dylan Draper 7; Daniel Nobes 6; Sam Renney 4; Harry Saunders 4; Cameron Hutchens 3; Braden Altus 2; Tyson Schmid 2; Riley Bennett 1; Seb Hoeck 1; Liam Nye 1. Goolwa/Pt E.: Jesse Bates 1; Trent Griffen 1; Kai Iwao 1; Carter Norman 1; Samuel O'Flaherty 1.
 Best - Willunga: Harry Saunders, Sam Renney, Dylan Draper, Brett Miegel, Daniel Nobes, Cameron McDonald. Goolwa/Pt E.: Ken Angus, Jayden Davis, Jye Bottroff, Kai Iwao, Jesse Bates, Riley Davis.

RESERVES

Willunga 6.5 13.10 19.14 27.15 **177**
Goolwa/Pt E. 1.0 1.0 -- -- **13**
 Goals - Willunga: Oliver Brunton 5; Evan Carnevale 4; Gareth Remfrey 4; Madoc Williams 4; Todd Martin 2; Myles Amos 1; Jack Burns 1; Ryan Collier 1; Lachlan Francis 1; Caleb Hooper 1; Tarkyn Lovett 1; Sonny McDonnell 1; Tommy Saunders 1. Goolwa/Pt E.: Max English 2.
 Best - Willunga: Gareth Remfrey, Madoc Williams, Oliver Brunton, Evan Carnevale, Todd Martin, Lachlan Francis. Goolwa/Pt E.: Tyrone Rigney, Ryan Altus, Charlie Scaife, Bailey Payne, Chris De Koning, Cameron Steele.

SENIOR COLTS

Willunga 3.0 9.1 12.3 17.4 **106**
Goolwa/Pt E. 2.3 3.5 3.6 4.7 **31**
 Goals - Willunga: Jackson Collins 3; Rhett Read 4; Riley Mitchell 2; Rhys Sims 2; Levi McGowan 1; Oscar Thompson 1. Goolwa/Pt E.: Corey Allsop 1; Hamish Donlan 1; Joshua Parsons-Averay 1; Cruz Quaremba 1.
 Best - Willunga: Jackson Collins, Kai Genovese, Rhys Sims, Rhett Read, Dash Jeffery, Levi McGowan. Goolwa/Pt E.: Lenny Hayden, Cruz Quaremba, Hamish Donlan, Jai Bayley, Mason Dunn, Django Westmoreland.

JUNIOR COLTS

Willunga 5.2 10.3 13.4 17.7 **109**
Goolwa/Pt E. 0.1 0.3 0.5 0.7 **7**
 Goals - Willunga: Tommy Aldridge 3; Tyler Brown 3; Hayden Als 2; Mitchell McDonald 2; Luca Seeley 2; Patrick Cameron 1; Tyler Galvin 1; Lachlan Genovese 1; William Uptis 1; Edison White 1. Goolwa/Pt E.: No score.
 Best - Willunga: Tommy Aldridge, Saxon Clerke, Tyler Brown, Luca Seeley, Lachlan Genovese. Goolwa/Pt E.: Oliver Koop, Tate Berresheim, Matthew Ludgate, Mitchell McCardle, Cruz Walsh.

Langhorne Creek v McLaren Districts



Langhorne Ck 4.4 8.6 9.6 12.8 **80**
McLaren D. 6.3 8.8 13.10 17.13 **115**
 Goals - Langhorne Ck: Lachlan Bates 3; Jarrod Kellock 3; Henry Bruce 1; Mitchell Cleggett 1; Jackson Dalitz 1; Mitchell Felton 1; Jack Hall 1; Caleb Howell 1. McLaren D.: Joshua Vandermeer 6; Connor Fitt 2; Henry Mathews 2; Brett Ellis 1; Harrison Evans 1; Daniel Marr 1; Matthew Merrett 1; Alex Moyle 1; Archie Rutt 1; Joel Vandeleur 1.
 Best - Langhorne Ck: Henry Bruce, Matt Dominish, Tom Derham, Lachlan Bates, Tasman Follett, Jack Hall. McLaren D.: Joshua Vandermeer, Codey Ellison, Kaine Hopkins, Lachlan Mathews, Luke Mitton, Harrison Evans.

RESERVES

Langhorne Ck 2.2 4.3 6.5 6.6 **42**
McLaren D. 3.0 6.2 9.2 13.4 **82**
 Goals - Langhorne Ck: Isaac Lyons 2; Tyler Follett 1; Henry Hassold 1; Jaspa Tonkin 1; Elliot Towk 1. McLaren D.: Jamie Smith 4; Eyre White 4; Cameron Jarrett 2; Jacob Cerullo 1; Jacob Hill 1; Jett Holberton 1.
 Best - Langhorne Ck: Jagga Kotz, Tyler Follett, Isaac Lyons, Damon Laan, Dyllan Jelfs, Jovi Kotz. McLaren D.: Brock James, Jamie Smith, Eyre White, Cale Dellow, William McAvaney, Angus Angel.

SENIOR COLTS

Langhorne Ck 0.2 0.3 0.3 1.3 **9**
McLaren D. 7.7 10.11 12.15 18.17 **125**
 Goals - Langhorne Ck: Cade Tonkin 1. McLaren D.: Lincoln Angel 5; Soren Roscrow-Kreis 3; Nicholas Tana 3; Brock Grund 2; Oscar Albrechtsen 1; Hudson Croser 1; William Elton 1; Caleb Mitchell 1; Dylan Mitton 1.
 Best - Langhorne Ck: Anthony Campbell Kartinyeri, Samuel Tonkin, Cullen Berden, Cade Tonkin, Lincoln James, Kobie Abbott. McLaren D.: Brock Grund, Fletcher Angel, Flynn Modra, Lincoln Angel, Bodhi Ticehurst, William Elton.

JUNIOR COLTS

Langhorne Ck -- -- -- -- **20**
McLaren D. -- -- -- -- **68**
 Goals - Langhorne Ck: Josh Collins 2; Riley Stapleton 1. McLaren D.: Kabe Boehm 2; Jett Harvey 2; Cody Hastwell 2; Eddie Everton 1; Kael Gowling 1; Tom Sinel 1.
 Best - Langhorne Ck: Josh Collins, Harry Burgess, Riley Margetts, Riley Stapleton, Jack Mcnamara, Hayden Pridham. McLaren D.: Jett Harvey, Cody Hastwell, Kabe Boehm, Harley Finlay, Jack Schofield, Mylo Koop.

Mt Compass v Myponga/Sellicks



Mt Compass 2.2 5.5 6.7 9.11 **65**
Myp/Sell 4.0 8.5 11.9 14.12 **96**
 Goals - Mt Compass: Tom Pinyon 4; Tomas Vitkunas 3; Leo Turner 1; Zigimantas Vitkunas 1. Myp/Sell: Darren Shillabeer 4; Jayden Scott 3; Jakob Drury 2; Connor Sampson 2; Hayden Sampson 1; Jaxon Sampson 1; Mitchell Wilkins 1.
 Best - Mt Compass: Tomas Vitkunas, Nathan Schulz, Lochie Nash, William Zimmermann, Brandon Mckenzie, Harry Wilcock. Myp/Sell: Mitchell Wilkins, Scott Ogilvie, Anthony Kempster, Connor Sampson, Luke Whitford, James Hutchinson.

RESERVES

Mt Compass 2.1 5.2 8.4 10.6 **66**
Myp/Sell 2.0 7.0 7.2 7.2 **44**
 Goals - Mt Compass: Jack Poole 3; Jordan Boots 2; Nicholas Brokenshire 1; Michael Corbett 1; Peter Hoban 1; Sean Jensen 1; Joshua Love 1. Myp/Sell: Ryan Haverty 3; Lachlan McKenzie 2; Ryan Hutchinson 1; Troy Johnson 1.
 Best - Mt Compass: Brady Ohanlon, Peter Hoban, Craig Merritt, Michael Corbett, Brent Creek, Connor Drewer. Myp/Sell: Lachlan McKenzie, Brayden Wait, Sam Beard, Jeremy Cameron-Clay, Scott Carpenter, Ryan Haverty.

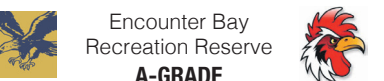
SENIOR COLTS

Mt Compass 2.0 2.0 3.0 3.0 **18**
Myp/Sell 3.6 8.10 13.13 18.17 **125**
 Goals - Mt Compass: Jacob Pugh 2; Mason Mullarkey 1. Myp/Sell: Lennon Roberts 4; Levi Harris 3; Nathan Sywak 3; Harper Mathewson 2; Jack Brown 1; Lachlan Deacon 1; Tom Gray 1; Fletcher Harding 1; Jake Holford 1; Bodie McGarry 1.
 Best - Mt Compass: Jack Chetwynd, Elliot Fehrmann, Ashton Pudney, Braxton Watson, Joe McHugh, Jacob Pugh. Myp/Sell: Jack Brown, Fletcher Harding, Nathan Sywak, Cody Heinze, Tom Gray, Jack Broadstock.

JUNIOR COLTS

Mt Compass 1.2 1.2 2.2 2.4 **16**
Myp/Sell 5.2 10.4 14.9 17.13 **115**
 Goals - Mt Compass: Chase Annand 1; Koby Shute 1. Myp/Sell: Christian Adams 4; Bailey Hammett 4; Austin Alldritt 2; Jaxon Dooley 2; Jack Gray 1; Chace Houston 1; Harlow Uttridge 1; James Wallace 1; Khodi Williams 1.
 Best - Mt Compass: Bailey Leech, Kodis Miller, Chase Annand, James Paech, Connor Gill, Parker Fergusson. Myp/Sell: Sunny Coleman, Ocean Wong, Khodi Williams, Jack Gray, Ryder Harris, Austin Alldritt.

Encounter Bay v Strathalbyn



Encounter B. 7.4 11.9 16.13 23.16 **154**
Strathalbyn 1.1 3.2 3.2 3.2 **20**
 Goals - Encounter B.: Tyson Neale 11; Nicholas Marshall 3; Ryan Pearsons 3; James Brown 2; Ben Davis 1; Andrew Fyfe 1; Bradley Kreuger 1; Marcus Lippett 1. Strathalbyn: Declan Grant 2; Declan Gladigau 1.
 Best - Encounter B.: Tyson Neale, Nicholas Marshall, Ryan Pearsons, Hamish Tonkin, Callum Tonkin, Andrew Fyfe. Strathalbyn: Declan Gladigau, Liam Newton, Zac Edwards, James Scott, Lachlan Cutting.

RESERVES

Encounter B. 6.3 12.8 17.11 21.12 **138**
Strathalbyn 1.0 1.0 1.1 1.2 **8**
 Goals - Encounter B.: Kyrone Pepper 10; Blake Bailey 2; James Bradford 2; Ryan Corby 2; Rory Hausser 2; Oakley Johnson 1; Tjedan Mckeown 1; Mitchell Reilly 1. Strathalbyn: Dylan Mason 1.
 Best - Encounter B.: Kyrone Pepper, Maxi Collins, Blake Bailey, James Bradford, Oakley Johnson, Rory Hausser. Strathalbyn: Liam Hutchinson, Max Barnes, Josh Kirpensteyn, Darren Hein, Oliver O'Driscoll, Dylan Mason.

SENIOR COLTS

Encounter B. 3.0 3.1 5.1 5.2 **32**
Strathalbyn 1.1 3.1 4.3 8.5 **53**
 Goals - Encounter B.: Campbell Littlely 2; Keane Jamieson 1; Oliver Martin 1; Liam Zechmeister 1. Strathalbyn: Riley Harding 4; Jock Ness 2; Aiden Sanders 1; Max Wiese 1.
 Best - Encounter B.: Amos Tymko, Jai Goutier-Perkins, Keane Jamieson, Ryley Bastalec, Hudson Brown, Marlon Krejcir. Strathalbyn: Riley Harding, Jock Ness, Noah Wiese, Benjamin Scott, Marshall Field, Max Wiese.

JUNIOR COLTS

Encounter B. -- 2.1 -- -- **15**
Strathalbyn 2.1 3.4 9.5 12.9 **81**
 Goals - Encounter B.: Corin Murphy 1; Oliver Twelftree 1. Strathalbyn: Jed Guger 2; Ned Pegler 2; Jake Szust 2; Jett Wiese 2; Rory Fox-Curnow 1; Kyle Page 1; Elisha Thiele 1; Archie Williams 1.
 Best - Encounter B.: Cruz Parry, Corin Murphy, Zachary Rumbelow, Koa Allen, Oliver Twelftree. Strathalbyn: Ned Pegler, Archie Williams, Archy Willismore, Hudson Keatley, Jayden Mumford, Davis Semple.

Yankalilla v Victor Harbor



Yankalilla 0.2 1.5 4.9 6.11 **47**
Victor Harbor 4.5 10.10 17.15 22.20 **152**
 Goals - Yankalilla: Kim Kantilla 3; Thaddeus Puautjimi 3. Victor Harbor: Samuel Basham 4; Bryce Gibbs 4; Benjamin Heaslip 3; Daniel Stock 3; Jaidan Kappler 2; Zachary Dowling 1; Jackson Elmes 1; Caleb Grant 1; Lachlan Hartshorne 1; Sam Overall 1; Matthew Wiese 1.
 Best - Yankalilla: Kim Kantilla, Patrick Chay, Oaklee Major, Thaddeus Puautjimi, Jesse Fitzgerald, Jack Fitzgerald. Victor Harbor: Zachary Dowling, Benjamin Heaslip, Jaidan Kappler, Jackson Elmes, Matthew Wiese, Clayton Mesecke.

RESERVES

Yankalilla 1.1 1.3 1.3 1.3 **9**
Victor Harbor 3.3 8.5 13.7 19.10 **124**
 Goals - Yankalilla: Jaylan Sim 1. Victor Harbor: Harrison Grenfell 4; Ben Basham 3; Jaid Cooper 3; James Mulhern 3; Tyson Kent 2; Matt Stock 2; Nathan Brewster 1; Harry Dix 1.
 Best - Yankalilla: Billy Dreissigacker-Ludlow, Tyson Graves, Nicholas Bond, Max Watters, Daniel Thorpe, Jackson Bull. Victor Harbor: Harrison Grenfell, Jaid Cooper, James Mulhern, Charlie Steele, Harry Dix.

SENIOR COLTS

Yankalilla 1.0 2.3 4.4 5.5 **35**
Victor Harbor 6.2 8.4 11.4 13.6 **84**
 Goals - Yankalilla: Noah Fulton 2; Lachlan Biley 1; Jayden Fearnside 1; Blake Symonds 1. Victor Harbor: Caleb Grant 3; Ryan Phillips 2; Levi Stringer 2; Eli White 2; Noah Farley 1; Caleb Hood 1; Saje Keenan 1; Oliver Walsh 1.
 Best - Yankalilla: Oliver Rice, Tadhg Wenham, Logan Sparnon, Jackson Bull, Charlie Soper, Blake Vowles. Victor Harbor: Caleb Grant, Brodie Cross, Noah Farley, Rhys Poole, Tom Loiterton, Bailey De Luca.

JUNIOR COLTS

Yankalilla 2.1 2.1 2.2 6.6 **42**
Victor Harbor 3.2 9.3 10.8 10.8 **68**
 Goals - Yankalilla: No results provided. Victor Harbor: Arlo Kempster-Barry 4; Samuel Eves 2; Rory Martin 2; Jack Green 1; Rhys Weeden 1.
 Best - Yankalilla: Billy Brind, Judd Thorn, Leroy Jansen, Coen Morrison, Eli Sauerbier, Zac Fogden. Victor Harbor: Knox Murray, Byron Krejcir, Jasper Wegener, Samuel Eves, Arlo Kempster-Barry, Ryder Basham.

GSFL Round 5 Ladders

A Grade	P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B	Reserves	P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B	Senior Colts	P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B	Junior Colts	P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
Victor Harbor	5	10	70.26	5	0	0	0	McLaren Districts	5	10	65.59	5	0	0	0	Myponga/Sellicks	5	10	87.30	5	0	0	0	Myponga/Sellicks	5	10	78.12	5	0	0	0
McLaren Districts	5	8	61.68	4	1	0	0	Encounter Bay	5	8	75.74	4	1	0	0	Strathalbyn	5	10	81.25	5	0	0	0	Strathalbyn	5	8	70.48	4	1	0	0
Willunga	5	8	60.54	4	1	0	0	Willunga	5	6	67.09	3	2	0	0	McLaren Districts	5	8	67.15	4	1	0	0	Willunga	5	8	68.26	4	1	0	0
Encounter Bay	5	6	61.51	3	2	0	0	Myponga/Sellicks	5	6	60.64	3	2	0	0	Victor Harbor	5	6	68.19	3	2	0	0	Victor Harbor	5	8	64.52	4	1	0	0
Mt Compass	5	6	56.83	3	2	0	0	Mt Compass	5	6	57.52	3	2	0	0	Willunga	5	6	63.37	3	2	0	0	McLaren Districts	5	6	58.66	3	2	0	0
Myponga/Sellicks	5	6	53.71	3	2	0	0	Langhorne Creek	5	6	52.35	3	2	0	0	Encounter Bay	5	6	54.54	3	2	0	0	Goolwa/Pt Elliot	5	6	53.22	3	2	0	0
Langhorne Creek	5	2	44.11	1	4	0	0	Victor Harbor	5	4	66.53	2	3	0	0	Mt Compass	5	2	33.15	1	4	0	0	Yankalilla	5	2	35.11	1	4	0	0
Yankalilla	5	2	39.87	1	4	0	0	Strathalbyn	5	2	28.22	1	4	0	0	Langhorne Creek	5	2	18.31	1	4	0	0	Langhorne Creek	5	2	32.94	1	4	0	0
Goolwa/Pt Elliot	5	2	26.94	1	4	0	0	Yankalilla	5	2	24.39	1	4	0	0	Goolwa/Pt Elliot	5	0	24.70	0	5	0	0	Mt Compass	5	0	26.01	0	5	0	0
Strathalbyn	5	0	28.86	0	5	0	0	Goolwa/Pt Elliot	5	0	10.82	0	5	0	0	Yankalilla	5	0	9.12	0	5	0	0	Encounter Bay	5	0	19.95	0	5	0	0

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Goolwa/Pt Elliot v Yankalilla
at Goolwa Oval

McLaren Districts v Strathalbyn
at McLaren Vale Sporting Complex

Myponga/Sellicks v Encounter Bay
at Myponga Oval

Victor Harbor v Mt Compass
at Victor Harbor Oval

Langhorne Creek v Willunga
at Langhorne Creek Football Club

GSFLW 16-18 MAY - ROUND 7

A GRADE WOMEN

Myponga/Sellicks v Yankalilla/EB
at Encounter Bay Recreation Reserve

McLaren Districts v Goolwa/Pt Elliot
at McLaren Vale Sporting Complex

Willunga v Victor Harbor
at Willunga Recreation Reserve

U17 GIRLS

Strathalbyn v McLaren Districts
at Strathalbyn Oval

Willunga v Victor Harbor
at Willunga Recreation Reserve

U14 GIRLS

Strathalbyn v Yankalilla/EB
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Willunga v Victor Harbor
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McLaren Districts v Goolwa/Pt Elliot
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Mudlarks trump Bulldogs

Hugh Daniell and Nathan Schultz were playing their first game on home soil for their new club.

The day was perfect for fast and furious footy. Mount Compass were the first forward, but Myponga's backs were up to the task.

Myponga, now mainly in attack, saw Compass defending for their lives, but it was Drury who found himself clear and, on the run, brought up Myponga's and the game's first goal.

Likewise, Shillabeer found himself on the end of a handball to score on the goal line.

Myponga were finding targets and looking for each other more decisively, getting the ball forward by whatever means.

Drury goaled again after being awarded a free kick 45 metres out.

The game was now going Myponga's way in all quarters, as Drury, again in the play, passed off nicely to Wilkins, who marked and goaled.

At the 21-minute mark, Z Vitkunas, having been fouled in a tackle, goaled from 30 metres, bringing up a much-needed major for Compass.

Almost immediately after, Turner, always dangerous, helped himself to a goal on the run.

It seemed that Compass had come to life but still needed to do more if they were going to stay in touch with Myponga.

Quarter-time scores were Myponga four straight goals to Mount Compass 2.2.

Compass were straight out of the blocks via Connor, who launched the ball forward into Pinyon's hands, who then effortlessly goaled from directly in front.

Sampson, having been awarded a lucky free

plus 15 metres courtesy of a Compass player offering the umpire advice, brought up the reply.

Wilkins, deep in the downside pocket, threaded the ball through the goals to continue Myponga's dominance on the scoreboard.

Partridge, marking a misdirected Compass kick-in, quickly got the ball to Scott, who marked and added another Myponga goal to the tally.

Andrewartha followed suit, running the ball out of the centre to boot another on the run.

Hicks, having won the hard ball, found Z Vitkunas, who passed on to T. Vitkunas, taking a diving mark and goaling to break Myponga's run.

This didn't stop the lively Myponga on-ballers from peppering the goal line, and their defenders from holding up all that Compass could muster.

With persistence and some hard run by Turner, the ball was marked beautifully in the teeth of goal by T Vitkunas for Compass' third goal of the quarter.

While Compass were still in touch, it seemed that the brisk movement of the ball by Myponga and their capacity to dominate in the air would see them through.

Half-time scores were Myponga 9.5, four clear goals on Mount Compass 5.5.

No sooner had the echo of the siren died than the ball was deep in the Myponga forward line.

Both sides were defending well, causing the ball to swing from end to end.

At the 8-minute mark, Wilkins placed a fast, low pass to Scott, who goaled.

Scott goaled again on the end of a well-calculated pass from McGarry.

Not wasting time, it was Heinze who, straight

out of the centre, found Shillabeer for another Myponga goal.

Sherry, now in the centre, was providing some grunt around the packs for Compass.

He took on the marking competition and passed to Pinyon, who found himself unattended to score Compass' first goal for the quarter.

This was a well-tussled quarter, with both teams throwing themselves into the fray despite the scoreboard.

Third-quarter scores were Myponga 11.9 to Mount Compass 6.7.

Myponga were straight out of the centre and on the move, especially H Sampson, who ran past the pack, scooped up the ball and goaled on the run.

Wilkins also goaled after being mishandled in a dispute over the ball.

Myponga were now on the march and it seemed that Compass could not make up the difference.

While Compass showed plenty of pluck, it was the speed of delivery and ability to find each other on the run that gave Myponga the ability to quell anything that Compass' on-ballers could throw at them.

Late goals to Compass players Pinyon (two) and T Vitkunas, and Myponga's Shillabeer, did little to change the outcome of the game.

Turner, Nash, Schultz, Daniell and T Vitkunas all played handy games for Compass, while Shillabeer, Wilkins, H Sampson and Partridge did Myponga proud.

Final scores were Myponga 14.12 defeated Mount Compass 9.10.

GSFLW Round 6 Results

A Grade Women

Goolwa/Pt Elliot v Yankalilla/EB

Goolwa Oval					
A Grade Women					
Goolwa/Pt E.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	6
Yankalilla/EB.	3.2	3.3	4.10	6.11	47

Goals - Goolwa/Pt E.: No score. Yankalilla/EB.: Matisse Hunter 3; Jemma Ellis 1; Jaimi Griffen 1; Halle James 1.

Best - Goolwa/Pt E.: Indi Miller, Lucy Earl, Lily Jenke, Cassie Burrows, Madison Bayley, Ellie Fry. Yankalilla/EB.: Jemma Ellis, Halle James, Matisse Hunter, Czenya Cavouras, Achol Agany, Taylor Haywood.

Myponga/Sellicks v Willunga

Myponga Oval					
A Grade Women					
Myp/Sell	--	1.0	--	--	12
Willunga	2.0	4.0	4.4	4.5	29

Goals - Myp/Sell: Sarah Stanbury 2. Willunga: No results provided.

Best - Myp/Sell: Grace Deacon, Eden Coleman, Tayte Mathewson, Lily-Rose Garner, Private player, Sarah Stanbury. Willunga: No results provided.

Victor Harbor v McLaren Districts

Victor Harbor Oval					
A Grade Women					
Victor Harbor	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	3
McLaren D.	1.3	2.3	4.3	6.4	40

Goals - Victor Harbor: No score. McLaren D.: Sally Fuller 2; Ruby Flanagan-Sjoberg 1; Chanel May 1; Layla Rogers 1; Akira Whelan 1.

Best - Victor Harbor: Skye Kartinyeri-Sumner, Jaimee Millard, Olivia Nobbs, Zoe Bartholomaeus, Tyla Millard, Rebecca A Baga. McLaren D.: Ally Bailey, Layla Rogers, Esther Rayner, Eva Petrucci, Kiera Harvey, Natasha Threadgold.

U17 Girls

Strathalbyn v Willunga

Myponga Oval					
U17 Girls					
Strathalbyn	1.1	2.2	2.2	3.3	21
Willunga	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.6	12

Goals - Strathalbyn: Sienna Ballantyne 1; Dee Kartinyeri 1; Kayla Schubert 1. Willunga: Marley Watson 1.

Best - Strathalbyn: Ruby Erbsland, Kayla Schubert, Sienna Ballantyne, Dee Kartinyeri, Lacey Willsmore, Mackenzie Cutting. Willunga: Ava Rivers, Isabelle Cameron, Eva Aldridge, Charli Barry, Marley Watson, Tayla Young.

Victor Harbor v McLaren Districts

Victor Harbor Oval					
U17 Girls					
Victor Harbor	0.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	8
McLaren D.	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.9	15

Goals - Victor Harbor: Danika Millard 1. McLaren D.: Jaydah Jamieson 1.

Best - Victor Harbor: Latika Swain, Zoe Bartholomaeus, Molly Agnew, Danika Millard, Halle Crowe, Bailee Murray. McLaren D.: Ava Elliker, Lucy Jones, Ella Guinan, Alexandra Jaggard, Zahli Grund, Eva Petrucci.

GSFLW Round 6 Ladders

A Grade Women	P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
Willunga	6	12	84.73	6	0	0	0
McLaren D.	6	10	68.57	5	1	0	0
Goolwa/Pt E.	6	6	34.46	3	3	0	0
Yankalilla/EB.	6	4	33.82	2	4	0	0
Myp/Sell	6	2	34.86	1	5	0	0
Victor Harbor	6	2	27.31	1	5	0	0

U17 Girls	P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
McLaren D.	5	10	93.86	5	0	0	1
Strathalbyn	5	6	37.50	3	2	0	1
Willunga	6	4	47.36	2	4	0	0
Victor Harbor	6	2	18.71	1	5	0	0
Yankalilla/EB.	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

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2. Jarrod Kellock (Langhorne Creek) 21
3. Tom Pinyon (Mt Compass) 21
4. Darren Shillabeer (Myp/Sell) 19
5. Caleb Howell (Langhorne Creek) 17
6. Daniel Stock (Victor Harbor) 17
7. Dylan Draper (Willunga) 17
8. Joshua Vandermeer (McLaren D.) 15
9. Samuel Basham (Victor Harbor) 14
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McLaren Eagles pull away from Hawks in second half

The Langhorne Creek Hawks hosted the McLaren Districts Eagles on Saturday at Hawk Park.

The game was played under clear skies with a slight breeze that did not favour either end of the ground.

The oval was in good condition considering the lack of rain in the district, and thanks should go to the volunteers who are looking after the grounds for the good job they are doing.

The game was well attended, with the Hawks holding a sponsors' day followed by a fireworks display in the evening.

The game got underway with the home side kicking to the northern end.

At the first bounce, it was the Hawks' Cates up against the visitors' Ellison.

A quick takeaway from the centre allowed Hawks' Mitch Cleggett to mark and goal within the first minute.

A quick reply followed, as Vandermeer for the Eagles marked and goaled as well.

A defensive error allowed the Creek's Dalitz to capitalise and goal.

Likewise, Vandermeer kicked truly, and eight minutes into the first term, the scores were level.

Ellis and Mitton for the Eagles were getting plenty of early touches, with the Hawks' Dominish also

busy in the midfield.

The visitors added a further four goals to their tally by the end of the term through Fitt, Merrett, Vanderleur and Vandermeer – the latter had three goals to his name in a strong display of marking in the Eagles' forward 50-metre arc.

Meanwhile, the Hawks added another two goals on the scoreboard, with Howell and Hall both kicking truly to leave the visitors with an 11-point lead at the first break.

The second quarter had the visitors out of the blocks early with majors to Vandermeer and Fitt, leaving the Hawks' defence struggling to handle the quick forays into the Eagles' attacking zone.

The Hawks' back six were not making a lot of headway with their defensive kickouts, with errors allowing the visitors to pounce on loose balls.

However, the Hawks sprang into gear in the second half of the quarter.

They managed more clearances from the centre bounces and started to get better link-ups with their delivery into the forward lines.

A neat checkside kick from H. Bruce was followed by goals to Kellock and two majors to L. Bates – his latter goal was something to watch, as he looked to steal a mark from an Eagles player and kicked accurately to leave the Hawks two points

in arrears in what had become a better term for the home side.

After the main break, it was once again McLaren calling the early shots.

Vandermeer for the Eagles marked and kicked to add another six points to the visitors' tally.

The goals kept coming as the elusive Ellis dodged and weaved to kick his first for the day, and Marr did the same shortly afterwards.

The Hawks' defence was under a lot of pressure, led by Derham, who was doing his best to repel the Eagles' forays.

Another two goals to H. Mathews for the Eagles had the visitors creeping away with five goals on the trot.

The Hawks were let down by skill errors at times but had good contributors in H. Bruce and Dominish, who were getting plenty of touches.

The Eagles had ball winners in Ellison, who was doing well in ruck and taking useful marks around the ground, and Mitton, who was contributing with his ball-handling and pace.

A late goal to the Hawks' Felton left the Eagles pushing out their margin to 28 points at the last break.

The last quarter was a more even affair, with both sides working hard in the final 25 minutes of

the game.

The Eagles' Rutt kicked his first for the game after missing shots in the first three quarters.

Another strong mark from Vandermeer brought his tally to six goals for the game.

The Hawks' Kellock nailed two for the term, and L. Bates was also in the mix with a major.

The large crowd in attendance questioned some of the umpiring calls at times, and there were some frustrations from the players, with a Hawks player receiving a yellow card, meaning he had five minutes on the pine.

A sharp goal from the pocket off the boot of McLaren's Moyle finished the scoring for the match, leaving the visitors with a 35-point win on the day.

Summing up, the Hawks played relatively well, barring some defensive errors and a lapse in the third quarter which allowed the Eagles to capitalise.

The visitors' best were Vandermeer, who had a good game after transferring from Echunga at the start of the season; Ellison, who played well in ruck; and Mitton, who had plenty of touches working in the midfield.

The Hawks had winners in H. Bruce, who was useful up forward and in the pivot; Dominish, who collected plenty of touches on ball; and Derham, who worked hard in the backlines.



Demons dee-molish the Magpies

Willunga kicked to the northern end of the Willunga Oval on a perfect Saturday afternoon.

They rattled on three goals in the first five minutes through Draper (two) and S Renney before Goolwa/Port Elliot steadied.

Griffen kicked their first, Iwao just missed, then Bates ran hard and passed to Norman who kicked accurately.

From the 20-minute mark, however, Willunga were able to break the game open.

Sam Renney and Liam Nye were everywhere, running out of the centre then following up to crumb anything off hands.

Renney kicked his second and third, then set up Draper who also kicked his third.

Angus and Bates worked hard for the visitors but they could not stem the flow of Willunga goals.

McDonald and Dumense ran from defence and set up two more Draper goals, then Renney handballed to Saunders who kicked a long six-pointer.

The Demons began the second quarter with

a six-goal lead, which became seven within a minute when Dumense's run and carry allowed Saunders to find space and kick his second.

Renney and Nye were dominant, but their forwards became inaccurate and did not reward their hard running.

J and R Davis both worked hard for the Magpies.

Wilton won a hard ball and delivered to Iwao who goaled to steady the ship.

The rest of the quarter was hard-fought until Altus and Nye combined to kick the ball long to Nobes, who marked and kicked his first to restore Willunga's momentum.

Altus was rewarded for his hard running with a goal.

The Magpies could have got one back just before the siren: Angus and R. Davis worked the ball forward but Payne's shot missed.

Willunga kicked ten goals in the premiership quarter to blow the opposition away.

They dominated the centre square clearances and had three on the board within three minutes

off the boots of Draper, Nobes and Saunders.

Miegel, in his return to the A Grade side, used his quick hands and feet to become even more dangerous as the game wore on.

Hutchens, who was playing his first game for the season, also made his presence felt.

Tregenza had a run through the middle and used his strength to push the ball out to the runners Saunders and Renney.

The Willunga defence, marshalled by Haskett, combined beautifully and used their foot skills to advantage Willunga's big forwards.

Hutchens, Renney and Saunders kicked accurately and Draper added his fifth.

On a rare foray forward, Goolwa/Port Elliot found Bates who split the middle.

From the resulting centre bounce, Willunga's Bennett kicked his team's 10th for the quarter.

Willunga were 19 goals up when the final quarter began and extended their lead by kicking nine goals to one.

They moved the ball quickly and with assurance.

Draper kicked an early goal despite the strong defensive efforts of Bottroff.

He kicked another, then Schmidt nailed two in a row.

Miegel's hard run on the outer wing set up the second of these.

The Magpies had a couple of chances when they locked the ball deep in their forward lines but were twice unlucky not to get foot to ball in the goal square.

A rushed Willunga kick out of defence resulted in a free kick to the Magpies: O'Flaherty goaled from deep in the pocket.

Willunga ran the ball from the centre square thanks to strong bullocking work by Tregenza.

Draper and Nobes found the middle of the big sticks.

It was a convincing win by Willunga, whose speed on the ball and sure handling must have pleased their coach and given the players confidence going into a tough clash next Saturday at Langhorne Creek.

Langhorne Creek vs McLaren Districts Reserves



Photos: Grant Petras

Neale boots 11 as Bays run over the Roosters

By Perry Jones

It was another learning curve for the Roosters at Encounter Bay last Saturday, as the Bays ran over them to record a 134-point win, with Eagle Tyson Neale booting 11 goals for the match.

The Roosters, with a bit more experience back in the team, looked like they might give the Bays a few problems on the day.

They had Gilbert and Duffield keeping their defence active early in the first term, while Welk and Gladigau combined well in the ruck duels.

However, as the first term went on, the Bays started to get their running game going, with Neale starting his goal-kicking spree with the opening goal after taking a diving mark.

As the Bays found the open spaces to move the ball forward, Neale, after fumbling a Davis delivery, gained control of the ball to snap his second.

The Bays had Lippett and Brown generating drive as they continued to wear down the Rooster defences, bringing up the next goal by finding Marshall alone in the goal square.

Marshall, with a quick lead, was back in for another Bay goal as Callum Tonkin delivered the ball, before Neale kicked his third for the quarter.

The Roosters were getting a bit of positive work from Newton and Fergusson to test the rebound efforts of the Eagles' McCreanor, Williams and

Gamble, and after a miss by Stafford, Grant was able to get the first goal on the board for the Roosters.

The Bays then saw Lippett take the ball off hands to goal, followed by Neale getting his fourth for the term and missing another when hitting the post, as the Bays finished the first term 39 points clear.

The Bays continued their attack in the second term as Callum Tonkin and Spurling controlled the ruck duels and had unchecked players to kick to.

The Bays did receive opposition from the Rooster defence in Gilbert, Edwards and Pegler, but they still broke through to increase their lead early as Fyfe, Christophers and Pearsons delivered the ball.

The Bays had the first four goals on the board, starting with Brown picking off a short pass from the Roosters to convert, then Neale adding another, followed by another when set up by Callum Tonkin.

Pearsons then swooped on a loose ball to make no mistake.

While the Bays' defence, led by McCreanor, backed each other up to clear the ball, they copped a bit of late pressure as the Roosters rallied through Gladigau, Newton, Cutting, Scott and Fergusson.

As Berden sent the ball forward, it was Grant who picked up a free for the Roosters' first goal, followed by Gladigau latching onto the ball and, despite being tackled around the neck with no free given, kept running to put the ball through the big sticks - perhaps a promise of better things to come - as they went in at half-time 55 points down.

The third term saw the Roosters on the back foot again as the Bays had loose men everywhere, always backing up to keep the ball in attack.

The Roosters paid the price for not taking the game on, with their slow play out of defence unable to get past centre half-forward.

The Bays' Hamish Tonkin, McCreanor, Walker and Spurling rebounded the few forward moves by the Roosters, who went scoreless for the term.

It was full steam ahead for the Eagles as Lippett, Fyfe, Christophers, Brown and Marshall got plenty of the ball, while Callum Tonkin dominated the ruck around the ground.

Davis had the first goal on the board for the Eagles and, after misses by Neale and Spurling, Neale made amends for his miss.

Kreuger was then able to slot one through from the boundary.

While the Roosters were trying to defuse the Bays' livewire moves through Pegler, Newton and

Drefke, their deficit continued to build.

Brown gathered the crumbs for another Eagle goal, followed by Pearsons drilling another, putting them 89 points clear at the last break.

The last term was a repeat of the third, with the Roosters again failing to score, kept out by Williams, McCreanor and Christophers.

Although Gladigau, Newton and Cutting continued to win touches for the Roosters, they remained on the back foot, continuing to kick into the man - even kicking the ball the wrong way in one instance - as the rudder fell off.

Kenny and Newton, dropping back, tried to limit the damage for the Roosters, but the Bays had runners out everywhere to create opportunities, with Pearsons, Pettitt, White and Callum Tonkin leading the way.

After a quick goal to Pearsons, it was the Neale show again with three goals in a row, as the Eagles soared higher.

The Eagles were scoring so well that the scoreboard went into meltdown, with the Roosters' total suddenly showing as level, until the issue was rectified.

The Bays, however, had not stopped scoring.

Marshall ran into an open goal, as did Fyfe, and finally Neale was able to take a diving mark to bring up his 11th goal for the game and send the Roosters packing.

Goolwa/Pt Elliot vs Yankalilla/Encounter Bay A Grade Women



Ellie Fry.



Annabel Cameron.



Indi Miller gathers the ball for GPE.



Lucy Earl.

Photos: Mark Andrews

Myponga Netball Club

9&U

Draw (Scratch Match)

While it was just a scratch match due to a bye, the girls were excited to have an afternoon slot to play against Mount Compass's other nine and under division.

It was a tight first half with great attacking play by Ebony Hutchinson and Alayna Pratt to lead 2-0 at half-time.

Myponga came alive in the third quarter, scoring six quick goals from Stephanie Smith and Aysha Hutchinson.

Mount Compass fired back in the last with accurate shooting from their goalies, but Myponga held on for their first win of the season.

It was a great game with the team showing lots of improvement in longer passing and flow up the court.

Thanks to Lauren for volunteering to do an extra umpiring duty.

11&U (2)

Myponga 4 def by Mt Compass 6

Up at the dog kennel, the Mudlarks started swooping the Doggies in the early morning sunshine.

Bonnie was bubbly in the goal circle and banged in the first beauty!

Some sharp passing in the middle from the terrific trio of quick Chloe, snappy Summer and magnificent Mae saw the Mudlarks dominate the first quarter, going in even at the break.

Alinta led well into space, creating opportunity for Bailey to attack the ball like a Pit Bull.

Olivia was solid controlling the goal shooter and rebounded brilliantly.

At the big break, the Mudlarks were in their best position all year, trailing by just one.

Annika hovered high above the Doggies and refused to let them convert easily in the third quarter.

Chloe combined with Bonnie, flying across the first third, while Bailey bashed hard down the middle.

In the last, Sienna was spicy on the wing and Bonnie nailed a ripper.

It was a gritty game - the Mudlarks fought tooth and nail in a deadly dog fight, leaving nothing in the tank.

They showed great character, shooting the last three goals of the game to get within a single swish of victory.

Things are on the up and up!

13&U (1)

Myponga 23 def by Mt Compass 27

An early start saw the girls begin a bit sluggish while Mount Compass got on the board first.

Myponga steadied during the first quarter with great defensive pressure.

It was a tight hustle all game and as we headed into the last, we were up by a goal.

Unfortunately, we were not able to

maintain momentum and went down by four.

Every player contributed to some great passages of play, but consistency was lacking.

We look forward to seeing the girls improve as the season progresses.

13&U (3)

Bye

Inter 1

Myponga 44 def Mt Compass 19

With a very early start, teams took to the court and both played a tight defensive game.

Myponga capitalised on turnovers and went to the first break up by nine.

Both teams contested the ball well, but Myponga's accurate shooting built their lead and they were up by 15 at half-time.

Mount Compass made changes and increased their defensive pressure, making Myponga's goalies work hard.

Myponga's defensive pressure remained high across the court, with Jess Sampson taking intercepts.

Mount Compass were kept scoreless in the third quarter.

Myponga continued to increase their lead with accurate shooting by both goalies.

The final score did not reflect the contest, with Myponga winning by 25.

Thank you to umpires, scorers, timers and primary carers.

Inter 2

Bye

Inter 4

Myponga 24 def by Mt Compass 26

Welcome to Mount Compass for a Mother's Day weekend clash!

The two teams certainly did not disappoint.

The first quarter was goal for goal.

Myponga pulled ahead slightly in the second quarter.

Well done to Compass for their tall goalie, who made it difficult for Myponga defenders.

The midcourt was a back-and-forth contest with errors from both sides.

Mount Compass ran away in the third quarter to take the lead, but Myponga regrouped and caught up.

However, Mount Compass came out with the win by two goals.

Well done to both teams - it was definitely a game to watch.

Thank you to parents and umpires for helping.

League

Myponga 66 def Mt Compass 23

The energy was high on Saturday as

Myponga League hit the court against Mount Compass - and what a game it was!

The girls came out strong and never let up, taking a huge 66-23 win.

A big highlight of the match was the exciting League debut of Ruby Tomlinson from Inter 1s.

Ruby slotted in seamlessly and showed real confidence and composure on court - an impressive first outing at senior level.

Our shooting duo, Sarah Raper and Abby Stock, were in fine form, working brilliantly in the ring and keeping the scoreboard ticking all game.

The final quarter saw them lift again, helping the team notch an incredible 20 goals in that term.

It was not easy, though - Mount Compass's defenders made our goalies work hard for every opportunity.

At the other end, Mel Hedger and Jordan Hooper were rock solid in defence.

Their relentless pressure and smart positioning made life difficult for the opposition shooters, limiting Mount Compass to just two goals in the final quarter and creating key turnovers that led to scoring runs.

In the engine room of the court, Jade Deacon, Ella Anderson and Kristen Pacillo were crucial.

Their work through the midcourt kept the ball flowing cleanly into attack, with slick passing, sharp movement and consistent support at both ends.

It was a strong, united effort from every player on the court, with Myponga being too strong and taking out the win.

Thank you to all our mums for your unwavering support so far.

We appreciate everything you do. Happy Mother's Day!

Senior 2

Myponga 38 def by Mt Compass 40

Always expected to be a tough game, Myponga started off really strong in the first quarter, before Mount Compass picked things up in the second and evened up the score.

The second half was close most of the way through.

Myponga had the upper hand until the last few minutes of the game, where Mount Compass found the momentum with defensive turnovers and quickly moved the ball down to their accurate goalies, finishing winners by two.

A great game, and it will be exciting to see these two match up again later in the season.

Senior 3

Myponga 50 def Mt Compass 33

It was another glorious, sun-soaked day as Myponga travelled to Mount Compass, with warm conditions setting

the tone for a high-energy clash.

Myponga hit the court with intensity, showcasing tight defensive pressure and sharp shooting to take control early.

Their dominance was clear in the first quarter, leading 16-9 thanks to quick ball movement and solid connections across the court.

Mount Compass responded with some strategic changes heading into the second quarter, finding better flow through the centre and matching Myponga in a tightly contested quarter.

The second half saw further changes from Mount Compass, including a new look in their goal circle.

However, Myponga remained composed and consistent, with crisp feeding into their shooters and disciplined play across all thirds.

Despite the rising heat, they maintained their momentum and extended their lead.

In the end, Myponga proved too strong, finishing with a well-earned 50-33 win.

A big thank you to Merridie and Abby for stepping up and playing - it was greatly appreciated!

Senior 4

Myponga 61 def Mt Compass 37

The Senior 4 team delivered a dominant performance on a stunning autumn day, overcoming Mount Compass 61-37 in a tough but memorable match.

The opening quarter set the tone, not just for the scoreboard, but for a heartwarming moment in club history.

In a special display of club spirit and family connection, three McLaren mums - Julie, Nicole and Merridie - took to the court alongside their daughters Natasha, Kayla, Sienna and Ruby.

The combination formed a full team, and their cohesion and energy propelled Myponga to a strong 17-9 lead by the first break.

From there, Myponga maintained control of the match with sharp attacking play by goalie combinations Tarnia, Julie and Alesia, and solid defensive pressure by all on the court.

Across the remaining three quarters, every goalie combination proved effective, with smooth transitions from Abby and Billie through the midcourt and accuracy under the post.

The lead extended steadily at each break as Myponga's confidence grew.

The team's versatility and adaptability were on full display.

It was a proud day for the Myponga club - not only for the convincing win but also for celebrating the spirit of community and family on court.

Senior 5

Myponga 39 def by Mt Compass 43

It was a lovely autumn day at Mount Compass.

All matches were scheduled earlier to accommodate Mount Compass's Ladies Day.

Myponga were without a couple of base team members, so we were thankful to the Senior 6s for filling in after playing a match of their own.

It was a physical contest from the first centre pass.

Myponga had a lot of possession, but with the goalies a little shaky, just could not capitalise and were one down at quarter time.

Mount Compass continued to apply pressure and dominated the second quarter with tight defence and accurate shooting.

Myponga were down by five at half-time.

A few position changes in the third quarter saw Myponga settle into more of a rhythm and take control of the game, applying pressure in defence and the goalies working the circle well and shooting with confidence.

Myponga took a one-goal lead at the three-quarter break.

Fatigue set in during the final quarter, and although everyone gave it their all, Mount Compass forced a few turnovers and Myponga were unable to peg it back, going down by four at the final whistle.

Thanks to our coach, fill-ins, scorers, timers and carers.

Senior 6

Myponga 29 def by Mt Compass 48

Another away game for Myponga saw us on a short trek to Mount Compass.

As Compass were holding their Ladies Day, our game was moved to 10 a.m. - a blessing in disguise as it was another warm one.

Myponga had a few players carrying injuries which reduced mobility on the court.

Mette Dabinett continues to improve every week.

Compass played strong with accurate shooting.

It was a game full of sprinkles and rainbows!

Shout out to Paula Bongiorno for being our back-up carer, scorer and timekeeper.

Senior 7

Myponga 32 def by Mt Compass 45

This week saw Myponga taking on fifth-placed Mount Compass.

The Myponga team, coming off a tough loss last week, started strong with a slight lead.

Two minor falls saw the wonderful Sienna Jones take the court and score goals with such grace the opposition commented.

Compass utilised the height of their goalies and capitalised with amazing accuracy, dominating the final quarter.

Results for Round 5 Matches

	League	Senior 2	Senior 3	Senior 4	Senior 5	Senior 6	Senior 7	Inter 1	Inter 2	Inter 3	Inter 4	13&U Div1	13&U Div2	13&U Div3	11&U Div1	11&U Div2	11&U Div3
Mt Compass v Myponga	23-66	40-38	33-50	37-61	43-39	48-29	45-32	19-44	-	-	26-24	27-23	-	-	-	6-4	-
Langhorne Creek v McLaren Vale	43-36	47-39	38-31	30-35	48-35	31-51	52-28	37-30	14-48	-	17-24	-	41-6	26-3	-	-	4-17
Willunga v Goolwa	36-53	-	-	50-56	46-29	40-61	16-42	55-52	57-23	-	39-28	19-27	23-16	16-8	18-20	19-3	0-18
Yankaililla v Victor Harbor	52-40	63-40	48-54	32-27	27-28	36-38	35-39	52-31	51-14	12-45	32-23	5-43	-	13-6	1-29	-	6-2
Encounter Bay v Strathalbyn	38-53	33-51	35-58	-	62-39	44-32	39-36	21-67	-	36-36	21-51	-	32-15	20-16	23-3	7-8	5-6

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Langhorne Creek vs McLaren Vale League



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Brooke Tonkin.



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Stacey Peckover.



Rosie Vercos.

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Strathalbyn Netball Club

9&U Green

The girls had a very early and chilly start to the morning, but still somehow had lots of energy to burn.

The game began with Encounter Bay showing their very impressive ball movement and goals.

This encouraged the Strathalbyn girls to up their game, producing their best-looking skills this year.

It was a great learning game for both clubs.

9&U Gold

A fresh start to the day for the girls meant lots of cold fingers and toes.

The sun slowly shone through, and the girls warmed up and were able to show off all of the skills they are learning each week at training.

Thanks for hosting, Encounter Bay!

11&U (1)

Strathalbyn 3 v Encounter Bay 23

This week, the girls were up against a strong, tall and mature side that tested them.

Despite showing great determination and teamwork throughout the match, they ultimately fell short against their well-drilled opponents.

The girls continued to fight until the final whistle, learning valuable lessons and showing moments of promise that they will take into next week's game.

11&U (2)

Strathalbyn 8 v Encounter Bay 7

From the first whistle, the ball seemed forward and backward.

Goals were hard to come by for both teams due to intense defensive pressure.

At the main break, Strathalbyn were leading by one.

They retained a one-goal lead heading into the last quarter and took the win by one.

An outstanding game to watch for spectators, and congratulations to both teams.

11&U (3)

Strathalbyn 6 v Encounter Bay 5

Defensive pressure throughout the game was intense from the first whistle.

Encounter Bay's defenders' long arms claimed crucial intercepts which saw them leading by two unanswered goals at the main break.

Strathalbyn's rotations saw an injection of speed into the goal circle and this, together with strong drives through the midcourt, saw Strathalbyn score six goals to three in the last half.

A fantastic game to watch, and congratulations to both teams.

13&U (2)

Strathalbyn 12 v Encounter Bay 32

No report submitted.

13&U (3)

Strathalbyn 16 v Encounter Bay 20

A tough game against Encounter Bay, with the Strathalbyn girls fighting hard right until the end.

Inter 1

Strathalbyn 67 v Encounter Bay 21

Another strong win for Strathalbyn, who were able to work on fine-tuning skills and set plays.

The game was played in good spirits. Well done to Encounter Bay.

Inter 3

Strathalbyn 36 v Encounter Bay 36

Strathalbyn were again supported by players coming up from lower grades to field a full team.

A big thank you to Eva, Molly and Ainsley for helping out.

Strathalbyn got a strong start and were able to take a healthy lead into the second half.

Encounter Bay came out firing after the break and clawed their way back, taking the lead with only minutes to go.

Shout out to Addyson Bertholini, who scored a goal out of nowhere in the final second to secure the draw.

Inter 4

Strathalbyn 51 v Encounter Bay 21

Strathalbyn had a sluggish start to the match, with Encounter Bay capitalising early through strong defensive pressure and multiple intercepts.

However, once Strathalbyn found their rhythm, the game quickly turned in their favour.

Molly Whittam was a standout in goals, proving unstoppable with an impressive 85 per cent shooting accuracy - a remarkable effort for a player usually seen in the centre court.

By half-time, Strathalbyn had wrestled back control of the game and built a commanding 21-9 lead.

The second half saw the team lift again, displaying much stronger teamwork, cleaner passing and smarter play across the court.

Their efforts were rewarded with a dominant second half, taking the win with a convincing final score of 51-21.

League

Strathalbyn 53 v Encounter Bay 38

A tough battle at Encounter Bay where momentum swings saw flurries of scoring from both teams, keeping it a close game for most of the match.

Round 5 saw the long-awaited debut of the Garwood sisters in attack together, and they did not disappoint, shooting with high accuracy and presenting strong options within the goal circle.

Encounter Bay had their own strengths in attack, working the ball well across the circle to gain position close to the post. It was Strathalbyn's intermediate players, Kayla Schubert and Mackenzie Cutting, who stood up in the fourth quarter and played with a maturity beyond their years.

Strathalbyn reverted to their precise style of play and piled on the goals to run out 15-goal winners.

Senior 2

Strathalbyn 51 v Encounter Bay 33

Strathalbyn are excited by how this team is coming into form this season.

They have improved every week, and this game finally gave them the breakthrough score they have been searching for.

Senior 3

Strathalbyn 58 v Encounter Bay 35

A great game by the Strathalbyn girls this week.

Thank you to Marlee and Claire for stepping up and helping from the Intermediates - you both played brilliantly and are important to the team.

A really consistent game despite making positional changes.

Strathalbyn built the lead each quarter against an Encounter Bay team that fought to the end.

Well done on the improvement, girls - let's keep building.

Senior 5

Strathalbyn 39 v Encounter Bay 62

Strathalbyn's Red Cardinals emerged from their own netball conclave, only to be excommunicated by a crisp Encounter Bay.

The sacred rituals began, as the Cardinals were locked away on Encounter Bay's Court 2, until white smoke came out of their ears and declared... that sucked.

Late player withdrawals meant a scramble for fresh blood, with junior recruits called up like a holy draft.

Thank you again Lauren, Addy and Chelsea.

Despite flashes of divine intervention, Strathalbyn struggled to match the Bays' clean and crisp ball movement, like watching angels pass a message in perfect formation.

Playing on Encounter Bay's infamous middle court - a surface so cursed it makes Matthew Flinders and Nicholas Baudin's handshake feel well-organised - the team endured stray balls from every direction, no bench to rest on, and a strange atmosphere that may have carried the plague from the coastal algae bloom.

Disaster struck in the third quarter when newly anointed club recruit Jess (brought in under the Thornley family umbrella) rolled her ankle.

Emergency responders were not dispatched, but a national health warning was immediately issued: "Prolonged exposure to any member of the Thornley family significantly increases your risk of

sports-related injury."

Scientists have yet to disprove the correlation.

The final whistle brought merciful closure: a 62 to 39 loss, and a vow from Strathalbyn to perhaps never speak of this again.

Senior 6

Strathalbyn 32 v Encounter Bay 44

Clear skies and perfect temperatures made for a great day of netball over the weekend.

Encounter Bay started strong with accuracy in goals and defensive pressure.

Pushing forward, Strathalbyn matched their intensity in the third quarter, halving the difference from the early lead.

They continued this momentum into the fourth quarter, applying great defensive pressure and fast, efficient plays into the goal circle.

Despite an amazing fight, they were ultimately unsuccessful in their reach for the win.

Overall, it was a fantastic comeback with phenomenal efforts from each player.

Senior 7

Strathalbyn 36 v Encounter Bay 39

Both Strathalbyn and Encounter Bay came out firing in a tightly contested opening quarter, going goal for goal early.

Encounter Bay managed to edge ahead by five goals at the first break.

Strathalbyn struggled with their movement down the court in the second quarter, and Encounter Bay capitalised, extending their lead to seven goals by half-time.

It was great to see Vic Aarts make her return for Strathalbyn 7s in the third quarter.

Her presence helped lift the team, and with renewed determination, Strathalbyn fought their way back into the game, cutting the margin to just two goals by the final break.

In a tense final quarter, Strathalbyn got within a single goal, but costly passing errors proved decisive.

Encounter Bay held their nerve to take the win, 39-36.

GSNA Premiership Table Results for Round 5

League	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Myponga	5	10	179.25	5	0	0	0
Yankalilla	5	8	139.49	4	1	0	0
Strathalbyn	5	8	122.16	4	1	0	0
Victor Harbor	5	8	107.94	4	1	0	0
Goolwa	5	6	103.47	3	2	0	0
Langhorne Ck	5	4	101.58	2	3	0	0
Encounter Bay	5	2	75.95	1	4	0	0
Willunga	5	2	70.00	1	4	0	0
McLaren Vale	5	1	83.81	0	4	1	0
Mt Compass	5	1	64.05	0	4	1	0

Senior 5	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Langhorne Ck	5	10	164.29	5	0	0	0
Willunga	5	8	144.38	4	1	0	0
Goolwa	5	8	122.78	4	1	0	0
Encounter Bay	5	6	138.46	3	2	0	0
McLaren Vale	5	6	104.79	3	2	0	0
Strathalbyn	5	4	94.61	2	3	0	0
Myponga	5	4	80.90	2	3	0	0
Mt Compass	5	2	84.00	1	4	0	0
Victor Harbor	5	2	60.40	1	4	0	0
Yankalilla	5	0	54.77	0	5	0	0

Inter 2	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Willunga	4	8	216.84	4	0	0	1
McLaren Vale	4	6	189.69	3	1	0	0
Yankalilla	4	6	133.63	3	1	0	1
Strathalbyn	3	4	155.56	2	1	0	2
Victor Harbor	4	4	73.33	2	2	0	1
Myponga	4	2	45.88	1	3	0	1
Langhorne Ck	4	0	57.05	0	4	0	0
Goolwa	3	0	44.97	0	3	0	1

13 & U Div 2	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Encounter Bay	4	8	255.10	4	0	0	0
Goolwa	5	6	104.08	3	2	0	0
Willunga	3	4	156.60	2	1	0	2
Langhorne Ck	1	2	683.33	1	0	0	1
Strathalbyn	3	2	103.08	1	2	0	0
Victor Harbor	3	2	87.14	1	2	0	1
Mt Compass	3	2	55.84	1	2	0	1
McLaren Vale	4	0	30.20	0	4	0	1

Senior 2	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Yankalilla	4	8	165.41	4	0	0	1
Victor Harbor	5	8	125.33	4	1	0	0
Goolwa	4	6	113.47	3	1	0	1
Mt Compass	5	6	100.00	3	2	0	0
Strathalbyn	5	6	98.51	3	2	0	0
Myponga	4	4	92.64	2	2	0	1
Langhorne Ck	5	2	85.65	1	4	0	0
McLaren Vale	4	0	85.21	0	4	0	1
Encounter Bay	4	0	55.66	0	4	0	1

Senior 6	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
McLaren Vale	5	10	160.84	5	0	0	0
Mt Compass	5	8	111.84	4	1	0	0
Goolwa	5	6	119.47	3	2	0	0
Encounter Bay	5	6	108.59	3	2	0	0
Willunga	5	6	108.41	3	2	0	0
Yankalilla	5	6	100.89	3	2	0	0
Langhorne Ck	5	4	95.96	2	3	0	0
Strathalbyn	5	2	84.42	1	4	0	0
Victor Harbor	5	2	72.97	1	4	0	0
Myponga	5	0	69.81	0	5	0	0

Inter 3	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Victor Harbor	4	8	203.57	4	0	0	2
Willunga	4	6	162.99	3	1	0	2
Strathalbyn	3	5	167.69	2	0	1	2
McLaren Vale Red	3	4	129.03	2	1	0	2
Encounter Bay	4	3	87.42	1	2	1	1
McLaren Vale Blue	3	2	79.37	1	2	0	2
Mt Compass	3	0	39.84	0	3	0	3
Yankalilla	4	0	36.61	0	4	0	1

13 & U Div 3	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Myponga	3	6	196.00	3	0	0	1
Willunga	5	6	136.54	3	2	0	0
Encounter Bay	4	6	103.85	3	1	0	0
Yankalilla	2	4	200.00	2	0	0	0
Langhorne Ck	4	4	186.21	2	2	0	1
Strathalbyn	3	4	102.33	2	1	0	1
Victor Harbor	5	4	64.44	2	3	0	0
Goolwa	4	0	66.67	0	4	0	1
McLaren Vale	4	0	26.09	0	4	0	1

Senior 3	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Victor Harbor	4	8	163.95	4	0	0	1
Yankalilla	5	8	155.15	4	1	0	0
Langhorne Ck	5	8	108.13	4	1	0	0
Myponga	5	6	115.42	3	2	0	0
Strathalbyn	4	4	96.84	2	2	0	1
McLaren Vale	5	4	85.32	2	3	0	0
Willunga	4	2	76.62	0	3	0	1
Mt Compass	4	0	72.54	1	4	0	1
Encounter Bay	4	0	58.26	0	4	0	1

Senior 7	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Goolwa	5	10	234.44	5	0	0	0
Langhorne Ck	5	8	134.44	4	1	0	0
Mt Compass	5	8	109.66	4	1	0	0
McLaren Vale	5	6	116.98	3	2	0	0
Willunga	5	6	102.56	3	2	0	0
Encounter Bay	5	6	94.87	3	2	0	0
Myponga	5	2	80.21	1	4	0	0
Yankalilla	5	2	72.16	1	4	0	0
Victor Harbor	5	2	68.39	1	4	0	0
Strathalbyn	5	0	66.29	0	4	0	0

Inter 4	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	BYE
Yankalilla	5	10	181.40	5	0	0	0

Argus Netball

Langhorne Creek vs McLaren Vale Senior 3's



Caitlyn Vivian.



Lily Jenke.



Trish Couch.



Caitlin Hope.



Sarah McHughes.



Erin Moore.



Erin Moore.



WD Erin Moore 200 games.

Photos: Grant Petras

Strathalbyn Strikers v Stirling Districts

The Strathalbyn Strikers hosted top-of-the-table Stirling Districts on Saturday and entered the game with some strong additions in Sam Witt, Kalan Brooks and Bill Brooks.

Brodie Kaltensbrunner also had a change in position, switching from his usual attacking role to centre back in hopes of helping with the speed of the away side.

Stirling immediately started on the front foot, their talent and coordination evident with multiple avenues to goal on display.

It took just nine minutes for them to take the lead after Jesse Harvey pounced on a flicked ball over the top to run in and slot the ball past oncoming goalkeeper Jakin Williams.

Harvey scored a second at the 20-minute mark after some nice play through the middle of the park, and Strathalbyn were under the pump.

Gareth Allely was moved to defensive midfield to help bring some strength to the coalface, while Witt was moved back to stand alongside Kaltensbrunner.

This proved to be a successful move, with the hosts able to withstand

the Districts' attacking forays a bit more comfortably.

However, Stirling playmaker Jarrah Gardener scored a third goal for his side in the 34th minute when he dribbled to the edge of the 18-yard box and fired into the bottom corner.

He almost added a second to his tally with a 30-yard free kick, but Williams made a fine save at his near post to keep the score at 3-0 at halftime.

Kalan Brooks was proving to be a nice addition to the Strathalbyn team in his first start of the year, laying off some quality balls to wide men Josh Larkin and Liam Ansell, but the Stirling defence was strong and repeatedly foiled any forward momentum the Strathalbyn lads attempted to conjure.

The defence of the home side was much improved in the second half though, with Stirling unable to fashion as many chances as they could in the period prior.

This was largely due to the influence of fullbacks Josh Denny and Noah Bailey, as well as the substitutes that took their place in Peter Larkin

and Denham Haynes.

Captain Ben Clayton also moved himself into the backline for some experience and strength, which proved to be an insightful decision.

The away side did manage to snag a fourth in the 72nd minute, and the game finished 4-0, but the hosts would be happy with their second-half performance against such a strong opponent.

Stirling were very complimentary of the Strikers' competitiveness after the match, and both sides will be keen to battle each other again later in the season.

The Bs and Cs also went down to the same opponents but provided strong contests, with the Cs down at halftime just 1-0 before falling away to 5-0.

The Bs similarly were level 0-0 at the half before Stirling ran over them in the second to win 4-0.

Goalkeepers Thomas Mugford and Noah Bailey both had fine games, while defenders Jai Correll, Peter Larkin, Ethan Hodgson and Tajinder Singh were all solid contributors throughout.

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Ranking May 7:

Pos	Pair	Players	Score	%
North-South				
1 3	Valmai Phillips / Mary Rowley	63.00	65.62%
2	..... 2	Colin Elix / Graeme Crase	54.00	56.25%
3	..... 6	John Elliott / Pat Elliott	50.00	52.08%
4	..... 7	Debbie Clothier / Leigh Clothier	47.00	48.96%
5	..... 8	Graham Phillips / Bruce Pascoe	42.00	43.75%
6	..... 5	Erica Schmidt / Val Hay	40.00	41.67%
6	..... 1	Mike Robertson / Malcolm Twartz	40.00	41.67%

McLaren Vale Golf Club

Saturday, May 10, 2025 Mens Stableford

Preliminary competition results

Field size, 37; Members, 37; Visitors, None; GA, Blue, Men (Par 66).

Mens Overall

1: Bob Crossman 35; 2: Daniel Nurton 35; 3: Tim Lavery 34; 4: Keith Jones 34; 5: Ben Adams 33; 6: Steven North 32.

Mens Division One 0-18

1: Daniel Nurton 35; 2: Ben Adams 33; 3: Steven North 32; 4: Malcolm Anderson 32; 5: Dwayne Godfrey 31; 6: Seth Jones 31.

Mens Division Two 19-36

1: Bob Crossman 35; 2: Tim Lavery 34; 3: Keith Jones 34; 4: Ian Darby 32; 5: Gary Chadbourne 32; 6: Rodney Rowe 30.

Mens Overall

Winner: Bob Crossman 35.

Nearest the Pin

Mens C-Grade 3rd/12th: Ian Darby; Mens 6th/15th: Leonard Seebohm; Mens 8th/17th: Lance Kotz.

Birdies Par 3

Ian Darby; Rodney Rowe.

Stableford McLaren Vale Golf Club

Winner: Robynn Johnson 32; Runner-up: Sonya Sharp 30.

Hills Central Table Tennis

Macclesfield Black, Ashbourne and the Wanderers Fire Up

Round One of the Hills Central Table Tennis Competition saw Macclesfield Black easily account for Macclesfield Red, 10 rubbers to two, in their local showdown, while last year's winners, now playing as Ashbourne, proved too strong for Meadows, winning 9-3.

The Wanderers, being too dominant in a couple of critical five-setters, avoided a draw and defeated Currency Creek, eight rubbers to four, in the first upset of the season.

Macclesfield Black Captain Andrew Jones had a tight tussle against Macclesfield Red Captain David Bullock.

While winning in four sets - 11-7, 9-11, 12-10 and 13-11 - the third set could have been the turning point for the hapless Bullock, who fell victim to a ball clipping the net, robbing him of a two sets to one lead.

"Being a set down against an opponent like Andrew going into the fourth is always difficult," Bullock said.

"It was a hard slog from there and, although close, Andrew just had that bit of extra momentum affording him the luxury of being a bit more aggressive."

Rising star Nick McMurtrie fought valiantly for Currency Creek against Wanderers' powerhouse Hermann Striegnitz, eventually going down in five sets - 11-8, 8-11, 12-10, 7-11 and 5-11.

Round two on May 14 has Ashbourne up against the Wanderers at Meadows, while at Macclesfield, Currency Creek takes on Macclesfield Black, and Meadows pits itself against Macclesfield Red in another double-header.

Details of the programme can be obtained from the HCTTA Facebook site or by contacting the Association Secretary via email at (hcttaexec@gmail.com).

For further information, contact Greg Marlu on 0407 610 294 or Matthew Ives on 0409 463 873.

Strathalbyn Pickleball

Pickleballers head to state championships

By Deirdre Graham

The Southern Sharks Pickleball Club will send a large contingent to the upcoming South Australian Championships later this month, including Strathalbyn player Grant Diggins who is expected to do well in his mixed doubles with Cath Griffen, as well as in the singles.

The SA Championships run from May 23 to 25, with singles, skinny singles, gender doubles, mixed doubles and hybrid coed doubles categories.

Diggins will be performing in the 60s sections and is fresh off a strong showing at the Masters Gamers in Port Augusta where he collected three gold medals.

The Southern Sharks are now the biggest club in South Australia, with 200 members and courts at Strathalbyn, Mount Barker, Goolwa, Victor Harbor, Seaford and Aldinga.

Committee member Helen Brown said the club should do well.

"It will be a lot harder competition (than the Masters)," she said.

"We have some professional standard players coming to the championships and players that play professional Masters pickleball, so it will be a very hard competition, but I still think we will walk away with a lot of medals.

"We were very dominant at the Masters and had lots of people there.

"I think Cath Griffen will do really well - she has over time performed really well at tournaments - (while) Grant Diggins has also been quite a performer."

Contestants that play the game professionally are expected to be the toughest competition.

"There is a lot of interstate people coming, so it will be really good for the SA people to see how they match up against those from other states," Brown said.

"There is a big contingent coming from Victoria because it is fairly close, plus some from Sydney, Queensland, and even WA, which is really good to see because you do get used to the people that you play with every week.

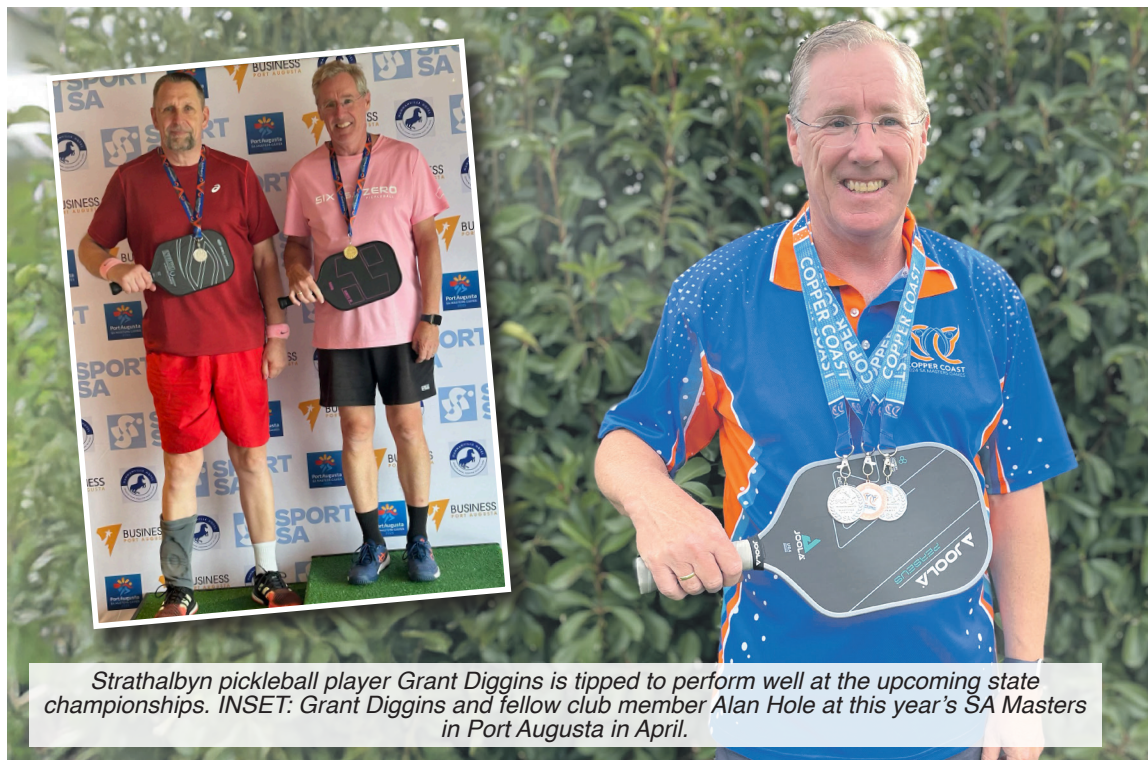
"It is good to see how you rank among other players around Australia."

The club has held some extra training sessions for those going to the championships, especially for those taking part in the singles or skinny singles categories as they don't often have the courts for singles games.

Brown said members were proud to be the biggest club in the state, and enjoy a good reputation among all the SA clubs.

"It is a really enjoyable sport where you can have somebody who might be 70 and someone who might be 20 playing together and having a great time, and it is easy for that to be a really equal game," she said.

"It is just a bit of a laugh and a bit of fun, and everyone just seems to enjoy it so much - it is really inclusive."



Strathalbyn pickleball player Grant Diggins is tipped to perform well at the upcoming state championships. INSET: Grant Diggins and fellow club member Alan Hole at this year's SA Masters in Port Augusta in April.

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The Southern ARGUS

Richardson-Walsh team takes Foursomes

By Perry Jones

Strathalbyn Golf Club conducted a Foursomes event over 27 holes on Saturday, May 10, with Kirk Richardson and Sean Walsh emerging as the winners.

The pair had 83 off the stick for the first 18 holes and then 40 for the next nine to finish with 123, which beat the combination of Sean Naylor and Graeme Bertholini, who had 90 for the first 18 holes and then 44 for the last nine, totalling 134 off the stick.

The combination of John Way and Kim Wittwer certainly had an eventful day, starting last and finishing last with 111 for the first 18 holes off the stick, followed by 58 for the next nine, securing last place on a countback from Peter Drury and Damon Mayes, who had 117 off the stick for the first 18 and then 52 for the next nine.

A few highlights from Kim and John included Kim using his putter from 95 metres out, almost sinking the putt as the ball finished just three inches from the hole, giving John a simple birdie putt.

The pair also played an interesting game around the dam hole, the 25th, which saw John have an 'airy', followed by Kim putting the ball in the dam and then hitting his next shot over the boundary fence.

They managed to get on the green after nine shots, then three-putted for a 12, with John this time missing a three-inch putt.

A couple of times, when Kim got the ball within two feet of the hole, John had the knack with his putts to finish off the hole, managing to get the ball to run around the cup and come back from where he hit it.

Playing partners Brenton Welk and Ben Clark must have been amused by their opponents' efforts, as they finished in eighth place out of the 18 combinations.

Brenton twice sank long putts from off the green, one resulting in a birdie on the third.

Ben was again hitting well off the tee, particularly his shot on the par-five

third, not far off the drain, which earned him the (0-18) longest drive.

There were certainly some fun and games on the front nine when Randall Pitt and Derek Keane teamed up to play against Russell Kimm and Grant Ewen.

From the first tee, Grant's ball went about 30 metres out of bounds.

Then, on the fifth hole, Russell's tee shot finished on top of the dam bank and was lost.

Grant followed suit by hitting his tee shot on the sixth into the creek near the small bridge.

To keep things going, Russell's tee shot on the seventh also went left and was lost.

Randall and Derek, who scored only one birdie for the day, also struggled on this hole.

Randall's tee shot was pulled left into the trees behind the ladies tee, which was just in front.

Derek then needed a short shot to get into the clear before Randall put the ball into the creek.

Derek, in trying to get out of the creek, had an 'airy', making it five before they reached the fairway.

They finished with nine for the hole, while Russell and Grant had eight.

Due to their slow play and bad luck, they let the next group play through.

Des Kelly, playing with Andrew Smith against Allen Anderson and Kerry Vine, were all well decked out in bright green Teyon shirts supplied by Andrew - but perhaps due to a poor performance, Andrew took them back at the end of the day.

On the first hole, Des and Kerry both had good drives, then saw Andrew and Allen both set up birdie chances.

Des dropped his long putt in to score one.

However, that was the end of the putting strength for Des and Andrew.

Des said they were good players out of luck, and Andrew was asked where his handbag was as his putts finished well short of the hole.

In the other team, Allen - despite pressure from Kerry, who drove well all day - was the star of the show, dropping putts left, right and centre

as they finished in fourth place with 89 off the stick for the first 18 holes and 47 for the next nine, for a total of 136.

The dam hole was a problem a couple of times for Des and Andrew.

The first time around, Des found the water and they had an eight.

Trouble struck again on their second attempt at the hole when, after two good hits, Andrew was tasked with reaching the green over the dam, but the ball went into the water again.

Des, with their fifth shot, got the ball onto the green to salvage a two-over-par seven.

Brenton Roberts and Damien Nettle teamed up for the day, finishing in ninth place with 92 off the stick for the first 18 holes and 51 for the next nine, for a total of 143.

Brenton drove well most of the day, picking up a birdie on the 12th, but several times found himself having to play his next shot from behind his previous one.

He admitted that he left Damien in the trees, who, in trying to hit out of them, managed to hit them and send the ball backwards.

Damien, going around with Sean Naylor and captain Graeme Bertholini, was certainly pleased to get an update on the rules of the game from the captain.

Results 27 hole Foresomes Saturday May 10

K.Richardson/S.Walsh (83-40) 123, S.Naylor/G.Bertholini (90-44) 134, G.Pitt /G.Noble (92-48) 136, A.Anderson/K.Vine (89-47) 136, M.Condon/ P.Perrin (92-45) 137, R.Kimm/G.Ewins (96-45) 141, B.Welk/ B.Clark (97-46) 143, B.Roberts /D.Nettle (92-51) 143, K.Lester/G.Robson (97-49) 146, E.Heyns /M.Semple (99-50) 149, A.Smith/D.Kelly(98-51) 149, K.Nelson/M.Young (98-51) 149, M.Beasley /P.Coombe (107-50) 157, N.Williams/B.Clements (104-56) 160, J.Owen/ L.Jackson (105-56) 161, P.Drury/D.Mayes (117-52) 169, J.Way /K.Wittwer (111-58) 169.
NTP 6th N.Williams, 17th B.Clark.
Longest Drive (0-18) B.Clark (19+) N.Williams.

Sequel of 'The Birds' at Strathalbyn Golf Course

On Wednesday, May 7, the ladies at Strathalbyn needed eagle eyes to see and find their balls on various holes due to the number of little corellas deciding this was the place to be.

The huge flock moved from fairway to fairway around the course.

Carol Pelle had to watch her ball very carefully on the 17th hole as the flock flew into the air as she hit her drive.

This is not the first time the birds have been there, but they are definitely causing some harm to areas on the course.

However, a game was played and 13 ladies started in drizzly rain but finished in fine sunshine while completing a Stableford round.

The day was kind to three of them who finished with 31 points as a winning score.

Well done to Marie Kingsbury, Cara Eastwood and Sue Pryor.

Four ladies finished on 29 points - Di Krutli, Ann Semple, Kerrie Edwards and Mandi Vardon - while Pauline Walkom scored 28, Helen Lyon 27, Sue Phillips 26, Jo Pickhaver and Carol Pelle both with 22, and Gill Keane 20 completed the field.

Di won nearest the pin on the 17th hole with her second shot, which

snuck past Jo Pickhaver's.

There were no gobblers or birdies on the day.

Jenny Drury, Jo Cullen, Di, Kerrie and Gill all represented the club at South Lakes May Week.

Luckily, the weather was kind, as their scores could have been better, or so I heard.

Recently, on a very cold Friday morning, nine Strathalbyn ladies travelled to Murray Bridge to challenge themselves on that lovely course.

Former member Charmaine Aplin organised for them to play as her guests.

They played in groups of three and had a great day, incorporating an interesting competition where they got points on each hole for being the closest to the pin on each green.

Charmaine won that, with a little bit of local knowledge.

After golf, they visited Charmaine and Macca's lovely new home in the racecourse development - wonderful!

Charmaine and Macca had prepared a delicious meal and some lovely wine to wash it all down.

So, a great day, and a big thank you to Charmaine and Macca for their exceptional hospitality.



Lunch at Charmaine's.



Carol Pelle versus the little corellas.



Thirty-one points for all but Marie Kingsbury wins over Cara Eastwood and Sue Pryor.

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Weather

FORECAST

Warnings

See www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings

Mount Barker:

Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower. Light winds. Friday. Shower or two.

Strathalbyn:

Partly cloudy. Friday. Shower or two.

Murray Bridge:

Cloudy. Friday. Shower or two.

Mount Lofty Ranges District:

Partly cloudy. The chance of morning fog near the Barossa Valley. Slight chance of a shower. Light winds.

Murraylands District:

Partly cloudy. The chance of morning fog. Slight chance of a shower in the southwest. Light winds becoming southerly 15 to 20 km/h in the middle of the day then becoming light in the late afternoon.

Upper South East District:

Cloudy. The chance of morning fog. Slight chance of a shower near the coast. Light winds.

Mid North District:

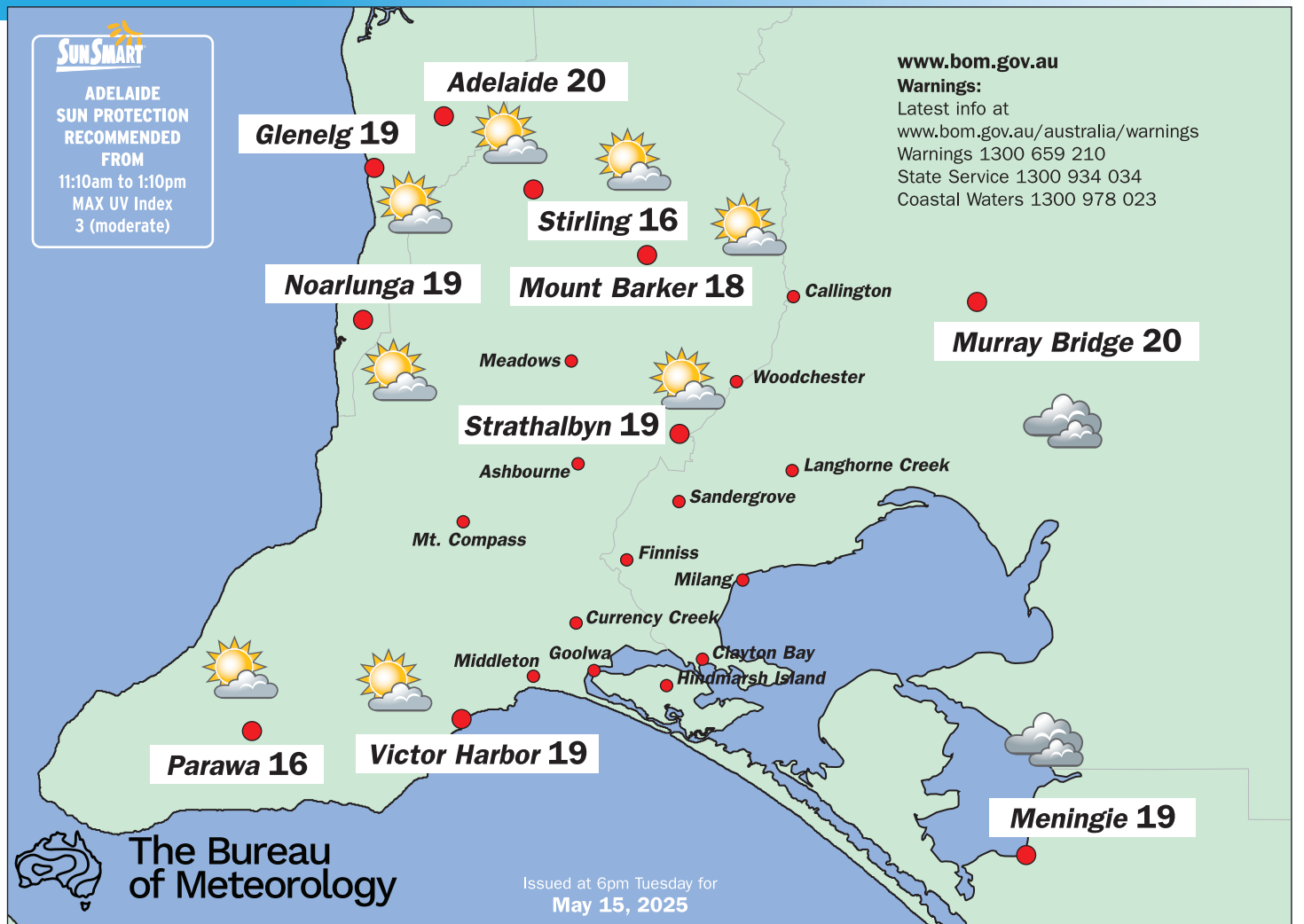
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South Australia:

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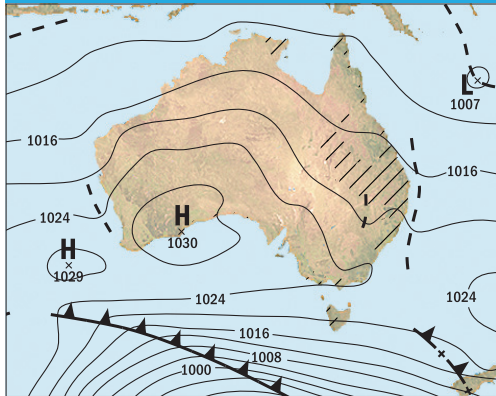


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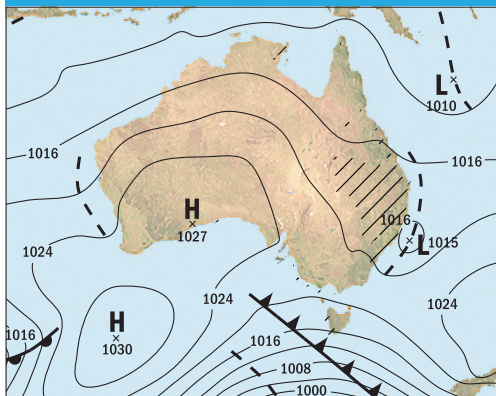
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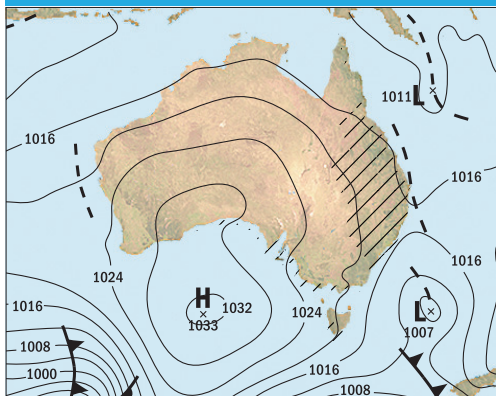
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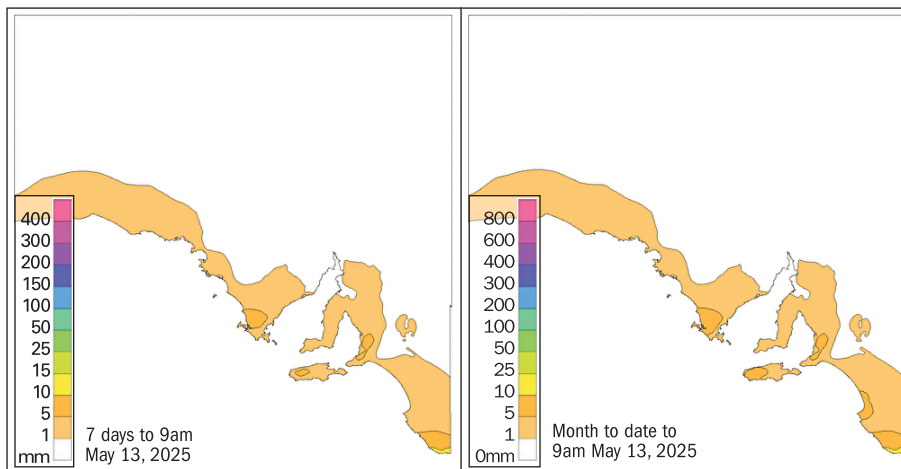
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Meningie		3	3.2	29.5				
Milang	1	1.2	24.4					
Millbrook Resv	0	7	9.4	30.0				
Monarto				21.0				
Mt Barker	0/2	3	2.6	41.6				
Mt Lofty	0	15	15.4	67.8				
Murray Bridge	0	0.8	0.8	16.8				
Nairne								
Noarlunga	0	1	1.2	17.4				
Nuriootpa	0	2	2.0	22.8				
Palmer				11.3				
Parawa	0	6	5.6	46.6				
Parawa West	0	6	5.6	46.6				
Parndana	0	7	7.6	48.2				
Peake								
Roseworthy	0	4	3.6	23.6				
Strathalbyn	0	0.2	0.2	16.0				
Tailem Bend				13.0				
Tintinara		0.7	1.4	16.5				
Uraidla		16	15.8	58.0				
Victor Harbor	Tce	2	1.6	35.4				
Williamstown		4	4.3	25.6				
Willunga		4	4.0	23.0				
Woodhouse		13	12.9	66.1				
Yankalilla		2	2.4	23.2				

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	7:03am	5:21pm	6:49pm	9:24am
Friday	7:04am	5:20pm	7:44pm	10:19am
Saturday	7:04am	5:20pm	8:44pm	11:08am
Sunday	7:05am	5:19pm	9:49pm	11:51am
Monday	7:06am	5:18pm	10:55pm	12:28pm
Tuesday	7:07am	5:18pm	Nil	1:00pm
Wednesday	7:07am	5:17pm	12:01am	1:29pm

TIDES

Location	Time	Height	Time	Height	
Outer Harbor	Thursday:				
		5:43am	2.0m	11:08am	0.7m
		5:39pm	2.8m		
	Friday:				
	12:21am	0.5m	6:07am	1.9m	
	11:31am	0.7m	6:04pm	2.8m	
Saturday:					
		12:48am	0.5m	6:30am	1.9m
		11:53am	0.8m	6:28pm	2.7m
	Sunday:				
	1:15am	0.6m	6:55am	1.8m	
	12:16pm	0.8m	6:55pm	2.6m	
Monday:					
		1:46am	0.7m	7:27am	1.7m
		12:44pm	0.9m	7:28pm	2.5m
	Victor Harbor	Thursday:			
		1:15am	0.8m	5:39am	0.4m
		2:08pm	1.5m	10:03pm	0.7m
Friday:					
	1:34am	0.8m	6:00am	0.4m	
	2:36pm	1.5m	11:01pm	0.7m	
Saturday:					
		1:54am	0.8m	6:23am	0.4m
		3:09pm	1.4m		
	Sunday:				
	6:47am	0.4m	3:46pm	1.4m	
Monday:					
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Deaths

JAENSCH,
Kevin Lloyd:

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Cherished Pappa to 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Special thank you to Sash Ferguson for their love and care of Kevin.

At Peace with his Saviour

Funerals

JAENSCH,
Kevin Lloyd:

The family and friends of Kevin Jaensch are invited to attend his Funeral Service to be Conducted at the Salem Lutheran Church on Friday 23 May 2025 at 11am. Followed by a Committal Service in the adjoining Church Cemetery. In lieu of floral tributed donations to Parkinsons SA would be appreciated, envelopes will be available at the Service. Kevin's Service will be livestreamed and available on our Kleemann Funerals website.

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Public Notices



ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL Community Consultation

Draft Annual Community Plan 2025/26 and draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035

Council is seeking community feedback on the proposed draft Annual Community Plan 2025/26 (formerly known as the Annual Business Plan and Budget) and revised draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-35. Community consultation will commence 5 pm, Thursday 15 May and close 5 pm, 6 June 2025.

Council is hosting four (4) one-hour Public Meetings across the region as part of this consultation. The meetings are being held on:

- Wednesday 21 May, 10 am at the Goolwa Council Chambers, 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa
- Monday 26 May, 6.30 pm at the Port Elliot RSL, 10 The Strand, Port Elliot
- Wednesday 28 May, 6.30 pm at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Parker Avenue, Strathalbyn
- Wednesday 4 June, 6.30 pm at the Mount Compass War Memorial Hall, 5 Peters Terrace, Mount Compass.

Full copies of the draft Plans will be available to view at the Council Offices or by visiting mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/acp2025-26

The amended draft Plans will be considered at the Special Council Meeting on 7 July 2025 for adoption. For more information contact Chief Financial Officer, Andrew Alderson on 8555 7000.

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Ps Adriano Petraccaro
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